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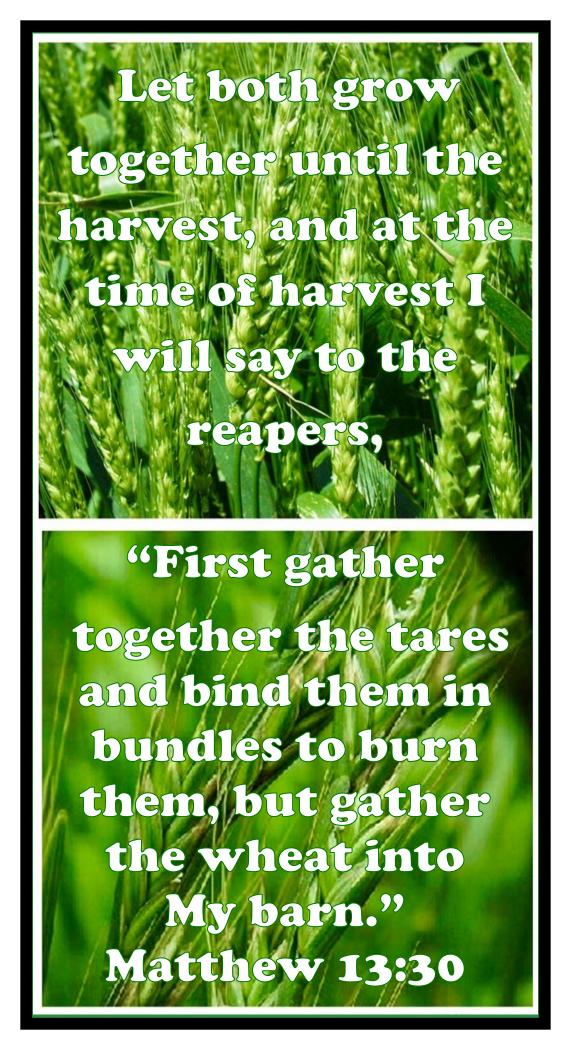
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WELCOME to IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

We wish to extend a warm welcome to all our visitors this morning. It is our prayer that you will be spiritually nourished through God's Word, and we look forward to seeing you in person when we gather together in God's house again.

A Prayer Upon Entering Church - O steadfast Lord, You are the great I AM whose promises never fail me and in whom alone salvation is to be found. Grant to me a heart to trust in Your mercy and courage in the face of doubt and fear that I not surrender hope to darkness and faith to unbelief; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

AS WE GATHER WITH OUR FAMILIES - Why must we endure the questions, the challenges, and the things that are not as they should be? The disciples long ago wondered about this too. Why are there weeds in God's field and what can be done about it? The seed was good, but God has enemies, and so do you. It is not given to us to resolve this until the Lord's time, when He will separate the weeds from the wheat. It is enough for us to know that God knows the hearts of people and that this tension will not endure. When Jesus comes in His glory, the angels will gather out of His kingdom all who do not belong. Then the righteous shall shine like the sun, so take heart, people of God.

- O little flock, fear not the foe Who madly seeks your overthrow; Dread not his rage and pow'r. And though your courage sometimes faints, His seeming triumph o'er God's saints Lasts but a little hour.
- 2 Be of good cheer; your cause belongs To Him who can avenge your wrongs; Leave it to Him, our Lord. Though hidden yet from mortal eyes, His Gideon shall for you arise, Uphold you and His Word.
- As true as God's own Word is true,
 Not earth nor hell's satanic crew
 Against us shall prevail.
 Their might? A joke, a mere facade!
 God is with us and we with God—
 Our vict'ry cannot fail.
- 4 Amen, Lord Jesus, grant our prayer; Great Captain, now Thine arm make bare, Fight for us once again! So shall Thy saints and martyrs raise A mighty chorus to Thy praise Forevermore. Amen.

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- Built on the Rock the Church shall stand Even when steeples are falling. Crumbled have spires in ev'ry land; Bells still are chiming and calling, Calling the young and old to rest, But above all the souls distressed, Longing for rest everlasting.
- 2 Surely in temples made with hands God, the Most High, is not dwelling; High above earth His temple stands, All earthly temples excelling. Yet He who dwells in heav'n above Chooses to live with us in love, Making our bodies His temple.
- We are God's house of living stones, Built for His own habitation. He through baptismal grace us owns Heirs of His wondrous salvation. Were we but two His name to tell, Yet He would deign with us to dwell With all His grace and His favor.
- 4 Here stands the font before our eyes,
 Telling how God has received us.
 The_altar recalls Christ's sacrifice
 And what His Supper here gives us.
 Here sound the Scriptures that proclaim
 Christ yesterday, today, the same,
 And evermore, our Redeemer.

Grant, then, O God, Your will be done,
That, when the church bells are ringing,
Many in saving faith may come
Where Christ His message is bringing:
"I know My own; My own know Me.
You, not the world, My face shall see.
My peace I leave with you. Amen."

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INVOCATION

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

A Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- L Let us come before God in true repentance, seeking His mercy and forgiveness.
- L If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- A But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- L Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- A 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,

L "In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ."

A Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

INTROIT Psalm 86:11–15; antiphon: v. 6

- L Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer; and attend to the voice of my supplications.
- A Teach me Your way, O Lord; I will walk in Your truth; unite my heart to fear Your name.
- L I will praise You, O Lord my God, with all my heart, and I will glorify Your name forevermore.
- A For great is Your mercy toward me, and You have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.
- L O God, the proud have risen against me, and a mob of violent men have sought my life, and have not set You before them.
- A But You, O Lord, are a God full of compassion, and gracious, longsuffering and abundant in mercy and truth.
- L Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer; and attend to the voice of my supplications.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L Let us pray. O God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of your final judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of living here

and dwell with You in perfect joy hereafter; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

A Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 44:6–8

(Is there a God besides the Lord?)

6 "Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts: 'I am the First and I am the Last; besides Me there is no God. 7 And who can proclaim as I do? Then let him declare it and set it in order for Me, since I appointed the ancient people. And the things that are coming and shall come, let them show these to them. 8 Do not fear, nor be afraid; have I not told you from that time, and declared it? You are My witnesses. Is there a God besides Me? Indeed there is no other Rock; I know not one.'"

- L This is the Word of the Lord.
- A Thanks be to God.

PSALM *Psalm 119:57–64; antiphon: v. 89*

- L Forever, O Lord, Your word is settled in heaven.
- A You are my portion, O Lord; I have said that I would keep Your words.
- L I entreated Your favor with my whole heart; be merciful to me according to Your word.
- A I thought about my ways, and turned my feet to Your testimonies.
- L I made haste, and did not delay to keep Your commandments.
- A The cords of the wicked have bound me, but I have not forgotten Your law.

- L At midnight I will rise to give thanks to You, because of Your righteous judgments.
- A I am a companion of all who fear You, and of those who keep Your precepts.
- L The earth, O Lord, is full of Your mercy; teach me Your statutes.

Forever, O Lord, Your word is settled in heaven.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (see video)

EPISTLE Romans 8:18–27

(The sufferings of this present age are not worth comparing to the glory waiting to be revealed.)

18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. 19 For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God. 20 For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope; 21 because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. 22 For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now. 23 Not only that, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body. 24 For we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees? 25 But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with perseverance. 26 Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. 27 Now He who searches the hearts

knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

- L This is the Word of the Lord.
- A Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA and VERSE

- C Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
- C These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.
- C Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43 (Then the righteous shall shine like the sun.)

L The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.

A Glory to You, O Lord.

24 Another parable He put forth to them, saying: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field; 25 but while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat and went his way. 26 But when the grain had sprouted and produced a crop, then the tares also appeared. 27 So the servants of the owner came and said to him, 'Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have tares?' 28 He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' The servants said to him, 'Do you want us then to go and gather them up?' 29 But he said, 'No, lest while you gather up the tares you also uproot the wheat with them. 30 Let both grow together until the harvest, and at the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, "First gather together the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them, but gather the wheat into my barn."'" 36 Then Jesus sent the multitude away and went into the house. And His disciples came to Him, saying, "Explain, to us the parable of the tares of the field." 37 He answered and said to them: "He who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. 38 The field is the world, the good seeds are the sons of the kingdom, but the tares are the sons of the wicked one. 39 The enemy who sowed them is the devil, the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are the angels. 40 Therefore as the tares are gathered and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of this age. 41 The Son of Man will send out His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all things that offend, and those who practice lawlessness, 42 and will cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth. 43 Then the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears to hear, let him hear!

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

A Praise to You, O Christ

APOSTLES CREED

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 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come LSB 892

- Come, ye thankful people, come;
 Raise the song of harvest home.
 All be safely gathered in
 Ere the winter storms begin;
 God, our maker, doth provide
 For our wants to be supplied.
 Come to God's own temple, come;
 Raise the song of harvest home.
- 2 All the world is God's own field,
 Fruit unto His praise to yield;
 Wheat and tares together sown,
 Unto joy or sorrow grown.
 First the blade and then the ear,
 Then the full corn shall appear.
 Lord of harvest, grant that we
 Wholesome grain and pure may be.
- And shall take His harvest home, From His field shall in that day All offenses purge away, Give His angels charge at last In the fire the tares to cast, But the fruitful ears to store In His garner evermore.
- 4 Even so, Lord, quickly come
 To Thy final harvest home;
 Gather Thou Thy people in,
 Free from sorrow, free from sin,

There, forever purified, In Thy garner to abide: Come with all Thine angels, come, Raise the glorious harvest home.

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SERMON "Living with weeds until the great Roundup"

(Matthew 13:30)

OFFERING Given with cheerful and joyful hearts

HYMN Amazing Grace LSB 744

- Amazing grace—how sweet the sound— That saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but now am found, Was blind but now I see!
- The Lord has promised good to me, His Word my hope secures; He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures.
- 3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come; His grace has brought me safe thus far, His grace will lead me home.
- 4 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail And mortal life shall cease, Amazing grace shall then prevail In heaven's joy and peace.
- When we've been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun,

We've no less days to sing God's praise Than when we'd first begun.

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- L Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
- L Lord, You have been the refuge and strength of Your people from generation to generation. Give to us the comfort of Your presence in time of trouble, Your grace to forgive our sins, and Your peace to govern our hearts. Lord, in Your mercy,

A hear our prayer.

L Lord, Your power holds all things together, in heaven and on earth. Give wisdom to those who lead our nation and guidance to those who make, administer, and judge our laws, so that life be protected and justice administered. Lord, in Your mercy,

A hear our prayer.

L Lord, Your Word speaks hope and life. Open our ears to hear Your voice and our hearts to believe in Jesus Christ and follow Him as Savior and Lord. Lord, in Your mercy,

A hear our prayer.

L Lord, Your Church lives by the grace You bestow through Word and Sacrament. Bless the pastors who preach to us this Gospel and the church workers who serve us in Your name. Lord, in Your mercy,

A hear our prayer.

L Lord, Your mercy extends to all our needs and Your grace gives healing according to Your will. Hear us on behalf of [names, and] all who stand in need. Grant to them grace sufficient for all their needs and sustain them in the hour of

trial. Lord, in Your mercy,

A hear our prayer.

L Lord, You give us new lives in baptismal water, and Your Spirit opens our hearts to faith. Help us to live out fully our vocation as Your children in the places where we live and work and do the good works You desire. Lord, in Your mercy,

A hear our prayer.

L Lord, You have granted us a place at the Table of Your Son. Help us to receive His body and blood with repentance and faith and to keep in holy lives the precious gift we will receive upon our lips. Lord, in Your mercy,

A hear our prayer.

L Lord, You have given us the encouragement of the mighty saints of old and those who taught us the faith. Help us to leave a legacy of faithfulness to those who follow us, and sustain us in hope until we join the saints in Christ's eternal presence. Lord, in Your mercy,

A hear our prayer.

(Local concerns may be added here.)

L Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

A 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

- L Let us bless the Lord.
- A Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

L The Lord bless us and keep us,
The Lord make His face shine upon us and be gracious to us
The Lord lift His countenance upon us and grant us peace

A Amen

SENDING HYMN

Jerusalem the Golden

LSB 672

- 1 Jerusalem the golden, With milk and honey blest— The promise of salvation, The place of peace and rest— We know not, oh, we know not What joys await us there: The radiancy of glory, The bliss beyond compare!
- Within those walls of Zion Sounds forth the joyful song, As saints join with the angels And all the martyr throng. The Prince is ever with them; The daylight is serene; The city of the blessed Shines bright with glorious sheen.

- 3 Around the throne of David,
 The saints, from care released,
 Raise loud their songs of triumph
 To celebrate the feast.
 They sing to Christ their leader,
 Who conquered in the fight,
 Who won for them forever
 Their gleaming robes of white.
- 4 O sweet and blessèd country,
 The home of God's elect!
 O sweet and blessèd country
 That faithful hearts expect!
 In mercy, Jesus, bring us
 To that eternal rest
 With You and God the Father
 And Spirit, ever blest.

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POSTLUDE Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending

LSB 336

- 1 Lo! He comes with clouds descending, Once for ev'ry sinner slain; Thousand thousand saints attending Swell the triumph of His train: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Christ the Lord returns to reign.
- Ev'ry eye shall now behold Him
 Robed in glorious majesty;
 Those who set at naught and sold Him,
 Pierced and nailed Him to the tree,
 Deeply wailing, deeply wailing, deeply wailing,

- Shall their true Messiah see.
- 3 Those dear tokens of His passion
 Still His dazzling body bears,
 Cause of endless exultation
 To His ransomed worshipers.
 With what rapture, with what rapture, with what rapture
 Gaze we on those glorious scars!
- 4 Yea, amen, let all adore Thee,
 High on Thine eternal throne;
 Savior, take the pow'r and glory,
 Claim the kingdom as Thine own.
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
 Thou shalt reign, and Thou alone!

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Memory Verse Challenge

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

This week's memory verse: Romans 10:17

"So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ."



Voters' Meeting

(Second Quarter) Tuesday, July 21, 2020 9:00 a.m.





Family Worship at Home

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER OLD TESTAMENT READING ********** **PENTECOST** ********** July 12, 2020 **PSALM HOLY GOSPEL** ********** ********** **OPENING HYMN** ******* 123 SERMON ** **OFFERING SENDING HYMN** ******** 456 ****** **INTROIT**





The Word of the Gospel Bestows the Righteousness of Christ and Brings Forth Faith

The good Seed, which is "the Son of Man," Jesus Himself (Matt. 13:37), brings forth a harvest of faith and bears good fruits in "the sons of the kingdom" (Matt. 13:38). Whatever is sown apart from His Word is of the devil, who plants the weeds of unbelief and sin, even among the people of God. Thankfully, the Lord is patient and He does not uproot the weeds, lest the plants also be destroyed. He lets "both grow together until the harvest" (Matt. 13:30), while He continues to preach repentance and forgiveness of sins. Thus, He preserves His Church in righteousness, because He alone is "the King of Israel and his Redeemer" (Is. 44:6). Since all things are in His gracious care and keeping, "fear not, nor be afraid" (Is. 44:8). For "the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God" (Rom. 8:19), and in this hope we also wait with patience. Though we do not yet see it, "the Spirit helps us in our weakness" (Rom. 8:26) and, in truth, "the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us" (Rom. 8:18).



<u>Eighth Sunday after Pentecost</u> <u>Readings:</u>

Deuteronomy 7:6-9 Psalm 125 Romans 8:28-39 Matthew 13:44-52