

Day of Pentecost

May 23, 2021



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**“WELCOME TO IMMANUEL”
INSIDE, OUTSIDE, AND ONLINE WORSHIP**

*Note that our guidelines will evolve over time as restrictions increase or decrease.
Thank you for your faithful flexibility as we worship our beloved Lord and Savior!*

INSIDE

- Please practice social-distancing. Save important conversations and visiting for outside where it is safer.
- Masks are required inside and advisable outside.
Pick up your bulletin on the table inside and put your offering (or pledge) in the offering plate.
- Let the usher know if you have a preference where you would like to sit. They will try to seat you based on your group size and your preference.
- Talk as little as possible and only in a soft voice.
- Only the worship leaders sing and speak out. Hum the songs if you feel so led.
- Communion cups/wafers are already set up in the pews. Put the used cups back in the wooden holder when you are finished.
- The usher will dismiss you.
- Inside worship is inevitably different than before the pandemic. For the best experience, you may want to view it as a more reflective time enjoyed in a beautiful, sacred space where you can listen, share in communion, and attend to God.

OUTSIDE

- Safer than inside worship, outside worship doesn't require masks in your vehicle—although masks are advisable when interacting with others like the usher who brings you:
 - ◇ Your bulletin.
 - ◇ Your combined communion cup & wafer.
 - ◇ An offering box to put your offering (or pledge card).

- Please turn your car radio to this radio station:

FM 90.9

- Feel free to sing and join in as loudly as you want during worship. Take home the used communion cups and dispose of them.
- Outside worship reminds us of the fun and comradery of the summer parking-lot worship. It is a way of worshipping more closely with others while staying safe in our vehicle. Like the inside worship, communion is offered.

ONLINE

- The safest and most convenient worship experience, online worship involves just a few steps:
 - ◇ If you wish to celebrate communion, prepare ahead of time bread or cracker, as well as juice or wine.
 - ◇ Go to www.immanlutheran.org on your computer, smartphone, tablet, etc.
 - ◇ View or print out the bulletin before watching the service. You may also request to have a paper bulletin mailed to you each week.
 - ◇ Click on the video link and worship!
- Online worship is the safest and most convenient worship experience. It is recommended for the most vulnerable. Although missing the social element of worshipping together inside or outside, the online worship can in some ways feel the most “normal.”

Welcome to Worship!
We are a “Church Together”

God calls us to be a church together as we find ourselves physically separated, but spiritually united as one community of God. Whether you are a visitor or longtime member, you are welcome to join us in worshipping Jesus Christ.

Offerings may be mailed to the office:

Immanuel Lutheran Church
1865 14th Avenue
Greeley, CO 80631

Contact the Office and Pastor:

Office phones (970-352-3003) will be monitored during office hours and messages responded to in a reasonable manner. For the safety of everyone during this pandemic, we have been advised to not have in-person meetings or visits. If you have a pastoral concern, either call the office and leave a message to set up a time to converse with Pastor Daren, or if urgent, text or call Pastor Daren at 760-814-5171.

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PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,
the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

Amen.

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance,
let us confess our sin.

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

God, our provider,

help us.

It is hard to believe there is enough to share.

**We question your ways when they differ from the ways
of the world in which we live.**

**We turn to our own understanding
rather than trusting in you.**

We take offense at your teachings and your ways.

Turn us again to you.

Where else can we turn?

**Share with us the words of eternal life
and feed us for life in the world.**

Amen.

Beloved people of God:

in Jesus, the manna from heaven,
you are fed and nourished.

By Jesus, the worker of miracles,
there is always more than enough.

Through Jesus, ✚ the bread of life,
you are shown God's mercy:

you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Mighty God, you breathe life into our bones, and your Spirit brings truth to the world. Send us this Spirit, transform us by your truth, and give us language to proclaim your gospel, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING: Acts 2:1-21

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your

daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. ¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. ²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

²⁴How manifold are your works, O LORD!

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

²⁵**Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too many to number, living things both small and great.**

²⁶There go the ships to and fro,
and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it.

²⁷**All of them look to you
to give them their food in due season.**

²⁸You give it to them; they gather it;
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

²⁹**When you hide your face, they are terrified;
when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.**

³⁰You send forth your Spirit, and they are created;
and so you renew the face of the earth.

³¹**May the glory of the LORD endure forever;
O LORD, rejoice in all your works.**

³²You look at the earth and it trembles;
you touch the mountains and they smoke.

³³**I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;
I will praise my God while I have my being.**

³⁴May these words of mine please God.
I will rejoice in the LORD.

^{35b}**Bless the LORD, O my soul.
Hallelujah!**

SECOND READING: Romans 8:22-27

²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia.**

GOSPEL: John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said,] ²⁶“When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. ²⁷You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

^{16:4b}“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ ⁶But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. ⁷Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹about sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; ¹¹about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

¹²“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Homily

Hymn of the Day: Spirit of Gentleness (ELW 396) *Verses 1 & 4*

Refrain




Spir - it, Spir - it of gen - tle - ness, blow through the wil - der - ness




call - ing and free; Spir - it, Spir - it of rest - less - ness,




stir me from plac - id - ness, wind, wind on the sea.



1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the deep,
2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the sand,
3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a hill,
4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient schemes.




then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep;
and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a land;
then you whis - pered in si - lence when the whole world was still;
From the bond - age of sor - row all the cap - tives dream dreams;



and o - ver the e - ons you called to each thing:
and when they were blind - ed with i - dols and lies,
and down in the cit - y you called once a - gain,
our wom - en see vi - sions, our men clear their eyes.

Refrain



“A - wake from your slum - bers and rise on your wings.”
then you spoke through your proph - ets to o - pen their eyes.
when you blew through your peo - ple on the rush of the wind.
With . . . bold new de - ci - sions your peo - ple a - rise.

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

Holy God, in Christ Jesus the joy of the church is made complete. Root the church in your Word and unify us as Christ's body. Send us into the world as your loving people, ready to testify to your Spirit at work. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Mighty God, the world is your handiwork, displaying your creative impulse. Seas teem with life, forests reach up to praise you, and the mystery of life lies deep in the soil. Guard and keep this world for the well-being of all your creatures. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Creator God, here in this community we share the gift of praying, learning, and supporting one another. Give us thankful hearts as we claim the gifts that are unique to us and keep us from being envious of others with different gifts. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Meal

Offering

Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world.

Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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,
forever and ever. Amen**

Communion

After all have communed:

The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

Prayer after Communion:

Let us pray.

Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.

In your name we pray.

Amen.

Sending

Purpose and Mission Statements:

Immanuel is called to proclaim the life, death and resurrection of Christ; to provide places and opportunities for worship and fellowship; and to be the spirit of Christ in the world.

Lutheran-Episcopal Campus Ministry gathers in Christ's name to share God's love, to ask questions, to grow in faith, to respect and nurture our differences, and to serve others.

Blessing

Sending Hymn: Holy Spirit, Truth Devine (ELW 398) *Verses 1, 3 & 5*



- 1 Ho - ly Spir - it, truth di - vine, dawn up - on this soul of mine;
- 2 Ho - ly Spir - it, love di - vine, glow with - in this heart of mine;
- 3 Ho - ly Spir - it, pow'r di - vine, for - ti - fy this will of mine;
- 4 Ho - ly Spir - it, peace di - vine, still this rest - less heart of mine;
- 5 Ho - ly Spir - it, right di - vine, king with - in my con - science reign;



breath of God and in - ward light, wake my spir - it, clear my sight.
kin - dle ev - 'ry high de - sire; purge me with your ho - ly fire.
by your will I strong - ly live, brave - ly bear, and no - bly strive.
speak to calm this toss - ing sea, stayed in your tran - quil - i - ty.
be my guide, and I shall be firm - ly bound, for - ev - er free.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord;

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Worship Leaders

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Daren Erisman
Organist: Stan Elmquist

Church Office Hours

Monday – Friday: 8:30 A.M. to 11:30 A.M.

Pastor Daren Erisman

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In this time of COVID19, please feel free to make appointments with Pastor Daren by calling or emailing him at the above phone numbers or email address.

Week of May 23, 2021

Sunday, May 23	10:30 am	Holy Communion—Day of Pentecost
Monday, May 24		Common Sense Cleaning – Church Building
	9:30 am—2:00 pm	ILC Members at GIA Clothing Bank
Saturday, May 29	9-Noon	Tied in Faith
Sunday, May 30	10:30 am	Holy Communion—The Holy Trinity



Beginning June 6, 2021 – Worship will begin at 9:30 am

VOLUNTEERS

Sunday, May 23

Greeter:	Julie Elmquist
Assisting Minister:	Janet Willis
Communion Setup:	Cindy Thompson
Tellers:	Clarence Carlson, Janet Crespin
Ushers: Indoor-	Ron & Cindy Thompson
Outdoor -	John Johnson & Sally Stewart

Sunday, May 30

Janet Willis
Julie Elmquist
Cindy Thompson
Bob & Sue Morse
Katy Sickles, Vera Sylvester
Tim Adams & Shirley Marine



Dick Hay	Roma Arithson
Susan Truchses	Rodger Arithson

Family and Friends dealing with COVID



Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays this week:
There are no birthdays this week.

Anniversaries this week:
May 24 – Bret & Cheryl Clausen



Spring Benevolence Campaign



Members of Immanuel Lutheran Church— we will be working with two local organizations to support their efforts during the Mother's Day through Father's Day benevolence campaigns. These organizations walk individuals and families through services that heal, strengthen, and provide hope! Both organizations have a local presence in Greeley and in Northern Colorado so we will be helping members of our larger community beyond our church walls.

Funds will be split evenly between Lutheran Family Services of Rocky Mountains and the Resource Center. Collectively, these organizations provide critical resources for issues ranging from adoption, foster care, and family support and education.

Simply designate your special offering during this period by noting either "L.F.S." or "Resource Center" in the memo line on checks or special offering envelopes.

Thanks for your generosity and prayerful consideration.



**IT'S TIME TO ARMOR UP
with Vacation Bible School
at Immanuel Lutheran Church!**

**Knights of North Castle
June 21 – 25, 2021
Dinner at 5:30pm
& VBS from 6-8pm**

**Plan to Attend & Invite a Friend!
To register, volunteer or inquire
about VBS, please contact
Amy Herold at 970.978.0870.**



To volunteer, receive curriculum, and learn more about
Vacation Bible School,
mark your calendars & plan to attend...

Knights of North Castle

Vacation Bible School Meeting

Sunday, June 6, 2021 -

following the 9:30 am worship service.

Cardboard Tubes Needed!!!

Please save your toilet paper/paper towel
cardboard tubes for a VBS craft project.

There will be a collection box located in the
Narthex for you to drop your donations off!

Thanks!





Immanuel Organ Fund Still Seeking Donations

Wow! What a generous donation given to Immanuel that will enable us to purchase a new organ. The organ fund, however, will still be receiving your donations. These gifts will help implement the changes needed as we answer these and many more questions regarding Immanuel's future.

- ◆ What will worship at Immanuel look like in the next 5 to 10 years?
- ◆ What type of instrument will be needed to accommodate that vision?
- ◆ How can this investment reach out to the community?

Council has begun to look into these questions and has started searching for options that are available. We will be looking for the congregation's help and opinions as we answer these questions. Thank you for your support of this project.



Faith Day

Sunday, August 8th vs the Miami Marlins

Game Time: 1:10 PM

Group Ticket Price: \$25.00 (approximately)

We may be able to reserve Kenny's Steakhouse Bus to ride together for the event, leaving the Immanuel parking lot after the worship service. (This will be an additional \$10-\$20 per person.)

If interested, contact John Johnson either in person, by email at uncmizzou@aol.com or by cell at 970.397.7108.

If you have information that needs to be added to the weekly update, please contact Denise in the church office at 352-3003 or email to: office@immanlutheran.org

As Immanuel continues to live stream and record services, we are in need of additional people to help with this process. Following is a job description for this media position. If you are interested in this position or have questions, please contact Pastor Daren, 352-3003, or any council member.

MEDIA POSITION IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

- **We are looking for...**
- Someone to help in the video recording of services and the updating of the church website to enable access to those services.
- **Training:**
- The Media person will be trained by Pastor Daren with website work gradually transitioned to them.
- **Responsibilities:**
- Record worship services through the video camera and live-streaming through the computer.
 - ◇ Set up the video camera and be prepared to live-stream at least 15 minutes before the service.
- Regularly update the worship service links on the website.
 - ◇ Create the video and bulletin links for each service a few days before the service is live-streamed and recorded.
 - ◇ Upload the recorded version of the video to YouTube and change the corresponding link on the website sometime after the service (preferably by that evening).
- Help with sound as needed.
- **Commitment and Compensation:**
- Training and supervision will be provided by Pastor Daren.
- Time required - approximately four (4) hours per service, which includes the worship service and website work during the week.
- Compensation will be \$60 per service.

