

I desire mercy,  
and not sacrifice.

Matthew 9:13

# Welcome to Immanuel

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A Call  
for  
Mercy

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday After Pentecost | *proper 5*

June 7<sup>th</sup> 2026  
9:00am



## Welcome to Immanuel!

Immanuel Lutheran Church and School is a Christ-centered community committed to making disciples of Jesus Christ through joyful worship, faithful teaching, and loving service—inviting all to encounter the good news of Jesus.

### **Visitors & Guests:**

Thanks for worshiping with us today!

Please complete a green Visitor Card, found in the card rack on the back of the pews, and place it in the offering plate.

After the service, be sure to introduce yourself to the Pastor.

**We are delighted that you're here  
and hope to see you again!**

**We take seriously the spiritual care of those who commune at our altar.**

At Immanuel we celebrate the Lord's Supper in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table baptized believers who trust His words, repent of all sin, set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, and confess what is taught and believed at this altar, that they may proclaim His death until He comes.

Because of this any who are not yet instructed, or in doubt, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked to speak with the pastor.

Exploring the Questions and Answers found on pg. 329 in your hymnal (*burgundy book in the pew*) may guide you in this decision. You may still come forward for a blessing, crossing your arms in front of you as you approach.

### **CHILDREN'S WORSHIP WORD OF THE DAY!**

Today's Worship Word: **Mercy**

**Mercy means to withhold punishment or to show kindness to someone. Mercy means that we do not get what we deserve, especially when what we deserve is something not nice. For example, you didn't listen to your parents and normally that would mean you wouldn't get to watch TV that day but your parents had mercy on you and allow you to watch TV.**

Children, keep your ears open for today's Worship Word. When you hear or speak the word in the service, circle the word in the bulletin. You may want to have a parent help you!

At the end of the service, if you show the circled Worship Word to Pastor Ryan, you will receive the Worship Word Passport. Pastor Ryan will write your name on it and stamp it for you!

You will receive a special gift on your first stamp, and every fourth stamp! If you bring a friend, you and your friend will get a special gift as well! Enjoy learning these words found in our worship.

### **From Your AudioVisual Team...**

Our worship today will be livestreamed for those members and friends that are unable to join us in person. By entering the Sanctuary, you give permission to Immanuel Lutheran Church and School to film or photograph you, and any minor children under the age of 18, and use your likeness on our social media channels and website.

If you would like to limit your time on camera please sit towards the back of the Sanctuary or off to either side.

## Confession & Forgiveness

### Opening Hymn

Today Your Mercy Calls Us

LSB 915

#### Stand

The sign of the cross † may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

**P** In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

**P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

**C** Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

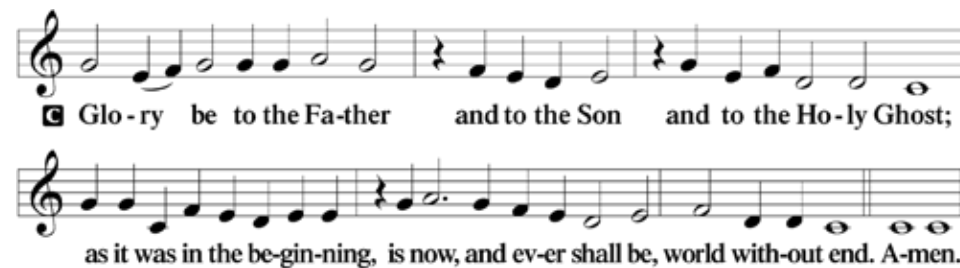
**C** Amen.

## Service of the Word

### Introit *sung by cantor*

Psalm 50:7-10; antiphon: v. 1

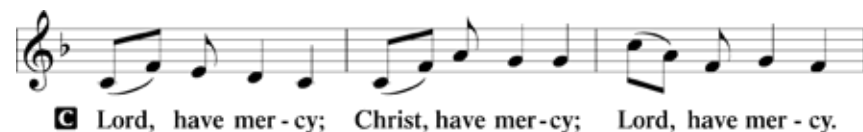
The Mighty One, God the LORD, speaks and sum- I mons the earth\*  
from the rising of the sun to its I setting.  
Hear, O my people, and I will speak; O Israel, I will testify a- I gainst you.\*  
I am I God, your God.  
Not for your sacrifices do I re- I buke you;\*  
your burnt offerings are continually be- I fore me.  
I will not accept a bull I from your house\*  
or goats I from your folds.  
For every beast of the for- I est is mine,\*  
the cattle on a I thousand hills.



The Mighty One, God the LORD, speaks and sum- I mons the earth\*  
from the rising of the sun to its I setting.

### Kyrie *(Lord, Have Mercy)*

LSB 204



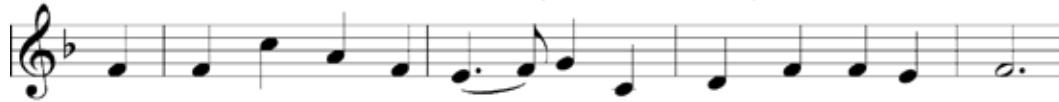
## Hymn of Praise

Gloria in Excelsis (*Glory to God in the Highest*)

LSB 204



**C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

## Salutation and Collect (*Prayer*) of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

**C** Almighty and most merciful God, You sent Your Son, Jesus Christ, to seek and to save the lost. Graciously open our ears and our hearts to hear His call and to follow Him by faith that we may feast with Him forever in His kingdom; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Sit

## Meditation

"Rondo in C Major"  
ILC Handbell Choir

Douglas E. Wagner

## Old Testament Reading

Hosea 5:15—6:6

<sup>15</sup>I will return again to my place,  
until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face,  
and in their distress earnestly seek me.

<sup>1</sup>"Come, let us return to the LORD;  
for he has torn us, that he may heal us;  
he has struck us down, and he will bind us up.

<sup>2</sup>After two days he will revive us;  
on the third day he will raise us up,  
that we may live before him.

<sup>3</sup>Let us know; let us press on to know the LORD;  
his going out is sure as the dawn;  
he will come to us as the showers,  
as the spring rains that water the earth."

<sup>4</sup>What shall I do with you, O Ephraim?  
What shall I do with you, O Judah?  
Your love is like a morning cloud,  
like the dew that goes early away.

<sup>5</sup>Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets;  
I have slain them by the words of my mouth,  
and my judgment goes forth as the light.

<sup>6</sup>For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice,  
the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual | Psalm 145:3, 5b, 6b

*chanted by the cantor*

*Great is the LORD, and greatly | to be praised,\*  
and his greatness is un- | searchable.*

*On your wondrous works, I will | meditate,\*  
and I will declare your | greatness.*

## Epistle

Romans 4:13–25

<sup>13</sup>The promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup>For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup>For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression.

<sup>16</sup>That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, <sup>17</sup>as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. <sup>18</sup>In hope he believed against hope, that he should become the father of many nations, as he had been told, “So shall your offspring be.” <sup>19</sup>He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was as good as dead (since he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. <sup>20</sup>No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, <sup>21</sup>fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. <sup>22</sup>That is why his faith was “counted to him as righteousness.” <sup>23</sup>But the words “it was counted to him” were not written for his sake alone, <sup>24</sup>but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, <sup>25</sup>who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

Stand

**Alleluia and Verse** | Matthew 9:13b

*Sung by the cantor*



*I came not to call the | righteous, \*  
but | sinners.*



## Holy Gospel

Matthew 9:9–13

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the ninth chapter.

**G** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>9</sup>As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he rose and followed him.

<sup>10</sup>And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and his disciples. <sup>11</sup>And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” <sup>12</sup>But when he heard it, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. <sup>13</sup>Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.’ For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**G** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## Apostles’ Creed

**G** **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life † everlasting. Amen.**

Sit

**Hymn of the Day**

Let Me Be Thine Forever

LSB 689

**Sermon**

## Offertory

*"Every Time I Feel the Spirit"* arr. William L. Dawson  
ILC Parish Choir | Soloist: Bruce Pflieger, bass



ILC Online Giving Page

### Offering:

In response to hearing the gospel and receiving God's grace and mercy, we give our offerings to the Lord.  
If you are a guest or visitor this day, please know that there is no expectation for you to give.  
These gifts help provide further growth in ministries here at Immanuel and for the care of those in need.

## Stand

### Prayers of the Church

- P** Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.

### Sharing of the Peace

*The people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. (Matt. 5:22-24; Eph. 4:1-3).*

## Service of the Sacrament

### Preface

LSB 208

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** We lift them to the Lord.
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

## Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy)

LSB 208

**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;  
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.  
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;  
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

### Lord's Prayer

- C** 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.

### The Words of Our Lord

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\mp$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."  
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\mp$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## Pax Domini *(The Peace of the Lord)*

LSB 209

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C** Amen.

## Agnus Dei *(Lamb of God)*

LSB 210

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,  
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

*Sit*

## Communion

*Gluten-free options are available:  
please indicate to the pastor  
if you need one of these.*

*Alcohol free juice options are available  
in the center of each of the  
individual cup communion trays.*

## Communion Anthem

*“Rebel Heart”  
Soloist Ani Yapoujian*

*Lauren Daigle*

## Communion Song

Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God

CCLI Song #4779872

1. Holy Spirit, living Breath of God,  
breathe new life into my willing soul.  
Let the presence of the risen Lord,  
come renew my heart and make me whole.  
Cause Your word to come alive in me;  
Give me faith for what I cannot see,  
Give me passion for Your purity;  
Holy Spirit breathe new life in me.
2. Holy Spirit come abide within,  
may Your joy be seen in all I do.  
Love enough to cover ev'ry sin,  
in each thought and deed and attitude.  
Kindness to the greatest and the least,  
Gentleness that sows the path of peace.  
Turn my strivings into works of grace;  
Breath of God show Christ in all I do.
3. Holy Spirit from creation's birth,  
giving life to all that God has made,  
Show Your power once again on earth,  
Cause Your church to hunger for Your ways.  
Let the fragrance of our pray'rs arise;  
Lead us on the road of sacrifice,  
That in unity the face of Christ  
may be clear for all the world to see.

*Stand*

## Dismissal

- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart  $\mp$  in peace.

**C** Amen.

## Nunc Dimittis (Song of Simeon)

LSB 211

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
 2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All  
 part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
 glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the  
 glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
 Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;  
 A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
 For as in the be - gin - ning, Is  
 to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
 now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -  
 peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
 sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

## Post-Communion Collect

LSB 212

**A** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Benedicamus & Benediction

LSB 212

**A** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
 The Lord make His face shine on you  
 and be gracious to you.  
 The Lord look upon you with favor  
 and ☩ give you peace.

**C** Amen.

## Closing Hymn

Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed  
 stz. 2 women | stz. 4 men

LSB 437

## Postlude

“March on ‘Martyrdom’”

Gordon Youngz

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**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL**  
 Building a firm foundation in a changing world  
 (Matthew 16:13)

*We invite you to join us on  
 Wednesday June 10th at 9:00 am  
 as we thank God for His good gifts  
 and celebrate  
 A Preschool Recognition and  
 Graduation of the Class of 2026*

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# Immanuel Lutheran Church & School

## We thank those who serve today:

*Presiding Minister & Preacher:* Pastor Ryan  
*Assisting Minister:* T.J. Keller  
*Communion Assistant:* Jeri Surovy  
*Acolyte:* Sean Igoe  
*Organist/Minister of Music:* Oyeniran Oyedeji  
*Cantor:* Meg Bond  
*Reader:* T.J. Keller  
*Ushers:* Randy & Rose Salazar, Geoff Lagas,  
and Jim Heimbuecher  
*Greeters:* Tary & Adele Tarlton  
*Altar Guild:* Claire Roehl & Marie Dettling  
*Audio & Visual:* (a) Ted Booth (v) Zach Booth

## through the ministry of music:

*Vocalists:* Karie, Charlotte, & Noelle Neville,  
and Julie Yapoujian  
*Keyboard:* Karie Neville | *Cajon:* Simon Bacher  
*Flute:* Norma Lopez-Burton  
*Violins:* Meg & Alex Bond  
*ILC Handbell Choir*  
*Communion Soloist:* Ani Yapoujian

## this week...

### **Tuesday June 9<sup>th</sup>**

8:30am Men's Mornings @MillPlain  
7:30pm Leadership Team Meeting

### **Wednesday June 10<sup>th</sup>**

6am Men's Mornings @Elmer's  
**9am ILS Closing Chapel and Graduation! ALL Are Welcome!**

9am Immanuel Quilting Group

### **Thursday June 11<sup>th</sup>**

1pm TABS Bible Study  
6:30pm Campus Constructors

### **Saturday June 13<sup>th</sup>**

9am Spiritual Care Meeting  
6:30pm Offsite Bible Study (Walter)

### **Sunday June 14<sup>th</sup>**

9am Divine Worship  
10:30am Family Bible Study  
10:30am Adult Bible Study

## this week we pray for:

- Immanuel Lutheran School  
8th Grade Graduates,  
Safe Fun Summer for  
Students & Staff
- Teddy
- Robert
- Katie Meszaros
- Linda Senior
- Chris Nocito
- Cheryl, John, Mike, Laurie,  
Michele
- Lori Woodruff
- Sara
- Reagan

*Rejoice always, pray continually, give  
thanks in all circumstances; for this is  
God's will for you in Christ Jesus*

*1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

## Altar Flowers today are given:

In Celebration of  
the 6<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Lyra Lagas  
by Geoff & Margaret Lagas



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