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## The Meaning of Immanuel

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Let us turn our attention now to the second great question: What does the name Immanuel given to the virgin's Son express? Specifically: In this passage is the name Immanuel ("God with us") a reference to the mystery of the person of the God-Man, to the personal union of the divine and human natures in the virgin's Son? Or is the name intended merely to express the general truth that through this child's activity and work and ministry God would be with us in an especially tangible way?

It was the latter sense which was commonly conveyed by the names Old Testament people (and especially men of God) bore. As is well known, Isaiah means "God saves"; Jeremiah "the one whom God establishes"; Ezekiel "the one whom God makes strong"; Obadiah "God's servant"; Zechariah "the one whom God remembers"; Malachi "God's messenger"; etc. These names all designate the nature, the characteristics, the sending, or the office of the person who bears the name. If one looks only at this text, it is difficult to see any reason to take the name Immanuel in any other sense. The name itself (here spelled as one word Immanuel; in chapter 8:10 as two, Immanu El) does not indicate anything of the kind. Neither dare one confidently draw conclusions about the child's divine nature simply from the fact that his conception was a special miracle of God, without the participation of a human father. With a simple Creator fact God could have formed a child in

the womb of a mother, without having that child be God himself.

The parallels to our passage, however, declare unmistakably that the virgin's Son is God himself. Look first at Isaiah 9:6. The subject there is clearly the same as in our passage, the virgin's Son. "The virgin will be with child—and will give birth to a son—and will call him Immanuel." This triple prophecy is echoed as Isaiah anticipates its threefold fulfillment: "To us a child is born—to us a son is given . . . and he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." The passage clearly proclaims the deity of the virgin's Son. We see the same thing in Micah 5:2-3. There we are told that the child whom "she who is in labor" (v.3) will bear is one "whose origins are from of old, from days of eternity." That description rules out any and every creature. There can be little doubt, therefore, that the child's name describes not only his saving work, but at the same time his mysterious divine-human nature dens in terra, theanthropos, God in human flesh. The Old Testament clearly reveals the essential, eternal deity of the Messiah, alongside of his human nature.

## Lectionary

On the following pages you will find the new lectionary for the upcoming the current church year. This is a copy of the ILC-W series A lectionary.

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Season	Date	Festival	1st Reading	Psalm	Epistle	Gospel
<i>Advent</i>	Dec. 1	First S. in Advent	Is. 2:1-5	Psalm 122	Rom. 13:(8-10) 11-14	Matt. 21:1-11 or Matt. 24:36-44
	Dec. 8	Second S. in Advent	Is. 11:1-10	Psalm 72:1-7	Rom. 15:4-13	Matt. 3:1-12
	Dec. 15	Third S. in Advent	Is. 35:1-10	Psalm 146	James 5:7-11	Matt. 11:2-15
	Dec. 22	Fourth S. in Advent	Is. 7:10-17	Psalm 24	Rom. 1:1-7	Matt. 1:18-25
<i>Christmas</i>	Dec. 24	The Nativity of Our Lord (Christmas Eve)	Is. 7:10-14	Psalm 110:1-4	1 John 4:7-16	Matt. 1:18-25
	Dec. 25	The Nativity of Our Lord	Is. 52:7-10	Psalm 2	Heb.1:1-6 (7-12)	John 1:1-14 (15-18)
	Dec. 29	First S. a. Christmas	Is. 63:7-14	Psalm 111	Gal. 4:4-7	Matt. 2:13-23
	Dec. 31	Eve of the Circumcision and Name of Jesus	Is. 30:(8-14) 15-17	Psalm 90:1-12	Rom. 8:31b-39	Luke 12:35-40
	Jan. 1	Circumcision and Name of Jesus	Num. 6:22-27	Psalm 8	Gal. 3:23-29	Luke 2:21
	Jan. 5	Second S. a. Christmas	1 Kings 3:4-15	Psalm 119: 97-104	Eph. 1:3-14	Luke 2:40-52
<i>Epiphany</i>	Jan. 6	The Epiphany of Our Lord	Is. 60:1-6	Psalm 72:1-11 (12-15)	Eph. 3:1-12	Matt. 2:1-12
	Jan. 12	The Baptism of Our Lord / First S. a. the Epiphany	Is. 42:1-9	Psalm 29	Rom. 6:1-11	Matt. 3:13-17
	Jan. 19	Second S. a. the Epiphany	Is. 49:1-7	Psalm 40:1-11	1 Cor. 1:1-9	John 1:29-42a
	Jan. 26	Third S. a. the Epiphany	Is. 9:1-4	Psalm 27:1-9 (10-14)	1 Cor. 1:10-18	Matt. 4:12-25
	Feb. 2	The Purification of Mary and the Presentation of Our Lord	1 Sam. 1:21-28	Psalm 84	Heb. 2:14-18	Luke 2:22-32 (33-40)
	Feb. 9	Fifth S. a. the Epiphany	Is. 58:3-9a	Psalm 112:1-9	1 Cor. 2:1-12 (13-16)	Matt. 5:13-20
	Feb. 16	Sixth S. a. the Epiphany	Deut. 30:15-20	Psalm 119:1-8	1 Cor. 3:1-9	Matt. 5:21-37
	Feb. 23	Seventh S. a. the Epiphany	Lev. 19:1-2, 9-18	Psalm 119:33-40	1 Cor. 3:10-23	Matt. 5:38-48
	Mar. 2	The Transfiguration of Our Lord	Ex. 24:8-18	Psalm 2:6-12	2 Peter 1:16-21	Matt. 17:1-9
<i>Ash Wednesday</i>	Mar. 5	Ash Wednesday	Joel 2:12-19	Psalm 51:1-13 (14-19)	2 Cor. 5:20b-6:10	Matt. 6:1-6, 16-21
<i>Lent</i>	Mar. 9	First S. in Lent	Gen. 3:1-21	Psalm 32:1-7	Rom. 5:12-19	Matt. 4:1-11
	Mar. 16	Second S. in Lent	Gen. 12:1-9	Psalm 121	Rom. 4:1-8, 13-17	John 3:1-17
	Mar. 23	Third S. in Lent	Ex.17:1-7	Psalm 95:1-9	Rom. 5:1-8	John 4:5-26 (27-30, 39-42)

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	Mar. 30	Fourth S. in Lent	Is. 42:14–21	Psalm 142	Eph. 5:8–14	John 9:1–41 or John 9:1–7, 13– 17, 34–39
	Apr. 6	Fifth S. in Lent	Ezek. 37:1–14	Psalm 130	Rom. 8:1–11	John 11:1–45 (46–53) or John 11:17–27, 38–53
<i>Holy Week</i>	Apr. 13	Palm Sunday, <i>Sunday of the Pas- sion</i>	Is. 50:4–9a	Psalm 118:19–29 or 31:9–16	Phil. 2:5–11	John 12:12–19 (Palm Sunday Procession) and Matt. 26:1–27:66 or Matt. 27:11–66 or John 12:20– 43
	Apr. 17	Holy (Maundy) Thursday	Ex. 24:3–11 or Exodus 12:1–14	Psalm 116:12–19	Heb. 9:11–22 or 1 Cor. 11:23–32	Matt. 26:17–30 or John 13:1– 17, 31b–35
	Apr. 18	Good Friday	Is. 52:13– 53:12	Psalm 22 or Psalm 31	Heb. 4:14–16; 5:7 –9	John 18:1– 19:42 or John 19:17–30
<i>Easter</i>	Apr. 20	The Resurrection of Our Lord – <i>Easter Sunrise</i>	Ex. 14:10– 15:1	Psalm 118:15–29 or The Song of Moses and Israel	1 Cor. 15:1–11	John 20:1–18
	Apr. 20	The Resurrection of Our Lord – <i>Easter Day</i>	Acts 10:34–43 or Jer. 31:1–6	Psalm 16	Col. 3:1–4	Matt. 28:1–10
	Apr. 27	Second S. of Easter	Acts 5:29–42	Psalm 148	1 Peter 1:3–9	John 20:19–31
	May 4	Third S. of Easter	Acts 2:14a, 36 –41	Psalm 116:1–14	1 Peter 1:17–25	Luke 24:13–35
	May 11	Fourth S. of Easter	Acts 2:42–47	Psalm 23	1 Peter 2:19–25	John 10:1–10
	May 18	Fifth S. of Easter	Acts 6:1–9; 7:2a, 51–60	Psalm 146	1 Peter 2:2–10	John 14:1–14
	May 25	Sixth S. of Easter	Acts 17:16–31	Psalm 66:8–20	1 Peter 3:13–22	John 14:15–21
	May 29	The Ascension of Our Lord	Acts 1:1–11	Psalm 47	Eph. 1:15–23	Luke 24:44–53
	June 1	Seventh S. of Easter	Acts 1:12–26	Psalm 68:1–10	1 Peter 4:12–19; 5:6–11	John 17:1–11
<i>Pentecost</i>	June 8	The Day of Pentecost	Num. 11:24– 30	Psalm 25:1–15	Acts 2:1–21	John 7:37–39
	June 15	The Holy Trinity	Gen. 1:1– 2:4a	Psalm 8	Acts 2:14a, 22– 36	Matt. 28:16–20
	June 22 (Proper 7)	Second S. a. Pente- cost	Jer. 20:7–13	Psalm 91:1–10 (11–16)	Rom. 6:12–23	Matt. 10:5a, 21 –33
	June 29 (Proper 8)	Third S. a. Pentecost	Jer. 28:5–9	Psalm 119:153– 160	Rom. 7:1–13	Matt. 10:34–42
	June 29	<i>Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles</i>	<i>Acts 15:1–12 (13–21)</i>	<i>Psalm 46</i>	<i>Gal. 2:1–10</i>	<i>Matt. 16:13–19</i>
	July 6 (Proper 9)	Fourth S. a. Pente- cost	Zech. 9:9–12	Psalm 145:1–14	Rom. 7:14–25a	Matt. 11:25–30
	July 13 (Proper 10)	Fifth S. a. Pentecost	Is. 55:10–13	Psalm 65:(1–8) 9 –13	Rom. 8:12–17	Matt. 13:1–9, 18–23

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	July 20 (Proper 11)	Sixth S. a. Pentecost	Is. 44:6–8	Psalms 119:57–64	Rom. 8:18–27	Matt. 13:24–30, 36–43
	July 27 (Proper 12)	Seventh S. a. Pentecost	Deut. 7:6–9	Psalms 125	Rom. 8:28–39	Matt. 13:44–52
	Aug. 3 (Proper 13)	Eighth S. a. Pentecost	Is. 55:1–5	Psalms 136:1–9 (23–26)	Rom. 9:1–5 (6–13)	Matt. 14:13–21
	Aug. 10 (Proper 14)	Ninth S. a. Pentecost	Job 38:4–18	Psalms 18:1–9 (7–16)	Rom. 10:5–17	Matt. 14:22–33
	Aug. 17 (Proper 15)	Tenth S. a. Pentecost	Is. 56:1, 6–8	Psalms 67	Rom. 11:1–2a, 13–15, 28–32	Matt. 15:21–28
	Aug. 24 (Proper 16)	Eleventh S. a. Pentecost	Is. 51:1–6	Psalms 138	Rom. 11:33– 12:8	Matt. 16:13–20
	Aug. 24	<i>St. Bartholomew, Apostle</i>	<i>Prov. 3:1–8</i>	<i>Psalms 121</i>	<i>2 Cor. 4:7–10</i>	<i>Luke 22:24–30 or John 1:43–51</i>
	Aug. 31 (Proper 17)	Twelfth S. a. Pentecost	Jer. 15:15–21	Psalms 26	Rom. 12:9–21	Matt. 16:21–28
	Sept. 7 (Proper 18)	Thirteenth S. a. Pentecost	Ezek. 33:7–9	Psalms 32:1–7	Rom. 13:1–10	Matt. 18:1–20
	Sept. 14 (Proper 19)	Fourteenth S. a. Pentecost	Gen. 50:15– 21	Psalms 103:1–12	Rom. 14:1–12	Matt. 18:21–35
	Sept. 14	<i>Holy Cross Day</i>	<i>Num. 21:4–9</i>	<i>Psalms 40:1–11</i>	<i>1 Cor. 1:18–25</i>	<i>John 12:20–33</i>
	Sept. 21 (Proper 20)	Fifteenth S. a. Pentecost	Isa. 55:6–9	Psalms 27:1–9	Phil. 1:12–14, 19– 30	Matt. 20:1–16
	Sept. 21	<i>St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist</i>	<i>Ezek. 2:8– 3:11</i>	<i>Psalms 119:33–40</i>	<i>Eph. 4:7–16</i>	<i>Matt. 9:9–13</i>
	Sept. 28 (Proper 21)	Sixteenth S. a. Pentecost	Ezek. 18:1–4, 25–32	Psalms 25:1–10	Phil. 2:1–4 (5–13) 14–18	Matt. 21:23–27 (28–32)
	Oct. 5 (Proper 22)	Seventeenth S. a. Pentecost	Is. 5:1–7	Psalms 80:7–19	Phil. 3:4b–14	Matt. 21:33–46
	Oct. 12 (Proper 23)	Eighteenth S. a. Pentecost	Is. 25:6–9	Psalms 23	Phil. 4:4–13	Matt. 22:1–14
	Oct. 19 (Proper 24)	Nineteenth S. a. Pentecost	Is. 45:1–7	Psalms 96:1–9 (10–13)	1 Thess. 1:1–10	Matt. 22:15–22
	Oct. 26 (observed)	Reformation Day (Oct. 31)	Rev. 14:6–7	Psalms 46	Rom. 3:19–28	John 8:31–36 or Matt. 11:12–19
	Nov. 2 (observed)	All Saints' Day (Nov. 1)	Rev. 7:(2–8) 9–17	Psalms 149	1 John 3:1–3	Matt. 5:1–12
	Nov. 9 (Proper 27)	Twenty-second S. a. Pentecost	Amos 5:18– 24	Psalms 70	1 Thess. 4:13–18	Matt. 25:1–13
	Nov. 16 (Proper 28)	Twenty-third S. a. Pentecost	Zeph. 1:7–16	Psalms 90:1–12	1 Thess. 5:1–11	Matt. 25:14–30
	Nov. 23 (Proper 29)	Last S. of the Church Year	Ezek. 34:11– 16, 20–24	Psalms 95:1–7a	1 Cor. 15:20–28	Matt. 25:31–46
	Nov. 27	Thanksgiving Day	Deut. 8:1–10	Psalms 67	Phil. 4:6–20 or 1 Tim. 2:1–4	Luke 17:11–19
<i>Advent</i>	Nov. 30	First S. in Advent	Is. 64:1–9	Psalms 80:1–7	1 Cor. 1:3–9	Mark 11:1–10 or Mark 13:24–37