

# 5th Sunday after Pentecost

June 28, 2026

**IMMANUEL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

*A Reconciling in Christ Congregation*

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The People of Immanuel are Ministers of the Church

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^MISSION STATEMENT:

**C: We of Immanuel are claimed, gathered, and sent by God to live Christ's example through worship, education, and service.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose compassion endures forever. **Amen.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Let us confess our sin to God.. Compassionate God, **we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.**

Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love. **Amen.**

## GATHERING HYMN

## God Is Here!



1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer  
 2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long  
 3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's  
 4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of



praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure  
 need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;  
 flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,  
 change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;



what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the  
 here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -  
 Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants  
 help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's



world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts  
 ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,  
 of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore  
 ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;



wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.  
 here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each,  
 what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.  
 we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

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.**

^KYRIE



Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.




Lord, have mer - cy; have mer - cy, O Lord.

## ^HYMN OF PRAISE (Verses 1&amp;2)

## God of Promise, Let These Signs of Grace

*Refrain*



God of prom - ise, let these signs of grace



kin - dle in our hearts a song of praise.



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|---|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 | Life - giv - ing wa - ter  | soak - ing our dry - ness,   |
| 2 | Word of pro - claim - ing, | breath on the wa - ter,      |
| 3 | Oil of a - noint - ing,    | fra - grant with pow - er,   |
| 4 | Bright light of Eas - ter  | cleav - ing the dark - ness, |
| 5 | Robe of a - dop - tion     | grow - ing God's fam - 'ly,  |



drown - ing our sin each day, mak - ing us new—  
 plant - ing your prom - ise— the voice from a - bove:  
 nam - ing us ho - ly while hold - ing our pain—  
 shin - ing up - on and with - in us to - day—  
 wrap - ping our bro - ken - ness in the di - vine—



mer - cy come stream - ing from you. *Refrain*  
 "This is my child, my be - loved."  
 mark of the life that we gain.  
 bea - con of hope on the way.  
 love be - come sym - bol and sign.

P: The Lord be with you

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray

**^PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

**FIRST READING****Jeremiah 28:5-9**

*Through a symbolic action Jeremiah insisted that Judah and all the surrounding nations should submit to the king of Babylon (Jer. 27). Hananiah contradicted the word of Jeremiah, who in reply insisted that Hananiah's rosy prediction should not be believed until it came true. God confirmed the word of Jeremiah and sentenced the false prophet Hananiah to death (vv. 16-17).*

<sup>5</sup> The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD, <sup>6</sup> and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfill the words that you have prophesied and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD and all the exiles. <sup>7</sup> But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. <sup>8</sup> The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. <sup>9</sup> As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet."

Word of God, word of life: **Thanks be to God**

## Psalm

## Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18

<sup>1</sup> Your love, O Lord, forever will I sing; from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.

<sup>2</sup> **For I am persuaded that your steadfast love is established forever; you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.**

<sup>3</sup> “I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn an oath to David my servant:

<sup>4</sup> **‘I will establish your line forever, and preserve your throne for all generations.’**

<sup>15</sup> Happy are the people who know the festal shout! They walk, O Lord, in the light of your presence.

<sup>16</sup> **They rejoice daily in your name; they are jubilant in your righteousness.**

<sup>17</sup> For you are the glory of their strength, and by your favor our might<sup>l</sup> is exalted.

<sup>18</sup> **Truly, our shield belongs to the Lord; our king to the Holy One of Israel.**

## SECOND READING

## Romans 6:12-23

*Sin is an enslaving power which motivates us to live self-serving, disobedient lives. Sin’s final payoff is death. We, however, have been set free from sin’s slavery to live obediently under God’s grace, whose end is the free gift of eternal life.*

<sup>12</sup> Do not let sin reign in your mortal bodies, so that you obey their desires. <sup>13</sup> No longer present your members to sin as instruments of unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. <sup>14</sup> For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

<sup>15</sup> What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! <sup>16</sup> Do you not know that, if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? <sup>17</sup> But thanks be to God that you who were slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted <sup>18</sup> and that you, having been set free from sin, have become enslaved to righteousness. <sup>19</sup> I am speaking in human terms because of your limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and lawlessness, leading to even more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, leading to sanctification. <sup>20</sup> When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. <sup>21</sup> So what fruit did you then gain from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. <sup>22</sup> But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the fruit you have leads to sanctification, and the end is eternal life. <sup>23</sup> For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Word of God, word of life: **Thanks be to God**

^GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



**Word of life, Je - sus Christ, all glo - ry to you!**



**Word of life, Je - sus Christ, all praise to you!**

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**^HOLY GOSPEL**

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew , the 10<sup>th</sup> Chapter

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

*When Jesus sends his disciples out as missionaries, he warns them of persecution and hardships they will face. He also promises to reward any who aid his followers and support their ministry.*

[Jesus said to the twelve:] <sup>40</sup>“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. <sup>41</sup>Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous, <sup>42</sup>and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

**P:** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

Pastor Lee

## ^HYMN

## Let Us Break Bread Together



1 Let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees;  
 2 Let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees;  
 3 Let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees;



let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees.  
 let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees.  
 let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees.



When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing



sun, O Lord, have mer-cy on me.

## ^APOSTLES' CREED

**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**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *(Kneeling as able.)*  
God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

**^PEACE**

**P:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C:** **And also with you.**

**P:** Let us share a sign of peace with one another, as you feel comfortable.

**OFFERING**

*We join other Christians in joyfully responding to God's goodness, through your personal giving. The ushers will pass the offering plates during this time. For those who do not feel comfortable passing the plates, we ask that you place your offering in the plates located at the front of the nave prior to the service, or after the service, in the plate on the table as you exit into the Hospitality area. Many people give electronically, and we thank all growing disciples in advance for their supportive giving.*

## ^OFFERTORY HYMN



Let the vine-yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
 bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown,  
 that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
 Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we  
 of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence, Lord,  
 and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

## OFFERING PRAYER

Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love ,so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. **Amen.**

## +HOLY COMMUNION+

## ^GREAT THANKSGIVING

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** **And also with you.**

**P:** Lift up your hearts.

**C:** **We lift them up to the Lord.**

**P:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C:** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

**P:** It is indeed right and salutary.....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy  
*Santo, santo, santo*



*San - to, san - to, san - to, oh Dios del u - ni - ver - so:*  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of might and mer - cy,



*. . . lle-nos es-tán el cie - lo y la tie - rra de tu glo - ria.*  
your glo - ry fills all heav-en and earth. . . . You are ho - ly, God.



*Ben - di - to el que vie - ne en nom - bre del Se - ñor. . . .*  
. . . Bless - ed be the Sav - ior, the one who comes in your name.



*Ho - san - na en el cie - lo. San - to\_e-res, oh Dios.*  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. You are ho - ly, God.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION *In the night he was betrayed.....*

^LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

*(first verse only)*

## Lamb of God

### Your Only Son

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1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, but you have  
 2 Your gift of love we cru - ci - fied. We laughed and  
 3 I was so lost, I should have died, but you have



sent him from your side to walk up - on this guilt - y  
 scorned him as he died. The hum - ble king we named a  
 brought me to your side to be led by your staff and



sod and to be - come the Lamb of God. O Lamb of  
 fraud and sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God.  
 rod and to be called a lamb of God.



God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God. Oh, wash me



in your pre - cious blood, my Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

**P:** The table is ready, come and eat.

**C:** Amen

## DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION *(By Intinction)*

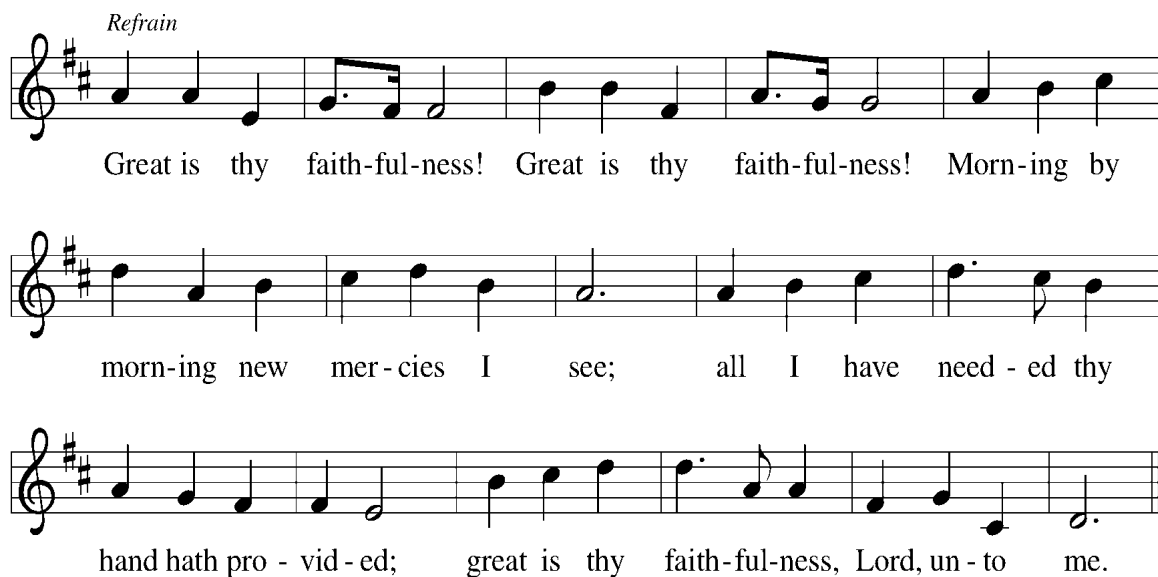
*All baptized Christians are welcome to share the bread and wine of **Holy Communion**. After it is placed in your hand, dip your wafer in the wine (silver chalice) or grape juice (ceramic chalice). Sign a communion card from the pew rack and place it in the offering plate.*

**P:** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C: Amen**

### Great Is Thy Faithfulness

*Refrain*



Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by  
morn-ing new mer-cies I see; all I have need-ed thy  
hand hath pro-vid-ed; great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me.

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. **Amen.**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### ^BENEDICTION/BLESSING

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, † one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always. **Amen.**

## ^HYMN

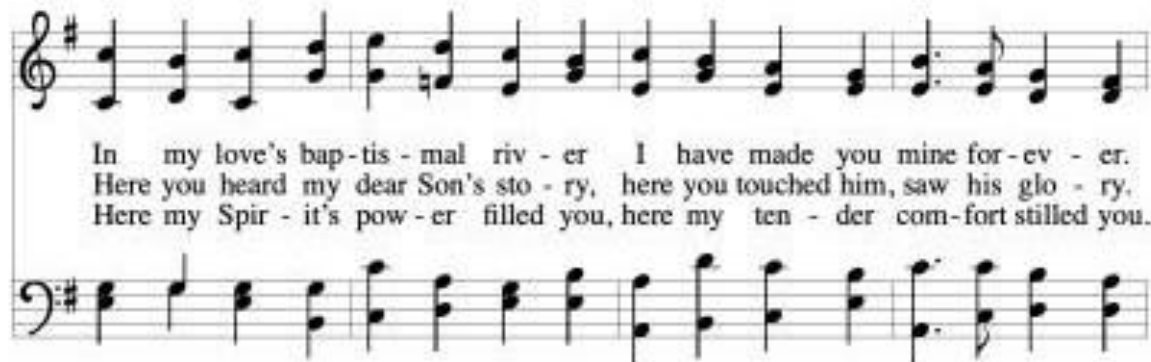
## Go, My Children, with My Blessing



1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.  
 2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.  
 3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.  
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
 Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.  
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.  
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."  
 Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."  
 Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."

## ^DISMISSAL

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news! **Thanks be to God.**



**ReconcilingWorks**  
LUTHERANS FOR FULL PARTICIPATION



As a **Reconciling in Christ congregation**, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Norwood, commits to celebrating the love of God with ALL people as we are all made in God's image. We are committed to racial equity in our congregation, community, and country. Whatever your abilities, gender identity, sexual orientation, relationship status, race, culture, faith tradition or economic circumstance; whatever your past or present – you are welcome to share in God's love and our community.

**Welcome Visitors!** We are extremely glad you are with us today! It is a privilege to have you share our worship service. Please take a moment to fill out the Visitor Guest Book located at the top of the steps at our Chester Pike entrance. If you have any questions, please ask any of the members, we will be happy to help. Check out [www.immanuelnorwood.org](http://www.immanuelnorwood.org) or our Facebook page.



### **Supporting IMMANUEL's Mission with Our Generosity.**

We have three easy & virtual ways for people to donate to IMMANUEL. You will see on our Website and on our Facebook page "links" which you can click and make a secure donation. And here is a **QR code** which you can scan with your smart phone. Thank You for your continued generous support!



## ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

Weekly Activities do not reflect building use by outside groups.

<b>SUNDAY</b>	Education Hour	10:00 AM
	Worship	11:00AM
		12:00 PM

Date	Lector	Worship Assistant	Greeters	Acolytes
<b>June 28</b>		J. Kintsche	J. Crane	
<b>July 5</b>		J. Kintsche	C.Kelly	



**May Income - \$9,289**

**May Expenses - \$10,158**

**\*Diakon** (a social service of our local SEPA Synod) assists families (referred by Children and Youth Services) in providing adequate care for their children. They also facilitate the reunification of families when children return from foster care. The Outreach Committee has provided a bin in the hospitality area for donations to their work. Donations of new or very gently used baby and children's clothing and baby supplies (but not diapers, they have a source for that) would be gratefully accepted.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** will be here before we know it!! Aug 10<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup>, 9:00AM-11:30AM. You can be a part of the excitement. We do need more helpers to make this year a success. This year's program is *Snowball Mountain Challenge*. **Ollie** will lead us through the week. Registration is now open. Go to [immanuelnorwood.org](http://immanuelnorwood.org) and click on the calendar tab. If you're able to help out this year, please see Jeanne Warner.



## **AC for Sanctuary is Complete & HVAC Phase #2 has Started!**

Our HVAC Project phase #1 to upgrade the AC was completed May 16<sup>th</sup>! Phase #2 to investigate the replacement of our boilers has started. We used some of our investment funds and took a loan for \$10,000. from ELCA's Mission Investment Fund to pay for **Phase #1**. We now have a loan payment of \$122/month. Please see the display in the Hospitality area for more information and how you can help. See Karl McClellan or Fred Warner for even more details. **Thank you for support!**



Plan to join us for fun, fellowship, and to share Vacation Bible information with parade goers. If you are able to walk in the **Fourth of July parade in Norwood** with Immanuel please let Colleen Kelly know. For those who cannot walk the parade route, please join fellow members at our water station outside the Winona Ave. gate to the church to watch the parade. Details to follow in subsequent bulletins; but usually an 8:30 start with walk ending near the church

### **SUMMER READING**

Are you looking for a summer reading book? Sunday morning Bible Study group is recommending The Blessing Effect: A Single Act of Kindness Can Rewrite the Future by Robert K. Pozil.. Please join us in September when we will discuss the book. Have a great summer! For more info see Jeanne Warner.

