

**SEVENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST**

JULY 24, 2022

**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN
CHURCH**

Missouri Synod



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Sunday

9:00 A.M.

Worship Service

10:30 a.m.

**Adult Bible Class &
Sunday School**

Holy Communion:

1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday

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Office Hrs, M-F

8 am to 12 pm

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After having disarmed
the powers and authorities He
made a public spectacle of them
TRIUMPHING
over them by the
CROSS
Colossians 2:15

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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 - Merciful Father, whom Your Son has taught to call You and to pray, hear the prayers of Your people and grant me all good things in accordance with Your will, not for my sake but for the sake of the name of Christ, in whom I am made bold to pray; 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 - The Lord not only teaches us what to pray for but also how to pray. With the words of the Lord's Prayer, we are directed in confidence to the Lord. When doubts arise, we are reminded of how earthly fathers give good gifts to their children and are encouraged to believe that God will do so even more for us, because of our Savior Jesus Christ. It can be tempting to think of ourselves as the center of our prayers instead of the God who graciously invites us to pray and promises to hear and answer us. Today we are encouraged to learn from Jesus and to pray in His name to the Father, trusting that He will give us all good things and all things needful because of our Savior Jesus Christ.

WELCOME

PRELUDE

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

OPENING HYMN

How Can I Thank You, Lord

LSB 703



1 How can I thank You, Lord, For all Your lov - ing - kind - ness,
 2 It is Your work a - lone That I am now con - vert - ed;
 3 Lord, You have raised me up To joy and ex - ul - ta - tion
 4 Grant that Your Spir - it's help To me be al - ways giv - en



That You have pa - tient - ly Borne with me in my blind - ness!
 O'er Sa - tan's work in me You have Your pow'r as - sert - ed.
 And clear - ly shown the way That leads me to sal - va - tion.
 Lest I should fall a - gain And lose the way to heav - en.



When dead in man - y sins And tres - pass - es I lay,
 Your mer - cy and Your grace That rise a - fresh each morn
 My sins are washed a - way; For this I thank You, Lord.
 Grant that He give me strength In my in - fir - mi - ty;



I kin - dled, ho - ly God, Your an - ger ev - 'ry day.
 Have turned my ston - y heart In - to a heart new - born.
 Now with my heart and soul All e - vil I ab - hor.
 May He re - new my heart To serve You will - ing - ly.



O Father, God of love,
 Now hear my supplication;
 O Savior, Son of God,
 Accept my adoration;

O Holy Spirit, be
My ever faithful guide
That I may serve You here
And there with You abide.

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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

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 - shiped 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 with your spirit.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. O Lord, let Your merciful ears be attentive to the prayers of Your servants, and by Your Word and Spirit teach us how to pray that our petitions may be pleasing before You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Please sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Genesis 18:20–33*

(Abraham asks the Lord to spare Sodom and Gomorrah.)

20 And the Lord said, “Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grave, 21 I will go down now and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry against it that has come to Me; and if not, I will know.” 22 Then the men turned away from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the Lord. 23 And Abraham came near and said, “Would You also destroy the righteous with the wicked? 24 Suppose there were fifty righteous within the city; would You also destroy the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous that were in it? 25 Far be it from You to do such a thing as this, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous should be as the wicked; far be it from You! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?” 26 So the Lord said, “If I find in Sodom fifty righteous within the city, then I will spare all the place for their sakes.”

27 Then Abraham answered and said, “Indeed now, I who am but dust and ashes have taken it upon myself to speak to the Lord: 28 Suppose there were five less than the fifty righteous; would You destroy all of the city for lack of five?” So He said, “If I find there forty-five, I will not destroy it.”

29 And he spoke to Him yet again and said, “Suppose there should be forty found there?”

So He said, “I will not do it for the sake of forty.”

30 Then he said, “Let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak: Suppose thirty should be found there?” So He said, “I will not do it if I find thirty there.”

31 And he said, "Indeed now, I have taken it upon myself to speak to the Lord: Suppose twenty should be found there?" So He said, "I will not destroy it for the sake of twenty."

32 Then he said, "Let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak but once more: Suppose ten should be found there?" And He said, "I will not destroy it for the sake of ten."

33 So the Lord went His way as soon as He had finished speaking with Abraham; and Abraham returned to his place.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM *Psalm 138; antiphon: v. 3*

(When I called on the Lord, He answered me.)

P In the day when I cried out, You answered me, and made me bold with strength in my soul.

C I will praise You with my whole heart; before the gods I will sing praises to You.

P I will worship toward Your holy temple, and praise Your name for Your lovingkindness and Your truth; for You have magnified Your word above all Your name.

C In the day when I cried out, You answered me, and made me bold with strength in my soul.

P All the kings of the earth shall praise You, O Lord, when they hear the words of Your mouth.

C Yes, they shall sing of the ways of the Lord, for great is the glory of the Lord.

P Though the Lord is on high, yet He regards the lowly; but the proud He knows from afar.

C Though I walk in the midst of trouble, You will revive me; You will stretch out Your hand against the wrath of my enemies, and Your right hand will save me.

P The Lord will perfect that which concerns me;

C Your mercy, O Lord, endures forever; do not forsake the works of Your hands.

P In the day when I cried out, You answered me, and made me bold with strength in my soul.

EPISTLE *Colossians 2:6–23*

(Once we were dead in trespasses and sins, but God made us alive in Christ.)

6 As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, 7 rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving.

8 Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ. 9 For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; 10 and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power.

11 In Him you were also circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the sins of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, 12 buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead. 13 And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses, 14 having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. 15 Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over

them in it.

16 So let no one judge you in food or in drink, or regarding a festival or a new moon or sabbaths, 17 which are a shadow of things to come, but the substance is of Christ. 18 Let no one cheat you of your reward, taking delight in false humility and worship of angels, intruding into those things which he has not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind, 19 and not holding fast to the Head, from whom all the body, nourished and knit together by joints and ligaments, grows with the increase that is from God.

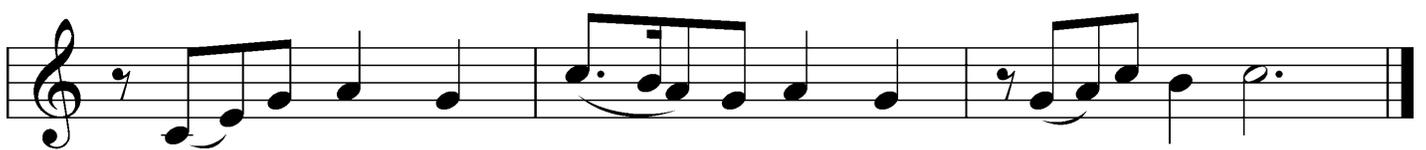
20 Therefore, if you died with Christ from the basic principles of the world, why, as though living in the world, do you subject yourselves to regulations— 21 “Do not touch, do not taste, do not handle,” 22 which all concern things which perish with the using—according to the commandments and doctrines of men? 23 These things indeed have an appearance of wisdom in self-imposed religion, false humility, and neglect of the body, but are of no value against the indulgence of the flesh.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

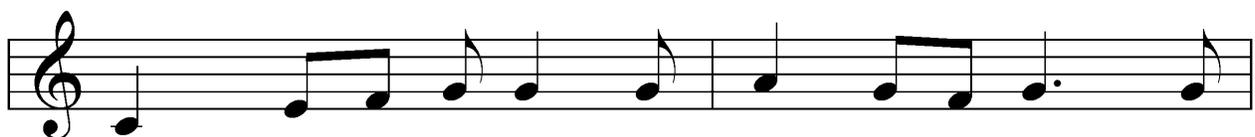
C **Thanks be to God.**

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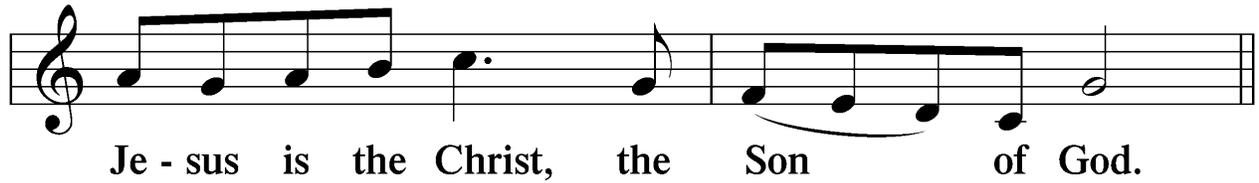
ALLELUIA and VERSE



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



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



HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 11:1-13

(“Lord, teach us to pray.”)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eleventh chapter.

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

1 Now it came to pass, as He was praying in a certain place, when He ceased, that one of His disciples said to Him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples.”

2 So He said to them, “When you pray, say:

Our Father in heaven,

Hallowed be Your name.

Your kingdom come.

Your will be done

On earth as it is in heaven.

3 Give us day by day our daily bread.

4 And forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who is indebted to us.

And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.”

5 And He said to them, “Which of you shall have a friend, and go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves; 6 for a friend of mine has come to me on his journey, and I have nothing to set before him’; 7 and he will answer from within and say, ‘Do not trouble me; the door is now shut, and my

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children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give to you'? 8 I say to you, though he will not rise and give to him because he is his friend, yet because of his persistence he will rise and give him as many as he needs.

9 "So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. 10 For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. 11 If a son asks for bread from any father among you, will he give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent instead of a fish? 12 Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? 13 If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!"

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.

Please sit

HYMN OF THE DAY

Awake, My Heart, with Gladness

LSB 467; vs 1-4



1 A - wake, my heart, with glad - ness, See what to - day is done;
2 The foe in tri - umph shout - ed When Christ lay in the tomb;
3 This is a sight that glad - dens—What peace it doth im - part!
4 Now hell, its prince, the dev - il, Of all their pow'r are shorn;



Now, af - ter gloom and sad - ness, Comes forth the glo - rious sun.
But lo, he now is rout - ed, His boast is turned to gloom.
Now noth - ing ev - er sad - dens The joy with - in my heart.
Now I am safe from e - vil, And sin I laugh to scorn.



My Sav - ior there was laid Where our bed must be made
For Christ a - gain is free; In glo - rious vic - to - ry
No gloom shall ev - er shake, No foe shall ev - er take
Grim death with all its might Can - not my soul af - fright;



When to the realms of light Our spir - it wings its flight.
He who is strong to save Has tri - umphed o'er the grave.
The hope which God's own Son In love for me has won.
It is a pow'r - less form, How - e'er it rave and storm.

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SERMON

"Nailed it!"

(Colossians 2:13-15)

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Remembering Your gracious invitation, let us approach the throne of grace in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ and offer prayers and supplications to the Father on behalf of ourselves and all people as they have need.

O Lord, You taught us to call You Father and to pray with confidence. Grant us Your Spirit that we may deliver to You the burdens of our hearts in the name of Jesus and wait upon You to give answer to what we ask You for His sake; Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Remind us, O Lord, to approach Your mercy with the humility of faith, rejoicing in what Your Son has accomplished for our salvation and in mercy for the whole world. Keep us from pride and arrogance, that, trusting You to grant us all things needful and beneficial, our hearts may rest in peace; Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Deliver us from selfish greed and instill within us Your own compassion, that we not pass by those in need or turn away from those who cry out for mercy; Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Give to all pastors and church workers, to [name], presiding in Synod, [name], our District President, and [name], our Circuit Visitor, grace to serve us faithfully and well in Your name, preserving among us the truth of Your Word and the integrity of our doctrine and confession; Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Give to Joseph, our President, the Congress, [name], our

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Governor, the legislature of this state, and all judges and magistrates, the wisdom of Your Word and Spirit, that they may serve with faithfulness for the common good and we may be enabled to serve You in peace and quietness; Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Give comfort, healing, and peace to the sick, the suffering, the aged, and the dying, [especially . . .], and all whom we name before the Lord in our hearts [silence]. Grant them peace, patience, and courage until they are delivered from all their afflictions; Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P You have opened Your hand to us and granted us gifts well beyond what we deserve or have asked. Grant us a grateful heart that we willingly support Your kingdom with the tithes and offerings You are due and our neighbor in need; Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Give to us grace that we may approach the Table of our Lord with a clear conscience and receive there His body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins, the strengthening of our faith, and to equip us for the good works that glorify You; Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

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

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.

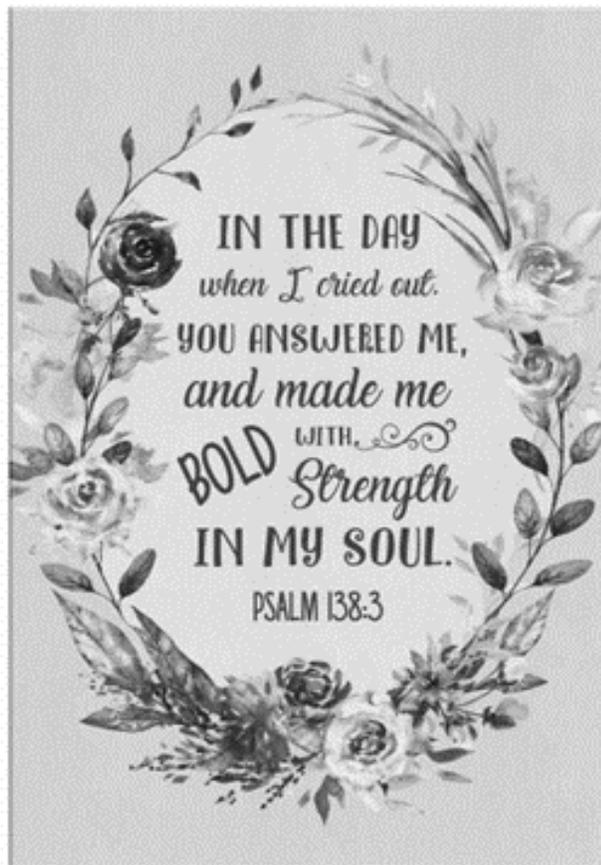
C **Thanks be to God.**

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

P The LORD bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace.

C **Amen.**



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SENDING HYMN

O Savior, Precious Savior

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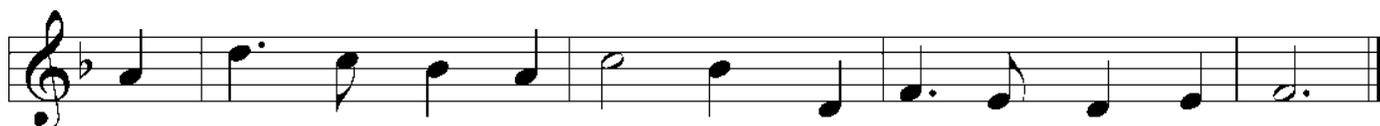
1 O Sav - ior, pre - cious Sav - ior, Whom yet un - seen we love;
2 O bring - er of sal - va - tion, Who won - drous - ly hast wrought
3 In Thee all full - ness dwell - eth, All grace and pow'r di - vine;
4 O grant the con - sum - ma - tion Of this our song a - bove



O name of might and fa - vor, All oth - er names a - bove,
Thy - self the rev - e - la - tion Of love be - yond our thought,
The glo - ry that ex - cel - leth, O Son of God, is Thine.
In end - less ad - o - ra - tion And ev - er - last - ing love;



We wor - ship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
We wor - ship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
We wor - ship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
Then shall we praise and bless Thee Where per - fect prais - es ring,



We praise Thee and con - fess Thee, Our ho - ly Lord and King.
We praise Thee and con - fess Thee, Our gra - cious Lord and King.
We praise Thee and con - fess Thee, Our glo - rious Lord and King.
And ev - er - more con - fess Thee, Our Sav - ior and our King!

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DISMISSAL

P Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

C Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

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Sermon Notes:

From Pastor's Desk

Portals of Prayer July to September 2022 are available in the Narthex or office.

*Adult Bible Class/Sunday School at 10:30 a.m.
Rev. Weber will be leading the class.*

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

This week's memory verse: *Leviticus 19:2*

*Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them,
You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.*

7/17/2022

Sunday Worship	25	
Plate		\$ 51.00
Envelopes		\$ 3,036.00
Memorial:		
	Total:	\$ 3,087.00
Bible Class:	9	\$.00

***Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
Readings:***

*Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-26
Psalm 100
Colossians 3:1-11
Luke 12:13-21*

The Prayer of the Church Is the Voice of Faith

Jesus catechizes His disciples in the way of faith by teaching them how to pray. He promises us: “Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you” (Luke 11:9). If earthly fathers know how to give good gifts to their children, “how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him” (Luke 11:13). Thus, father Abraham was bold in his prayer because he believed the gracious promise of the Lord, that he would “surely become a great and mighty nation” (Gen. 18:18). When we pray in Jesus’ name, we also hold “fast to the Head” (Col. 2:19), “rooted and built up in him and established in the faith” (Col. 2:6–7).



Immanuel Lutheran School Roundup

Wednesday, July 27, 2022
5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Bi-Weekly Church Activity Schedule		
July Sunday Servants		
Elder:	Dan Wehling	
Altar Guild:	Suzanne Wehling	
Music:	Doris Pickering	
This Week	Seventh Sunday after Pentecost	
Usher:	Dan Wehling	
Sunday:	Worship Service	9:00 am
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am
Next Week	Eighth Sunday after Pentecost	
Usher:	Don Vogel	
Sunday:	Holy Communion Worship Service	9:00 am
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am