



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
WATERLOO, ILLINOIS

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
Week 7 – Summer Sermon Series



Saturday, July 25, 2020 – 5:30 pm
Sunday, July 26, 2020 – 7:45 am & 10:15 am

“Making more and stronger disciples of Jesus Christ
through the power of the Holy Spirit.”

Welcome to Immanuel!

Please turn off your cell phones and/or paging devices. Thank you!

If you are a guest, please fill out a guests' card located in the cardholder on the back of each pew and then place it in the offering plate. We look forward to meeting you!

Members, please help us love and care for one another by filling out an attendance card. Remember to include all the members of your family who are present in worship today. If you are communing, please check in the appropriate place. Thank you for filling out an Attendance-Communion card every time you attend Church.

We celebrate Holy Communion today! In this Supper of our Lord we receive the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the earthly forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith. This Holy Communion is also a sign of our shared confession of the Christian faith. If you have not communed with us before, please speak with one of our pastors before doing so.

During the communion service: If you're not able to drink wine, the lighter colored glasses in the center of the tray of individual cups contain water with a drop of wine. These special glasses allow communicants to celebrate the Lord's Supper according to Christ's institution, but have a very small amount of alcohol.

Worship at Immanuel is...

Christ Centered. We believe that at the heart of worship is the Good News that God has rescued us from our sins through Jesus' death on the cross and rising to life again.

Trinitarian. We believe that the object of worship is the only true God—The Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Multigenerational. We believe that it is a great blessing for family members to worship together. Taking seriously Jesus' words, "Let the little children come to me and so not forbid them" (Mark 10:14), we encourage children to worship with their parents and grandparents and provide resources such as children's bulletins and children's sermons.

Eclectic. Eclectic means, "selecting what seems best of various sources." We believe that we should strive to use the best hymns and practices that the church has to offer. Our worship may include hymns written 500 years ago as well as pieces written 5 months ago.

In preparation for worship we ask that you silence your cell phones and/or paging devices. Thank you. The time before service begins can be a good time to pray and prepare your heart and mind for worship. You will find helpful prayers on the inside cover of the hymnal located in the pew in front of you.

Divine Service, Setting One

(Lutheran Service Book, pg. 151)

Preservice Music / Bells / Welcome

Opening Hymn, LSB 906, “O Day of Rest and Gladness”

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- 1 O day of rest and gladness,
 O day of joy and light,
 O balm of care and sadness,
 Most beautiful, most bright;
 This day the high and lowly,
 Through ages joined to bless,
 Sing, “Holy, holy, holy,”
 The triune God confess.**

- 2 This day at earth’s creation
 The light first had its birth;
 This day for our salvation
 Christ rose from depths of earth;
 This day our Lord victorious
 The Spirit sent from heav’n,
 And thus this day most glorious
 A threefold light was giv’n.**

- 3 This day, God’s people meeting,
 His Holy Scripture hear;
 His living presence greeting,
 Through bread and wine made near.
 We journey on, believing,
 Renewed with heav’nly might,
 From grace more grace receiving,
 On this blest day of light.**

△ 4 That light our hope sustaining,
 We walk the pilgrim way,
 At length our rest attaining,
 Our endless Sabbath day.
 We sing to Thee our praises,
 O Father, Spirit, Son;
 The Church her voice upraises
 To Thee, blest Three in One.

Please stand

Invocation

P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen. (Matthew 28:19b; [18:20])

Confession and Absolution

(1 John 1:8-9)

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.
P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. (John 20:19-23)
C Amen.

+ Service of the Word +

Introit of the Day

(Psalm 105:2-6; antiphon: v. 1)

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;

make known his deeds among the peoples!

Sing to him, sing praises to him;

tell of all his wondrous works!

Glory in his holy name;

let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

Seek the LORD and his strength;

seek his presence continually!

Remember the wondrous works that he has done,

his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,

O offspring of Abraham, his servant,

children of Jacob, his chosen ones!

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;

make known his deeds among the peoples!

Kyrie



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



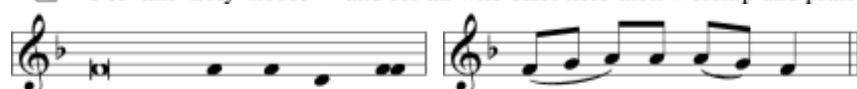
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



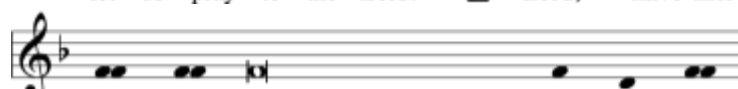
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



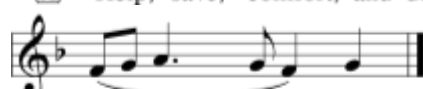
let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.

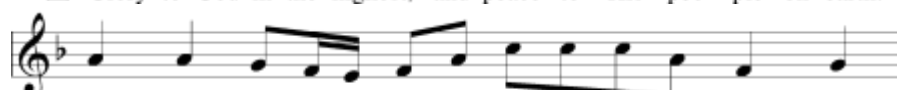


C A - men.

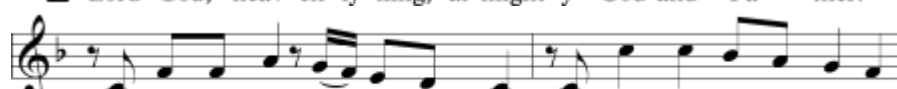
Gloria in Excelsis



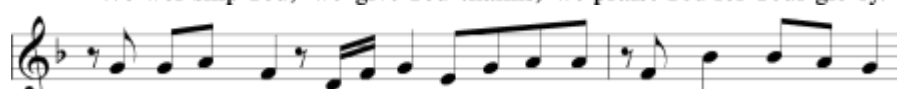
A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



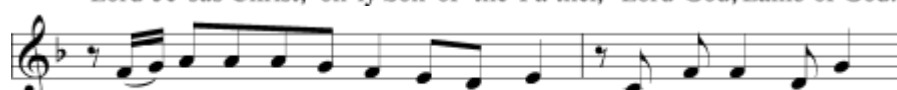
C Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

(2 Timothy 4:22)

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

All: **Heavenly Father, in Your eyes sin is sin. Keep us from ever taking our sins lightly before You, but to continue relying on the grace and mercy given to us through Jesus Christ, Your Son our Lord who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God now and forever, Amen.**

Please be seated

Old Testament Reading, Deuteronomy 7:6-9

⁶“You are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. ⁷It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, ⁸but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. ⁹Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading, Romans 8:28-39

²⁸We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. ³⁰And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified. ³¹What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³²He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ³³Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. ³⁵Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered." ³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Holy Gospel, Matthew 13:44-52

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 13th chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

⁴⁴[Jesus said:] "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. ⁴⁵"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, ⁴⁶who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it. ⁴⁷"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. ⁴⁸When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. ⁴⁹So it will be at the close of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁵¹"Have you understood all these things?" They said to him, "Yes." ⁵²And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Please be seated

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day, *LSB* 610, "Lord Jesus, Think on Me"

- 1 Lord Jesus, think on me
And purge away my sin;
From worldly passions set me free
And make me pure within.**
- 2 Lord Jesus, think on me,
By anxious thoughts oppressed;
Let me Your loving servant be
And taste Your promised rest.**
- 3 Lord Jesus, think on me
Amid the battle's strife;
In all my pain and misery,
O be my health and life!**
- 4 Lord Jesus, think on me
Nor let me go astray;
Through darkness and perplexity
Point out Your chosen way.**
- 5 Lord Jesus, think on me
That, when this life is past,
I may the eternal brightness see
And share Your joy at last.**

Sermon, Acts 5:1-11, "It's Not Fair!? It's That Serious"

Please stand

Apostles' Creed

All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right

hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

(1 Timothy 2:1-4)

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

P *(Special petitions...)* Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Into Your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

Offering *(You can place your offering in the plate in the narthex or mail it to the church anytime.)*

+ Service of the Sacrament +

In this Supper of our Lord we receive the true body and blood of Jesus Christ under the earthly forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith. Since this Holy Communion is also a sign of how we commonly confess the Christian faith, we welcome to the Lord's Table those who are confirmed members of congregations of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

Preface

P The Lord be with you. (2 Timothy 4:22)

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts. (Colossians 3:1)

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. (Psalm 136)

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Proper Preface

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

(Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9)



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

(*Hosanna* is a Hebrew word of praise meaning "save us now.")

The Lord's Prayer

(Matthew 6:9-13)

All: 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 forever and ever. Amen.

Words of Our Lord (Matt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1 Cor 11:23-25)

Pax Domini

(John 20:19)

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C A - men.

Agnus Dei

(John 1:29)



C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have



Please be seated

Distribution Hymns

(10:15 am) Piano, “Ninth Symphony/Ode to Joy,” arr. by Monell
 [Nicholas Hoeffken]

LSB 613, “To Thee, Omniscient Lord of All”

- 1 To Thee, omniscient Lord of all,
 In grief and shame I humbly call;
 I see my sins against Thee, Lord,
 The sins of thought and deed and word.
 They press me sore; I cry to Thee:
 O God, be merciful to me!
- 2 O Lord, my God, to Thee I pray:
 O cast me not in wrath away!
 Let Thy good Spirit ne’er depart,
 But let Him draw to Thee my heart
 That truly penitent I be:
 O God, be merciful to me!
- 3 O Jesus, let Thy precious blood
 Be to my soul a cleansing flood.
 Turn not, O Lord, Thy guest away,
 But grant that justified I may
 Go to my house at peace with Thee:
 O God, be merciful to me!

- 1 By grace I’m saved, grace free and boundless;
 My soul, believe and doubt it not.
 Why stagger at this word of promise?
 Has Scripture ever falsehood taught?
 No! Then this word must true remain:
 By grace you too will life obtain.**
- 2 By grace! None dare lay claim to merit;
 Our works and conduct have no worth.
 God in His love sent our Redeemer,
 Christ Jesus, to this sinful earth;
 His death did for our sins atone,
 And we are saved by grace alone.**
- 3 By grace God’s Son, our only Savior,
 Came down to earth to bear our sin.
 Was it because of your own merit
 That Jesus died your soul to win?
 No, it was grace, and grace alone,
 That brought Him from His heav’nly throne.**
- 4 By grace! This ground of faith is certain;
 As long as God is true, it stands.
 What saints have penned by inspiration,
 What in His Word our God commands,
 Our faith in what our God has done
 Depends on grace—grace through His Son.**
- 5 By grace to timid hearts that tremble,
 In tribulation’s furnace tried,
 By grace, in spite of fear and trouble,
 The Father’s heart is open wide.
 Where could I help and strength secure
 If grace were not my anchor sure?**

- 6 By grace! On this I'll rest when dying;
In Jesus' promise I rejoice;
For though I know my heart's condition,
I also know my Savior's voice.
My heart is glad, all grief has flown

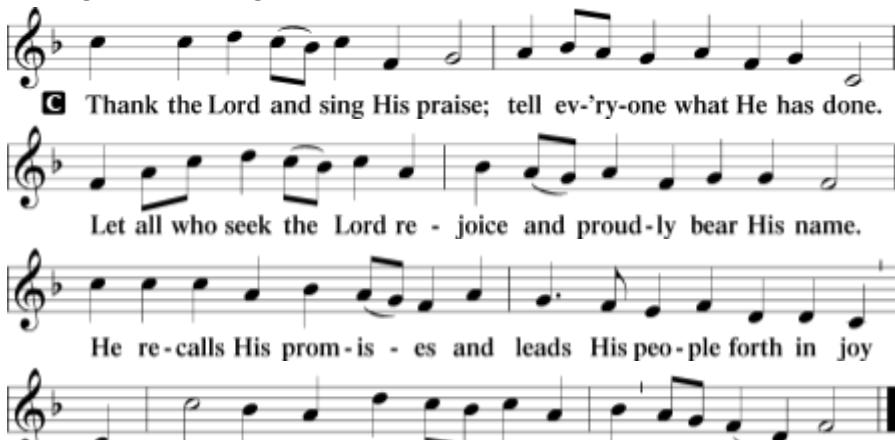
Please stand

Dismissal

P Now may this... Go in peace.

C Amen.


Post-Communion Cantic



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.
Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.
He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy
with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

Post-Communion Collect

P We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Benediction

(Numbers 6:24-26)

- P** The LORD bless you and keep you.
The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The LORD look upon you with favor and give you peace.



Closing Hymn, *LSB* 507, “Holy, Holy, Holy”

- 1 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!**
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!
- 2 Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,**
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Which wert and art and evermore shalt be.
- 3 Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,**
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in pow’r, in love, and purity.
- 4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!**
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky
and sea.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Bells / Postlude

We invite you to take the service folder and announcements home with you as you leave today so you can see what's happening this week as well as meditate on the Scriptures, prayers, and hymns from today's service as you go through the week. You can also find helpful information on our church website: immanuelwaterloo.org.

Worship Helpers

Saturday, July 25, 2020 - 5:30 pm

Preacher - Rev. Merritt Demski
 Server - Cal Neeman
 Media - Cathy Whelan

Pianist - Ron Jones
 Acolyte - Autumn Whelan

Sunday, July 26, 2020 - 7:45 am

Preacher - Rev. Merritt Demski
 Server - Dean Harbison
 Acolyte - Ali Kloeppel
 Usher - Lee Eggemeyer

Celebrant - Rev. Dr. Tony Troup
 Lector - Ollney Mueller, Jr.
 Music Director - Ann Frank
 Media - Pam Nagel

Sunday, July 26, 2020 - 10:15 am

Preacher - Rev. Merritt Demski
 Music Director - Ann Frank
 Acolytes - Collin & Davin Dethrow
 Ushers - Elden Niemeyer, Sharon Osterhage, Wayne Hargrave, Warren Frank
 Media - Greg Hoeffken

Celebrant - Rev. Dr. Tony Troup
 Server - Wayne Collmeyer
 Lector - Warren Frank
 Facebook Live - Lisa Clamors

Ushers - Sunday, August 2, 2020

7:45 am - Roy Unterseh, Jim Stueve, Ed Arras, Lilly Prather
 10:15 am - Robert Mesnarich Jr., Pam Nagel, Don & Carol Matzenbacher

Acolytes - Sunday, August 2, 2020

Saturday 5:30 pm - Blake Nichols
 Sunday 7:45 am - Hunter Kettler & Madalyn Prather
 Sunday 10:15 am - Masson Fink & Nicholas Hoeffken

Lectors - Sunday, Aug 2, 2020

Saturday 5:30 pm - n/a
 Sunday 7:45 am - Sean Arians
 Sunday 10:15 am - Ollney Mueller, Jr.

Servers - Sunday, August 2, 2020

Saturday 5:30 pm - Wayne Collmeyer
 Sunday 7:45 am - Chuck Keller
 Sunday 10:15 am - Bob Vernier

Altar Guild - Sunday, Aug 2, 2020

Saturday 5:30 pm - Dinah Pflasterer
 Sunday 7:45 am - Barbara Altes
 Sunday 10:15 am - Susan Hargrave

Media - Sunday, August 2, 2020

Saturday 5:30 pm - Dave Powell
 Sunday 7:45 am - Laurie Sparwasser
 Sunday 10:15 am - Tim Scheibe & Greg Hoeffken

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