

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 4, 2021



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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.

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

- Masks are optional. Please consider others as you make your choice.
- Practice social-distancing. Pews are marked to maintain this distance. Ushers will help to seat you and your family if needed.
- Bulletins and offering plates are there for you on the table inside.
- Singing and speaking should be done as softly as possible. Only the worship leaders sing and speak out.
- Communion cups/wafers are already set up in the pews. Put the used cups back in the wooden holder when you are finished.
- Inside worship is inevitably different than before the pandemic, 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 is a way of worshipping more closely with others while staying safe in your own car.
- An usher will provide you with a bulletin, communion elements and an offering box.
- Tune your radio to FM 90.9 to join in worship.

ONLINE

- Online worship is the safest, most convenient worship experience. It is recommended for the most vulnerable. Services are both live-streamed and recorded for use at a later time.
- 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. to view or print the bulletin before watching the service. You may also request to have a paper bulletin mailed to you each week.
Click on the link when you are ready to worship.

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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.

God of the covenant, in our baptism you call us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. Give us the courage you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 2:1-5

¹[A voice] said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you.²And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. ³He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. ⁴The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, “Thus says the Lord GOD.” ⁵Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 123

¹To you I lift up my eyes,
to you enthroned **!** in the heavens.

²**As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to you, O LORD our God, until you show us your mercy.**

³Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy,
for we have had more than enough of contempt,

⁴**too much of the scorn of the indolent rich,
and of the derision of the proud.**

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

²I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. ³And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows—⁴was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. ⁵On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. ⁶But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, ⁷even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. ⁸Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, ⁹but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. ¹⁰Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

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 6:1-13

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹[Jesus] came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him.²On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! ³Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. ⁴Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." ⁵And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. ⁶And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. ⁷He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; ⁹but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. ¹⁰He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. ¹¹If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." ¹²So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. ¹³They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Homily

Hymn of the Day: O Beautiful for Spacious Skies (ELW 888) Verses 1 & 2

1 O beau - ti - ful for spa - cious skies, for am - ber waves of grain,
 2 O beau - ti - ful for he - roes proved in lib - er - at - ing strife,
 3 O beau - ti - ful for pa - triot dream that sees be - yond the years

for pur - ple moun - tain maj - es - ties a - bove the fruit - ed plain:
 who more than self their coun - try loved, and mer - cy more than life:
 thine al - a - bas - ter cit - ies gleam, un - dimmed by hu - man tears:

A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,
 A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! May God thy gold re - fine,
 A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God mend thine ev - 'ry flaw,

and crown thy good with broth - er - hood from sea to shin - ing sea.
 till all suc - cess be no - ble - ness, and ev - 'ry gain di - vine.
 con - firm thy soul in self - con - trol, thy lib - er - ty in law.

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.

God of all, through the waters of baptism you claim people of all races, ethnicities, and languages as your beloved children. Sustain the baptized and increase their faith, that your gospel may be proclaimed throughout the earth. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of the heavens, your creating Spirit animates the universe. We give you thanks for the moon and stars, for the planets and the Milky Way Galaxy, and for all of the mysteries of the cosmos that remain unknown to us. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of holiness, you send us out into the world to proclaim your love.
We pray for our outreach ministries (*local ministries may be named*).
Equip us as we leave this place to witness and serve our neighbors.
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: How Firm a Foundation (ELW 796 Verses 1 & 4)

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,
 3 "When through fi - ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,
 4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove

is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!
 for I am your God and will still give you aid;
 my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.
 my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;

What more can he say than to you he has said
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
 The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign
 and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,

who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."
 your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."
 like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

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

Office: 352-3003, Cell: 760-814-5171, email: 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 July 4 2021

Sunday, July 4	9:30 am	Holy Communion—Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
Monday, July 5		Church Offices Closed Common Sense Cleaning—Church Building
Tuesday, July 6	9:00 am 6:30 pm	Sewing & Lunch Zoom Exit Interview with the Bishop
Saturday, July 10	10 am—4 pm	Scrap Happy & Paper Crafts
Sunday, July 11	9:30 am	Holy Communion- Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

VOLUNTEERS

	<u>Sunday, July 4</u>	<u>Sunday, July 11</u>
Greeter:	Janet Willis	Vera Sylvester
Assisting Minister:	Julie Elmquist	Janet Willis
Communion Setup:	Cindy Thompson	Cindy Thompson
Tellers:	Marvin & Connie Deines	Vera Sylvester, Brenda Turnwall
Ushers: Indoor-	Juan Cruz, Cheryl Clausen	Katy Sickles, Vera Sylvester
Outdoor -	Tim Adams & Shirley Marine	Matt & Molly Ward



Dick Hay
Susan Truchses
Ila Mae Larson

Family and Friends dealing with COVID

Offerings may be

mailed to the of-

fice:

Immanuel Lutheran Church
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Greeley, CO 80631

Covid restrictions are changing daily. Council has determined that these changes will take place for worship at Immanuel:

- Masks are optional. Please be considerate of others when making your decision.
- More seating spaces will be available but we still need to maintain social distancing.
- Talking and singing in soft voices only. The worship leaders will be the only ones to speak out.
- Steps will be taken to provide ventilation, even in the summer heat, so you may need to find seating accordingly.



Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays this week:

July 4 – Pete Budde

6– Jacklin Hansen

There are no anniversaries this week.

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.



Wow! THANK YOU to all our VBS Kids and Immanuel Family for graciously filling the little pockets of a child's coat with \$178.02 for the Knights of Columbus "Coats for Kids" program! Way to armor up and help others in need! Your generosity is truly appreciated!



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.

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