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Immanuel means “God With Us”

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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.



*They saw him walking
on the water*

1. Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm has bound the restless wave,
Who bade the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep:
Oh, hear us when we cry to thee
For those in peril on the sea.

2. O Savior, whose almighty word
The winds and waves submissive heard,
Who walked upon the foaming deep,
And calm amid the storm didst sleep:
Oh, hear us when we cry to thee
For those in peril on the sea.

3. O Holy Spirit, who didst brood
Upon the chaos dark and rude,
And bid its angry tumult cease,
And give, for wild confusion, peace:
Oh, hear us when we cry to thee
For those in peril on the sea.

4. O Trinity of love and pow’r,
All trav’lers guard in danger’s hour
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,
Protect them where-so-e’er they go;
Thus evermore shall rise to thee
Glad hymns and praise from land and sea.

William Whiting (1825-1878)



*He rebuked the winds and said
To the sea: 'Quiet!' Be Still!*

***RESPONSIVE READING**

Psalms 85:8-13

P Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,
for he will speak peace to his people,
to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.

C Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land.

P Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;
righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

C Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,
and righteousness will look down from the sky.

P The LORD will give what is good,
and our land will yield its increase.

C Righteousness will go before him,
and will make a path for his steps.

(NRSV)

***HYMN, “Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me”**

LBW Hymn 334

Green Book

1. Jesus, Savior, pilot me
Over life's tempestuous sea;
Unknown waves before me roll,
Hiding rock and treach'rous shoal;
Chart and compass come from thee.
Jesus, Savior, pilot me.

2. As a mother stills her child,
Thou canst hush the ocean wild;
Boist'rous waves obey thy will
When thou say'st to them: "Be still."
Wondrous sov'reign of the sea,
Jesus, Savior, pilot me.

3. When at last I near the shore,
And the fearful breakers roar
Twixt me and the peaceful rest,
Then, while leaning on thy breast,
May I hear thee say to me:
"Fear not, I will pilot thee."

Edward Hopper (1816-1888)

***GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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

☑ **And also with you.**

2 Corinthians 13:14

☐ Let us pray together . . .

☑ **O God, our defender,
storms rage about us and cause us to be afraid.
Rescue your people from despair,
deliver your sons and daughters from fear,
and preserve us all from unbelief;
through 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

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.

Clarence H. Woolston (1856-1927)



FIRST READING, Job 38:1-18

Then the LORD spoke to Job out of the storm. He said:

“Who is this that obscures my plans
with words without knowledge?

Brace yourself like a man;

I will question you,
and you shall answer me.

“Where were you when I laid the earth’s foundation?

Tell me, if you understand.

Who marked off its dimensions? Surely you know!

Who stretched a measuring line across it?

On what were its footings set,

or who laid its cornerstone —

while the morning stars sang together

and all the angels shouted for joy?

“Who shut up the sea behind doors

when it burst forth from the womb,

when I made the clouds its garment

and wrapped it in thick darkness,

when I fixed limits for it

and set its doors and bars in place,

when I said, ‘This far you may come and no farther;

here is where your proud waves halt’?

“Have you ever given orders to the morning,

or shown the dawn its place,

that it might take the earth by the edges

and shake the wicked out of it?

The earth takes shape like clay under a seal;

its features stand out like those of a garment.

The wicked are denied their light,

and their upraised arm is broken.

“Have you journeyed to the springs of the sea

or walked in the recesses of the deep?

Have the gates of death been shown to you?

Have you seen the gates of the deepest darkness?

Have you comprehended the vast expanses of the earth?

Tell me, if you know all this.”

📖 The Word of the Lord.

(NIV)

🙏 Thanks be to God.

PSALM 18:1-16

L I love you, LORD, my strength.

C The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer;
my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge,
my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

L I called to the LORD, who is worthy of praise,
and I have been saved from my enemies.

C The cords of death entangled me;
the torrents of destruction overwhelmed me.

L The cords of the grave coiled around me;
the snares of death confronted me.

In my distress I called to the LORD;
I cried to my God for help.

C From his temple he heard my voice;
my cry came before him, into his ears.

L The earth trembled and quaked,
and the foundations of the mountains shook;
they trembled because he was angry.

C Smoke rose from his nostrils;
consuming fire came from his mouth,
burning coals blazed out of it.

L He parted the heavens and came down;
dark clouds were under his feet.

C He mounted the cherubim and flew;
he soared on the wings of the wind.

L He made darkness his covering, his canopy around him —
the dark rain clouds of the sky.

C Out of the brightness of his presence clouds advanced,
with hailstones and bolts of lightning.

L The LORD thundered from heaven;
the voice of the Most High resounded.

C He shot his arrows and scattered the enemy,
with great bolts of lightning he routed them.

L The valleys of the sea were exposed
and the foundations of the earth laid bare at your rebuke, LORD,
at the blast of breath from your nostrils.

C He reached down from on high and took hold of me;
he drew me out of deep waters.

(NIV)

SECOND READING, Romans 10:5-17

Moses writes this about the righteousness that is by the law: “The person who does these things will live by them.” But the righteousness that is by faith says: “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) “or ‘Who will descend into the deep?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? “The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart,” that is, the message concerning faith that we proclaim: If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. As Scripture says, “Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame.” For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile — the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

But not all the Israelites accepted the good news. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed our message?” Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ. (NIV)

L The Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.



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.

***GOSPEL, Matthew 14:22-33**

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 14th chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

P Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone, and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it.

Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. “It’s a ghost,” they said, and cried out in fear.

But Jesus immediately said to them: “Take courage! It is I. Don’t be afraid.”

“Lord, if it’s you,” Peter replied, “tell me to come to you on the water.”

“Come,” he said.

Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, “Lord, save me!”

Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. “You of little faith,” he said, “why did you doubt?”

And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

(NIV)

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

HYMN, “Jesus, Priceless Treasure” (vv. 2-3) LBW Hymn 458

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.

Green Book

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)

SERMON

Pastor David James Baer



***HYMN, “*Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me*” LBW Hymn 333**

1. Lord, take my hand and lead me

Green Book

Upon life's way;

Direct, protect, and feed me

From day to day.

Without your grace and favor

I go astray;

So take my hand, O Savior,

And lead the way.

2, Lord, when the tempest rages,

I need not fear;

For you, the Rock of Ages,

Are always near.

Close by your side abiding,

I fear no foe,

For when your hand is guiding,

In peace I go.

3. Lord, when the shadows lengthen

And night has come,

I know that you will strengthen

My steps toward home,

Then nothing can impede me,

O blessed Friend!

So, take my hand and lead me

Unto the end.

Julie von Hausmann (1825-1901)



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**☞ 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 into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of 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.**

THE PRAYERS

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Response: **☞ Lord, in your mercy,**

☞ Hear our prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER

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**☞ 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

☞ 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.

Numbers 6:24-26

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

Matthew 28:19

☛ **Amen.**

***HYMN, “My Life Flows On in Endless Song” WOV Hymn 781**

1. My life flows on in endless song;

Blue Book

Above earth's lamentation,

I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn

That hails a new creation.

Refrain: No storm can shake my inmost calm
While to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,
How can I keep from singing?

2. Through all the tumult and the strife,
I hear that music ringing.
It finds an echo in my soul.
How can I keep from singing? *Refrain.*

3. What though my joys and comforts die?
The Lord my Savior liveth.
What though the darkness gather round?
Songs in the night he giveth. *Refrain.*

4. The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,
A fountain ever springing!
All things are mine since I am his!
How can I keep from singing? *Refrain.*

Robert Lowry (1826-1899)

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER THIS WEEK:

Alex and family	Agnes & Mark Baumann
Patricia Bridgeman	Lenae Ebel
Kirsten Flagstad	Gail Hemeyer
Dick Horak	Charles Jackson
Felicity Kramer	Allison Lester
Cleo Miller	Kristin & Lester Nies
Connie Ross	Kathy Rost
Rita Shewmake	Guyla Baer Sturgeon
Carletta and Steve Vasknetz	Anne Vossler
David Wanhannen	
Cherry Bieber (friend of Jon and Shelley Iverson)	
Jody Blevins (daughter of Claire and Maxine Ripley)	
Curtis Clark (friend of Patricia Bridgeman)	
Marla Ebel (sister of Rita Shewmake)	
Kris Eide (sister of Ardith Petersen and Lois Rath)	
Melanie Erickson (sister of Brenda Rath)	
Wayne Fiechtner (brother of Ardith Petersen and Lois Rath)	
Ronnie Fischer (brother of Judy Haiwick)	
Addie Graves (sister-in-law of Brandon and Alyssa Loll)	
Sherry Grismer (sister of Pastor David Baer)	
Ernie Griner (11-year-old friend of Meta Halverson)	
Martina Ham (mother of Diane Kunz)	
Doug Hewitt (brother-in-law of Diane Kunz)	
David Hoaas (brother-in-law of Lynelle Follum)	
Donovan Hunt (son of Carol Vercoe)	
Coleen Iverson-Routh (sister of Jon Iverson)	
Steve Kampfe (son of Garland and Kathy Kampfe)	
JoAnn Knutson (mother of Todd Knutson)	
Kathryn Koch (mother of Mike Koch)	
LeRoy Koch (father of Mike Koch)	
Roger Kurtenbach (friend of Jean Zambon)	
Callie Kvanvig (great niece of Ray Follum)	
Michael & Jan Meyer (brother & 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)	
Jess Teigen (friend of Amelia Knutson)	
Xayne Vroman (great grandson of Cindy and Harold Davis)	
Traci Westberg (daughter-in-law of Tony and Alona Westberg)	
Sandra Wittrock (sister of Darrell Pulscher)	
Kay Zuhr (sister of Chris Burleson)	
Zhuang People (unreached people group in China)	
For rain and relief from our drought	

THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL:

Today 9:00 a.m. — Worship
 10:15 a.m. — Coffee Fellowship
 10:25 a.m. — Adult Sunday School

Next Sunday 9:00 a.m. — Worship
 10:15 a.m. — Coffee Fellowship
 10:25 a.m. — Church Council

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. 30. We will be putting the kits together after worship that day.

MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY FOR FALL? We are trying to decide on a good time to offer a midweek weekly Bible study this fall. We could do something in the morning, afternoon or evening and on a variety of days of the week. We are also open to a variety of study possibilities. Let Pastor David know what your preferences are and if you would be interested in participating.

OUR MISSION OF THE MONTH is Lutheran World Relief. Founded by American Lutherans at the end of World War II, Lutheran World Relief tackles global poverty by helping people adapt to the challenges that threaten their livelihoods and well-being. LWR provides aid in emergencies and helps families restore their lives. LWR partners with communities to build and grow rural economies. LWR breaks the cycle of poverty, so families and communities can thrive. LWR seeks to help people build self sufficiency and create new community-owned approaches to problem solving that will last long after projects end. You can learn more at www.lwr.org. Mission of the Month highlights one of the ministries supported through your regular giving to Immanuel. Our congregation gives one third of our regular offerings to support Christ's work beyond our congregation.

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. Baked goods, donuts, coffee, and juice are available. An offering is received to cover expenses.

OFFERINGS are being received in the offering plate on the table near the entrance to the sanctuary. The Church Council suggested trying this method of receiving offerings for the summer and seeking feedback from members. Please share your thoughts and suggestions with Pastor David or a Church Council member.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL meets at 10:25 a.m. on Sundays in the library social room. “The Intersection of Church and State” from Lutheran Hour Ministries is our current study. Church and state operate in similar spheres — both conflictingly and cooperatively. We will discuss where and how they intersect. We are doing some studies this summer in recognition of the 250th anniversary of the U.S. Declaration of Independence and our American heritage. Please join us for this opportunity to grow in faith.

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

PLEASE JOIN WORLD MISSION PRAYER LEAGUE on Tuesday, Aug. 18, from 6 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. in a live Zoom prayer meeting. The focus of prayer will be the Zhuang people we have been praying for here at Immanuel. You can join via phone or tablet or personal computer. Due to security concerns for those serving in difficult areas, they ask that you email anitacdn@prayerleague.org to request to join the Aug. 18 meeting. You will be sent an invitation to sign up. Thank you for your prayers for the Zhuang people. Talk to Lynelle Follum if you have any questions.