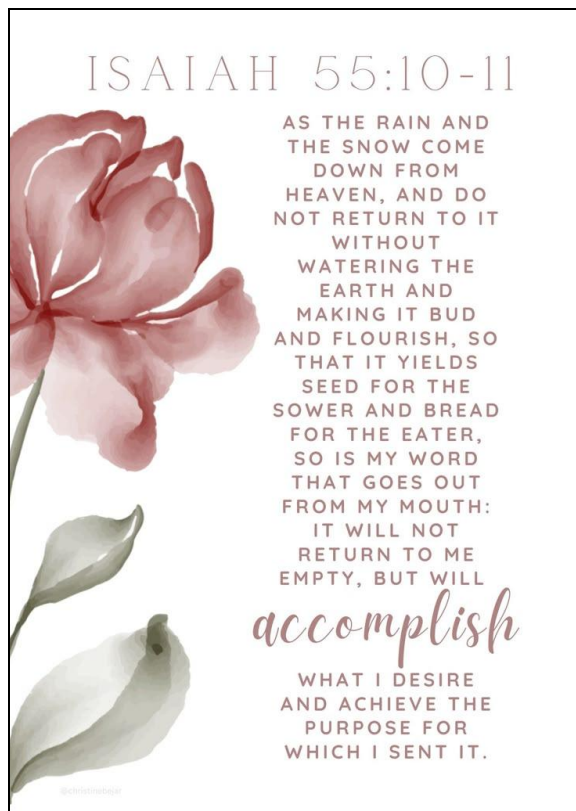


IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod



THE DIVINE SERVICE IV

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 12, 2026
10:00am

3000 West Main Street
Kalamazoo, MI 49006

AS WE GATHER

God's richest blessings on your worship here with us! Today we discuss what it means to be the Adopted children of God, and how wonderful it is to call God Abba, Father. This is a title and privilege that we often take for granted because of how often we use the title "Children of God." But today we will reflect on the depth of God's love that he would adopt us, and look forward to what it means to live as his children both in this life and the next.

PRELUDE

SARA MCGARVEY, MUSIC DIRECTOR

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

WELCOME TO IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH!

*ENTRANCE HYMN

CHILDREN OF THE HEAVENLY FATHER

LSB 725

1 Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther Safe - ly
2 God His own doth tend and nour - ish; In His
3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er From the
4 Though He giv - eth or He tak - eth, God His

in His bos - om gath - er; Nest - ling bird nor star in
ho - ly courts they flour - ish. From all e - vil things He
Lord His chil - dren sev - er; Un - to them His grace He
chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth; His the lov - ing pur - pose

heav - en Such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
spares them; In His might - y arms He bears them.
show - eth, And their sor - rows all He know - eth.
sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

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*CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*INVOCATION

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

Cong: Amen.

*CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

Cong: who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

Cong: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore, You are feared.

Pastor: 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.

Kneel/stand

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

Pastor: 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.

Cong: Amen.

*KYRIE



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

*GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



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-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.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

*SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Cong: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Cong: Amen.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord, our Lord Jesus Christ said to His apostles: “Whoever confesses Me before men, I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven.” Lift up your hearts, therefore, to the God of all grace and joyfully give answer to what I now ask you in the name of the Lord.

Pastor: Do you this day in the presence of God and of this congregation acknowledge the gifts that God gave you in your Baptism?

Respondents: *Yes, I do.*

Pastor: Do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways?

Respondents: *Yes, I renounce them.*

Pastor: Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord, and in the Holy Spirit?

Respondents: *Yes, I believe in God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

Pastor: Do you hold all the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures to be the inspired Word of God and the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, drawn from them and confessed in the Small Catechism, to be faithful and true?

Respondents: *I do.*

Pastor: Do you intend to hear the Word of God and receive the Lord’s Supper faithfully?

Respondents: *I do, by the grace of God.*

Pastor: Do you intend to live according to the Word of God, and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, even to death?

Respondents: *I do, by the grace of God.*

Pastor: Do you intend to continue steadfast in this confession and Church and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it?

Respondents: *I do, by the grace of God.*

Pastor: Do you desire to become a member of this congregation?

Respondents: *I do.*

Pastor: Will you support the work our gracious Lord has given this congregation with your prayers and the gifts God has given you?

Respondents: *I will, with the help of God.*

Pastor: Upon this your confession of faith, I acknowledge publicly that you are members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church and of this congregation. Receive the Lord's Supper and participate with us in all the blessings of salvation that our Lord has given to His Church, in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Cong: **Amen.**

Pastor: Go in peace and joy. The grace of our ✠ Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Cong: **Amen.**

FIRST READING

ISAIAH 55:10-13 (ESV)

Lector: As the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return to it without watering the earth
and making it bud and flourish,
so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater,
so is my word that goes out from my mouth:
It will not return to me empty,
but will accomplish what I desire
and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.
You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace;
the mountains and hills will burst into song before you,
and all the trees of the field will clap their hands.
Instead of the thornbush will grow the juniper,

and instead of briers the myrtle will grow.
This will be for the Lord's renown,
for an everlasting sign, that will endure forever."

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

Cong: Thanks be to God.

PSALM

PSALM 65:9-13 (ESV)

Lector: You care for the land and water it;

Cong: you enrich it abundantly.

Lector: The streams of God are filled with water

**Cong: to provide the people with grain,
for so you have ordained it.**

Lector: You drench its furrows and level its ridges;

Cong: you soften it with showers and bless its crops.

Lector: You crown the year with your bounty,

Cong: and your carts overflow with abundance.

Lector: The grasslands of the wilderness overflow;

Cong: the hills are clothed with gladness.

Lector: The meadows are covered with flocks

**Cong: and the valleys are mantled with grain;
they shout for joy and sing.**

**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.**

SECOND READING

ROMANS 8:12-17 (ESV)

Lector: Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation—but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it. For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, “*Abba*, Father.” The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

Cong: Thanks be to God.

*ALLELUIA AND VERSE



***HOLY GOSPEL**

MATTHEW 13:1-9, 18-23 (ESV)

Pastor: The holy gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.

Cong: Glory to You, O Lord.

Pastor: That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. Then he told them many things in parables, saying: “A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. Whoever has ears, let them hear.”

“Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the path. The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful. But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Cong: Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY*FATHER WELCOMES****LSB 605**

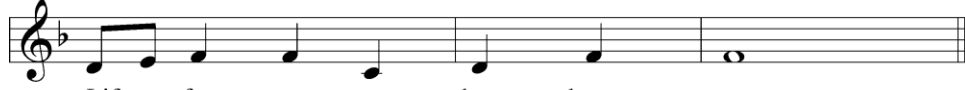
Refrain



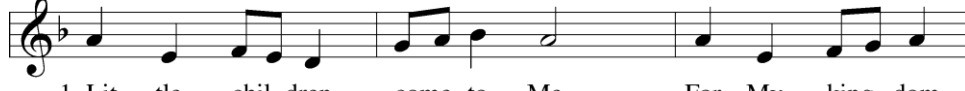
Fa - ther wel-comes all His chil - dren To His fam - 'ly



through His Son. Fa - ther giv - ing His sal - va - tion,



Life for - ev - er has been won.



1 Lit - tle chil - dren, come to Me, For My king - dom
2 In the wa - ter, in the Word, In His prom - ise,
3 Let us dai - ly die to sin; Let us dai - ly



is of these. Life and love I have to give,
be as - sured: Those who are bap - tized and be - lieve
rise with Him, Walk in the love of Christ our Lord,



Refrain

Mer - cy for your sin.
Shall be born a - gain.
Live in the peace of God.

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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.

***NICENE CREED**

**Cong: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God, begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the
dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and
glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✠ of the world to come. 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.

Holy Lord, Your Word does not return to You empty but accomplishes Your purpose. By Your Spirit, make our hearts good soil for Your Word, that by such faith we may bring forth in our lives the good works to which You have called us. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong: hear our prayer.

Lector: Lord of life, continue to sow Your Word through the fields of the earth. Bless pastors and missionaries as they proclaim Your truth. Prepare the hearts of all who hear to believe and yield abundant fruit. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong: hear our prayer.

Lector: Heavenly Father, bless parents with faithfulness as they plant Your Word into their children, that they may grow steadfast among the cares and troubles of this world. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong: hear our prayer.

Lector: Almighty God, all the nations of the earth are Yours, and besides You there is no other God. Give our leaders the desire for peace and stability and the ability to govern wisely. Let them plead the cause of widows and orphans and serve the needs of the least among us. Bring an end to war and strife, and allow all to live in peace and safety. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong: hear our prayer.

Lector: O Lord, look with mercy upon those who suffer from illness of body or mind, especially those on our prayer list and those held closely in our hearts (*pause*). Give them healing. Comfort them with Your presence. Grant them patience to endure suffering, and assure them at all times that they are Your dear children and that the glory of Christ awaits them. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong: hear our prayer.

Lector: Holy God, You provide bread for the eater and Your Word for our salvation. By Your grace, give us this day Your Son's body and blood, that we may have joy and peace in God's loving care. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong: hear our prayer.

Lector: Merciful Lord, we give You thanks for the many blessings You pour out upon us. Preserve us by Your Word, that our faith might not be choked by the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches, but that we may use all Your gifts in faithful service to You and our neighbors. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Cong: Amen.

***PEACE**

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

Cong: And also with you.

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

OFFERING

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*OFFERTORY

CREATE IN ME

LSB 956

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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*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**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Cong: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

Cong: **We lift them unto the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God

Cong: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Pastor: 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 saying:

*SANCTUS



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!

*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."

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

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

***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

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.

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COMMUNION HYMNS

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WOV 699

I RECEIVED THE LIVING GOD

WOV 700

I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE

WOV 702

***POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

Pastor: 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 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**

Assist: Let us bless the Lord.

Cong: Thanks be to God.

Pastor: 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.

Cong: Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN**

GOD'S OWN CHILD, I GLADLY SAY IT

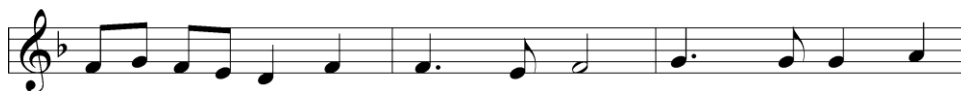
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1 God's own child, I glad - ly say it: I am bap-tized
 2 Sin, dis - turb my soul no long - er: I am bap-tized
 3 Sa - tan, hear this proc - la - ma - tion: I am bap-tized
 4 Death, you can - not end my glad-ness: I am bap-tized
 5 There is noth - ing worth com-par - ing To this life-long



in - to Christ! He, be - cause I could not pay it,
 in - to Christ! I have com - fort e - ven strong-er:
 in - to Christ! Drop your ug - ly ac - cu - sa - tion,
 in - to Christ! When I die, I leave all sad - ness
 com - fort sure! O - pen - eyed my grave is star - ing:



Gave my full re - demp - tion price. Do I need earth's
 Je - sus' cleans-ing sac - ri - fice. Should a guilt - y
 I am not so soon en - ticed. Now that to the
 To in - her - it par - a - dise! Though I lie in
 E - ven there I'll sleep se - cure. Though my flesh a -



trea - sures man - y? I have one worth
 con - science seize me Since my Bap - tism
 font I've trav - eled, All your might has
 dust and ash - es Faith's as - sur - ance
 waits its rais - ing, Still my soul con -



more than an - y That brought me sal -
 did re - lease me In a dear for -
 come un - rav - eled, And, a - gainst your
 bright - ly flash - es: Bap - tism has the
 tin - ues prais - ing: I am bap - tized



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ANNOUNCEMENTS



THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE invites you to “walk in the footsteps of Jesus” as we walk around our Westwood neighborhood and pray for our neighbors. The Prayer Walk will take place on Sunday, August 30th, directly after the morning service and refreshments. Make sure to wear comfortable shoes! In case of rain, we will have a “Popcorn Prayer” vigil indoors.

Please sign up in the narthex no later than August 18th.

If you have any questions, feel free to ask Pastor, Beth Mitchell, Pam Brelje, or Linda Richter.



ILLNESS/SPECIAL NEED:

Esther requests prayers for her niece, **Nancy Barksdale**, who has not regained consciousness after suffering a stroke on June 14th. She also request prayers for **Jeff Baker**, the son of Esther's neighbor, as he receives medical care for his kidneys.

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
Jeff Baker , requested by Esther Cleason	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
Judy & Fred Lorenz , brother & sister-in-law of Esther Cleason and Nancy Barksdale , Esther's niece.	Amy Stillwell , sister of Dave Reynolds and daughter of Mary Reynolds
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	

Worship Assistants/Serving Schedule

	Acolyte	Altar	Usher	Lector	Worship Assistant	Coffee Hour
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	John Quardokus & Ron Swinehart	Rita Clarke
Sunday 7/26/2026	Genevieve Miller & Rory Beck	Vivian Westphal	John Hecht	John Quardokus	Mark Miller & Andrew Lustila*	Amber & Chuck Townsend
Sunday 8/2/2026	Maddie & Ellie Hernandez	Amber Townsend	Kim Sharp	Dave Mandrick	Denny Patzer & John Quardokus	Dave Reynolds
Sunday 8/9/2026	Cailyn & Kyrie Hecht	Jane Schley	Randy Horneber	John Hecht	Larry Baumgart & Craig Anderson	Amber & Chuck Townsend
Sunday 8/16/2026	Linus & Ezra Mandrick	Vivian Westphal	Ron Swinehart	Andrew Lustila	John Quardokus & Ron Swinehart	Michaela H-H & daughters

**Worship Assistants: Please note that the lineup will change slightly beginning in August with Andrew Lustila's departure. Specifically, Mark Miller will then be paired with Denny Patzer going forward. If Andrew leaves prior to 7/26/26 when he is next scheduled, someone will have to dub in for him.*

CHURCH CALENDAR

July's MISSION: LCMS MI District

SUNDAY	MON	TUES	WED	THUR S	FRI	SAT
12 10 AM COMMUNION SERVICE 11:30AM NEW MEMBER RECEPTION	13	14 6:30AM MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST 7:00PM BIBLE STUDY--@ ILC	15	16	17*	18
19 10 AM COMMUNION SERVICE--IQBAL	20	21 7:00PM BIBLE STUDY--@ ILC	22	23	24*	25
26 10 AM COMMUNION SERVICE 11:30AM BIBLE STUDY W/PASTOR	27	28 7:00PM BIBLE STUDY--@ ILC	29	30	31	AUG 1
2 10 AM COMMUNION SERVICE 11:30AM BIBLE STUDY W/PASTOR	3	4 7:00PM BIBLE STUDY--@ ILC	5	6	7 GROTELUESCHEN WEDDING	8 10AM-3PM MARY MARTHA CRAFT DAY
9 10 AM COMMUNION SERVICE 11:30AM BIBLE STUDY W/PASTOR	10	11 6:30AM MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST 7:00PM BIBLE STUDY--@ ILC	12	13	14	15
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**Pastor will be at the LCMS Convention in Phoenix from July 17-24th.*



Welcome New Members Today, July 12, 2026

(directly after 10 a.m. worship service)

Everyone is invited to join us for a brief reception
honoring our newest members/ congregants.

We, their Immanuel Lutheran Church family,
are blessed to have them worship with us!

We would like to receive them with our gratitude,
as we share some cake and a special time of conversation
in the Narthex directly after the Divine Service.

We hope your family can stay for some cake!



Take Home Discussions for Today:

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- Matthew 6:7-15

What did Jesus instruct his disciples to call God when they go to him in prayer? What does this reveal about the manner in which God wants us to pray to him?

Tuesday- Luke 11:11-13

If earthly Fathers can give good gifts to their children, what should we expect from our heavenly Father? How does this encourage us to pray?

Wednesday- Hosea 11:1-4

How does God describe his relationship with Ephraim (Israel)? What similarities do you see between God's love and an earthly Father's love?

Thursday- 1 John 3:1-3

How can John be so certain that we are Children of God? What does this enable us to hope for?

Friday- Luke 22:39-46

As Jesus prepared to suffer, how did he approach God? What does this reveal to us about how we can cry out to God in times of suffering?

Saturday- John 20:16-18

When Jesus speaks to Mary he reveals a new relationship between her and God. She now can call God Father. How was this relationship a source of joy for her?



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-communing children may join their parents. Communicants may choose from the Common Cup or individual cups.

Serving Today at Immanuel Lutheran Church

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