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Seventh Sunday After Pentecost July 27, 2025



AS WE GATHER

Pray Early and Often

God's Word instructs us to stay connected to Christ. We experience that connection as we gather to hear God's Word, dine at our Lord's Table, and pray persistent, bold prayers for ourselves, our neighbors, communities, and world. Today we hear Abraham pleading with God on behalf of Sodom and Gomorrah. We hear Jesus teaching His disciples to pray. Jesus then illustrates the power of bold, persistent prayer and affirms the goodness of the One who hears our prayers. "For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time" (1 Timothy 2:5-6).

WELCOME & BIRTHDAY BLESSING 7/27 Gary Rayburn

♪ Thanks for our friends who celebrate
And God's rich blessings contemplate.
Praise for another year on earth.
Praise to the Lord who gives us birth. Amen.

✠ PREPARATION ✠

HYMN "Come, Thou Almighty King" #905

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 50:1, 3–5, 14–15; John 15:7, 16;
Romans 12:12; 1 Thessalonians 5:17–18*

Pastor: Pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

People: **The Mighty One, God the Lord, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting. Our God comes; He does not keep silence; before Him is a devouring fire, around Him a mighty tempest.**

Pastor: Jesus says, "If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you."

People: **He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that He may judge His people.**

Pastor: The apostle Paul writes, "Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer."

People: **God says, "Gather to Me My faithful ones, who made a covenant with Me by sacrifice!"**

Pastor: Jesus said, "You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in My name, He may give it to you."

People: "Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and perform your vows to the Most High, and call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me."

Pastor: Pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Most merciful God,

People: we call upon You because we are troubled by our sins—our sinful thoughts, words, and actions. We are equally troubled by those times when we have failed to act or speak up. Forgive us for the sake of Jesus, who delivered us through His perfect life, death, and resurrection so that we may glorify You with our lives.

Pastor: Our God hears our prayers for mercy and graciously forgives our sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Go in peace.

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.
Heavenly Father, Your grace and mercy have
strengthened Your people throughout the ages and
emboldened them to come before You in all
circumstances. Strengthen our faith and confidence so that
we come to You boldly, consistently, and persistently;
through Jesus Christ with whom You rule and reign with
the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

Please be seated.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 18:20–33

(Abraham prays to God, asking for mercy.)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Colossians 2:6-19

(Stay rooted in Christ to be able to stand firm in your faith.)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

VERSE

Luke 11:9

Pastor: Alleluia.

People: I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.

Pastor: Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 11:1-13 (Jesus teaches His disciples to pray.)*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 11th 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

“Come, My Soul, with Every Care”

#779

SERMON

Pr. Mark Croucher

OFFERING and OFFERTORY

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: Brothers and sisters in Christ, I encourage you to lift your hearts to God and pray with me as Jesus has taught us and promises to hear us.

People: **Our Father in heaven,**

Pastor: Heavenly Father, mercifully hear the prayers of your people on behalf of our congregation, community, nation, and world.

People: **Holy be Your name.**

Pastor: Holy Lord, we know Your name is holy. We ask that it be kept holy among us as we bear that name and live as Your people in this world.

People: **Your Kingdom come.**

Pastor: Lord Jesus, we thank You for planting Your Kingdom among us as You nourish us with Your body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins. We eagerly anticipate the fullness of Your kingdom coming and ask that You continue to do Your good and gracious work in, through, and among us while we wait for Your return.

People: **Your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.**

Pastor: Heavenly Father, we know that it is Your will that all people come to the knowledge of the truth and are saved. Work Your will here on earth. Work through our governing authorities and their agents to bring Your will to all people.

People: **Give us today our daily bread.**

Pastor: Loving Father, we thank and praise You for providing everything we need for our bodies and lives. Prevent us from being selfish and greedy. As You generously bless us, lead us to be a blessing to others, especially those who are in need.

People: Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Pastor: O Jesus, forgive and empower us to forgive others so that our relationships are ruled by Your peace. Create clean hearts within us so that we may approach You boldly, with confidence.

People: Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

Pastor: Almighty God, as we face trials and temptations, strengthen us by the power of Your Spirit so we can stand firm against the devil, the world, and our sinful nature. Watch over all we name before You this day. Deliver us from evil now and forever.

People: For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. 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 "Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise" #917

POSTLUDE

THE MESSENGER

July 27, 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: 21 total: 5 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 3rd is "**Proclaim His Glory**" Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer Of course, we should search the Scriptures, but we search them for Jesus, the One to Whom the Scriptures point. (John 5:30-47) Listen online at <https://www.lutheranhour.org>.