

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 5, 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.....

Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 35:4-7a

⁴Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
“Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with
vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.”

⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf
unstopped; ⁶then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the
speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert; ^{7a}the burning sand shall become a pool, and the
thirsty ground springs of water.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 146

¹Hallelujah!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

²**I will praise the LORD as long as I live;**

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

³Put not your trust in rulers,
in mortals in whom there is no help.

⁴**When they breathe their last, they return to earth,
and in that day their thoughts perish.**

⁵Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,
whose hope is in the LORD their God;

⁶**who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;
who keeps promises forever;**

⁷who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who
hunger. The LORD sets the captive free.

⁸The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.

⁹The LORD cares for the stranger; the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

¹⁰The LORD shall reign forever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

SECOND READING: James 2:1-10, 14-17

¹My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? ²For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, ³and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," ⁴have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? ⁶But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? ⁷Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

⁸You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ⁹But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

¹⁴What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? ¹⁷So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

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 7:24-37

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁴[Jesus] set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice,²⁵but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. ²⁶Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁸But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." ²⁹Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." ³⁰So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

³¹Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³²They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. ³⁴Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." ³⁵And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Homily

Hymn of the Day: O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate

(ELW 722 verses 1-3)



- 1 O Christ, your heart, com - pas - sion - ate, bore ev - 'ry hu - man pain.
- 2 As once you wel - comed those cast down and healed the sick, the blind,
- 3 O Christ, cre - ate new hearts in us that beat in time with yours,
- 4 O Love that made the dis - tant stars, yet marks the spar - row's fall,



Its beat - ing was the pulse of God; its breadth, God's vast do - main.
so may all bruised and bro - ken lives through us your help still find.
that, joined by faith with your great heart, be - come love's o - pen doors.
whose arms stretched wide up - on a cross em - brace and bear us all:



The heart of God, the heart of Christ com - bined in per - fect rhyme
Lord, join our hearts with those who weep that none may weep a - lone,
We are your bod - y, ris - en Christ; our hearts, our hands we yield
come, make your church a ser - vant church that walks your ser - vant ways,



to write God's love in hu - man deeds, e - ter - ni - ty in time.
and help us bear an - oth - er's pain as though it were our own.
that through our life and min - is - try your love may be re - vealed.
whose deeds of love rise up to you, a sac - ri - fice of praise!

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.

You provide water for thirsty ground and sunshine to feed hungry plants. Bless all who advocate for healthy forests, unpolluted air, and clean waterways. Inspire all people to show care for the world you have made. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

You show no partiality. Increase justice in all nations. Encourage leaders and governments to work with one another for the good of our common world. Unite us in seeking the health, safety, and dignity of all. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

You support the work of your disciples. Continue to nurture the leadership and ministries of this congregation. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

You embrace all who have died in the faith and brought them into your glorious presence. We thank you for their example and rejoice in their lives. 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: Lord, I Lift Your Name on High (ELW 857)

$\text{♩} = 86$ VERSE

G C/G D/G C/G G C/G

Lord, I lift Your name _ on high; Lord, I love to sing _ Your

4 D/G C/G G C/G D/G C/G G C/G

prais - es. ___ I'm so glad You're in _ my life; I'm so glad You came _ to

8 CHORUS

D D^{sus} D C G C D C/D

save _ us. ___ You came from heav - en to earth _ to show the way, .

11 G C D C G C

_ from the earth ___ to the cross _ my debt to pay; _ From the cross ___ to the grave, .

14 D Em⁷ Am⁷ D G

_ from the grave ___ to the sky; _ Lord, I lift Your name _ on high.

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

POSTLUDE

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 September 5, 2021

Sunday, September 5	9:30 am	Holy Communion-15th Sunday after Pentecost
Monday, September 6	LABOR DAY	Church Offices Closed
Tuesday, September 7	9:30 am	Sewing & Lunch
Wednesday, September 8	9-Noon	Tied in Faith
Saturday, September 11	10 am–4 pm	Scrap Happy & Paper Crafts
Sunday, September 12	9:30 am 10:30 am	Youth Meeting in Fellowship Hall Rally Sunday Holy Communion-16th Sunday after Pentecost

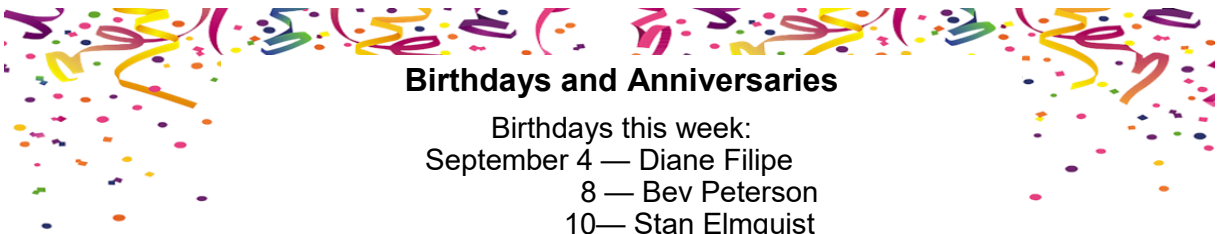
VOLUNTEERS

	<u>Sunday, September 5</u>	<u>Sunday, September 12</u>
Greeter:	Vera Sylvester	Julie Elmquist
Assisting Minister:	Julie Elmquist	Janet Willis
Communion Setup:	Cindy Thompson	Julie Elmquist
Tellers:	Marvin & Connie Deines	Vera Sylvester, Brenda Turnwall
Ushers: Indoor-	Ron & Cindy Thompson	Cheryl Clausen, Juan Cruz
Outdoor -	Katy Sickles	Tim Adams & Shirley Marine



Dick Hay
Susan Truchses
Ila Mae Larson
Janet Willis

Family and Friends dealing with COVID



Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays this week:
September 4 — Diane Filipe
8 — Bev Peterson
10— Stan Elmquist

Anniversaries this week:
September 6— Wayne & Julie Alm
7— Mike & Cherri Wall

Important Youth Meeting on Rally Day Sunday!



September 12, 2021, 9:30am
Immanuel Lutheran Church – Fellowship Hall

Juice & Donuts will be served!
We will be discussing plans for the year & brainstorming
fun ideas for our NEW & IMPROVED Youth Room!

Fall Worship Time
beginning September 12
10:30 am

Changes to Worship in September

Beginning Sunday, September 12, you will see changes made to our worship service. The Gathering Hymn and the reading of the Second Lesson will be added back into the service.

The Eucharistic Meal will be a bit different. The all-in-one juice and wafer cups will still be available in the pews, and a new way of continuous communion will also be an option. Wafers and wine/juice will be placed on a table near the end of the center aisle. Wafers will be in individual paper cups. Wine and juice will be in plastic cups widely spaced in the round communion trays.

Pastor Dan and the Assisting Minister will be at the table. Ushers will direct worshippers up the center aisle to the table. At Pastor Dan's direction/prompt ("This is the body of Christ – given for you"), take a paper cup with the wafer. At the direction/prompt of the Assisting Minister ("This is the blood of Christ – shed for you"), take a cup of wine or juice. Then place the empty paper and plastic cups in the receptacles provided and return to your seat by the side aisle.



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



Hymn Selection Meeting

A hymn selection meeting will be held at 7:00 pm on Thursday, September 16th in the Music Room. All are invited to attend!

Find Immanuel at its new website
www.immanuelgreeley.org
Check out our new look. Add it to your bookmarks.



This also includes email address changes:
office@immanuelgreeley.org
pastor@immanuelgreeley.org
Don't forget to make these
changes in your contacts!
If you are not finding information from the new
email address, check your spam folder, just in case.

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:
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