



# 4th Sunday after Pentecost

June 21, 2026

**IMMANUEL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

*A Reconciling in Christ Congregation*

Norwood, PA ~ Phone: 610.586.5860

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The People of Immanuel are Ministers of the Church

The Rev Scott R. Lee, Pastor

Kathleen Schneider, Director of Music

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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.**

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 (local waters may be named).

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.**

*Silence is kept for reflection*

## GATHERING HYMN

YOU RAISE ME UP

Words and Music by Brendan Graham and Rolf  
Lovland

When I am down and oh, my soul's so weary,  
When troubles come and my heart burdened be,  
Then I am still and wait here in the silence,  
Until You come and sit a while with me.

(CHORUS)

You raise me up... so I can stand on mountains.  
You raise me up... to walk on stormy seas.  
I am strong when I am on Your shoulders.  
You raise me up to more than I can be.

There is no life, no life without its hunger,  
Each restless heart beats so imperfectly,  
But when You come and I am filled with wonder,  
Sometimes, I think I glimpse eternity.

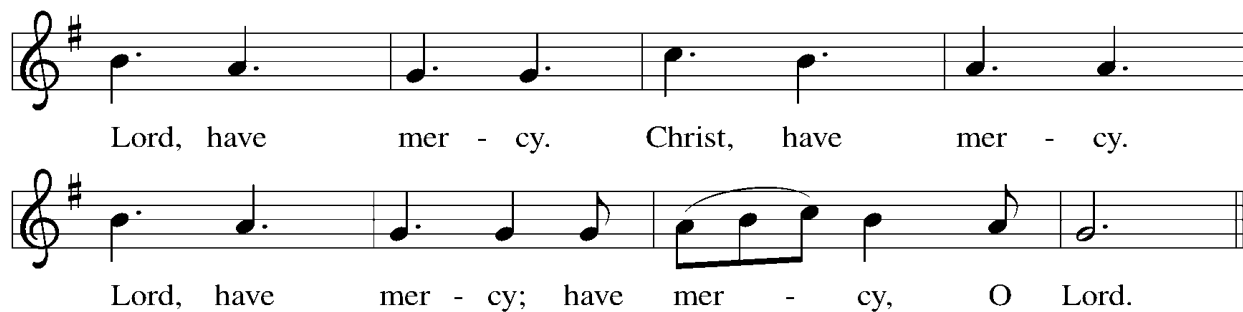
(CHORUS)

You raise me up... so I can stand on mountains.  
You raise me up... to walk on stormy seas.  
I am strong when I am on Your shoulders.  
You raise me up to more than I can be.

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



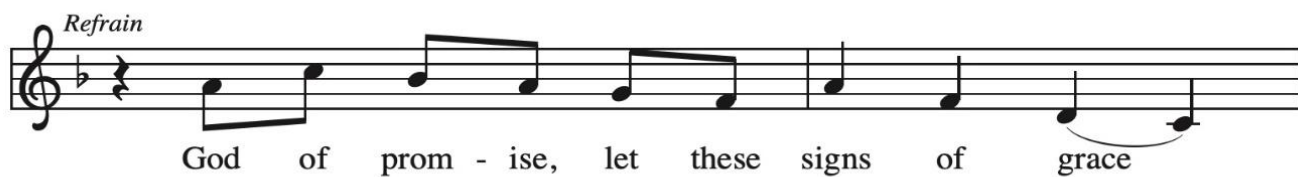
Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

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

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the lyrics "Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy." and the second staff contains "Lord, have mer - cy; have mer - cy, O Lord." The music consists of quarter and eighth notes, with a fermata over the final note of the second staff.

## ^HYMN OF PRAISE (Verses 1&amp;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. *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

**Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## FIRST READING

**Jeremiah 20:7-13**

*Jeremiah accuses God of forcing him into a ministry that brings him only contempt and persecution. Yet Jeremiah is confident that God will be a strong protector against his enemies and commits his life into God's hands.*

<sup>7</sup> O LORD, you have enticed me, and I was enticed; you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all day long; everyone mocks me. <sup>8</sup> For whenever I speak, I must cry out; I must shout, "Violence and destruction!" For the word of the LORD has become for me a reproach and derision all day long <sup>9</sup> If I say, "I will not mention him or speak any more in his name," then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. <sup>10</sup> For I hear many whispering: "Terror is all around! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" All my close friends are watching for me to stumble. "Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him and take our revenge on him." <sup>11</sup> But the LORD is with me like a terrifying warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten. <sup>12</sup> O LORD of hosts, you test the righteous; you see the heart and the mind; let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause. <sup>13</sup> Sing to the LORD; praise the LORD! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers.

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

## Psalm

## Psalm 69:7-10 [11-15] 16-18

<sup>7</sup> Surely, for your sake I have suffered reproach, and shame has covered my face.

<sup>8</sup> **I have become a stranger to my own kindred, an alien to my mother's children.**

<sup>9</sup> Zeal for your house has eaten me up; the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.

<sup>10</sup> **I humbled myself with fasting, but that was turned to my reproach.**

<sup>11</sup> I put on sackcloth also, and became a by word among them.

<sup>12</sup> **Those who sit at the gate murmur against me, and the drunkards make songs about me.**

<sup>13</sup> But as for me, this is my prayer to you, at the time you have set, O LORD: "In your great mercy, O God, answer me with your unfailing help.

<sup>14</sup> **Save me from the mire; do not let me sink; let me be rescued from those who hate me and out of the deep waters.**

<sup>15</sup> Let not the torrent of waters wash over me, neither let the deep swallow me up; do not let the pit shut its mouth upon me.

<sup>16</sup> **Answer me, O LORD, for your love is kind; in your great compassion, turn to me.**

<sup>17</sup> Hide not your face from your servant; be swift and answer me, for I am in distress.

<sup>18</sup> **Draw near to me and redeem me; because of my enemies deliver me.**

## SECOND READING

## Romans 6:1b-11

*In baptism we were incorporated into the reality of Christ's death and resurrection. We have been made new in Christ through his death and resurrection to live freed from sin.*

<sup>1b</sup> Should we continue in sin in order that grace may increase? <sup>2</sup> By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? <sup>3</sup> Do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup> Therefore we were buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life.

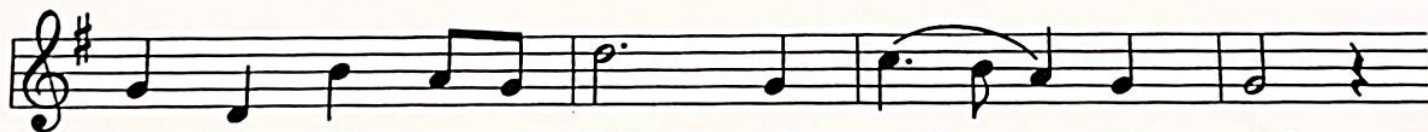
<sup>5</sup> For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup> We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, so we might no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup> For whoever has died is freed from sin. <sup>8</sup> But if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup> We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup> The death he died, he died to sin once for all, but the life he lives, he lives to God. <sup>11</sup> So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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 10<sup>th</sup> Chapter

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

*Jesus warns his disciples that their ministry in his name will meet with opposition. However, he assures them that they need not fear for the truth will come to light. Life is found in Christ.*

[Jesus said to the twelve:] <sup>24</sup> “A disciple is not above the teacher nor a slave above the master; <sup>25</sup> it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! <sup>26</sup> “So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered and nothing secret that will not become known. <sup>27</sup> What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. <sup>28</sup> Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, fear the one who can destroy both soul and body in hell. <sup>29</sup> Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. <sup>30</sup> And even the hairs of your head are all counted.

<sup>31</sup> So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

<sup>32</sup> “Everyone, therefore, who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven, <sup>33</sup> but whoever denies me before

others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. <sup>34</sup> “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace but a sword. <sup>35</sup> For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law, <sup>36</sup> and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household. <sup>37</sup> “Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me, <sup>38</sup> and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. <sup>39</sup> Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

Mary Lyn Horne-Onimus

*^SPECIAL MUSIC*

*sung by Karl McClellan*

JESUS 'BOUT MY KIDS

I used to talk to my kids about Jesus  
The same way that my mom and daddy did.  
I used to talk to my kids about Jesus  
Now I talk to Jesus 'bout my kids.

When they're born, you dive right in,  
tryin' like heck to get 'em born again,  
Pull out them Bible stories, then you stumble your way through.  
You do your best to steer 'em straight,  
Tell 'em 'bout who He is and ain't  
And answer all their questions even though you've got some too.

I used to talk to my kids about Jesus  
How He lived and died and rose again.  
I used to talk to my kids about Jesus  
Now I talk to Jesus 'bout my kids.

You lose your grip the more they grow;  
They won't listen 'cause they think they know.  
And you watch 'em goin' down a dead-end road, and you can't stop 'em.  
Lord, please watch 'em.

I used to talk to my kids about Jesus  
 Pray they'd find Him sooner than I did  
 I used to talk to my kids about Jesus  
 Now I talk to Jesus 'bout my kids.  
 Guide 'em as they go,  
 'cause if anyone does, You know  
 Along the straight and narrow, all the places they could  
 fall.

I used to talk to my kids about Jesus  
 He knew and loved 'em long before I did.  
 I used to talk to my kids about Jesus  
 Now I talk to Jesus 'bout my kids.

I used to talk to my kids about Jesus  
 Now I talk to Jesus 'bout my kids....  
*And Grandkids!!*

## ^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.**

## ^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

## Will You Come and Follow Me

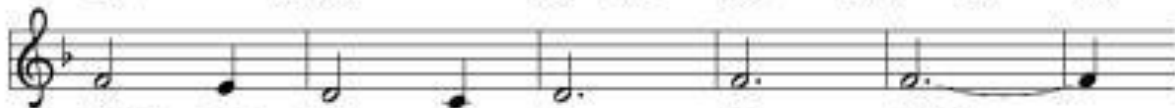
### *The Summons*



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call  
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call  
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call  
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call  
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't  
 your name? Will you care for cruel and  
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners  
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -  
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?  
 kind and nev - er be the same?  
 free and nev - er be the same?  
 side and nev - er be the same?  
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my  
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -  
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as -  
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the  
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be  
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer  
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I  
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and  
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?  
 pray'r in you and you in me?  
 mean in you and you in me?  
 sound in you and you in me?  
 grow in you and you in me.

^DISMISSAL

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news! **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 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>	Worship	11:00AM
	Council Meeting	12:00PM

Date	Lector	Worship Assistant	Greeters	Acolytes
<b>June 21</b>		J. Kintsche	K. McClellan	M. Cristinzio
<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.



Please join us **TODAY Father's Day**, after services, as we celebrate our fathers and father figures with refreshments, sponsored by the Social Ministry Committee.

**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.



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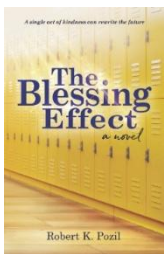
### **AC for Sanctuary is Complete & HVAC Phase #2 has Started!**

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.



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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!**



### **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.



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.

# CARS, COFFEE & CHRIST

HOSTS: Immanuel, Norwood and St. Matthew, Woodlyn  
Lutheran Churches in St. Matthew's Parking Lot



**SATURDAY from 8:30 AM - 10:30 AM**  
**June 27, 2026**

BRING SOMETHING TO SHOW, OR JUST COME FOR THE COFFEE!

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This outreach event is a team effort with Immanuel, Norwood and St Matthew, Woodlyn. Our gathering for “Cars, Coffee and; Christ” gives us a chance for fellowship, sharing stories, raising prayer concerns, enjoying snacks and giving back to the community. Our first event for 2026 will be **Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup>** (weather permitting) **in St Matthew's parking lot, 8:30AM- 10:30AM.** We will have the feature where children can sit in Karl's car and get a picture. We'd love to see more members of our two congregations come on out! See Karl McClellan ([krmcfamily@aol.com](mailto:krmcfamily@aol.com)) with any suggestions/questions you may have.