

Third Sunday
after
Pentecost



June 13, 2021

IMMANUEL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Reconciling in Christ Congregation

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The People of Immanuel are Ministers of the Church
 The Rev Scott R. Lee, Pastor
 Kathleen Schneider, Director of Music

Please pick up your communion card and Fellowship cup on the way into the Sanctuary for Holy Communion.

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.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy. **Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence for reflection and self-examination. (Kneeling as able.)

God, our provider, help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.

Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, ✝ the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. **Amen.**

^OPENING HYMN

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing



1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
 2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
 and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
 let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end-less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,
 Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan-d'ring from the fold of God;
 Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.

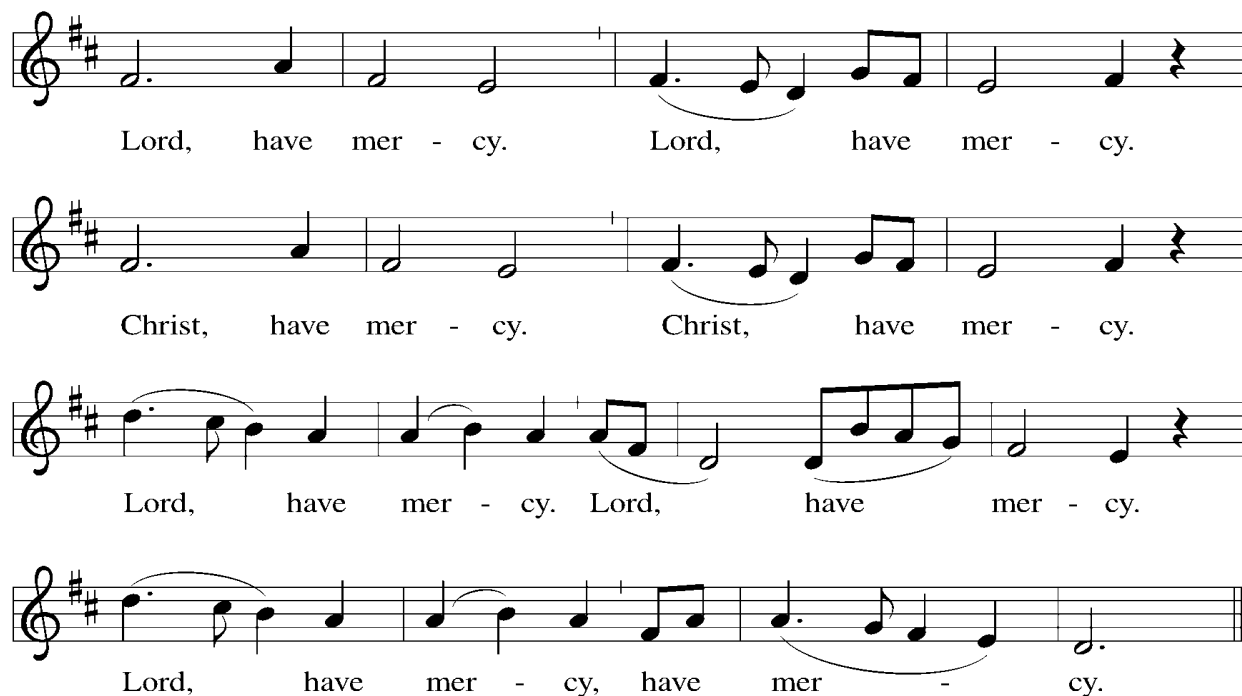


teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good-ness prove.
 he, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
 Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

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. Lord, have mer - cy.

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

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

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

^HYMN OF PRAISE

This Is the Feast

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-t'ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le -

lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es,

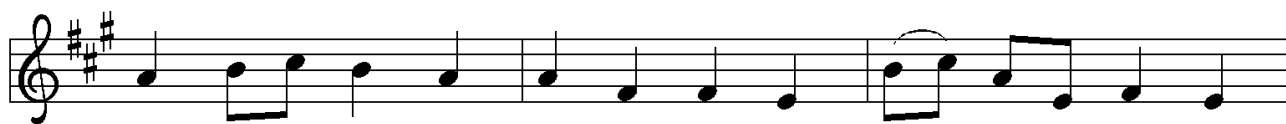
wis - dom, and strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-t'ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le -



lu - ia. 2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and



join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or,



glo - ry and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A-men.



This is the feast of vic-t'ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le -



lu - ia. 3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God. Al - le -



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

P: The Lord be with you

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray

^PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 17:22-24

Tree imagery is used in a messianic prophecy to tell how the LORD will choose someone from Judah's royal family (the cedar tree) to reign over all creation. This tree will be planted on Mount Zion, the location of the holy temple.

²²Thus says the Lord GOD:

I myself will take a sprig
from the lofty top of a cedar;
I will set it out.

I will break off a tender one
from the topmost of its young twigs;
I myself will plant it
on a high and lofty mountain.

²³On the mountain height of Israel
I will plant it,
in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit,
and become a noble cedar.

Under it every kind of bird will live;
in the shade of its branches will nest
winged creatures of every kind.

²⁴All the trees of the field shall know
that I am the LORD.

I bring low the high tree,
I make high the low tree;

I dry up the green tree
 and make the dry tree flourish.
 I the LORD have spoken;
 I will accomplish it.

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

PSALM 92:1-4, 12-15 (*Read responsively*)

The righteous shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.

¹It is a good thing to give thanks to the LORD,
 to sing praise to your name, O Most High;
²**to herald your love in the morning
 and your faithfulness at night;**
³on the psaltery, and on the lyre,
 and to the melody of the harp.
⁴**For you have made me glad by your acts, O LORD;
 and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.**
¹²The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree,
 and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.
¹³**Those who are planted in the house of the LORD
 shall flourish in the courts of our God;**
¹⁴they shall still bear fruit in old age;
 they shall be green and succulent;
¹⁵**that they may show how upright the LORD is,
 my rock, in whom there is no injustice.**

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 5:6-10 [11-13] 14-17

Paul encourages believers to live by faith and not by sight. We do not consider Jesus from a human perspective but through the eyes of faith, believing he died for all and was raised. All who are in Christ are now in God's new creation.

⁶So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—⁷for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. ¹⁰For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

[¹¹Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. ¹²We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. ¹³For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you.] ¹⁴For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. ¹⁵And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

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

^GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

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

^HOLY GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 4th Chapter

C: Glory to you O Lord

Jesus frequently uses parables to teach ordinary people as they are able to hear and understand. Images of sowing and growing show the vitality of God's kingdom.

²⁶[Jesus] said, “The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground,²⁷ and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. ²⁸The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. ²⁹But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.”

³⁰He also said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; ³²yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”

³³With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; ³⁴he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

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 (*Kneeling as able.*)

Response: "Hear our prayer."

^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

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

Offering Song

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

Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. **Amen.**

+HOLY COMMUNION+

^GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

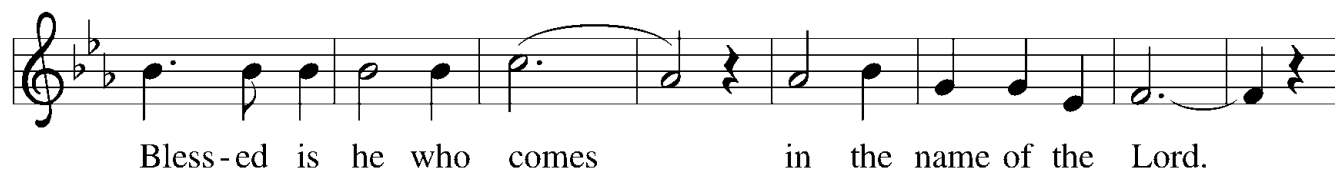
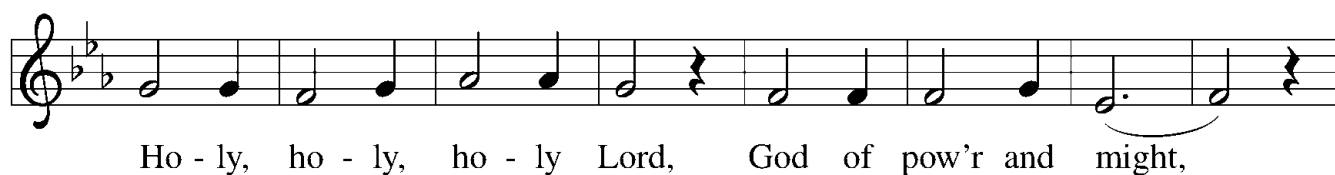
P: Lift up your hearts.

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:



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

^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: Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

C: Amen

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

*All baptized Christians are welcome to share the bread and wine of **Holy Communion**. Please pick up your communion card and "Fellowship Cup", an all-in-one wafer and juice set (the bread and wine) when entering the sanctuary. The pastor says "The Body of Christ given for you." and the assistant minister says, "The Blood of Christ shed for you." (Hint: you may want to rest your "Fellowship Cup" on the pew to steady it). Remove your mask, open the top protective film to uncover the "body" (an unleavened wafer), place in your mouth then open the 2nd protective film to uncover the "blood" (100% grape juice) and drink. Replace your mask. Please dispose of your cup in the receptacle provided when leaving the sanctuary. Sign the communion card and place it in the offering plate.*

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
 us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

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

C: Amen

Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise

Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry - one what God has
 done. Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.
 Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and lead us forth in
 joy with shouts of thanks-giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

^BENEDICTION/BLESSING

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, **+** be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

^HYMN

Spread, Oh, Spread, Almighty Word



1 Spread, oh, spread, al - might - y Word, spread the reign of God the Lord.
 2 Tell of our Re - deem - er's grace, who, to save our hu - man race
 3 Tell of God the Spir - it giv'n now to guide us on to heav'n,
 4 Lord of har - vest, great and kind, rouse to ac - tion heart and mind;



Send forth our Cre - a - tor's call, heav - en's gifts ex - tend to all.
 and to pay re - bel - lion's price, gave him - self as sac - ri - fice.
 strong and ho - ly, just and true, work - ing both to will and do.
 let the gath - ring na - tions all see your light and heed your call.

^DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

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ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY	Outreach Mtg.	1:00 PM
MONDAY	Bereavement Mtg.	6:30 PM
THURSDAY	Bible Study (<i>Zoom</i>)	7:00 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 **Acme 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!** Contact Alex Narcavage for details.



Celebrate **Father's Day, Sunday June 20th**, at Immanuel with fellowship and Carnations!

VBS Aug. 9th-13th 9:00Am-12 Noon - Mark your calendars – by popular demand – VBS is coming again this summer. **“Knights of the North Castle”!** We need everyone’s help to keep this going and make it another successful year. If you can donate any of your time for VBS or **sponsor a child for VBS for \$10.00**, please contact **Jeanne Warner** to see how you can be a part of this year’s event!



June Council Meeting has been rescheduled from Sunday June 20th (Father’s Day) to the following Sunday, June 27th after worship.



We will again be marching in the Norwood 4th of July parade that will take place on Saturday, July 3rd. It's a great opportunity to get Immanuel's name out in the community and the more folks we have walking, the better the effect. Please consider spending an hour or so with us that morning walking and showing off our Immanuel pride. It's an easy walk and we always have a fun time. Please see Colleen Kelly with any questions or to sign up. Thanks for your help!

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study invites you to participate in our summer reading book. Read at your leisure during the summer and when we return (hopefully in-person) in September we will discuss the book.



Summer reading book is “You Are Never Alone: Trust in the Miracle of God’s Presence and Power” by Max Lucado. You can order yourself from Christianbooks.com or on Amazon (don’t forget to use Amazonsmile and designate Immanuel Norwood to receive a percentage) or I can order for you. Just let me know. We are excited to get back to being together. Enjoy your summer reading! Jeanne Warner

Outreach Committee Backpack & Essential School Supplies Drive!

Outreach Committee is again sponsoring a school supply collection. Please drop off any new school supplies at the designated box in the hospitality area. Please place your donations there by the end of July so that we may give them to groups that are preparing backpacks to give away. Remember that school children range from Kindergarten to 12th grade! Watch for sales! Thank you for being generous.

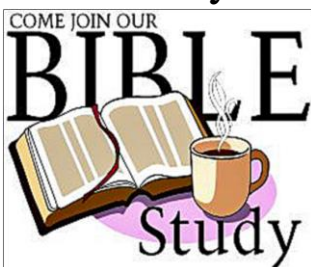


Shop online with Amazon. Enter through Amazon Smile and select Immanuel Lutheran Church Norwood as your charity and half of 1% will go to Immanuel. Thanks for supporting Immanuel.

If you are interested in helping the **Property Committee** with the grass cutting and cleaning up around the church please touch base with Property Committee members Frank Martinsen or Fred Warner. Help is always **GREATLY** appreciated.



Immanuel Weekly Virtual Bible Study - Our weekly Thursday night Bible study is wrapping up this month and will have finished our second



series in 2021. We adapted to the pandemic and held “Zoom” Bible study starting in February and went through the end of June. So far in 2021 we have studied the 23rd Psalm and the Lord’s Prayer using the “Life Guide” Bible study guide format. We are taking the

summer off and plan to start back up in September. When we do start back, we are hoping to do it in a way that we may be able to accommodate both virtual and in person study, details to be worked out! Look for information in our weekly worship bulletin announcements, on the web site and in upcoming newsletters about exactly when and how to join us once we restart in September! Hope you can join us in September!