



# 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

July 6, 2025

**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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PRELUDE (*Prayerful time for reflection.*)

^MISSION STATEMENT:

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

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

**Amen.**

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Almighty God, who gives us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit and forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## ^GATHERING HYMN

## My Country, 'Tis of Thee



1 My coun - try, 'tis of thee, sweet land of lib - er - ty,  
 2 My na - tive coun - try, thee, land of the no - ble free,  
 3 Let mu - sic swell the breeze, and ring from all the trees  
 4 Our fa - thers' God, to thee, au - thor of lib - er - ty,



of thee I sing; land where my fa - thers died, land of the  
 thy name I love; I love thy rocks and rills, thy woods and  
 sweet free - dom's song; let mor - tal tongues a - wake; let all that  
 to thee we sing: long may our land be bright with free - dom's



pil - grims' pride, from ev - 'ry moun - tain - side let free - dom ring.  
 tem - pled hills; my heart with rap - ture thrills like that a - bove.  
 breathe par - take; let rocks their si - lence break, the sound pro - long.  
 ho - ly light. Pro - tect us by thy might, great God, our king.

Text: Samuel F. Smith, 1808–1895

Music: NATIONAL ANTHEM, *Thesaurus Musicus*, London, 1744

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&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.

1 Life - giv - ing wa - ter  
2 Word of pro - claim - ing,  
3 Oil of a - noint - ing,  
4 Bright light of Eas - ter  
5 Robe of a - dop - tion

soak - ing our dry - ness,  
breath on the wa - ter,  
fra - grant with pow - er,  
cleav - ing the dark - ness,  
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—

*Refrain*

mer - cy come stream - ing from you.  
"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, the Father of our Lord Jesus, you are the city that shelters us, the mother who comforts us. With your Spirit accompany us on our life's journey, that we may spread your peace in all the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### **First Reading:**

**Isaiah 66:10-14**

*Those who returned from the exile found that the hopes for the glorious restoration of Judah were not completely fulfilled. For these disappointed people, the prophet envisions salvation in the image of a nursing woman. Mother Jerusalem and a mothering God remind the community how they are sustained and supported.*

<sup>10</sup> Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her; rejoice with her in joy, all you who mourn over her— <sup>11</sup> that you may nurse and be satisfied from her consoling breast; that you may drink deeply with delight from her glorious bosom.

<sup>12</sup> For thus says the Lord: I will extend prosperity to her like a river, and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream; and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm, and dandled on her knees. <sup>13</sup> As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.

<sup>14</sup> You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice; your bodies shall flourish like the grass; and it shall be known that the hand of the Lord is with his servants, and his indignation is against his enemies.

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

**Psalm:****Psalm 66:1-9**

<sup>1</sup> Be joyful in God, all you lands; be joyful, all the earth.

<sup>2</sup> **Sing the glory of God's name; sing the glory of God's praise.**

<sup>3</sup> Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! Because of your great strength your enemies cringe before you.

<sup>4</sup> **All the earth bows down before you, sings to you, sings out your name."**

<sup>5</sup> Come now and see the <sup>1</sup> works of God, how awesome are God's deeds toward all people.

<sup>6</sup> **God turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the water on foot, and there we rejoiced in God.**

<sup>7</sup> Ruling forever in might, God keeps watch over the nations; let no rebels exalt themselves.

<sup>8</sup> **Bless our God, you peoples; let the sound of praise be heard.**

<sup>9</sup> Our God has kept us among the living and has not allowed our feet to slip.

**SECOND READING****Galatians 6:[1-6] 7-16**

*In the close of his letter to the Galatians, Paul encourages them to live as people made right with God through faith in Jesus Christ. Here Paul offers practical advice about how believers exercise common concern for one other in "the family of faith."*

<sup>7</sup> Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. <sup>8</sup> If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. <sup>9</sup> So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time if we do not give up. <sup>10</sup> So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

<sup>11</sup> See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! <sup>12</sup> It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross

of Christ. <sup>13</sup> Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. <sup>14</sup> May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. <sup>15</sup> For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! <sup>16</sup> As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

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

## ^GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Praise, praise, praise the Lord! Praise God's Holy Name, alleluia!**  
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## ^HOLY GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 10<sup>th</sup> Chapter

**C: Glory to you O Lord**

*Jesus commissions harvesters and laborers to go where he would go and do what he would do. Risking hardship and danger in exchange for the experience of great joy, they offer peace and healing as signs that the reign of God is near.*

<sup>1</sup> After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. <sup>2</sup> He said to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. <sup>3</sup> Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. <sup>4</sup> Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. <sup>5</sup> Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace to this house!’ <sup>6</sup> And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. <sup>7</sup> Remain in the same house, eating and

drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. <sup>8</sup> Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; <sup>9</sup> cure the sick who are there, and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’ <sup>10</sup> But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, <sup>11</sup> ‘Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.’ ”

<sup>16</sup> “Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me.”

<sup>17</sup> The seventy returned with joy, saying, “Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!” <sup>18</sup> He said to them, “I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. <sup>19</sup> See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. <sup>20</sup> Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

HYMN SING WITH HISTORY (*using hymnals*)

^HYMN

**God bless America, land that I love.  
Stand beside her, and guide her,  
Through the night with a light, from above  
From the mountains, to the prairies,  
To the oceans, white with foam,  
God bless America, my home sweet home,  
God bless America, my home sweet home.**



## ^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 don't 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 the dreams of all; u - nite them with the  
 prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,  
 and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

## OFFERING PRAYER

Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

## ^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.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## ^BENEDICTION/BLESSING

The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit ✝ bless you and give you peace.  
**Amen.**

## ^HYMN

## Onward, Christian Soldiers



1 On - ward, Chris - tian sol - diers, march - ing as to war,  
 2 Like a might - y ar - my moves the church of God;  
 3 Crowns and thrones may per - ish, king - doms rise and wane,  
 4 On - ward, then, you faith - ful, join our hap - py throng;



with the cross of Je - sus go - ing on be - fore,  
 let us bold - ly fol - low where the saints have trod.  
 but the church of Je - sus con - stant will re - main;  
 blend with ours your voic - es in the tri - umph song.



Christ, the roy - al mas - ter, leads a - gainst the foe;  
 We are not di - vid - ed; all one bod - y we;  
 gates of hell can nev - er 'gainst the church pre - vail.  
 Glo - ry, laud, and hon - or un - to Christ the king.



for - ward in - to bat - tle, see, his ban - ners go!  
 one in hope and doc - trine, one in char - i - ty.  
 We have Christ's own prom - ise, and that can - not fail.  
 We through count - less a - ges with the an - gels sing:



On - ward, Chris - tian sol - diers, march - ing as to war,



with the cross of Je - sus go - ing on be - fore.

## ^DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.  
 Thanks be to God.



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 very 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. We would appreciate having a record of your communion with us today. Please sign a communion card from the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. If you have any questions please ask of the members, we'll be happy to help. Check out [www.immanuelnorwood.org](http://www.immanuelnorwood.org) or our Facebook page. **Thanks for being with us!**

**Supporting IMMANUEL's Mission with Our Generosity.** We have three easy and 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. Here is a **QR code** which you can scan with your smart phone. Thank You for your continued generous support!



**Acme/ShopRite Gift Cards!** They are used like cash at any of the area stores. There is no extra charge for the certificates. **Our church receives 5% of the coupons. Help us help our church!** See Mary Lyn Horne-Onimus for details.



## ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

Weekly Activities do not reflect building use by outside groups.

**SUNDAY**

Worship

11:00 AM

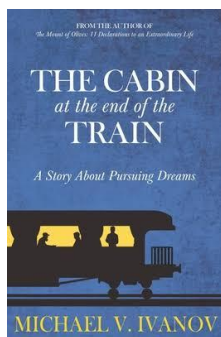
	Lector	Worship Assistant	Acolyte	Greeters
<b>Jul 6</b>		J Kintsche		C. Kelly
<b>Jul 13</b>		M. Horne-Onimus	E. Enriquez	J. Morrison
<b>Jul 20</b>		M Horne-Onimus		
<b>Jul 27</b>		K McClellan		J. Crane



**May Income - \$9503**

**May Expenses - \$9825**

### Summer Reading



Looking for a good book to read on your long summer days at the beach? Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study will be reading **The Cabin at the End of the Train** by Michael V. Ivanov. It's a story about Pursuing Dreams. We will be discussing this book when Bible Study resumes in September. Let us know what you think of the book. Happy reading!



**Heating Oil Season is over!** However, the fall will be here soon enough! Our mascot for our Heating Oil campaign, **Lu the Firefly** is asking that our members do their best to contribute monthly a little extra using **the OIL envelopes** you'll find at the **BRIGHT YELLOW Heating Oil campaign poster** board located in the Hospitality area.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL SPONSORSHIP

You may sponsor a child in VBS for a contribution of \$10 per child. If you wish to do so, please mark your envelope “FOR VBS” and place it in the offering plate or give directly to Jeanne Warner. Thank you for your generosity.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** will be here before we know it!! Aug 11<sup>th</sup> -15<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 **Road Trip**. *Scout* will lead us through the week. If you’re able to help out this year, please see Jeanne Warner. Registration is open. Go to <https://immanuelnorwood.org/church-calendar> and click on the VBS Registration Button.



### Backpack School Supply Collection

We will supply stuffed backpacks to students in the Chester and Upper Darby Communities. Here are three ways you can support the collection this year.

One way is to use the links below to an Amazon Wishlist – School Supplies. Place an order and it will be shipped directly to the crew that will assemble the backpacks.

Link to Amazon Wishlist [tinyurl.com/School-Supply-Collection](https://tinyurl.com/School-Supply-Collection) or use the QR code:

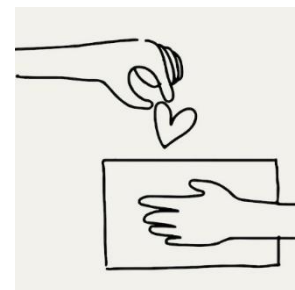


You can also make a monetary contribution. Checks can be mailed to School Supplies c/o Jody Troyan, 1201 Swarthmore Ave., Folsom, PA 19033. Checks should be made payable to Grace Lutheran Church – Broomall.

You may also do the shopping yourself and drop off the supplies at church in the box located in the hospitality area. See the suggested list of supplies on the 2-sided, purple flyer on the table outside the sanctuary.

## The Outreach Committee is asking for your help

We are planning to put together hygiene kits to give out at the end of the summer and need you to help provide the supplies that need to be included. The plan is to have everything by August 11<sup>th</sup> so that the VBS students can help put the bags together. Our hope is to put together 100 bags. We will update needed items as we get donations.



Here is a list of the items we are collecting. Please consider picking a few items up when you are out and bringing them to church over the summer. There is also a link to an amazon wish list if it is easier to pick one item and it will be sent to us.

toothbrush	toothpaste
shampoo (12 oz or smaller,)	conditioner (12 oz or smaller,) moist
towelettes	deodorant soap ( bar or liquid)
comb	hand sanitizer
feminine products	

<https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/guest-view/24BGKY941ANWK>

Thank you for your support with this project. If you have any questions please see Colleen Kelly or any member of the Outreach committee.