

# Third Sunday after Pentecost

*June 13, 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](http://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.

O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## **WORD**

### **FIRST READING: Ezekiel 17:22-24**

<sup>22</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD:

I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out.

I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs;

I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. <sup>23</sup>On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind. <sup>24</sup>All the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the LORD have spoken; I will accomplish it.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM: Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15**

<sup>1</sup>It is a good thing to give thanks to the LORD,  
to sing praise to your name, O Most High;  
<sup>2</sup>**to herald your love in the morning  
and your faithfulness at night;**  
<sup>3</sup>on the psaltery, and on the lyre,  
and to the melody of the harp.  
<sup>4</sup>**For you have made me glad by your acts, O LORD;  
and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.**  
<sup>12</sup>The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree,  
and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.  
<sup>13</sup>**Those who are planted in the house of the LORD  
shall flourish in the courts of our God;**  
<sup>14</sup>they shall still bear fruit in old age;  
they shall be green and succulent;  
<sup>15</sup>**that they may show how upright the LORD is,  
my rock, in whom there is no injustice.**

## **SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17**

<sup>6</sup>So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—<sup>7</sup>for we walk by faith, not by sight. <sup>8</sup>Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. <sup>9</sup>So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. <sup>10</sup>For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

<sup>14</sup>For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. <sup>15</sup>And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

<sup>16</sup>From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. <sup>17</sup>So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

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: Mark 4:26-34**

The holy gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>26</sup>[Jesus] said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground,<sup>27</sup>and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. <sup>28</sup>The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. <sup>29</sup>But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

<sup>30</sup>He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? <sup>31</sup>It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; <sup>32</sup>yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

<sup>33</sup>With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; <sup>34</sup>he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Homily

### Hymn of the Day: **For the Fruit of All Creation** (ELW 679) *Verses 1 & 2*



1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.  
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.  
3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.  
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.  
For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,  
In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,  
For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,



fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.  
in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.  
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

## **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**

Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

Holy God, you plant the seeds of faith in every nation. Enliven your church, so that the good news of your grace may root and grow throughout the world. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Creator, even the trees, shrubs, and flowers delight in your goodness. From the depths of the soil to the highest mountain, bring forth new plants. Restore growth to places suffering drought. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Eternal God, we give thanks for our ancestors in the faith who are now at home with you. We look forward to that day when we are reunited in your new creation. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace.  
**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: Praise and Thanksgiving** (ELW 689) *Verses 1 & 2*



1 Praise and thanks-giv - ing, God, we would of - fer for all things  
2 God, bless the la - bor we bring to serve you, that with our  
3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing food for your chil - dren, by Wis - dom's  
4 Then will your bless - ing reach ev - 'ry peo - ple, free - ly con -



liv - ing, you have made good: har - vest of sown fields, fruits of the  
neigh - bor we may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, we would work  
guid - ing teach us to share one with an - oth - er, so that, re -  
fess - ing your gra - cious hand. Where you are reign - ing, no one will



or - chard, hay from the mown fields, blos - som and wood.  
with you, har - vest - ing, mill - ing for dai - ly bread.  
joic - ing with us, all oth - ers may know your care.  
hun - ger; your love sus - tain - ing show - ers the land.

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord;  
**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

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Worship Leaders

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Darin Erisman  
Pianist: Marcia Hutton

**Church Office Hours**

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

**Pastor Daren Erisman**

**Office: 352-3003, Cell: 760-814-5171, email: [reverisman@gmail.com](mailto:reverisman@gmail.com)**

*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 June 13, 2021**

Sunday, June 13	9:30 am	Holy Communion—Third Sunday after Pentecost
Monday, June 14	9:30 am-2:00 pm	ILC members @ GIA Clothing Bank, 228 N 9 <sup>th</sup> Ave
Tuesday, June 15	6:30 pm	Committees & Council
Thursday, June 17	9:00 am	Sewing & Lunch
Sunday, June 20	9:30 am	<b>Father's Day</b> Holy Communion—Fourth Sunday after Pentecost VBS Set-up Following worship service



**Council meeting for June has been changed to the 15<sup>th</sup>. We will be meeting in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30 pm.**

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**VOLUNTEERS**

	<b><u>Sunday, June 13</u></b>	<b><u>Sunday, June 20</u></b>
Greeter:	Julie Elmquist	Janet Willis
Assisting Minister:	Janet Willis	Julie Elmquist
Communion Setup:	Cindy Thompson	Cindy Thompson
Tellers:	Vera Sylvester & Brenda Turnwall	Linda Sample, Janet Johnson
Ushers: Indoor-	Vera Sylvester	Ron & Cindy Thompson
Outdoor -	John Johnson & Sally Stewart	Tim Adams & Shirley Marine

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Dick Hay  
Susan Truchses

Family and Friends dealing with COVID



## Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays this week:

June 13 – Amy Herold

14 – Lona Holbrook

17 – Kathy Mussman

Anniversaries this week:

June 13 – Stan & Julie Elmquist

17 – Brandon & Emily Clum

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## 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.**



**Knights of North Castle  
Vacation Bible School Set-up  
Next Sunday, June 20, 2021 -  
following the 9:30am worship service.**



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**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.

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### 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](mailto:uncmizzou@aol.com) or by cell at 970.397.7108.

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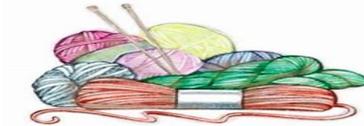
If you have information that needs to be added to the weekly update, please contact Denise in the church office at 352-3003 or email to: [office@immanlutheran.org](mailto:office@immanlutheran.org)

## Prayer Shawl Ministry

This is a ministry of prayer and love for those in need. Prayer shawls are usually given in a time of transition in life, illness, emotional or spiritual upheaval, or for a time of celebration like birth or a marriage. The shawl serves as a tangible reminder to each person that they are covered in God's love each time they wear the shawl.

Prayer Shawls have their origin in the Old Testament. In Biblical times, the Jewish men wore the prayer shawl at all times, not just at prayer. Prayers shawls have been made informally and silently for centuries. As it is being made, the maker will offer prayers asking God to bless and comfort whoever will receive the shawl. Most prayer shawls will incorporate the number 3, to represent the Trinity.

This ministry is intensely private and prayerful, a gift of love and concern. They are universal, they comfort and enfold, they wrap and warm, they shelter and beautify. Those who receive a shawl and those who make a shawl are loved and blessed. But most important are the prayers that go with it. Prayers to let the recipient know that someone on earth cares for them and that God is always there.



### Stitched in Prayer – Given in Love

The ASAP team has been given a few completed prayer shawls that need a good home. If you know of someone who is in need of such a gift, please contact Janet Willis, 356-6046. If you would like to learn to make a prayer shawl, need yarn, or a prayer shawl in certain colors, please contact Susan Truchses.

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