

Sixth Sunday
after
Pentecost



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IMMANUEL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Reconciling in Christ Congregation

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SERVICE OF THE SPOKEN WORD

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.

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

Amen.

Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Reconciling God, we confess that we do not trust your abundance, and we deny your presence in our lives. We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to believe that you provide enough for all. We abuse your good creation for our own benefit. We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us. We sin in thought, word, and deed. By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us; and in your Spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.

Beloved of God, by the radical abundance of divine mercy we have peace with God through ✝ Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace. Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope. For hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

^OPENING HYMN (*Solo Kathleen Schneider*)

Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand



1 Oh, hap - py day when we shall stand in heav - en with the
 2 Oh, bless - ed day when Christ shall come and show him - self as
 3 Oh, what a might - y rush - ing flood of joy and love and
 4 O Lord, your grace is ev - 'ry - thing; your love has made us



saved; all peo - ples at the Lord's right hand shall
 Lord, and thou - sands meet in their new home which
 peace will roll down o - ver us with good and
 free to stand a - mong the saints and sing the



find their names en - graved, shall find their names en - graved.
 Je - sus has pre - pared, which Je - sus has pre - pared.
 bless - ed - ness and grace, and bless - ed - ness and grace.
 glo - ry that we see, the glo - ry that we see.

Text: Wilhelm A. Wexels, 1797–1866; tr. Gracia Grindal, b. 1943
 Music: LOBT GOTT, IHR CHRISTEN, Nikolaus Herman, c. 1480–1561

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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

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen**

^HYMN OF PRAISE (*Solo Kathleen Schneider*)

Refrain

Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and

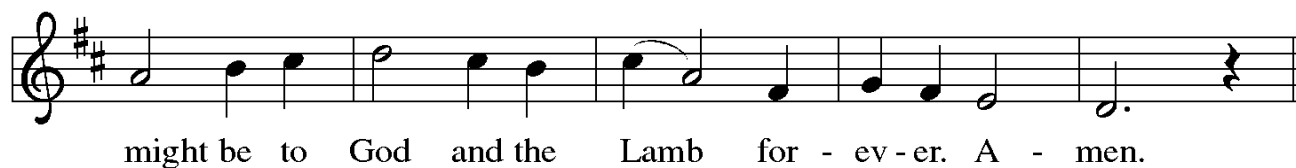


strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



P: The Lord be with you

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray

^PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 55:10-13

God's word to Israel's exiles is as sure and effective as never-failing precipitation. Their return to the Holy Land in a new exodus is cheered on by singing mountains and by trees that clap their hands.

¹⁰For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,

giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,

¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;

it shall not return to me empty,

but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,

and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

¹²For you shall go out in joy,

and be led back in peace;

the mountains and the hills before you

shall burst into song,

and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

¹³Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;

instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;

and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial,

for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

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

PSALM 65: [1-8] 9-13 (*Read responsively*)

Your paths overflow with plenty. (Ps. 65:11)

¹You are to be praised, O God, in Zion;

to you shall vows be fulfilled.

²**To you, the one who answers prayer,**

to you all flesh shall come.

³Our sins are stronger than we are,

but you blot out our transgressions.

⁴Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there!

They will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness of your temple.

⁵Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation,

O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the oceans far away.

**⁶You make firm the mountains by your power;
you are girded about with might.**

⁷You still the roaring of the seas,
the roaring of their waves, and the clamor of the peoples.

⁸Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous signs;

you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.

⁹You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; the river of God is full of water.

You prepare the grain, for so you provide for the earth.

**¹⁰You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges;
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.**

¹¹You crown the year with your goodness,
and your paths overflow with plenty.

**¹²May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing,
and the hills be clothed with joy.**

¹³May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves with grain;
let them shout for joy and sing.

SECOND READING

Romans 8:1-11

There is no condemnation for those who live in Christ. God sent Christ to accomplish what the law was unable to do: condemn sin and free us from its death-dealing ways. The Spirit now empowers proper actions and values in our lives and gives us the promise of resurrected life.

¹There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. ³For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, ⁸and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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

^GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*Spoken*)

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

^HOLY GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 13th Chapter

C: Glory to you O Lord

In Matthew's gospel, both Jesus and his disciples "sow the seed" of God's word by proclaiming the good news that "the kingdom of heaven is near." Now, in a memorable parable, Jesus explains why this good news produces different results in those who hear.

¹That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ²Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away.

⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them.

⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹Let anyone with ears listen!"

¹⁸"Hear then the parable of the sower. ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; ²¹yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON

Pastor Scott Lee

^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

Response: "Your mercy is great."

^PEACE

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

C: And also with you.

P: Let us share the peace.

OFFERING

We join other Christians in joyfully responding to God's goodness, through your personal giving. Many people give electronically and we thank all growing disciples in advance for their supportive giving.

^OFFERTORY HYMN (*Solo Kathleen Schneider*)

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. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER

God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens. Water and word, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. Nourish us through these gifts, that we might proclaim your steadfast love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song. **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 thanks and praise.**

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

(Spoken)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might.
heav'n and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Let us pray using the words as our Lord taught us:

^LORD'S PRAYER *(Spoken)*

**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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Friends of Jesus, come to the table. Receive nourishment for your journey.

C: Amen

(Spoken)

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

*All baptized Christians are welcome to share the bread and wine of **Holy Communion**. Please come forward and pick up the bread and wine from the table. Place the wafer in your mouth when the pastor says "The Body of Christ given for you." Drink the cup of wine/grape juice when the assistant minister says, "The Blood of Christ shed for you." Please dispose of your cup in the receptacle provided.*

^MUSIC VOLUNTARY

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

C: Amen

(Solo Kathleen Schneider)



☐ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re - calls his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy
with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of the welcome table, in this meal we have feasted on your goodness and have been united by your presence among us. Empower us to go forth sustained by these gifts so that we may share your neighborly love with all, through Jesus Christ, the giver of abundant life. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

^BENEDICTION/BLESSING

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. God, the creator, ✝ Jesus, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, the comforter, bless you and keep you in eternal love. **Amen.**

^HYMN (*Solo Kathleen Schneider*)

Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast



- 1 Al - might - y God, your word is cast like seed in - to the ground;
- 2 Let not the sly sa - tan - ic foe this ho - ly seed re - move,
- 3 Let not the world's de - ceit - ful cares the ris - ing plant de - stroy,
- 4 So when the pre - cious seed is sown, your quick-'ning grace be - stow,



now let the dew of heav'n de - scend and righ - teous fruits a - bound.
 but give it root in ev - 'ry heart to bring forth fruits of love.
 but let it yield a hun - dred - fold the fruits of peace and joy.
 that all whose souls the truth re - ceive its sav - ing pow'r may know.

Text: John Cawood, 1775–1852, alt.
 Music: ST. FLAVIAN, J. Day, Psalter, 1562

^DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

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SERVING THIS MORNING:

(L) Need Volunteer (R) Need Volunteer (U) Need Volunteers

The **Flowers** in the Altar Vases are given to the Glory of God by the Narcavage family in memory of Dawn Gaynor.

ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

(NA Bldg Use – Sat/Sun/Wed. – 7 PM)

MONDAY

Bereavement Group

6:30 PM

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. 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.

Acme/Giant and 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 value of the coupons that you use. Help us help our church!**



See Alex Narcavage for details.

REOPENING INFORMATION

BEFORE worship Details

- To add to the prayer list, call the church office. The secretary will compile the list and leave it for use on Sunday.
- To add written announcements to the bulletin, contact the church office by end of day Monday for the following Sunday.
- Announcements will be made only by the Pastor. Provide your announcement (with full wording) to the church office. The secretary will provide a document with all announcements to the Pastor.

11:00 am LIVE and on-site WORSHIP DETAILS - INFO for attendance at the CHURCH

- **You MUST wear a mask. Please do not remove them while in the building.** There will be supplies at church if you do not have one to bring.
- We may be testing temperatures on the way into the church.
- We will be taking attendance as you enter, so that contact tracing can be done if anyone gets sick.
- We will be asking you to sign a waiver acknowledging your risk of exposure to COVID 19.
- We will not have any cards, envelopes, pencils, papers, cushions or tissue boxes in the pews.
 - We will not use communion cards for the immediate future. If you are concerned about being on record for communion, call the church office during the week and Vi will record your communion.
 - Any cushions that are currently on a pew will be relocated to the shelf above the coat rack. Collect your cushion to use during worship and return it at the close of worship.
 - Tissue boxes will also be placed on the coat rack shelf. Collect yours as necessary.
- We will have volunteers at the Chester Pike entrance to screen and take attendance. We will not be leaving the handicapped entry unlocked...but if you need to enter there, please have someone in your party let the greeters know at the Chester Pike entry. They will meet you to admit you at the Winona entrance.
- **Please bring hand sanitizer with you.**
- After the service everyone will be expected to leave immediately. Any socialization will need to take place out of doors, maintaining physical distancing.

INFO for attendance via Phone or Internet

- **Zoom church live** – 11:00 am, sharing the service from the church July 5th, 2020 thru August 23rd, 2020.

Use your smartphone, tablet or computer to log in using the link.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84965224237?pwd=eFZaaU9USlcyS9GN0phc1BGZjFZZz09>

Meeting ID: 849 6522 4237

Password: 295218

Use your phone (any type) to listen to the Zoom Church live.

NOTE that the phone numbers are not local – you may incur long distance charges:

+1 301 715 8592 US (Germantown)

+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

+1 929 205 6099 US (New York)

Enter Meeting ID: 849 6522 4237

Password: 295218

- To watch a recording (posted sometime later on Sunday), or for the link to the live broadcast at 11:00am: Go to Facebook or our Immanuel website at www.immanuelnorwood.org.