

**FOURTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST**

**JUNE 28, 2020**

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***Sunday*  
9:00 AM  
Worship Service  
Adult Bible Class  
Sunday School  
10:30 a.m.**

**Holy Communion:  
1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday**

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**Office Hrs, M-F  
8:00 am to 12:00 pm**

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**And he who  
does not take  
his cross and  
follow after  
Me is not  
worthy of Me.  
Matthew  
10:38**



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**WELCOME to IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

We wish to extend a warm welcome to all our visitors this morning. It is our hope that you will benefit by your worship here with us, and that you will return again soon. We would greatly appreciate it if everyone would fill out an Attendance/Communion card so that we can keep track of our attendance. They are located in the pew racks in front of you.

Next week we celebrate Holy Communion. We teach that in the receiving of the Lord's Supper each person receives the real presence of the Body and Blood of Christ for the forgiveness of their sins. If you are not a member of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod and desire to partake of Communion, please ask to speak with Pastor Weber or one of the elders prior to the service.

**A Prayer Upon Entering Church** - Lord God, I hear voices proclaiming false peace and promising abundant blessings in exchange for my lip service and loving intention. Open my ears to hear the severity of Your Law and my heart to be overwhelmed by the mercy You offer because of the sacrifice of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**AS WE GATHER** - Without the truly good news of the Gospel we cannot see the hard truth that we and all people are poor sinners who deserve nothing but punishment from almighty God. It takes the Gospel to open our eyes wide to the severity of God's Law, which our Savior took on Himself in our stead. In Jeremiah's day, and our own, false prophets proclaim an easy peace that requires little change in our daily living. Now, as when Paul was writing, some people in the Church think the freedom Christ won for us can mean a disregard for God's Law. And when Jesus was calling disciples, He had to warn them (and us) that some of their own family members would actively oppose their following the Lord. But the Gospel announces what is real and good: God has kept all His promises in our Savior Jesus Christ. His death shows the enormity of the punishment we deserve, and His resurrection assures us of eternal life. Because our Lord gave His life for us, with eyes wide open we can lose ourselves in service to Him and with the psalmist "sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever" (Psalm 89:1).

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**WELCOME**

**PRELUDE**

(A quiet time for prayer and meditation in preparation for worship)

**OPENING HYMN**

*Jesus Sinners Doth Receive*

**LSB 609**

- 1 Jesus sinners doth receive;  
Oh, may all this saying ponder  
Who in sin's delusions live
- 2 And from God and heaven wander!

Here is hope for all who grieve:  
Jesus sinners doth receive.

2 We deserve but grief and shame,  
Yet His words, rich grace revealing,  
Pardon, peace, and life proclaim;  
Here our ills have perfect healing.  
Firmly in these words believe:  
Jesus sinners doth receive.

3 Sheep that from the fold did stray  
No true shepherd e'er forsaketh;  
Weary souls that lost their way  
Christ, the Shepherd, gently taketh  
In His arms that they may live:  
Jesus sinners doth receive.

4 I, a sinner, come to Thee  
With a penitent confession.  
Savior, mercy show to me;  
Grant for all my sins remission.  
Let these words my soul relieve:  
Jesus sinners doth receive.

5 Oh, how blest it is to know:  
Were as scarlet my transgression,  
It shall be as white as snow  
By Thy blood and bitter passion;  
For these words I now believe:  
Jesus sinners doth receive.

6 Now my conscience is at peace;  
From the Law I stand acquitted.  
Christ hath purchased my release  
And my ev'ry sin remitted.  
Naught remains my soul to grieve:  
Jesus sinners doth receive.

7 Jesus sinners doth receive;  
Also I have been forgiven;  
And when I this earth must leave,  
I shall find an open heaven.  
Dying, still to Him I cleave:  
Jesus sinners doth receive.

## INVOCATION

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

C Amen.

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*(We take a moment of silence to reflect on our sin and our need for the Savior.)*

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. *(John 20:19-23)*

C Amen.

## + SERVICE OF THE WORD +

**INTROIT** *Psalm 89:15-18; antiphon: v. 1*

P I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever; with my mouth will I make known Your faithfulness to all generations.

C **Blessed are the people who know the joyful sound! They walk, O Lord, in the light of Your countenance.**

P In Your name they rejoice all day long, and in Your righteousness they are exalted.

C **For You are the glory of their strength, and in Your favor our horn is exalted.**

P For our shield belongs to the Lord, and our king to the Holy One of Israel.

**All 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.**

P I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever; with my mouth will I make known Your faithfulness to all generations.



## KYRIE



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



**C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shipped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

## SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. Almighty God, by the working of Your Holy Spirit, grant that we may gladly hear Your Word proclaimed among us and follow its directing; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Jeremiah 28:5-9*

(Jeremiah condemns Hananiah for preaching peace while God has exiled most of the people to Babylon.)

5 Then the prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and in the presence of all the people who stood in the house of the Lord, 6 and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! The Lord do so; the Lord perform your words which you have prophesied, to bring back the vessels of the Lord's house and all who were carried away captive, from Babylon to this place. 7 Nevertheless hear now this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people: 8 The prophets who have been before me and before you of old prophesied against many countries and great kingdoms—of war and disaster and pestilence. 9 As for the prophet who prophesies of peace, when the word of the prophet comes to pass, the prophet will be known as one whom the Lord has truly sent."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God**

## PSALM

*Psalms 119:153-160*

P Consider my affliction and deliver me, for I do not forget Your law.

C **Plead my cause and redeem me; revive me according to Your word.**

P Salvation is far from the wicked, for they do not seek Your statutes.

C **Great are Your tender mercies, O Lord; revive me according to Your judgments.**

P Many are my persecutors and my enemies, yet I do not turn from Your testimonies.

C **I see the treacherous, and am disgusted, because they do not keep Your word.**

P Consider how I love Your precepts; revive me, O Lord, according to Your lovingkindness.

C **The entirety of Your word is truth, and every one of Your righteous judgments endures forever.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*(Children remain seated)*

## EPISTLE

*Romans 7:1-13*

(The purpose of the Law is to show the gravity of our sin.)

1 Or do you not know, brethren (for I speak to those who know the law), that the law has dominion over a man as long as he lives? 2 For the woman who has a husband is bound by

the law to her husband as long as he lives. But if the husband dies, she is released from the law of her husband. 3 So then if, while her husband lives, she marries another man, she will be called an adulteress; but if her husband dies, she is free from that law, so that she is no adulteress, though she has married another man. 4 Therefore, my brethren, you also have become dead to the law through the body of Christ, that you may be married to another—to Him who was raised from the dead, that we should bear fruit to God. 5 For when we were in the flesh, the sinful passions which were aroused by the law were at work in our members to bear fruit to death. 6 But now we have been delivered from the law, having died to what we were held by, so that we should serve in the newness of the Spirit and not in the oldness of the letter. 7 What shall we say then? Is the law sin? Certainly not! On the contrary, I would not have known sin except through the law. For I would not have known covetousness unless the law had said, “You shall not covet.” 8 But sin, taking opportunity by the commandment, produced in me all manner of evil desire. For apart from the law sin was dead. 9 I was alive once without the law, but when the commandment came, sin revived and I died. 10 And the commandment, which was to bring life, I found to bring death. 11 For sin, taking occasion by the commandment, deceived me, and by it killed me. 12 Therefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy and just and good. 13 Has then what is good become death to me? Certainly not! But sin, that it might appear sin, was producing death in me through what is good, so that sin through the commandment might become exceedingly sinful.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

### ALLELUIA AND VERSE



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## HOLY GOSPEL

*Matthew 10:34–42*

(Jesus warns that following Him must take precedence over every relationship.)

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

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

34 “Do not think that I came to bring peace on earth. I did not come to bring peace but a sword. 35 For I have come to ‘set a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law’; 36 and ‘a man’s enemies will be those of his own household.’ 37 He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. 38 And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me. 39 He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for My sake will find it. 40 “He who receives you receives Me, and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me. 41 He who receives a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet’s reward. And he who receives a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man’s reward. 42 And whoever gives one of these little ones only a cup of cold water in the name of a disciple, assuredly, I say to you, he shall by no means lose his reward.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## APOSTLES CREED

**All I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed*

LSB 560

- 1 Drawn to the cross, which Thou hast blessed  
With healing gifts for souls distressed,  
To find in Thee my life, my rest,  
Christ crucified, I come.
- 2 Thou knowest all my griefs and fears,  
Thy grace abused, my misspent years;  
Yet now to Thee with contrite tears,  
Christ crucified, I come.
- 3 Wash me and take away each stain;  
Let nothing of my sin remain.



For cleansing, though it be through pain,  
Christ crucified, I come.

- 4 And then for work to do for Thee,  
Which shall so sweet a service be  
That angels well might envy me,  
Christ crucified, I come.

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**SERMON**      *“Confessing Christ Brings the Right Kind of Peace”*      (Matthew 10:34)

**OFFERING**      **(Please place your offering in the offering plate as you leave.)**

**HYMN**

*Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus*

**LSB 685**

- 1 Let us ever walk with Jesus,  
Follow His example pure,  
Through a world that would deceive us  
And to sin our spirits lure.  
Onward in His footsteps treading,  
Pilgrims here, our home above,  
Full of faith and hope and love,  
Let us do the Father’s bidding.  
Faithful Lord, with me abide;  
I shall follow where You guide.
- 2 Let us suffer here with Jesus  
And with patience bear our cross.  
Joy will follow all our sadness;  
Where He is, there is no loss.  
Though today we sow no laughter,  
We shall reap celestial joy;  
All discomforts that annoy  
Shall give way to mirth hereafter.  
Jesus, here I share Your woe;  
Help me there Your joy to know.
- 3 Let us gladly die with Jesus.  
Since by death He conquered death,  
He will free us from destruction,  
Give to us immortal breath.  
Let us mortify all passion  
That would lead us into sin;  
And the grave that shuts us in



strengthening the weak in faith, and rejoicing together as we receive the real good that comes to us through Word and Sacrament. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

**P** These and any other things You would have us ask, heavenly Father, grant to us for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, for we dearly desire to sing of the steadfast love of the Lord, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

**LORD'S PRAYER**      *(Matthew 6:9-13)*

**All**    **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.**

**BENEDICAMUS**

**P**      Let us bless the Lord.

**C**      **Thanks be to God.**

**BENEDICTION**

**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.**

**SENDING HYMN**

*Lift High the Cross*

**LSB 837**

**ref**    Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
Till all the world adore His sacred name.

**1**      Come, Christians, follow where our Captain trod,  
Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. **Refrain**

**2**      Led on their way by this triumphant sign,  
The hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine. **Refrain**

**3**      All newborn soldiers of the Crucified  
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died. **Refrain**

**4**      O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,  
As Thou hast promised, draw us all to Thee. **Refrain**

**5**      Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell  
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. **Refrain**

**ref** Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
Till all the world adore His sacred name.

6 So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
Praise to the Crucified for victory! **Refrain**

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### **DISMISSAL**

**P** Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God!**

### **POSTLUDE**

*Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us*



*Portals of Prayer for July to September 2020 are available in the Narthrex.*

### *Bible Study*

*Copies of the Bible study (Isaiah 53, Christ Our Substitute) are available in the Narthrex; study as a family at home. They are also available on the church website - [lutheranmercedes.com](http://lutheranmercedes.com)*

### *Youth Confirmation Classes*

*Review of the Catechism will continue this summer at home.*

*The goal of Bible Lesson 1 is to have the books of the Bible memorized and the homework completed.*

*The lesson and homework are in the Narthrex.*

*They are also available on the church website.*

*<https://lutheranmercedes.com/youth-confirmation>*

# *Memory Verse Challenge*

The LCMS invites everyone to join together memorizing a verse together each week.

**This week's memory verse:** *Romans 3:23–24*

“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.”



## *Upcoming Meetings*

**Elders' Meeting**  
*Tuesday, July 7, 2020*  
*@ 7:30 p.m.*

**Voters' Meeting**  
*Tuesday, July 21, 2020*  
*@ 7:30 p.m.*





## The Lord Jesus Brings Division on Earth for the Sake of Peace with God in Heaven

False prophets preach what their hearers want to hear, promising peace even when the Lord has spoken “war, famine, and pestilence” (Jer. 28:8). But if “the Lord has truly sent the prophet,” he speaks what the Lord has spoken, and “the word of that prophet comes to pass” (Jer. 28:9). The preaching of God’s Law is hard, because it confronts sin, brings it to light and makes it worse, “sinful beyond measure,” thereby “producing death” in the sinner (Rom. 7:13). But through our Baptism into Christ, “we are released from the law, having died to that which held us captive” (Rom. 7:6). Now we belong “to him who has been raised from the dead, in order that we may bear fruit for God” (Rom. 7:4). Belonging to Him puts us at odds with the world and divides us from all earthly ties, not only from our human family, but each person from his own life. For Christ does not come “to bring peace, but a sword” (Matt. 10:34). Yet, whoever takes up his cross to follow Christ, and “loses his life” for Christ’s sake, finds new life in Him (Matt. 10:38-39).

<b>6/21/2020</b>	
<b>Sunday Worship</b>	<b>9</b>
Plate:	\$ 20.00
Envelopes:	\$ 968.00
Donation:	
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 988.00</b>
<b>Bible Class:</b>	<b>N/A</b>

### ***Fifth Sunday after Pentecost*** ***Readings:***

*Zechariah 9:9-12*  
*Psalms 145:1-14*  
*Romans 7:14-25a*  
*Matthew 11:25-30*

<b>Bi-Weekly Church Activity Schedule</b>		
	<b>June Sunday Servants:</b>	<b>July Servants:</b>
Elder:	Earl Neuhaus	Dan Wehling
Altar Guild:	Billie Jo Neuhaus & Maribel Perez	L. Eilers & S. Wehling
Music:	Bonny Winston	
<b>This Week</b>	<i>Fourth Sunday after Pentecost</i>	
Usher:	Dan Wehling	
Sunday:	Worship Service	9:00 am
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am
<b>Next Week</b>	<i>Fifth Sunday after Pentecost</i>	
Usher:	Earl Neuhaus	
Sunday:	Holy Communion Worship Service	9:00 am
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am