

**Saying YES to  
God's No**



*Welcome to Immanuel*

7th Sunday after Pentecost

July 7<sup>th</sup> 2024  
9:00am

## Notes for your time in worship...

We are glad that you have chosen to be in the Lord's house today and pray that God will bless you in this time of worship. The words, "*Stand*," and "*Sit*," are for those who are able. If you are a guest, we ask that you please complete a green Visitor Card, found in the card rack on the back of the pews, and place it in the offering plate.

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

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### We thank those who serve today in worship:

<i>Presiding Minister &amp; Preacher:</i> Pastor Meyer	<i>Organist/Minister of Music:</i> Oyeniran Oyedeji	<i>Greeter:</i> Adele & Tary Tarlton
<i>Assisting Minister</i> Bruce Grogan	<i>Cantor:</i> Julie Yapoujian	<i>Altar Guild:</i> Linda Thunhorst and Michelle Igoe
<i>Communion Assistant:</i> Jeri Surovy	<i>Reader:</i> Loretta Fox	<i>Audio &amp; Visual:</i> (a) Doug Igoe (v) Shane Lindley
<i>Acolyte:</i> Cameron Myruski	<i>Ushers:</i> Tom & Kate Dube and Randy & Rose Salazar	

Altar Flowers today are given...

Eternal Lights this month are given...

Office Lights this month are given...

### We thank those who serve today through the ministry of music:

<i>Vocalists:</i> Loretta Fox, Deanne Schultz, Julie & Ani Yapoujian	<i>Cajon:</i> Simon Bacher  <i>Trumpet:</i> T.J. Keller
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## Preparing for the Lord's Supper

All who receive the Lord's Supper at this church—members and guests alike—are encouraged to use the following questions as a guide to self-examination in preparation for Communion:

- † **“Am I a baptized child of the Heavenly Father?”**  
Acts 2:38-39. Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to Himself.”
- † **“Have I confessed and repented of my sins?”**  
Matthew 3:2. “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”
- † **“Do I trust that Jesus Christ alone is my Savior from sin?”**  
1 John 1:7. But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.
- † **“Do I believe that in this Blessed Sacrament (Holy Communion) I am receiving the actual body and blood of Christ, under the bread and wine, for the forgiveness of my sins?”**  
Matthew 26:26-28. Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, “Take, eat; this is My body.” And He took a cup, and when He had given thanks He gave it to them, saying, “Drink of it, all of you, for this is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.”
- † **“Do I intend, with the Lord's help, to amend my sinful life?”**  
Galatians 5:22-25. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.

If, in good conscience, you are unable to affirm the above questions, we invite you to come forward for a blessing. Simply cross your arms in front of you and the pastor or lay minister will offer a blessing to you.

**Offerings** are given as a response of all God's gifts given to us.

2 Corinthians 9:7-8 states:

*“Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.”*

As a member of Immanuel, we are called to support the mission and ministry of ILCS. If you are a guest or visitor this day, please know that there is no expectation for you to give.

We do invite you to fill out the visitor card and place it in the offering plate so that we can share with you all the ministries of Immanuel.

## Preparation for Worship

Our worship begins with the prelude. The prelude invites us to prepare our hearts and minds for worship. We invite you to separate yourselves from the clutter of everyday life and focus on God through prayerful meditation.

*What does this look like?*

- Close your eyes and take some deep breaths.
- Meditate upon the scripture lessons for today, listed in the bulletin.
- Read the “Before worship” prayer located in the front of the hymnal.
- Silence your phone and silence your mind.

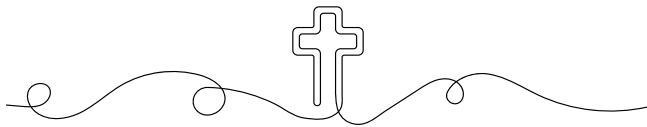
Once the prelude begins, usually five minutes before the service, please refrain from loud conversation. The sanctuary, where the pews are, is a place of worship. While you are encouraged to welcome your brothers and sisters in Christ, we ask that you speak softly so as not to interrupt those who are taking this time to focus on God through the music presented.

## 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. If you have any concerns, please speak with one of the ushers before or after service today.

**We are looking for volunteers. Are you interested in learning how to become part of the AV team? Contact the church office to let us know.**



## Prelude

“Reflections on ‘America’”

arr. Hugh S. Livingston, Jr.

## Chiming of the Hour

## Welcome

*Stand*

## Opening Hymn

Before You, Lord, We Bow

LSB 966

## ✠ Confession & Forgiveness ✠

*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

*Psalm 132:13–16; antiphon: Psalm 34:8*

Oh, taste and see that the | LORD is good!\*

Blessèd is the man who takes ref- | uge in him!

For the LORD has chosen | Zion;\*

he has desired it for his | dwelling place:

“This is my resting place for- | ever;\*

here I will dwell, for I have de- | sired it.

I will abundantly bless her pro- | visions;\*

I will satisfy her | poor with bread.

Her priests I will clothe with sal- | vation,\*

and her saints will | shout for joy.”



**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***  
**and to the Holy | Spirit;**  
**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***  
**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

Oh, taste and see that the | LORD is good!\*

Blessèd is the man who takes ref- | uge in him!

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



**Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.**

LSB 204

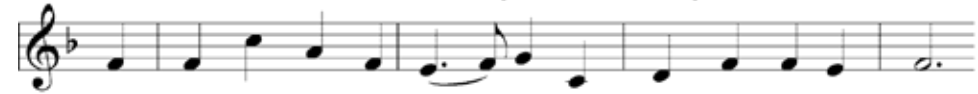
## Hymn of Praise

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

LSB 204



**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-shipped 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** O God, Your almighty power is made known chiefly in showing mercy. Grant us the fullness of Your grace that we may be called to repentance and made partakers of Your heavenly treasures; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 2:1–5

<sup>1</sup>He said to me, “Son of man, stand on your feet, and I will speak with you.” <sup>2</sup>And as he spoke to me, the Spirit entered into me and set me on my feet, and I heard him speaking to me. <sup>3</sup>And he said to me, “Son of man, I send you to the people of Israel, to nations of rebels, who have rebelled against me. They and their fathers have transgressed against me to this very day. <sup>4</sup>The descendants also are impudent and stubborn: I send you to them, and you shall say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD.’ <sup>5</sup>And whether they hear or refuse to hear (*for they are a rebellious house*) they will know that a prophet has been among them.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual

Romans 11:33,36

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowl- | edge of God! \*  
How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable | his ways!  
For from him and through him and to him are | all things.\*  
To him be glory forever. | Amen.

## Epistle

2 Corinthians 12:1–10

<sup>1</sup>I must go on boasting. Though there is nothing to be gained by it, I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. <sup>2</sup>I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. <sup>3</sup>And I know that this man was caught up into paradise—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows— <sup>4</sup>and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. <sup>5</sup>On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. <sup>6</sup>Though if I should wish to boast, I would not be a fool, for I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. <sup>7</sup>So to keep me from being too elated by the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. <sup>8</sup>Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. <sup>9</sup>But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. <sup>10</sup>For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

## Alleluia and Verse

Mark 6:13



Cantor Sings

They cast out many | demons  
and anointed with oil many who were sick and | healed them.



## Holy Gospel

Mark 6:1–13

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus] went away from there and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. <sup>2</sup>And on the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished, saying, “Where did this man get these things? What is the wisdom given to him? How are such mighty works done by his hands? <sup>3</sup>Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. <sup>4</sup>And Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor, except in his hometown and among his relatives and in his own household.” <sup>5</sup>And he could do no mighty work there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and healed them. <sup>6</sup>And he marveled because of their unbelief.

And he went about among the villages teaching.

<sup>7</sup>And he called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. <sup>8</sup>He charged them to take nothing for their journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in their belts— <sup>9</sup>but to wear sandals and not put on two tunics. <sup>10</sup>And he said to them, “Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you depart from there. <sup>11</sup>And if any place will not receive you and they will not listen to you, when you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” <sup>12</sup>So they went out and proclaimed that people should repent. <sup>13</sup>And they cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and healed them.

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

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

## Apostles' Creed

**C** 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

How Firm a Foundation  
stz. 2 women | stz. 4 men

LSB 728

### Sermon

### Offering

### Offertory Anthem

*"America the Beautiful"*  
ILC Praise Band

*Bates/Ward, arr. Galbraith*

*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

**P** Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

**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  $\dagger$  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  $\dagger$  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)*

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

**C** Amen.

LSB 209

## 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 Hymn

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

LSB 770

## Communion Hymn

Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling

LSB 827

*Stand*

## Dismissal

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

God Bless Our Native Land

LSB 965

## Postlude

"A Hymn for the Nation"

Gilbert M. Martin

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## This Week @Immanuel...



• **Sunday July 7th**

9:00am Worship Service

• **Wednesday July 10th**

6:00am Men's Mornings @Elmer's

## No ADULT BIBLE STUDY Today July 7<sup>th</sup>

## This week we pray for...

• Mary & John

*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*

## Coming Up @Immanuel...

• **Congregational Meeting**

July 14<sup>th</sup> following worship

• **Immanuel Family Picnic**

Sunday September 8<sup>th</sup>

• **Senior Summer Seminar**

Faith • Hope • Love

August 6<sup>th</sup> - August 8<sup>th</sup>

• **Veterans Day Cabaret**

Saturday November 9<sup>th</sup>



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## Join Us Sundays

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### Sunday Worship

Sunday mornings at 9:00am

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