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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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P In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

G Amen.

■ Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

G Amen.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P Most merciful God,

G We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

■ Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

*HYMN, "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" LBW

Praise to the Lord,
 the Almighty, the King of creation!
 O my soul, praise him,
 for he is your health and salvation!
 Let all who hear
 Now to his temple draw near,
 Joining in glad adoration!

2. Praise to the Lord,who o'er all things is wondrously reigningAnd, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.Have you not seenAll that is needful has beenSent by his gracious ordaining?

3. Praise to the Lord,

who will prosper your work and defend you; Surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you. Ponder anew What the Almighty can do If with his love he befriend you.

4. Praise to the Lord!Oh, let all that is in me adore him!All that has life and breath,come now with praises before him!Let the amenSound from his people again.Gladly forever adore him!

LBW Hymn 543

***GREETING**

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P The grace of our risen Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

G And also with you.

*KYRIE

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 \mathbf{P} In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

■ For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

▶ Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

G Amen.



HYMN OF PRAISE, "Glory to God"■ Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

G Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father: We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God: You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- \mathbf{P} Let us pray together . . .
- **G** 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. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SONG, "Jesus Loves the Little Children"

Jesus loves the little children, All the children of the world. Red and yellow, black and white, They are precious in his sight. Jesus loves the little children of the world.

Jesus cares for all the children, All the children of the world. Ev'ry child in ev'ry land, Jesus holds them in his hand. Jesus cares for all the children of the world.

— WORD —

FIRST READING, Genesis 15:1-6

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness. *(NRSV)*

L The Word of the Lord.

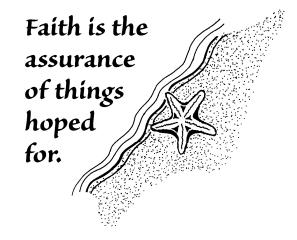
C Thanks be to God.



PSALM 33:12-22

- L Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD,
- **G** The people whom he has chosen as his heritage.
- L The LORD looks down from heaven;
- he sees all humankind.
- From where he sits enthroned he watches all the inhabitants of the earth —
- L He who fashions the hearts of them all,
- **G** And observes all their deeds.
- L A king is not saved by his great army;
- **G** A warrior is not delivered by his great strength.
- L The war horse is a vain hope for victory,
- **G** And by its great might it cannot save.
- **L** Truly the eye of the LORD is on those who fear him,
- **G** On those who hope in his steadfast love,
- L To deliver their soul from death,
- **G** And to keep them alive in famine.
- **L** Our soul waits for the LORD;
- **G** He is our help and shield.
- L Our heart is glad in him,
- **G** Because we trust in his holy name.
- L Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us,
- **G** Even as we hope in you.

(NRSV)



SECOND READING, Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old and Sarah herself was barren - because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them. (NRSV)

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION, "Alleluia"

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Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

*GOSPEL, Luke 12:22-40

Jesus said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? If then

you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you — you of little faith! And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them. Instead, strive for his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

"Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour." (NRSV)

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SERMON	Pastor David J. Baer	*APOSTLES' CREED I believe in God, the Father almighty,	LBW Page 85
*HYMN, <i>"Have No Fear, Little Flock"</i>	LBW Hymn 476	creator of heaven and earth.	
1. Have no fear, little flock;	·	I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.	
Have no fear, little flock,			
For the Father has chosen			
To give you the Kingdom;		He suffered under Pontius Pilate,	
Have no fear, little flock!		was crucified, died, and was buried;	
		He descended to hell.	
2. Have good cheer, little flock;		On the third day he rose again.	
Have good cheer, little flock,		He ascended to heaven	
For the Father will keep you		and is seated at the right hand th	e Father.
In his love forever;		He will come again to judge the living and the dead.	
Have good cheer, little flock!		I baliana in the Holy Spinit	
		I believe in the Holy Spirit,	
3. Praise the Lord high above;		the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,	
Praise the Lord high above,		the forgiveness of sins,	
For he stoops down to heal you,		the resurrection of the body,	
Uplift and restore you;		and the life everlasting. Amen.	
Praise the Lord, high above!		and the fife even asting. Amen.	
4. Thankful hearts raise to God;		THE PRAYERS	LBW Page 85
Thankful hearts raise to God,		THE TRATERS	LD W 1 age 05
For he stays close beside you,			
In all things works with you;		— SACRAMENT —	
Thankful hearts raise to God.			
		OFFERING OF OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD	
		OFFERTORY, "What Shall I Render" What shall I render to the Lord	LBW Page 87

for all his benefits to me?

I will take the cup of salvation

I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.

and will call on the name of the Lord.

Have No Fear, Little Flock, Words and Music © 1974 Concordia Publishing House. Reprinted and podcast with permission under ONE LICENSE #A-733558. All rights reserved. I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all his people, in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

P Merciful Father,

G We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

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P The Lord be with you.

G And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

G We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

G It is right to give our thanks and praise.

***PROPER PREFACE**

***SANCTUS**

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Holy, holy, holy Lord,
Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

▶ In the night in which he was betrayed our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

*LORD'S PRAYER

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LAMB OF GOD

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• Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; Have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; Have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; Grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION

Holy Communion is the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ given with bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins. All baptized Christians who share this confession of faith are welcome to receive the Lord's Supper with us. White grape juice is available in the center of each tray for those who are unable to receive wine for health reasons. During the distribution of Communion, the congregation sings:

LBW Page 92, "Lamb of God" LBW Hymn 474, "Children of the Heavenly Father" LBW Hymn 532, "How Great Thou Art" LBW Hymn 458, "Jesus, Priceless Treasure"

HYMN, "Children of the Heavenly Father" LBW Hymn 474

1. Children of the heavenly Father safely in his bosom gather; nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e'er was given.

> God his own doth tend and nourish, in his holy courts they flourish.
> From all evil powers he spares them, in his mighty arms he bears them.

3. Neither life nor death shall ever from the Lord his children sever; unto them his grace he showeth, and their sorrows all he knoweth.

> 4. Though he giveth or he taketh, God his children ne'er forsaketh; his the loving purpose solely to preserve them pure and holy.

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HYMN, *"How Great Thou Art"* LH 1. O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder

Consider all the worlds thy hands hath made, I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;

Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee: How great thou art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee: How great thou art! How great thou art!

2. When through the woods and forest glades I wander,I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;When I look down from lofty mountain grandeurAnd hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; *Refrain*

3. But when I think that God, his Son not sparing, Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in, That on the cross my burden gladly bearing He bled and died to take away my sin; *Refrain*

4. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamationAnd take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!Then I shall bow in humble adorationAnd there proclaim: "My God, how great thou art!" *Refrain*

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LBW Hymn 532

HYMN, "Jesus, Priceless Treasure"

Jesus, priceless freesure,
 Jesus, priceless treasure,
 Source of purest pleasure,
 Truest friend to me:
 Ah, how long I've panted,
 And my heart has fainted,
 Thirsting, Lord, for thee!
 Thine I am, O spotless Lamb;
 I will suffer nought to hide thee,
 Nought I ask beside thee.

2. In thine arm I rest me;Foes who would molest meCannot reach me here.Though the earth be shaking,Ev'ry heart be quaking,Jesus calms my fear.Sin and hell in conflict fellWith their bitter storms assail me,Jesus will not fail me.

3. Hence, all fears and sadness,
For the Lord of gladness,
Jesus, enters in.
Those who love the Father,
Though the storms may gather,
Still have peace within.
Yea, whate'er I here must bear,
Still in thee lies purest pleasure,
Jesus, priceless treasure!



LBW Hymn 458

***COMMUNION BLESSING**

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P The body of our Lord Jesus Christ and his holy and precious blood strengthen and keep you in true faith unto life everlasting.C Amen.

*CANTICLE, "Thankful hearts and voices..." LBW Page 92

C Thank the Lord and sing his praise;
Tell everyone what he has done.
Let everyone who seeks the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name.
He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia. Alleluia.

***POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

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P We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.



***BLESSING**

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 ${\bf P}~$ 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.

C Amen.

*DISMISSAL

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P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

*HYMN, "He Leadeth Me: Oh, Blessed Thought" Hymn 501		PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER THIS WEEK:		
1. He leadeth me: O, blessed thought!		Renae Besler	Loren & Claudia Christensen	
Oh, words with heav'nly comfort fraught!		Don Dubbe	Lenae Ebel	
Whate'er I do, where'er I be,		Bev Karlson	Felicity Kramer	
still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me!		Rosie Ridley	Claire Ripley	
		Kathy Rost	Violet Rost	
<i>Refrain:</i> He leadeth me, he leadeth me,		Ann Sogge	Treonna Solbie	
By his own hand he leadeth me.		Guyla Sturgeon	Steve Vasknetz	
His faithful foll'wer I would be,		Barb & Jack Wanstedt		
For by his hand he leadeth me.		Del Zambon (in hospice care at St. Martin's in Rapid City)		
		Christina Badalis (friend of Jon & Shelley Iverson)		
2. Sometimes mid scenes of deepest gloom,		Lori Buck (cousin of Shelley Iverson)		
Sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom,		Ron Burns (friend of Bill & Chris Burleson)		
By waters calm, o'er troubled sea,		Rita Claven (friend of Rita Shewmake)		
Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me. Refrain		Julia Davis (cousin of Shelley Iverson)		
		Marla Ebel (sister of R	Ebel (sister of Rita Shewmake)	
3. Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine,		Chris Eide (sister of Ardith Petersen & Lois Rath)		
Nor ever murmur nor repine;		Pastor Bert Eldridge (friend of Pastor David Baer)		
Content, whatever lot I see,		Melanie Erickson (sister of Brenda Rath)		
Since 'tis my God that leadeth me. <i>Refrain</i>		Ellen Fiechtner (mother of Ardith Petersen & Lois Rath)		
		Dallas Fox (friend of J	ordan Smith)	
4. And when my task on earth is done,		Pastor Phillip Gagnon (friend of Pastor David Baer)		
When by thy grace the vict'ry's won,		Barb Haskell (mother of Mark Tracy)		
E'en death's cold wave I will not flee,		Cindy Hoffman (sister of Linda Grams)		
Since God through Jordan leadeth me. Refrain		Nancy Island (sister of Bev Karlson)		
		Larry Iverson (brother of Jon Iverson)		
		Ike & Lanette Iverson (father and step-mother of Jon Iverson)		
POSTLUDE		Karen Miller (sister of Maxine Ripley)		
		Mitch Palmer (friend o	of Paul Swisher)	
		Nancy Porter (friend of Bill and Chris Burleson)		
		Tom Porter (cousin in-law of Joanne Baer, Tony & Toby Rath		
		Tim Ripley (friend of]		
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WELCOME TO ALL who are worshiping with us today. We especially welcome our visitors. If you are unfamiliar with our worship, one of our members will gladly assist you. Visitors, please be sure to sign the guest register in the narthex. We hope that you will worship with us again soon.

ALL ARE INVITED to stay for a time of fellowship following worship. Donuts, coffee, and juice are available. A free-will offering is received to cover expenses.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to the family of Joe Taggart who died on Saturday, July 30. Funeral services were held in Washington. Cards may be sent to his family in care of his daughter Lori Taggart, 28371 23rd Ave. S.; Federal Way, WA 98003. May God comfort all who mourn with the promise of the Resurrection.

WE ARE UPDATING OUR CHURCH DIRECTORY. If you have a new address or phone number or if there are other changes you'd like on your page in our church directory, please get those changes to Linda Beulke or Pastor David. If you'd like a new photo, you can get that to them too. If you worship at Immanuel, we'd like you to be in our directory. Remember that our directory is loose leaf so that we can update it regularly.

A WORK DAY is planned for Sunday, Aug. 21. If you can, please plan to stay after worship that day to help with some work projects in and around our church building. Work Day will conclude with a potluck dinner at noon.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS to serve on Sundays during August. Please consider ways that you can serve this month. Both service teams are scheduled to serve in August. Please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board.

ONLINE WORSHIP: We stream our Sunday worship service on the internet. You can join the service live at 9 a.m. on Sunday or watch the recording of the service at a later time. Links to the service are on our website, *www.immanuellutheranwhitewoodsd.com*. The bulletin is posted to the website prior to the live broadcast.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES are being gathered for Lutheran World Relief school kits. Back-to-school sales are a great time to pick up school supplies for LWR school kits. Items that are needed for the kits are: spiral notebooks (70 sheet), pencils, pens, large erasers, crayons (box of 24), pencil sharpeners, rulers with centimeters, and blunt scissors. Please bring the items to the church by Sunday, Aug. 28, when we will be putting together the kits.

OUR MISSION OF THE MONTH is the flood relief effort at the Mekane Yesus Seminary in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The seminary experienced catastrophic flooding in August of 2021. Eight people, including three children, were killed as a wave of water and mud swept through the seminary compound destroying roads, seminary buildings and housing for staff and students. The seminary serves the Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus (EECMY), the largest and fastest growing Lutheran church body in the world with more than 10 million members. The EECMY is in a full communion relationship with the NALC. Mission of the Month highlights one of the ministries supported through your regular giving to Immanuel.

RESPONDING TO CRISIS IN UKRAINE are three of the ministries we support through your regular offerings to Immanuel: Lutheran World Relief, Spiritual Orphans Network and Water Mission. You can learn more about their efforts on their websites and give directly to each organization or designate a gift through Immanuel and we will forward it to them.

THOSE OVER AGE 70¹/₂ have the opportunity to take tax-free distributions from their IRAs for direct gifts to churches and other non-profit organizations. This is a significant tax benefit. Talk to your tax advisor, IRA custodian, or Pastor David for more information.

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