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Immanuel means “God With Us”

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August 10, 2025

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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☞ In the name of the Father, and of the ✚ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 28:19

☛ **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.

☛ **Amen.**

☞ If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves,
and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins,
God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:8-9

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

☞ Most merciful God,

☞ **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.

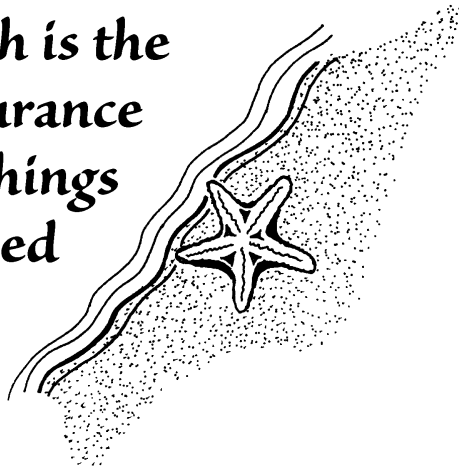
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

☞ 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.

John 20:21-23

☞ **Amen.**

**Faith is the
assurance
of things
hoped
for.**



***HYMN, “O God, Our Help in Ages Past”**

LBW Hymn 320

Green Book

1. O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home:

2. Under the shadow of your throne
Your saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is your arm alone,
And our defense is sure.

3. Before the hills in order stood
Or earth received its frame,
From everlasting you are God,
To endless years the same.

4. A thousand ages in your sight
Are like an evening gone,
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.

5. Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Soon bears us all away;
We fly forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the op'ning day.

6. O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Still be our guard while troubles last
And our eternal home!

Psalm 90

Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

***GREETING**

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

C And also with you.

2 Corinthians 13:14

*RESPONSIVE READING

P I lift up my eyes to the hills.
From where does my help come?

C **My help comes from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.**

P He will not let your foot be moved;
he who keeps you will not slumber.

C **Behold, he who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.**

P The LORD is your keeper;
the LORD is your shade on your right hand.

C **The sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.**

P The LORD will keep you from all evil;
he will keep your life.

C **The LORD will keep
your going out and your coming in
from this time forth and forevermore.**

Psalm 121 (ESV)

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

Luke 12:32 (ESV)

C **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.**



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***HYMN, “If You But Trust in God to Guide You”**

Hymn 453

Green Book

1. If you but trust in God to guide you
And place your confidence in him,
You'll find him always there beside you,
To give you hope and strength within.
For those who trust God's changeless love
Build on the rock that will not move.

2. What gain is there in futile weeping,
In helpless anger and distress?
If you are in his care and keeping,
In sorrow will he love you less?
For he who took for you a cross
Will bring you safe through ev'ry loss.

3. In patient trust await his leisure
In cheerful hope, with heart content
To take whate'er your Father's pleasure
And all-discerning love has sent;
Doubt not your inmost wants are known
To him who chose you for his own.

4. Sing, pray, and keep his ways unswerving,
Offer your service faithfully,
And trust his word; though undeserving,
You'll find his promise true to be.
God never will forsake in need
The soul that trusts in him indeed.

Georg Neumark (1621-1681)



*PRAYER OF THE DAY

☞ The Lord be with you.

☛ And also with you.

☞ Let us pray together . . .

☛ Almighty and everlasting God,

you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray,
and to give more than we either desire or deserve.

Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy,
forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid,
and giving us those good things
for which we are not worthy to ask,
expect through the merit of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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 ne'er was given.

Green Book

2. God his own doth tend and nourish,
In his holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things he spares them,
In his mighty arms he bears them.

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

Carolina Sandell Berg (1823-1903)

— WORD —

FIRST READING, Genesis 15:1-6

After this, the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision:
“Do not be afraid, Abram.

I am your shield,
your very great reward.”

But Abram said, “Sovereign LORD, what can you give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?” And Abram said, “You have given me no children; so a servant in my household will be my heir.”

Then the word of the LORD came to him: “This man will not be your heir, but a son who is your own flesh and blood will be your heir.” He took him outside and said, “Look up at the sky and count the stars — if indeed you can count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.”

Abram believed the LORD, and he credited it to him as righteousness. *(NIV)*

📖 The Word of the Lord.

🙏 Thanks be to God.

PSALM 33:12-22

📖 Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD,

🙏 **The people he chose for his inheritance.**

📖 From heaven the LORD looks down
and sees all mankind;

🙏 **From his dwelling place he watches
all who live on earth —
he who forms the hearts of all,
who considers everything they do.**

📖 No king is saved by the size of his army;
no warrior escapes by his great strength.

🙏 **A horse is a vain hope for deliverance;
despite all its great strength it cannot save.**

📖 But the eyes of the LORD are on those who fear him,

**☛ On those whose hope is in his unfailing love,
to deliver them from death
and keep them alive in famine.**

☞ We wait in hope for the LORD;

☛ He is our help and our shield.

**☞ In him our hearts rejoice,
for we trust in his holy name.**

**☛ May your unfailing love be with us, LORD,
even as we put our hope in you.**

(NIV)

SECOND READING, Hebrews 11:1-16

Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. This is what the ancients were commended for.

By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.

By faith Abel brought God a better offering than Cain did. By faith he was commended as righteous, when God spoke well of his offerings. And by faith Abel still speaks, even though he is dead.

By faith Enoch was taken from this life, so that he did not experience death: "He could not be found, because God had taken him away." For before he was taken, he was commended as one who pleased God. And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

By faith Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark to save his family. By his faith he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness that is in keeping with faith.

By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city with

foundations, whose architect and builder is God. And by faith even Sarah, who was past childbearing age, was enabled to bear children because she considered him faithful who had made the promise. And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore.

All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth. People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own. If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return. Instead, they were longing for a better country — a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them. (NIV)

📖 The Word of the Lord.

🙏 Thanks be to God.

***HYMN, “Have No Fear, Little Flock”**

LBW Hymn 476

1. Have no fear, little flock;
Have no fear, little flock,
For the Father has chosen
To give you the kingdom;
Have no fear, little flock!

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2. Have good cheer, little flock;
Have good cheer, little flock,
For the Father will keep you
In his love forever;
Have good cheer, little flock!

Luke 12:32

Marjorie Jillson (1931-2010)

***GOSPEL, Luke 12:22-40**

📖 The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 12th chapter.

🙏 Glory to you, O Lord.

P Then 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 clothes. Consider the ravens: They do not sow or reap, they have no storeroom or barn; yet God feeds them. And how much more valuable you are than birds! Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to your life? Since you cannot do this very little thing, why do you worry about the rest?”

“Consider how the wild flowers grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today, and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, how much more will he clothe you — you of little faith! And do not set your heart on what you will eat or drink; do not worry about it. For the pagan world runs after all such things, and your Father knows that you need them. But seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

“Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

“Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning, like servants waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knocks they can immediately open the door for him. It will be good for those servants whose master finds them watching when he comes. Truly I tell you, he will dress himself to serve, will have them recline at the table and will come and wait on them. It will be good for those servants whose master finds them ready, even if he comes in the middle of the night or toward daybreak. But understand 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, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.” (NIV)

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

***HYMN, “Have No Fear, Little Flock”**

LBW Hymn 476

3. Praise the Lord high above;
Praise the Lord high above,
For he stoops down to heal you,
Uplift and restore you;
Praise the Lord high above!

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4. Thankful hearts raise to God;
Thankful hearts raise to God,
For he stays close beside you,
In all things works with you;
Thankful hearts raise to God!

Luke 12:32

Marjorie Jillson (1931-2010)

SERMON

Pastor David J. Baer

***HYMN, “How Firm a Foundation”**

LBW Hymn 507

1. How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!
What more can he say than to you he has said
Who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?

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2. Fear not! I am with you, oh, be not dismayed,
For I am your God and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

3. When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,
My grace all-sufficient, shall be your supply.
The flames shall not hurt you; I only design
Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

4. Throughout all their lifetime my people shall prove
My sov'reign, eternal, unchangeable love;
And then, when gray hairs shall their temples adorn,
Like lambs they shall still on my bosom be borne.

A Selection of Hymns (1787)

**☑ I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

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.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended to heaven

and is seated at the right hand the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Eighth Century Creed based on
Rules of Faith and Baptism Creeds
dating back to the Second Century*

OFFERING OF OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

“Jesus, Priceless Treasure” is sung as the offerings are received.

HYMN, “Jesus, Priceless Treasure”

LBW Hymn 458

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1. 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.

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2. In thine arm I rest me;
Foes who would molest me
Cannot reach me here.
Though the earth be shaking,
Ev'ry heart be quaking,
Jesus calms my fear.
Sin and hell in conflict fell
With 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!

Johann Franck (1618-1677)

THE PRAYERS

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Response: **P** Lord, in your mercy,
 C Hear our prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER

C 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.

Matthew 6:9-13

BLESSING

☞ The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face to shine upon you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor
and give you peace.

🕊 Amen.

Numbers 6:24-26

*HYMN, “*He Leadeth Me: Oh, Blessed Thought*”

Hymn 501

Green Book

1. He leadeth me: Oh, blessed thought!
Oh, words with heav’nly comfort fraught!
Whate’er I do, where’er I be,
still ’tis God’s hand that leadeth me!

Refrain: He leadeth me, he leadeth me,
By his own hand he leadeth me.
His faithful foll’wer I would be,
For by his hand he leadeth me.

2. Sometimes mid scenes of deepest gloom,
Sometimes where Eden’s bowers bloom,
By waters calm, o’er troubled sea,
Still ’tis God’s hand that leadeth me. *Refrain.*

3. Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine,
Nor ever murmur nor repine;
Content, whatever lot I see,
Since ’tis my God that leadeth me. *Refrain.*

4. And when my task on earth is done,
When by thy grace the vict’ry’s won,
E’en death’s cold wave I will not flee,
Since God through Jordan leadeth me. *Refrain.*

Joseph H. Gilmore (1834-1918)

POSTLUDE

LWR School Kit Shopping List

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. Please bring the items to the church by Sunday, August 24.

Items that are needed for the kits and typical back-to-school sale prices are:

Spiral notebooks (70 sheet)

Wide or College ruled - Approximately 8" x 10½"

Good price: 35-45¢

Blunt School Scissors

Good price: 50-75¢

Crayons (box of 24)

Good price: 50¢ for US-made Crayola (25¢ for generic)

Eraser (about 2½-inches)

Good price: 25¢ each (typical 2 for 50¢)

Ruler with centimeters

Good price: 25-50¢

Ballpoint pens (black or blue) (no gel ink)

Good price: 10¢ each (typical 10 for \$1)

Pencils (unsharpened)

Good price: 5¢ each (typical 24 for \$1)

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER THIS WEEK:

Alex and family	Nancy Crowhurst
Don Dubbe	Lenae Ebel
Shelley Iverson	Felicity Kramer
Claire and Maxine Ripley	Connie Ross
Violet Rost	Guyla Baer Sturgeon
Paul Swisher	Mary Tracy
Carletta and Steve Vasknetz	Anne Vossler

Kaleb (great grandson of Jean Sneesby)
Cheryl Anderson (sister of Corey Halverson)
Cherry Bieber (friend of Jon and Shelley Iverson)
Jody Blevins (daughter of Claire and Maxine Ripley)
Larry Conklin (brother of Claudia Christensen)
Marla Ebel (sister of Rita Shewmake)
Kris Eide (sister of Ardith Petersen and Lois Rath)
Melanie Erickson (sister of Brenda Rath)
Ellen Fiechtner (mother of Ardith Petersen and Lois Rath)
Steve Fiechtner (brother of Ardith Petersen and Lois Rath)
Ronnie Fischer (brother of Judy Haiwick)
Ernie Griner (11-year-old friend of Meta Halverson)
June Halverson (mother of Corey Halverson)
Martina Ham (mother of Diane Kunz)
Ike Iverson (father of Jon Iverson)
Coleen Iverson-Routh (sister of Jon Iverson)
Steve Kampfe (son of Garland and Kathy Kampfe)
Callie Kvanvig (great niece of Ray Follum)
Lois Meyer (sister-in-law of Midge Hemeyer)
Michael and Jan Meyer (brother and sister-in-law of Midge Hemeyer)
Caren Miller (sister of Maxine Ripley)
Mitch Palmer (friend of Paul Swisher)
Roy Riley (grandson of Carol Vercoe)
Tim Ripley (friend of Paul Swisher)
Melani Roewe (sister of Derek Besler)
Ava Rouvennolt (6-year-old girl with cancer, friend of Judy Haiwick)
Dean Sandidge (son of Lance Sandidge, grandson of Leon and Shanna)
Carreen Smith (sister of Mimi Swisher)
Jeremy Sundby (nephew of Claire and Maxine Ripley)
Jess Teigen (friend of Amelia Knutson)
Ryan Thomas (cousin of Mary Tracy)
Xayne Vroman (great grandson of Cindy and Harold Davis)
Jane White and family (friend of Mary Tracy)
Traci Westberg (daughter-in-law of Tony and Alona Westberg)
Robert Zuhr (brother-in-law of Chris Burleson)
Zhuang People (unreached people group in China)

THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL:

Today 9:00 a.m. — Worship
 10:00 a.m. — Coffee Fellowship
 10:25 a.m. — Adult Sunday School

Monday 7:00 a.m. — Men's Group

Next Sunday 9:00 a.m. — Worship
 10:00 a.m. — Coffee Fellowship
 10:25 a.m. — Adult Sunday School

ONLINE WORSHIP: We stream our Sunday worship service on the internet for those who are unable to join us in person. 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.

OUR MISSION OF THE MONTH is the World Mission Prayer League (WMPL) and specifically the ministry of Charles and Anita Jackson. The World Mission Prayer League exists to see that populations with limited or no access to the Gospel experience the love of Christ and that believers and communities of believers in the Americas and elsewhere engage in active and collaborative participation in living out their roles in the Great Commission. Charles and Anita Jackson serve in WMPL Canada. Charles is the Executive Director of WMPL Canada, and Anita works with Prayer Mobilization and Communications. Charles and Anita have served with WMPL since 2001 first in Kenya, and then in Mongolia. They began to serve in the WMPL Canada home office in 2018. WMPL is a Lutheran community committed to know Christ, pray for the advance of his kingdom, share the Gospel and ourselves with those who do not know him; and encourage Christians everywhere in this global task. You can learn more about WMPL at wmpl.org. Mission of the Month highlights one of the ministries supported through your regular giving to Immanuel. Charles and Anita will be visiting Immanuel on Sunday, Aug. 31.

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.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL meets at 10:25 a.m. on Sundays in the library social room. “The Truth Project” is the focus of our Adult Sunday School class this year. The Truth Project is a video curriculum that teaches a Christian worldview. Everyone is encouraged to join us for this opportunity to grow in faith.

A MEN’S GROUP meets at 7 a.m. on Mondays at the church. They are currently studying the book of Acts. All men are welcome. Talk to Mark Tracy or Jon Iverson for more information.

2025 NALC CONVOCATION was last week in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Jair Larson and Pastor David represented Immanuel. Talk to Pastor David or Jair for more on their experience. For more information on the convocation, to download documents, or to watch recordings of convocation sessions go to *lutheranweek.com*.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS to help with serving in worship during August. Both service groups work in August because of the busy summer schedules. Please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the library social room.

NALC DISASTER RESPONSE is responding to the flooding in the Kerrville, Texas, area. There are several NALC and LCMC congregations in the area. You can learn more about current NALC Disaster Response efforts or give online at *www.thenalc.org*. You may also designate a gift for NALC Disaster Response through the offering or mail your gift to 2113 Harwood Road, Suite 309; PMB 409; Bedford, TX 76021-4703. A portion of our regular offerings at Immanuel supports NALC Disaster Response.