



*9th Sunday after Pentecost
Immanuel Lutheran Church
August 7th, 2022*

Welcome to this place of praise and prayer. We gather today in celebration of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, as part of God’s family. We would appreciate having you sign our guest book so that we can remember your presence with us. Please note that in the ELW the page numbers are printed at the bottom of the page and hymn numbers are located at the top. The order of worship is outlined on the following pages.

The offering reminds us that all of life is a gift of God. We are stewards of that gift. In response, a portion of our income is given as an act of worship to do God’s work in the world. Immanuel is a first-fruits congregation. That means that every Sunday when the offering is taken in, we give first to the mission and the ministry of the ELCA. We don’t wait to see if we can pay our bills before we give away for God’s mission. It is our hands doing God’s work, for the sake of the world our Lord loves.

We serve Holy Communion on the first Sunday of the month and at all festivals. We offer an open invitation to all baptized believers to participate. It is our understanding that Christ offers his body and blood with the bread and wine to forgive sin and strengthen faith and life. If you receive communion in your home church, you are welcome to receive communion here.

Because we strive to show equal respect for all preferences in worship music, we select hymns & songs meaningful to every age group via a balanced music selection consisting of (a) the great classic hymns written 1520-1870, (b) the old gospel hymns written 1871-1960, and (c) the three generations of contemporary praise songs written 1960-1978, 1978-1995, and 1995 to today.

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Worship is streamed live on Facebook
Recorded worships are found on our website
City Hall plays a recorded copy of worships on
Tuesdays at 7:00 PM and Thursdays at 10:00 AM.
If the video is not showing, please call 507-725-3450.

For those without internet access, items can be mailed out each week as requested.

*Church office hours: Monday – Thursday from
8:30 am to 12:00 pm.*

Church Calendar

Sunday, 8/7: 9:00 AM Worship with communion

Monday, 8/8: 12-6 Pop-Up Thrift Shop

Tuesday, 8/9: 12-6 Pop-Up Thrift Shop

9am– 3D Discussion

Wednesday, 8/10: 12-6 Pop-Up Thrift Shop

Thursday, 8/11: 12-6 Pop-Up Thrift Shop

Friday, 8/12: 12-6 Pop-Up Thrift Shop

Saturday, 8/13:

Sunday, 8/14: 9:00 AM Worship

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please stand as you are able)

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.
Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Gracious God, **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

Gather Us In

#532

GATHERING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

KYRIE

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HYMN OF PRAISE

This is The Feast

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, **you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

Amen

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture readings, preaching and song.

FIRST READING: GENESIS 15:1-6

God promises childless and aging Abram that a child of his own will be his heir and that his descendants will number as many as the stars. Abram trusts God's promise, and through this faith he is considered righteous.

¹After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ²But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SECOND READING: HEBREWS 11:1-3, 8-16

Abraham and Sarah exemplify the vision of faith that people of God enact in every age. Their hope and trust in God's promise allowed them to face an unknown future and to receive the promise of God.

¹Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one person, and this one as good

as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.”

¹³All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

KIDS TIME

(Please stand as you are able)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lord Let My Heart Be Good Soil

#512

GOSPEL READING: LUKE 12:32-40

The holy gospel according to Luke, chapter 12.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus encourages disciples to invest their hearts and live fully into God’s reign. Instead of facing life with fear, those who know God’s generosity are always ready to receive from God and to give to others.

[Jesus said:] ³²“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

³⁵“Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

³⁹“But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

This is the gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ!

(Congregation may be seated)

SERMON

Pastor Steven Meyer

HYMN OF THE DAY

How Great Thou Art

#865

APOSTLE'S CREED

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The response to each prayer will be, "Lord, in your mercy,"

Congregation reply will be, "**Hear our prayer.**"

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

You are welcome to send a text or email to share peace with others.

OFFERING *(Offerings may be placed in the wooden offering box as you leave the sanctuary)*

OFFERING RESPONSE

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

#885

OFFERING PRAYER

Living God, **you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together in your peaceable reign, and you welcome us all at your table. Reach out to us through this meal, and show us your wounded and risen body, that we may be nourished and believe in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

We give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God our thanks and praise.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be

done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN

Have No Fear Little Flock

#764

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING HYMN

Lead Me Guide Me

#768

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, love your neighbor.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

News and Notes Continued

My name is Noah Meyer and I am getting confirmed this fall. For my confirmation project I have chosen to team with the nonprofit organization W.I.N.N., a mobile unit that provides necessities to people experiencing homelessness.

I will be collecting and purchasing items that are much needed. These include:

Underwear: boxer briefs. Large and up

Socks: adult new or gently used.

T-shirts: adult large or bigger

Hooded sweatshirts: adult large or larger

I need your help! If you have any of these items at home, I'd appreciate the donation. If you'd like to give a monetary donation checks can be made out to Immanuel. I will be collecting through August and will have a tote with my name and project on it.

Thank you so much for considering donating to this worthwhile project.