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AS WE GATHER

Walking by Faith

In His earthly life, Jesus chose to be a “peripatetic” teacher. Rather than staying in one place and having His learners come to Him, He went from place to place with disciples or followers who listened to the truths He taught as they went along. Walking with Jesus was the greatest of blessings! Whether we hear the Gospel teachings of our Lord in the same setting week by week and year by year or find ourselves in a variety of worship locations and settings, we, too, find blessing in hearing Him as did His first followers. The hymn writer Sigismund von Birken invites us simply: “Let us ever walk with Jesus” (*LSB* 685:1). May we be blessed in our walking and in our listening today!

PRELUDE

"Early in the Morning, Our Song Shall Rise to Thee," arranged by Douglas E. Wagner

WELCOME

✠ PREPARATION ✠

HYMN "Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus" #685

Please stand as you are able.

INVOCATION

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

People: **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 34:1–4, 8, 22*

Pastor: I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

People: **My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.**

Pastor: Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together!

People: **I sought the Lord, and He answered me and delivered me from all my fears.**

Pastor: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!

People: **The Lord redeems the life of His servants; none of those who take refuge in Him will be condemned.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us humble ourselves before God, confess our sins to Him, and ask His gracious forgiveness for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: We now confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and before one another, that we are sinful human beings by nature and by deed. We have given in to anxiety and have not always put our trust in God and His gracious provision for our lives. We have not always been good stewards of the many gifts that God graciously gives us and have focused on keeping things for ourselves rather than sharing them with others. We have missed opportunities to share the love of Christ with those around us and have not sought out the best for the people of our family circles, our neighborhoods, and our communities. We pray our God to have mercy on us, to forgive us all our sins, to lead us into lives of growing faith and increasing charity, and finally to bring us to everlasting life. Amen.

Pastor: God is faithful and keeps His promises of full pardon for the sake of His Son, Jesus Christ, granting mercy and forgiveness for those who repent and turn to Him. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

☩ WORD ☩

PSALM OF THE DAY *hymnal page 219*

Pastor: O Lord, open Thou my lips,

People: ♪ And my mouth shall show forth Thy praise.

Pastor: Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

People: ♪ make haste to help me, O Lord.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son ☩ and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Hallelujah!

ANTIPHON

Pastor: Oh, come, let us worship the Lord.

People: ♪ For He is our maker.

VENITE *hymnal page 220-221*

♪ **O come, let us sing unto the Lord,
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.
Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving,
and make a joyful noise unto Him with psalms.**

**For the LORD is a great God
and a great king above all gods.
In His hand are the deep places of the earth;
the strength of the hills is His also.**

**The sea is His, and He made it,
and His hands form-ed the dry land.
O come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the LORD, our maker.
For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture
and the sheep of His hand.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son ✠ and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world
without end. Amen.**

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.
Almighty and merciful God, it is by Your grace that we live
as Your people who offer acceptable service. Grant that
we may walk by faith, and not by sight, in the way that
leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our
Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Please be seated.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Genesis 15:1-6
(God makes a special promise to Abraham.)*

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE Hebrews 11:1-16

(The examples of faith exhibited by some of God's people.)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

VERSE Luke 12:32

Alleluia. Fear not, little flock, for it is Your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL Luke 12:22-34

(Jesus calls His disciples to make serving Him the priority.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 12th chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

The Gospel is read.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

THE APOSTLE'S CREED *Found on the last page of your pew hymnal.*

Please be seated.

HYMN "Have No Fear, Little Flock" #735

SERMON Pr. Mark Croucher

OFFERING and OFFERTORY *"Blessed Assurance," arranged by Nigel Williams*

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN "We Give Thee But Thine Own" #781 v1-2

**We give Thee but Thine own,
What e'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone,
A trust, O Lord, from Thee,**

**May we Thy bounties thus,
As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us,
To Thee our first-fruits give!**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Friends in Christ, I urge you all to lift up your hearts to God and pray with me as Christ our Lord has taught us and freely promised to hear us.

God, our Father in heaven, look with mercy on us, Your needy children on earth, and grant us grace that Your holy name be hallowed by us and all the world through the pure and true teaching of Your Word and the fervent love shown forth in our lives. Graciously turn from us all false doctrine and evil living whereby Your precious name is blasphemed and profaned. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: May Your kingdom come to us and expand. Bring all transgressors and those who are blinded and bound in the devil's kingdom to know Jesus Christ, Your Son, by faith that the number of Christians may be increased. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Strengthen us by Your Spirit according to Your will, both in life and in death, in the midst of both good and evil things, that our own wills may be crucified daily and sacrificed to Your good and gracious will. Into Your merciful hands we commend Liz, Myron, Betty, Karla, Dan, Ian, Debbie, Rosalyn and all who are in need, praying for them at all times: Thy will be done. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Grant us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish cares, and help us trust in You to provide for all our needs. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Forgive us our sins as we also forgive those who sin against us so that our hearts may be at peace and may rejoice in a good conscience before You, and that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lead us not into temptation, O Lord, but help us by Your Spirit to subdue our flesh, to turn from the world and its ways, and to overcome the devil with all his wiles. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: And lastly, O heavenly Father, deliver us from all evil of both body and soul, now and forever. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: We trust, O Lord, in Your great mercy to hear and answer us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: ♪ And with thy spirit.

BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: ♪ 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.

People: ♪ Amen.

HYMN “I’m But a Stranger Here” #748

POSTLUDE

THE MESSENGER

August 10, 2025

WELCOME! Dear guest, we pray that your worship with us is as spiritually enriching for you as your presence is encouraging to us. We invite you to sign our guest book in the foyer and “Like” us on Facebook or follow us on Instagram. Please leave your email address if you would like periodic updates from Immanuel. Most importantly, come back and worship with us again next Sunday.

SERVING US TODAY: Pr. Mark Croucher
Linda Rayburn, Organist

IN OUR PRAYERS: Liz Kraft, Myron Kimber, Betty Peuster, Karla Kass, Dan Henggeler, Ian Henggeler, Deborah Carter and Rosalyn Hepting

LAST SUNDAY ATTENDANCE: 20 total: 6 guests

IMMANUEL VOTERS MEETING: We will have a brief voters meeting after church on Sunday, August 17th.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR theme for next Sunday, August 17th is "**The Stuttering Man of Destiny**" Guest Speaker: Dr. Oswald Hoffmann Archives August--Dr. Oswald Hoffmann recounts the story of Moses. (Exodus 4:10-12) Listen online at <https://www.lutheranhour.org>.