

Immanuel Lutheran Church
Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod



The Divine Service III
The Second Sunday after Pentecost
June 7, 2026
10:00am

3000 West Main Street
Kalamazoo, MI 49006

AS WE GATHER

God's richest blessings on your worship here with us! When translating the Bible into a new language the book of Romans is often one of the first to be done. Its depth and scope is truly marvelous to behold. This summer the lectionary focuses its Epistle readings on the book of Romans, and we will be doing the same. Today we hear about the faith of Abraham, and how God counted it to him as righteousness. What gave Abraham such faith, and how can we have a similar faith?

PRELUDE

SARA MCGARVEY, MUSIC DIRECTOR

WELCOME TO IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH!

** The congregation will stand for sections beginning with an asterisk.*

*ENTRANCE HYMN

GOD IS HERE!

WOV 719

*INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Cong: Amen.

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

Cong: who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

Cong: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for self-reflection

Pastor: O almighty God, merciful Father,

Cong: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Pastor: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Cong: Amen.

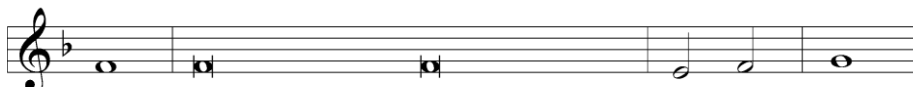
***KYRIE**

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

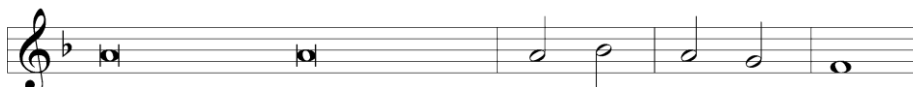
GLORIA



Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



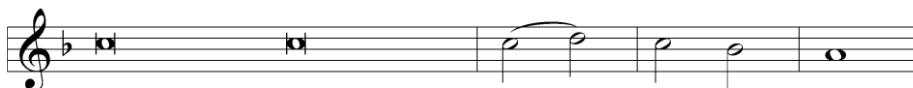
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



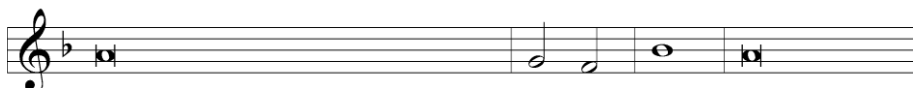
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.



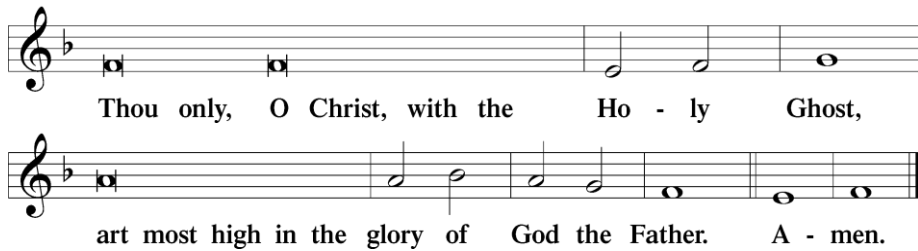
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.



***SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Cong: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray.

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.

Cong: Amen.

FIRST READING

HOSEA 5:15-6:6 (ESV)

Lector: I will return again to my place,
 until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face,
 and in their distress earnestly seek me.
 “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.
 After two days he will revive us;
 on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him.
 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.”
 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.
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.
For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice,
the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

Cong: Thanks be to God.

PSALM

PSALM 119:65-72 (ESV)

Lector: You have dealt well with your servant,

Cong: O Lord, according to your word.

Lector: Teach me good judgment and knowledge,

Cong: for I believe in your commandments.

Lector: Before I was afflicted I went astray,

Cong: but now I keep your word.

Lector: You are good and do good;

Cong: teach me your statutes.

Lector: The insolent smear me with lies,

Cong: but with my whole heart I keep your precepts;

Lector: their heart is unfeeling like fat,

Cong: but I delight in your law.

Lector: It is good for me that I was afflicted,

Cong: that I might learn your statutes.

Lector: The law of your mouth is better to me

Cong: than thousands of gold and silver pieces.

**Cong: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

*HOLY GOSPEL

MATTHEW 9:9-13 (ESV)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the ninth chapter.



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.

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

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

LSB 507



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore Thee,
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide Thee,
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to Thee;
Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
Though the eye of sin - ful man Thy glo - ry may not see,
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!
Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore Thee,
On - ly Thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side Thee,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
Which wert and art and ev - er - more shalt be.
Per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pu - ri - ty.
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

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SERMON

REV. JOSHUA GROTELUESCHEN

Pastor: The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Cong: Amen.

***APOSTLES' CREED**

**Cong: 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.**

***PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**Lector: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all
people according to their needs.**

O Lord, You strike down and You heal. Though we justly deserve
Your wrath for our sin, revive us and raise us up, that we may live
before You forever. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong: hear our prayer.

**Lector: Gracious God, Your Son called Matthew from his tax booth to be an
apostle who proclaimed salvation. Continue to call men into Your
Holy Ministry, and endow them with every good gift to proclaim Your
Word and administer Your Sacraments in righteousness. Lord, in Your
mercy,**

Cong: hear our prayer.

Lector: Father in heaven, by Your grace Abraham did not weaken in faith but trusted Your promises. Strengthen parents to persist in their callings and train their children in Your Word and ways. Defend them from discouragement and apathy, and convince them that You are able to do what You have promised. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong: hear our prayer.

Lector: Creator of all things, You call into existence what does not exist and govern it for good. Remember those You have given authority among the nations, that the laws they administer might reflect Your order and maintain peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong: hear our prayer.

Lector: Gracious Lord, You are the great Physician of both body and soul. Look with compassion on those who are suffering from illness, including those on our prayer list and those held closely in our hearts (*pause.*) If it be Your will, give them a full restoration to health and strength. In the midst of these difficulties, O Lord, keep them firm in their faith and trust, that they might never doubt Your presence and love for them. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong: hear our prayer.

Lector: Righteous God, since Your Son was handed over for our trespasses and raised again for our justification, grant the forgiveness of sins to all who receive the Lord's Supper this day. Lead us to hold firmly to Your promises, that the presence of Christ's crucified and risen body may nourish and strengthen us in our faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong: hear our prayer.

Lector: Holy God, You desire mercy and not sacrifice. Preserve us from doing good only out of a grudging obligation. Grant us joyful hearts that serve our neighbor in love, in thankfulness for the good You have done for us in Jesus Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong: hear our prayer.

Lector: Holy Father, receive our thanks for Your kindness to Abraham, Sarah and all the saints who have gone before us. Preserve us in faith and in righteousness, that we, too, may give You glory now and forever.
Lord, in Your mercy,
Cong: hear our prayer.

Pastor: We entrust all these petitions to Your care, loving Father, confident in Your great mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who is worshiped together with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Cong: Amen.

***PEACE**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
Cong: And also with you.

Please greet one another with a gesture of peace, using these or similar words: “Peace be with you.”

OFFERING

There are plates offered in the back of the church. If you would like to donate via ACH from your checking or savings account (through the Vanco Mobile App or the Vanco Website) or by Credit/Debit Card (through the Clover website), please scan the appropriate QR code below. A credit card reader is available upon request. Please ask an usher for assistance.

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OFFERTORY

CREATE IN ME

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new
a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way
from Thy pres - ence; and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va - tion;
and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

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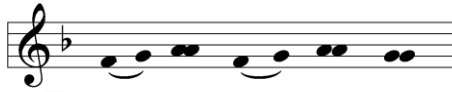
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We ask our guests to review our understanding and practice of communion on the back page of this worship folder.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.



P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.



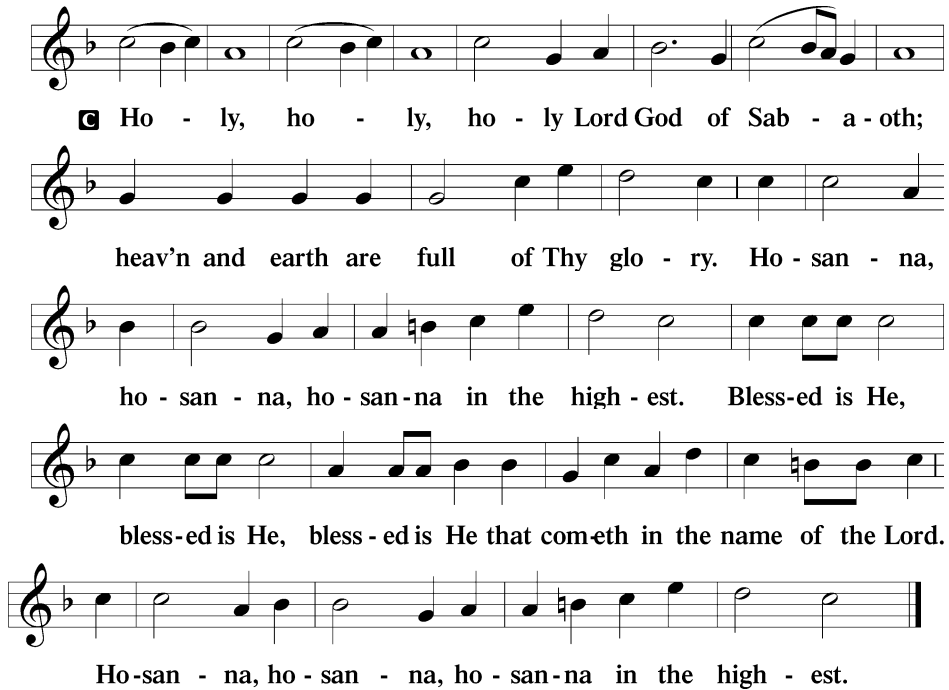
P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



C It is meet and right so to do.

Pastor: It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

*SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,
ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,
bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

*THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Pastor: 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 ✠ 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 ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

***LORD'S PRAYER**

Cong: 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.

***PAX DOMINI**

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Cong: Amen.

***AGNUS DEI ~ LAMB OF GOD**

□ O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the
world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that
tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the
world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

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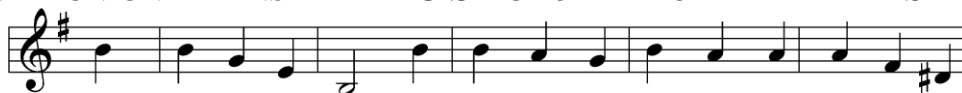
COMMUNION

{INTENTIONAL TIME OF QUIET MEDITATION}

COMMUNION HYMNS

O SING TO THE LORD

LSB 808



1 O sing to the Lord, O sing God a new song. O sing to the
2 For God is the Lord! And God has done won-ders. For God is the
3 So dance for our God And blow all the trum-pets. So dance for our
4 O shout to our God, Who gave us the Spir - it. O shout to our
5 For Je - sus is Lord! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia! For Je - sus is



Lord, O sing God a new song. O sing to the Lord, O
Lord! And God has done won-ders. For God is the Lord! And
God And blow all the trum-pets. So dance for our God And
God, Who gave us the Spir - it. O shout to our God, Who
Lord! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia! For Je - sus is Lord! A -



sing God a new song. O sing to our God, O sing to our God.
God has done won-ders. O sing to our God, O sing to our God.
blow all the trum - pets. And sing to our God, And sing to our God.
gave us the Spir - it. O sing to our God, O sing to our God.
men! Al - le - lu - ia! O sing to our God, O sing to our God.

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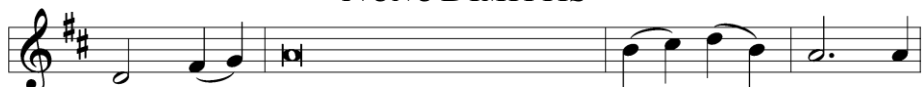
WOV 693

WE COME TO THE HUNGRY FEAST

WOV 766

***POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE**

NUNC DIMITTIS




Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-



cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,



which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,



a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy



peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and



to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,



is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

***POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

Pastor: 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.

Cong: Amen.

BLESSING

Pastor: Bless we the Lord.

Cong: Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

Cong: Amen, amen, amen.

CLOSING HYMN

HALLELUJAH! WE SING YOUR PRAISES

WOV 722

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship Assistants/Serving Schedule

	Acolyte	Altar	Usher	Lector	Worship Assistant	Coffee Hour
Sunday 6/7/2026	Linus & Ezra Mandrick	Amber Townsend	Kim Sharp	John Quardokus	Denny Patzer & John Quardokus	Beth Mitchell
Sunday 6/14/2026	Eliora & Caviion Beck	Patti Wills	Randy Horneber	Dave Mandrick	Larry Baumgart & Craig Anderson	Jan Schaffer— Coffee Kelly Q-- snacks
Sunday 6/21/2026	Genevieve Miller & Rory Beck	Kim Sharp	Ron Swinehart	John Hecht	Bill Stewart & Ron Swinehart	AnnMarie & Phillip Miller
Sunday 6/28/2026	Maddie & Ellie Hernandez	Jane Schley	John Hecht	Andrew Lustila	Mark Miller & Andrew Lustila	Maryalice Reck
Sunday 7/5/2026	Cailyn & Kyrie Hecht	Rita Clarke	Kim Sharp	John Krueger	Denny Patzer & John Quardokus	Jane Schley— Coffee ??--Snacks
Sunday 7/12/2026	Linus & Ezra Mandrick	Kim Sharp	Randy Horneber	Mark Miller	Larry Baumgart & Craig Anderson	Shelly R— Coffee Vivian W-- snacks
Sunday 7/19/2026	Eliora & Caviion Beck	Amber Townsend	Ron Swinehart	Ninah Miller	Bill Stewart & Ron Swinehart	Rita Clarke

CHURCH CALENDAR

June's MISSION: Shalom, Inc.

SUNDAY	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
7 10 AM COMMUNION SERVICE 11:30AM BIBLE STUDY W/ PASTOR	8	9 10AM WILLS' BIBLE STUDY @ILC	10	11	12	13 10-3 MARY & MARTHA CRAFT DAY
14 10 AM COMMUNION SERVICE 3-4 PM WEDDING SHOWER FOR PASTOR & JULIETTE	15	16 10AM WILLS' BIBLE STUDY @ILC	17	18* 7PM CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING	19	20
21 10 AM COMMUNION SERVICE 11:30AM VOTERS ASSEMBLY MEETING	22	23 10AM WILLS' BIBLE STUDY @ILC	24	25	26	27
28 10 AM COMMUNION SERVICE 11:30AM  DIAMOND BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON @ ILC	29	30 10AM WILLS' BIBLE STUDY @ILC	JULY 1	2	3	4 
5 10 AM COMMUNION SERVICE	6	7 10AM WILLS' BIBLE STUDY @ILC	8	9	10	11 10AM-3PM MARY MARTHA CRAFT DAY
12 10 AM COMMUNION SERVICE	13	14 10AM WILLS' BIBLE STUDY @ILC	15	16	17	18
19 10 AM COMMUNION SERVICE	20	21 10AM WILLS' BIBLE STUDY @ILC	22	23	24	25

*Ailene will be on vacation through June 18th.



ILLNESS/SPECIAL NEED:

GRIEF:

THANKSGIVING:

HOMEBOUND: Marian Brugh, Ellen Plano, John Curtiss, and Jerome Dirst.

IMMANUEL PRAYER LIST

LONG TERM CONCERNS

Rose Maxum , requested by Chuck and Amber Townsend	Susan & Gregory Fritz , Stephanie Beck's parents
Amy Stillwell , sister of Dave Reynolds and daughter of Mary Reynolds	Mary Ann Massey , friend of Dotty Smith
Bob Perri , brother of Phil Perri	Craig Rennhack , requested by Bob & Maryalice Reck
John Blasko , requested by Elizabeth Blasko	Mindy Mitchell , sister of Shelly Reynolds
Kyle Reinbold Family , requested by Kyle's sister, Sonya DeVary	James Leo Brown , requested by Shelly and Dave Reynolds
Karen McDougall , requested by Sue Steuer	Jim Sabo , friend of Susan Steuer
Katie VerKow , former member of Immanuel, requested by Phil Roekle	Lucille Fritz , requested by Jonathan Fritz
Vicki Dilley , requested by Christa & Phil Perri	Bill Brink , Christie Sidwell's brother
Joanne Cleason , Esther Cleason's daughter	Melissa , friend of Dotty Smith and daughter Laura
	Hannah Bayer , requested by her father
Lisa and David Wentzel , Sue Steuer's cousins	Jerry and Sandi McKenzie , friends of Dotty Smith
Ware Washam , requested by Brian Long	Sandy Hale , requested by Stephen Presdorf
Gene Jennings	Jeri Noneman
Loren Gerber , Sue Anderson's father	Kay Hecht , John Hecht's mother
Sharon S. , requested by Dotty Smith	Beth Mitchell
Laura Mattson Hugill , former ILC member	Charlie Miller , Marian Brugh's brother
Deb , friend of Sue Steuer	Jason , son-in-law of Sue & Craig Anderson
Sophie Rose Verile , Brindley's grandniece	Karen Petersen , daughter of Cathy & Tom Mollet
Linda & Scott Spurlock , req. by Esther C.	Justin Nickels , requested by Justin Beck
Merry Linn , Sally Crawford's sister	Marilyn Borgeson , Annie Hecht's grandmother
Mae Westphal , Vivian's & Wayne's granddaughter	Lynne Partridge , friend of Christa Perri
Thomas Nault , Sue Wagner's cousin	Gus Reck , grandson of Bob & Maryalice Reck
Dotty Smith	Otto , Pastor Quardokus' grandson
Helen Roekle	Theo Yoakam , Cheryl Schreiber's great grandson
Marian Brugh and son Brian	Nicholas Jackson
Gene Jennings	Rita Presdorf , Stephen Presdorf's mother
Kim N., Emilie H., & Sydney B. , all friends of Kim Sharp; and River Lint	
All Crossroads Prison Ministry students from all congregations around the country	
Immanuel members: Gail Stewart, Dolly Bryan, Shelly Reynolds, Tina Lauer, Jerome Dirst & John Miller	



Please join us for
Craft Day and Lunch
(Everyone is welcome!)



Saturday, June 13, 2026



10am- 3:00pm



Come create with us!!

Bring your crafting supplies with you and we'll have lunch together.

Let us know you're coming and how many people will be coming with you by signing up! If you can help provide salad fixings or other foods/goodies for the group, please sign up for that too.

(Feel free to invite your family, friends, and neighbors!)



Whole Congregation
**WEDDING
SHOWER**

Honoring
**JULIETTE &
PASTOR JOSH**

**Sunday June 14
3:00-4:30pm**

Immanual -Fellowship Hall

What to bring-
Men- Favorite household
helper
Women -Date night builder

RSVP: ON SIGN UP SHEET



You are all cordially invited to attend a

Diamond Birthday Luncheon...

*To help us celebrate all of the
stars (people) in our congregation
that are 75 years and older!*

When: Sunday, June 28th, 2026
(directly after the 10am worship service)

A light luncheon will be provided on the garden level of the church.
Please let us know you are coming by signing up on the board in the narthex!
Thank-you!

Take Home Discussions

Sunday, June 7, 2026

God is not just with us on Sunday Morning, but every day. Therefore, we should reflect on him every day. Feel free to study these verses, and ask these questions to yourselves, your family, friends and coworkers throughout this week. If you have any questions on any of these, or just want to talk about them further, feel free to reach out to Pastor Josh as well, he would love to have these conversations with you.

Monday- Acts 13:32-33

What promises of God were fulfilled in Jesus? What did the people of the Old Testament have to do with these promises in order to be saved?

Tuesday- Romans 3:21-31

Are there promises of God that seem hard to believe in? How are we like Abraham when we have faith in these promises?

Wednesday- Genesis 15:1-6

When Abram doubts, the Lord tells him his promises again. How did this strengthen Abram's faith? Similarly, how can we strengthen our faith?

Thursday- Matthew 9:18-26

How does Jesus respond to the woman who touched his robe? What did she have faith in, and how did it save her?

Friday- Psalm 113

How does recalling the works of the Lord, like this Psalm does, restore our faith in him? Is there anything he cannot do for his people?

Saturday- Daniel 3:16-18

What did these three men trust that God would be able to do? How was their faith rewarded?



THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Our Belief and Practice

Our congregation believes that Holy Communion is a gift of Christ to His Church. Out of loving concern for the communicants and our understanding of the Holy Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions, we request that those who commune here:

1. Be Baptized Christians.
2. Are mature enough to examine themselves, recognizing their sin and their need for God's grace. (*1 Corinthians 11:28*)
3. Believe that in Holy Communion they receive Christ's body and blood in, with, and under the bread and wine for the gracious remission of their sins. (*Matthew 26:26-28*)
3. Do so without giving offense to others. (i.e., Willing to forgive and be reconciled) (*Matthew 18:15-17*)

Guests of the congregation, who are instructed in Luther's Small Catechism, are welcome to receive Holy Communion. All others are asked to speak with the pastor regarding the sacrament. Non-communicating children may join their parents. Communicants may choose from the Common Cup or individual cups.

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