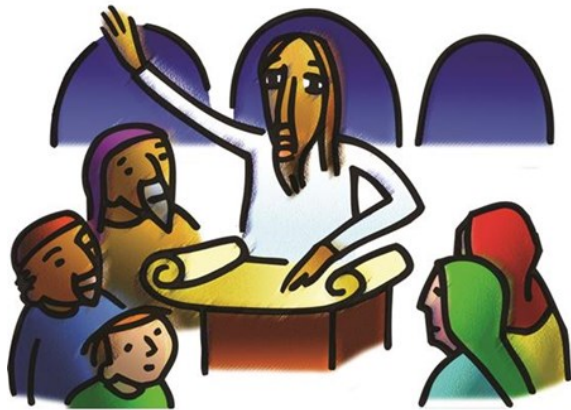


Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 22, 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.....

Holy God, your word feeds your people with life that is eternal. Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth, that, renouncing what is false and evil, we may live in you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING: Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

¹Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. ^{2a}And Joshua said to all the people, ¹⁴“Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. ¹⁵Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.”

¹⁶Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; ¹⁷for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; ¹⁸and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 34:15-22

¹⁵The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous,
and God’s ears are open to their cry.

¹⁶**The face of the LORD is against those who do evil,
to erase the remembrance of them from the earth.**

¹⁷The righteous cry, and the LORD hears them
and delivers them from all their troubles.

¹⁸**The LORD is near to the brokenhearted
and saves those whose spirits are crushed.**

¹⁹Many are the troubles of the righteous,
but the LORD delivers them from every one.

²⁰**God will keep safe all their bones;
not one of them shall be broken.**

²¹Evil will bring death to the wicked
and those who hate the righteous will be punished.

²²**O LORD, you redeem the life of your servants,
and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.**

SECOND READING: Ephesians 6:10-20

¹⁰Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. ¹¹Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹²For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. ¹⁴Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. ¹⁵As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. ¹⁶With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. ¹⁸Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. ¹⁹Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

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 6:56-69

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said,] ⁵⁶“Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This 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.” ⁵⁹He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

⁶⁰When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?” ⁶¹But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, “Does this offend you? ⁶²Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴But among you there are some who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. ⁶⁵And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.”

⁶⁶Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. ⁶⁷So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?” ⁶⁸Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Homily

Hymn of the Day: One Bread, One Body (ELW 496, Verses 1 & 3)

Refrain



One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of



bless-ing which we bless, and we, though man-y



through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.



1	Gen - tile	or Jew,	ser - vant	or free,
2	Man - y	the gifts,	man - y	the works,
3	Grain for	the fields,	scat-tered	and grown,



wom-an or man, no more.
one in the Lord of all.
gath-ered to one for all.

Refrain

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

Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

God of courage, bless all leaders of your church. Make them ready to proclaim the gospel of peace and strengthen them to preach your loving word. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of creation, bless fields and orchards. Protect the land from drought and bring life-giving rain to support growth. Instruct your people in wise treatment of the world you have provided for all your creatures. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of compassion, bless all who are in any need. Accompany all who are lonely and feeling abandoned and remind them of your abiding presence. Accompany all who are persecuted and exploited and open us to their cries. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of change, bless our transitions. Guide all who are embarking on new stages in life such as a new job, new school, or new community (*especially*). Sustain enduring friendships and kindle new relationships and interests. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; 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: The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve (ELW 551 Verses 1 & 4)



1 The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we go in
2 We go to com - fort those who mourn and set the
3 We go to be the hands of Christ, to scat - ter
4 Then let us go to serve in peace, the gos - pel



Je - sus' name to bring glad tid - ings
bur - dened free; where hope is dim, to
joy like seed and, all our days, to
to pro - claim. God's Spir - it has em -



to the poor, God's fa - vor to blind pro - claim.
share a dream and help the to see.
cher - ish life, to do the lov - ing deed.
pow - ered us; we go in Je - sus' name.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord;

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Worship Leaders

Bridge Pastor: Rev. Dan Hays

Pianist: Marcia Hutton

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 22, 2021

Sunday, August 22	9:30 am	Holy Communion—13th Sunday after Pentecost
Monday, August 23	9:30 am—2 pm	ILC members @ GIA Clothing Bank, 228 N 9th Ave
Saturday, August 28	9-Noon	Tied in Faith
Sunday, August 29	9:30 am	Holy Communion-14th Sunday after Pentecost

VOLUNTEERS

	<u>Sunday, August 22</u>	<u>Sunday, August 29</u>
Greeter:	Janet Willis	Julie Elmquist
Assisting Minister:	Cindy Budde	Cindy Budde
Communion Setup:	Cindy Thompson	Cindy Thompson
Tellers:	Clarence Carlson & Janet Crespino	Linda Sample
Ushers: Indoor-	Ron & Cindy Thompson	Katy Sickles
Outdoor -	Matt & Molly Ward	John Johnson



Dick Hay
Susan Truchses
Ila Mae Larson

Family and Friends dealing with COVID



Birthdays and Anniversaries

There are no birthdays this week.

There are no anniversaries this week.



The ladies of the church will be having a garage sale on Friday September 17th and Saturday September 18th 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
Janet Crespin
Cindy Thompson

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970-397-5104
970-302-2969

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

Sunday Sundae - Ice Cream Social



Date: Today, August 22, 2021

Time: After 9:30 am Worship Service

Place: Annex Lawn

Youth: Please bring your favorite toppings to share!

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.

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

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