# Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 11, 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 worshiping 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.

O God, from you come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

#### Amen.

## **WORD**

## FIRST READING: Amos 7:7-15

<sup>7</sup>This is what [the Lord GOD] showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. <sup>8</sup>And the LORD said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said,

"See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; <sup>9</sup>the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."

<sup>10</sup>Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. <sup>11</sup>For thus Amos has said, 'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.'"

<sup>12</sup>And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; <sup>13</sup>but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom."

<sup>14</sup>Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, <sup>15</sup>and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'"

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

#### **PSALM: Psalm 85:8-13**

- <sup>8</sup>I will listen to what the LORD God is saying; for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you.
- <sup>9</sup>Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you, that your glory may dwell in our land.
- <sup>10</sup>Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
- <sup>11</sup>Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth, and righteousness shall look down from heaven.
- <sup>12</sup>The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, and our land will yield its increase.
- <sup>13</sup>Righteousness shall go before the LORD and shall prepare for God a pathway.

## SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:3-14

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, 4just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. 5He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, 6to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. 7In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace 8that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight 9he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, 10as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. 11In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, 12so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup>In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; 14this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

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 6:14-29

The holy gospel according to Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.** 

<sup>14</sup>King Herod heard of [the disciples' preaching,] for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." <sup>15</sup>But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." <sup>16</sup>But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

<sup>17</sup>For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. 18For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." 19And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, 20 for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. <sup>21</sup>But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. 22When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." 23And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." 24She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." <sup>25</sup>Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." 26The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. <sup>27</sup>Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to

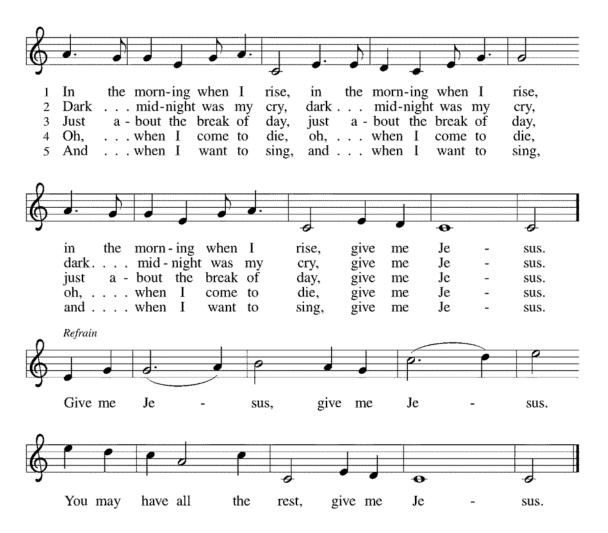
bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, <sup>28</sup>brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. <sup>29</sup>When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

## Homily

Hymn of the Day: Give Me Jesus (ELW 770 Verses 1 & 5)



## **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 parent, you welcome your people into one family and gather all things to yourself. Bestow your grace upon your beloved church, lavish your wisdom upon us, and redeem us from our faults, that by our witness all might praise your glory. Lord, in your mercy,

## hear our prayer.

Awesome Creator, you steadfastly tend to the smallest of seeds and the mightiest of sycamore trees. Spring up green growth from the earth, nourish the growth of fruit, grain, and other crops, and bless the work of farmers and laborers. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of love, we pray for this holy house and all those who worship here. We pray especially for those whose efforts behind the scenes often go unnoticed; for our office staff, and for all of our volunteers. 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:

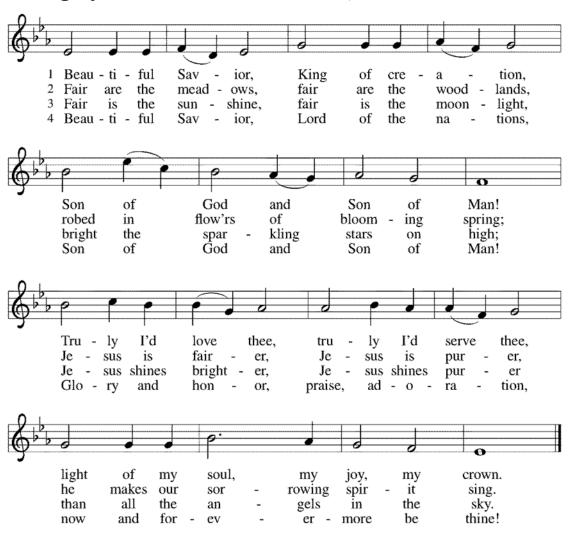
Immanuel is called to proclaim the life, death and resurrection of Christ; to provide places and opportunities for worship and fellowship; and to be the spirit of Christ in the world.

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:

## Beautiful Savior (ELW 838 All Verses)



## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord;

Thanks be to God.

## **POSTLUDE**

## Worship Leaders

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Daren Erisman

Pianist: Marcia Hutton

## **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 July 11, 2021

Sunday, July 11	9:30 am	Holy Communion—Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
Monday, July 12	9:30 am – 2 pm	ILC Members at GIA Clothing Bank, 228 N $9^{\rm th}$ Ave
Sunday, July 18	9:30 am	Holy Communion-Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

## \*\*\*\*\*\* **VOLUNTEERS**

Sunday, July 11 Greeter: Vera Sylvester Janet Willis Assisting Minister: Communion Setup: Cindy Thompson Tellers:

Vera Sylvester, Brenda Turnwall Ushers: Indoor-Katy Sickles, Vera Sylvester

Matt & Molly Ward Outdoor -

Sunday, July 18 Julie Elmquist Marcia Hutton Cindy Thompson

Linda Sample, Vera Sylvester Ron & Cindy Thompson John Johnson & Sally Stewart

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Family and Friends dealing with COVID

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## Offerings may be mailed to the office:

Immanuel Lutheran Church 1865 14th Avenue 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.

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## Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays this week: July 11 – Connie Deines 16 – Vera Risk

There are no anniversaries this week.

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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 or by cell at 970.397.7108.



## 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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## **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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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: <a href="mailto:office@immanlutheran.org">office@immanlutheran.org</a>