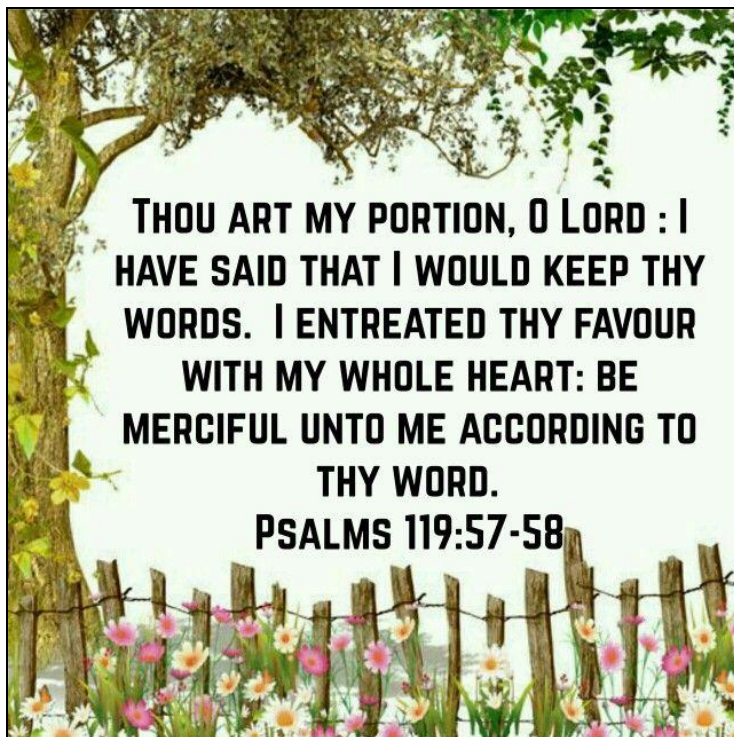


IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod



THE DIVINE SERVICE IV

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

**July 19, 2026
10:00am**

3000 West Main Street
Kalamazoo, MI 49006

PRELUDE

SARA MCGARVEY, MUSIC DIRECTOR

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

WELCOME TO IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH!

*ENTRANCE HYMN

LORD OF ALL HOPEFULNESS

LSB738



1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,
3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,
4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



Whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy:
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
Your hands swift to wel - come, Your arms to em - brace:
Whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm:



Be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,
Be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,
Be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,
Be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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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



C 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.

O God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your final judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of living here and dwell with You in perfect joy hereafter; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Cong: Amen.

FIRST READING

ISAIAH 44:6-8 (ESV)

Lector: Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel
and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts:
“I am the first and I am the last;
besides me there is no god.
Who is like me? Let him proclaim it.
Let him declare and set it before me,
since I appointed an ancient people.
Let them declare what is to come, and what will happen.
Fear not, nor be afraid;
have I not told you from of old and declared it?
And you are my witnesses!
Is there a God besides me?
There is no Rock; I know not any.”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

Cong: Thanks be to God.

PSALM

PSALM 119:57-64 (ESV)

Lector: The Lord is my portion;

Cong: I promise to keep your words.

Lector: I entreat your favor with all my heart;

Cong: be gracious to me according to your promise.

Lector: When I think on my ways,

Cong: I turn my feet to your testimonies;

Lector: I hasten and do not delay

Cong: to keep your commandments.

Lector: Though the cords of the wicked ensnare me,

Cong: I do not forget your law.

Lector: At midnight I rise to praise you,

Cong: because of your righteous rules.

Lector: I am a companion of all who fear you,
Cong: of those who keep your precepts.

Lector: The earth, O Lord, is full of your steadfast love;
Cong: teach me your statutes!

**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 8:18-27 (ESV)

Lector: For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.
Cong: Thanks be to God.

*ALLELUIA AND VERSE



*HOLY GOSPEL

MATTHEW 13:24-30, 36-43 (ESV)

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

Cong: Glory to You, O Lord.

Pastor: He put another parable before them, saying, “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?’ He said to them, ‘An enemy has done this.’ So the servants said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ But he said, ‘No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, “Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.”’”

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world, and the good seed is the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Cong: Praise to You, O Christ.

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

LORD, LET MY HEART BE GOOD SOIL

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SERMON

REV. VINCENT IQBAL

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.**

**The whole earth is Yours, O Lord, and You have charged us with its
care. Make us good stewards of Your creation until that time when
You set it free from its bondage to decay and give it to us anew in the
kingdom of Your Son. Lord, in Your mercy,**

Cong: hear our prayer.

Lector: Lord, continue to raise up witnesses in this and every place who faithfully proclaim Your Word. Grant that Your Church may remain good soil, bringing forth an abundant harvest. Bless all pastors and church workers as they sow Your Word in the fields entrusted to them. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong: hear our prayer.

Lector: Heavenly Father, pour out the blessing of Your Holy Spirit on the delegates who are assembled in convention this week. Give wisdom to those who propose, deliberate and decide for the work and welfare of our Synod. Guard all who speak and all who listen. Give us courage to do with integrity what we promise. Bless our plans and actions, and grant success. Only let our manner of life be worthy of the Gospel of Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong: hear our prayer.

Lector: Gentle Lord, visit the homes of Your people, that they may be places where faith is nurtured and where we learn to live our new lives in holiness and righteousness. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong: hear our prayer.

Lector: Loving God, we thank You for the gift of health. Hear our prayers on behalf of the sick, the aged, the infirm, the mourning or the dying, especially those on our prayer list and those held closely in our hearts (*pause.*) Grant them healing in accord with Your will and grace to sustain them in their need. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong: hear our prayer.

Lector: O Lord, preserve us in hope for what we do not see. Grant that we would receive Your Holy Supper with hearts free from pride, presumption or any other sin that would profane His precious body and blood. May we rejoice in His bodily presence for our forgiveness. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong: hear our prayer.

Lector: Redeemer and Lord of hosts, the future is in Your hands. Remove all fear from us, and keep us mindful that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed in us. 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 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

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

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.



*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.

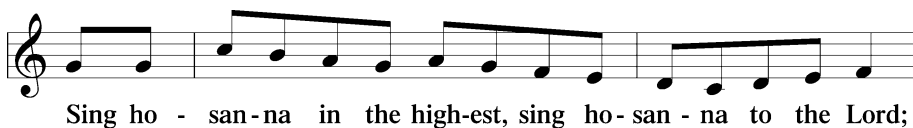
Cong: We lift them unto the Lord.

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**



***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

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COMMUNION HYMNS

I LAY MY SINS ON JESUS

LSB606



1 I lay my sins on Je - sus, The spot - less Lamb of God;
2 I lay my wants on Je - sus; All full - ness dwells in Him;
3 I rest my soul on Je - sus, This wea - ry soul of mine;



He bears them all and frees us From the ac - curs - ed load.
He heals all my dis - eas - es; My soul He does re - deem.
His right hand me em - brac - es; I on His breast re - cline.



I bring my guilt to Je - sus To wash my crim - son stains
I lay my griefs on Je - sus, My bur - dens and my cares;
I love the name of Je - sus, Im - man - uel, Christ, the Lord;

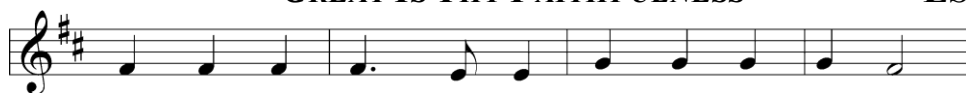


Clean in His blood most pre - cious Till not a spot re - mains.
He from them all re - leas - es; He all my sor - rows shares.
Like fra - grance on the breez - es His name a - broad is poured.

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GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

LSB 809



1 Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;
2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest,
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,



There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee.
Sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove
Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;



Thou chang - est not: Thy com - pas - sions, they fail not;
Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,



As Thou hast been, Thou for - ev - er wilt be.
To Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!



Great is Thy faith - ful - ness! Great is Thy faith - ful - ness!



Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;



All I have need - ed Thy hand hath pro - vid - ed;



Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!

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ON EAGLES' WINGS

LSB727



1 You who dwell in the shel-ter of the Lord, Who a -
 2 snare of the fowl - er will nev - er cap-ture you, And
 3 You need not fear the ter - ror of the night, Nor the
 4 For to His an - gels He's giv - en a com - mand To



bide in His shad - ow for life,
 fam - ine will bring you no fear;
 ar - row that flies by day; Though
 guard you in all of your ways; Up -



Say to the Lord: "My ref - uge, My
 Un - der His wings your ref - uge, His
 thou - sands fall a - bout you,
 on their hands they will bear you up, Lest you

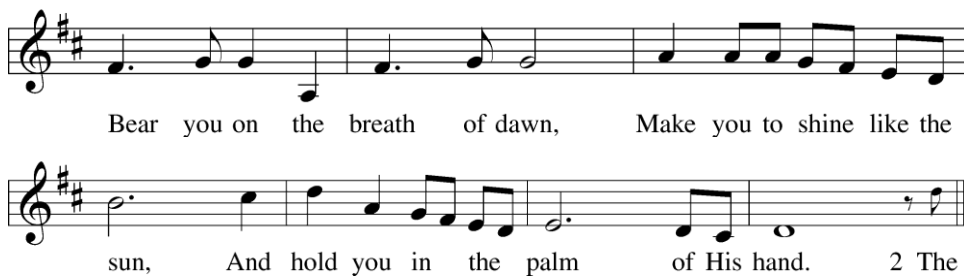


rock in whom I trust!"
 faith - ful - ness your shield.
 Near you it shall not come.
 dash your foot a - gainst a stone.

Refrain



And He will raise you up on ea - gles' wings,



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***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**

WHEN IN OUR MUSIC GOD IS GLORIFIED

LSB796



1 When in our mu - sic God is glo - ri - fied
 2 How of - ten, mak - ing mu - sic, we have found
 3 So has the Church, in lit - ur - gy and song,
 4 And did not Je - sus sing a psalm that night
 5 Let ev - 'ry in - stru - ment be tuned for praise!



And ad - o - ra - tion leaves no room for pride,
 A new di - men - sion in the world of sound
 In faith and love, through cen - tu - ries of wrong,
 When ut - most e - vil strove a - gainst the light?
 Let all re - joice who have a voice to raise!



It is as though the whole cre - a - tion cried:
 As wor - ship moved us to a more pro - found
 Borne wit - ness to the truth in ev - 'ry tongue:
 Then let us sing, for whom He won the fight:
 And may God give us faith to sing al - ways:



Al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia!

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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:

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 7/19/2026	Eliona & Caviion Beck	Amber Townsend	Ron Swinehart	Ninah Miller	John Quardokus & Ron Swinehart	Dave Reynolds
Sunday 7/26/2026	Genevieve Miller & Rory Beck	Vivian Westphal	Kim Sharp	John Quardokus	Mark Miller & Andrew Lustila*	Amber & Chuck Townsend
Sunday 8/2/2026	Maddie & Ellie Hernandez	Amber Townsend	John Hecht	Dave Mandrick	Denny Patzer & John Quardokus	Rita Clarke
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	John Krueger	John Quardokus & Ron Swinehart	Michaela H-H & daughters
Sunday 8/23/2026	Eliona & Caviion Beck	Kim Sharp	John Hecht	Mark Miller	Mark Miller & Denny Patzer	Rita Clarke

**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 need to dub in for him.*

**Pastor will be at the LCMS Convention in Phoenix from July 17-24th.*

School Kits--*It's that time again!!!*

Lutheran World Relief School Kits



Education is a critical tool to overcoming poverty. Education is also hope and empowerment. You can help more children access it by contributing to Lutheran World Relief School Kits! These School Kits contain essential supplies to help children — and in some cases, adults — continue learning in the face of serious obstacles. Learning leads to a better life for them, their families, and their communities. All the data shows that education is a critical piece of the puzzle for creating healthier, more prosperous futures for children— and especially for girls. Each School Kit you help make will be cherished by the person who receives it.

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- Please give new items only.
- Please do not donate items with any religious symbols, messages, or your group's name.
- Please do not donate any items decorated with a U.S. flag, patriotic or military symbols, or references to the armed forces, including camouflage.
- Do not purchase other school-related items not on the list, such as protractors, compasses, or templates.
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- One 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- One pencil sharpener
- One pair of blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- Five unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band
(We still have several from last year, so other items are more in demand.)
- Five black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band
- One box of 16 or 24 crayons
- One 2 ½" eraser

Many of the items listed are not very expensive if bought during the annual “back to school” sales, some of which are now in full swing.

Note: Currently, the 70-sheet notebooks are 35 cents each at Walmart, and boxes of 24 crayons are 50 cents each at Office Depot, which is the cheapest seen so far. Keep watching the Back-to-School specials!!

All items should be new and in good condition. You may purchase all of the items for a single kit, or groups of individual components, such as case-packs of crayons or boxes of pencils.

Please place your donations on the table in the narthex no later than **Sunday, September 27, 2026.**



CHURCH CALENDAR

July's MISSION: LCMS MI District
August's MISSION: Lutheran Bible Translators

SUNDAY	MON	TUES	WED	THUR S	FRI	SAT
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 TOWNSEND LEADER TRAINING IN GARDEN LEVEL
16 10 AM COMMUNION SERVICE 11:30AM BIBLE STUDY W/PASTOR	17	18 7:00PM BIBLE STUDY--@ ILC	19	20	21	22
23 10 AM COMMUNION SERVICE 11:30AM BIBLE STUDY W/PASTOR	24	25 7:00PM BIBLE STUDY--@ ILC	26	27	28	29
30 10 AM COMMUNION SERVICE 11:30AM BIBLE STUDY W/PASTOR	31	SEPT. 1 5:30PM MARY/MARTHA 7:00PM BIBLE STUDY--@ ILC	2	3	4	5



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.

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