



6th Sunday after Pentecost

July 5, 2026

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

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

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!

Amen.

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism. Merciful God,
you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. You lead us beside
still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle
rain, roaring waves. We thank you for the waters that nourish us.
Blessed are you. **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our
journeys. We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection.
We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow.
Blessed are you. **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows.
Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace.
Blessed are you. **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making
us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and
praise, now and forever. **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.

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



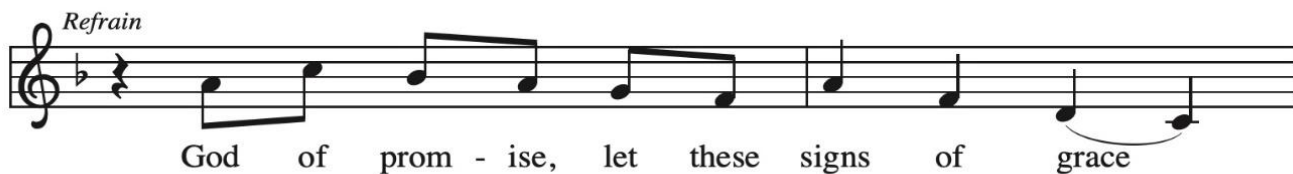
Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.



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

^HYMN OF PRAISE (*Verses 1&2*)

God of Promise, Let These Signs of Grace



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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.
 "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

You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING

Zechariah 9:9-12

The coming messianic king will inaugurate an era of disarmament and prosperity. Because of God's covenant with Israel, the people are designated as "prisoners of hope."

⁹ Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. ¹⁰ He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth. ¹¹ As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. ¹² Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

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

Psalm

Psalm 145:8-14

⁸ The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

⁹ Lord, you are good to all, and your compassion is over all your works.

¹⁰ All your works shall praise you, O Lord, and your faithful ones shall bless you.

¹¹ They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your power,

¹² that all people may know of your power and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

¹³ Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures throughout all ages. You, Lord, are faithful in all your words, and loving in all your works.

¹⁴ The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up those who are bowed down.

SECOND READING

Romans 7:15-25a

Life captive to sin is a catch-22 existence in which we know good but do not do it and do things we know to be wrong. Through Jesus Christ, God has set us free from such a futile existence.

¹⁵ I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶ Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷ But in fact it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸ For I know that the good does not dwell within me, that is, in my flesh. For the desire to do the good lies close at hand, but not the ability. ¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. ²⁰ Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me.

²¹ So I find it to be a law that, when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. ²² For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, ²³ but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴ Wretched person that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ^{25a} Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ 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!

^HOLY GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew , the 11th Chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord

Jesus chides people who find fault with both his ministry and that of John the Baptist. He thanks God that wisdom and intelligence are not needed to receive what God has to offer.

[Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:]¹⁶ “To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, ¹⁷ ‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’¹⁸ “For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’;¹⁹ the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

²⁰ Then he began to reproach the cities in which most of his deeds of power had been done because they did not repent.²¹ “Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the deeds of power done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes.²² But I tell you, on the day of judgment it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon than for you.²³ And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? No, you will be brought down to Hades. “For if the deeds of power done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. ²⁴ But I tell you that on the day of judgment it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom than for you.”

²⁵ At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶ yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷ All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ²⁸ “Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ

HYMN SING

^HYMN

**God Bless America, land that I love,
Stand beside her, and guide her,
Thru' 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 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

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all

crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye

heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

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.**

^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

^HYMN

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies



1 O beau - ti - ful for spa - cious skies, for am - ber waves of grain,
 2 O beau - ti - ful for he - roes proved in lib - er - at - ing strife,
 3 O beau - ti - ful for pa - triot dream that sees be - yond the years



for pur - ple moun-tain maj - es - ties a - bove the fruit-ed plain:
 who more than self their coun-try loved, and mer - cy more than life:
 thine al - a - bas - ter cit - ies gleam, un - dimmed by hu - man tears:



A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,
 A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! May God thy gold re - fine,
 A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God mend thine ev - 'ry flaw,



and crown thy good with broth - er-hood from sea to shin-ing sea.
 till all suc-cess be no - ble-ness, and ev - 'ry gain di - vine.
 con - firm thy soul in self - con-trol, thy lib - er - ty in law.

^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 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!



May Income - \$9,289
May Expenses - \$10,158

ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

Weekly Activities do not reflect building use by outside groups.

SUNDAY	Worship	11:00AM
	Worship and Music Meeting	12:00 PM

Date	Lector	Worship Assistant	Greeters	Acolytes
July 5		J. Kintsche	C.Kelly	
July 12	D. McClellan	M. Horne-Onimus	J. Morrison	E. Enriquez

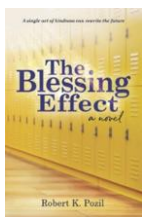
***Diakon** (a social service of our local SEPA Synod) assists families (referred by Children and Youth Services) in providing adequate care for their children. They also facilitate the reunification of families when children return from foster care. The Outreach Committee has provided a bin in the hospitality 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 10th -14th, 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 mmanuelnorwood.org and click on the calendar tab. If you're able to help by sponsoring a child this year for \$10, please either notate on your weekly envelope or see Jeanne Warner.



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.

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

Our HVAC Project phase #1 to upgrade the AC was completed May 16th! 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 cookies during our Christmas in July intergenerational event Sunday July 26th 10 to 10:45 AM.. Love BINGO? Love Christmas music? Then do we have the event for you.... Christmas music bingo .Snacks will be provided. Any question please see Colleen Kelly



Backpack School Supply Collection 2026

Collection Ends August 2, 2026

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It's time for the Backpack School Supply Collection. We hope to again be able to supply stuffed backpacks to students in the Chester and Upper Darby Communities. Last year 605 backpacks were filled by 18 faith communities in Delaware County. Here are two ways you can support the collection this year.

One way to make a contribution this year 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: <https://tinyurl.com/Interfaith-School-Supplies> or use the QR code:



Or there is a box in which to donate the items which you have collected, located in the hospitality area. The items on the next page are welcome:

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Plastic Pencil Box

Composition Books

Crayons (24 count box)

Colored Pencils (12 colors)

Washable Markers (10 colors)

Glue (4-ounce bottle)

Glue Sticks

Large Pink Erasers

No. 2 Pencils

Pocket Folders

Safety Scissors

Pencil Sharpener

Ruler

MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL

Pocket Folders

Fine Line Markers (10 colors)

No. 2 Pencils

Mechanical Pencils

Colored Pencils (12 colors)

Pencil Sharpener

Highlighters

3 x 5 Index Cards (ruled & unruled)

Pens

Ruler

3 Ring Binders

Binder Dividers

Loose Leaf Paper

Post It Notes

1 Subject Notebooks