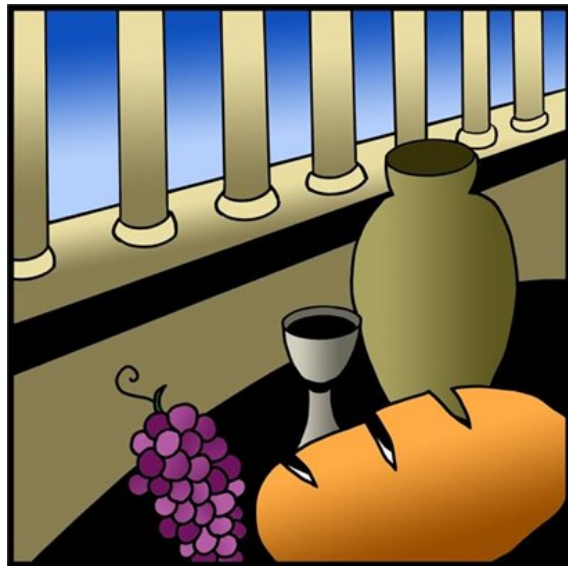


# Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

*August 15, 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](http://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.

Ever-loving God, your Son gives himself as living bread for the life of the world. Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## WORD

### FIRST READING: Proverbs 9:1-6

<sup>1</sup>Wisdom has built her house, she has hewn her seven pillars.  
<sup>2</sup>She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine,  
she has also set her table. <sup>3</sup>She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls  
from the highest places in the town, <sup>4</sup>“You that are simple, turn in here!” To  
those without sense she says, <sup>5</sup>“Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine  
I have mixed. <sup>6</sup>Lay aside immaturity, and live, and walk in the way of in-  
sight.”

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM: Psalm 34:9-14

<sup>9</sup>Fear the LORD, you saints | of the LORD,  
for those who fear the | LORD lack nothing.  
<sup>10</sup>**The lions are in want and | suffer hunger,  
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing | that is good. R**  
<sup>11</sup>Come, children, and lis- | ten to me;  
I will teach you reverence | for the LORD.  
<sup>12</sup>**Who among you takes plea- | sure in life  
and desires long life to en- | joy prosperity?**  
<sup>13</sup>Keep your | tongue from evil  
and your lips from | lying words.  
<sup>14</sup>**Turn from evil | and do good;  
seek peace | and pursue it.**

## **SECOND READING: Ephesians 5:15-20**

<sup>15</sup>Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, <sup>16</sup>making the most of the time, because the days are evil. <sup>17</sup>So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. <sup>18</sup>Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, <sup>19</sup>as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, <sup>20</sup>giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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 6:51-58**

The holy gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said,] <sup>51</sup>“I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

<sup>52</sup>The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” <sup>53</sup>So Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. <sup>54</sup>Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; <sup>55</sup>for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. <sup>56</sup>Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. <sup>57</sup>Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. <sup>58</sup>This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Homily

### Hymn of the Day: **Break Now the Bread of Life** (ELW 515, Verses 1 & 3)



- 1 Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, as once you
- 2 Bless your own word of truth, dear Lord, to me, as when you
- 3 You are the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, your ho - ly



broke the loaves be - side the sea. Be - yond the sa - cred page  
blessed the bread by Gal - i - lee. Then shall all bond-age cease,  
word the truth that res - cues me. Give me to eat and live



I seek you, Lord; my spir - it waits for you, O liv - ing Word.  
all fet - ters fall; and I shall find my peace, my All - in - All!  
with you a - bove; teach me to love your truth, for you are love.

## **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**

Rooted in Christ and sustained by the Spirit, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

God of creation, mend the earth. Cool warming oceans and preserve melting ice caps. Increase our awareness of changing climate patterns and reveal new approaches to the ecological challenges we face. Shield those in the path of hurricanes or tropical storms (*especially*). God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

God of compassion, tend to the wounded. Rescue those tormented by mental illness or mired in addiction. Ease the anxiety of those struggling with dementia. Come quickly to help all who are grieving and all those who suffer (*especially*). God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

God of beauty, inspire artists. Bless those whose visual and musical gifts enliven this assembly (*especially*). Bless the creative work of poets, hymnwriters, composers, painters, sculptors, and others that enrich our worship and daily life. God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

God of resurrection, bring us to new life. Give us the living bread from heaven through which we abide in your love, and on the last day raise us with (*Mary, mother of Jesus, name/s, and*) all the saints to eternal life. God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God, confident in the promise of your saving love; 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: Let All Things Now Living** (ELW 881, Verses 1 & 2)

1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to  
 2 God rules all the forc - es: the stars in their cours-es and

God the cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise,  
 sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;

who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who  
 the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the

still guides us on to the end of our days.  
 deeps of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.

God's ban - ners are o'er us, God's light goes be -  
 We too should be voic - ing our love and re -

fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night,  
 joic - ing; with glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us raise

till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is ban - ished, as  
 till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing: "To

for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.  
 God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

**DISMISSAL**

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

**POSTLUDE**

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Worship Leaders

Bridge Pastor: Rev. Dan Hays  
Organist: Stan Elmquist

**Church Office Hours**

M, T, Th 8:30 am to 1:00 pm  
W 8:30 am to 12:00 pm  
F 9:00 am to 11:00 am

**Office: 352-3003**

**In case of emergency, please contact  
Pastor Dan Hays at 970.467.3700**

**Pastor Dan's Office Hours:  
Thursdays—9:30 am-noon & 1 pm-4 pm**

Week of August 15, 2021

Sunday, August 15	9:30 am	Holy Communion—12th Sunday after Pentecost
Monday, August 16		Common Sense Cleaning—Church Building
Thursday, August 19	9:00 am	Sewing & Lunch
Sunday, August 22	9:30 am	Holy Communion-13th Sunday after Pentecost

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**VOLUNTEERS**

**Sunday, August 15**

Greeter:	Janet Willis
Assisting Minister:	Julie Elmquist
Communion Setup:	Cindy Thompson
Tellers:	Bob & Sue Morse
Ushers: Indoor-	Ron & Cindy Thompson
Outdoor -	Tim Adams & Shirley Marine

**Sunday, August 22**

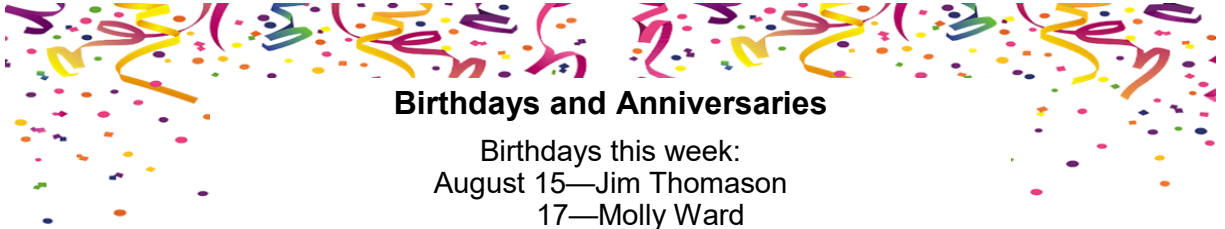
Janet Willis
Cindy Budde
Cindy Thompson
Clarence Carlson & Janet Crespin
Ron & Cindy Thompson
Matt & Molly Ward

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Dick Hay  
Susan Truchses  
Ila Mae Larson

Family and Friends dealing with COVID



### Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays this week:  
August 15—Jim Thomason  
17—Molly Ward  
19—Jack Larson  
20—Jack Larson

There are no anniversaries this week:

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The ladies of the church will be having a garage sale on Friday September 17<sup>th</sup> and Saturday September 18<sup>th</sup> from 8:00am to 2:00pm. We need volunteers to price, setup, and work the sale. Anyone is welcome to help! No clothing, computers, TVs will be accepted. Sale items can be dropped off at the church the week before the sale. Contact one of the co-coordinators listed below with questions.

Cheryl Clausen	970-978-0726
Janet Crespin	970-397-5104
Cindy Thompson	970-302-2969



Please Join Immanuel's Youth for a **Back to School**

Sunday Sundae - Ice Cream Social

**Date:** Sunday, August 22, 2021

**Time:** After 9:30 am Worship Service

**Place:** Annex Lawn

Youth: Please bring your favorite toppings to share!

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A grandmother and her grandson would like a ride to church on Sundays, for a few weeks, from their house at 1201 25th Avenue.

If you can help, please call the church office:  
907.352.3003.

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Do you know anyone who might be interested in **Lutheran Campus Ministry**?

For Lutheran Campus Ministry (LCM), it is the time of year when they reach out to every single ELCA congregation in the state of Colorado to see if they have any young folks headed to campus in Boulder or around the country that we can help get connected!

They are expecting a relatively "normal" fall with weekly meals, retreats, and international travel (Taize? The Camino de Santiago? Guatemala? Israel/Palestine?) To connect people to this life-changing ministry email, call, or use these handy and dandy forms:

Boulder: For folks headed to Boulder you can use the [Refer-a-Buff form](#) on the LCM website.

Other places: For folks headed to one of the 240+ Lutheran Campus Ministries in the United States use [this form](#) from [www.LuMinelca.org](http://www.LuMinelca.org).

Or, please have them reach out to Pastor Zach ([zach@lutheranbuffs.org](mailto:zach@lutheranbuffs.org)) or Megan ([megan@lutheranbuffs.org](mailto:megan@lutheranbuffs.org)).

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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)