



Immanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH

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THE 6TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 5 & 6, 2026

Welcome to Worship! As we gather on this Independence Day weekend! Whether you are a longtime member or a first-time guest, we are grateful that God has brought you here today! Our nation gives thanks for 250 years of freedom, but today we celebrate an even greater freedom, the freedom Jesus Christ won for us through His death and resurrection. Though we struggle daily with sin and our own weakness, Christ comes among us with forgiveness, rest, and the promise of new life. Today, He meets us in His Word and Sacraments to free us from guilt and strengthen us to live as His redeemed people. May the Lord richly bless you as we worship our Savior together!

1st Time Guests: We're glad you're here and invite you to stop by the *Welcome Center* near the center aisle after the service for a small hospitality gift.

Please register your attendance and Communion in the Record of Fellowship.

A "Wee Wiggle Room" is below the Narthex. A Comfort Room is in the Atrium.

Bible Class meets in the Fellowship Hall. **Sunday School** is recessed for the summer.

Children's Activity Bags are located in the Narthex. Please return after worship.

Where do I put my offering? You can place gifts in the offering plate near each entrance or the boxes on the west wall of the narthex or in the chapel.

Cell Phones: *Please remember to silence cell phones and electronics during worship.*

Holy Communion will be offered at **11:15**. If you are not a confirmed member of the Lutheran Church and wish to receive a blessing, cross your arms when at the rail. Gluten free wafers are in plastic sleeves. If you prefer an individual cup, please take one from the tray. Wine with alcohol removed is in the center.

+ ORDER OF SERVICE +

THE PRESERVICE MUSIC: 9:00 "America the Beautiful" -James Swearingen

THE PATRIOTIC MEDLEY AND PLEDGES

"God of Our Fathers"

1. God of our fathers, whose almighty hand Leads forth in beauty all the starry band Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies: Our grateful songs before Your throne arise.
2. Your love divine has led us in the past; In this free land by You our lot is cast; Oh, be our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay; Your Word our law, Your paths our chosen way.

"The Battle Hymn of the Republic"

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| 1. Mine eyes have seen the glory | 2. In the beauty of the lilies |
| Of the coming of the Lord; | Christ was born across the sea, |
| He is trampling out the vintage | With a glory in His bosom |
| Where the grapes of wrath are stored! | That transfigures you and me; |
| He hath loosed the fateful lightning | As He died to make men holy, |

Of His terrible swift sword; let us live to make men free,
His truth is marching on. **Chorus** While God is marching on. **Chorus**

Glory, glory, Hallelujah! Glory, glory Hallelujah!
Glory, glory Hallelujah! His truth is marching on.

America the Beautiful

1. O beautiful for spacious skies, For amber waves of grain, For purple mountain majesties Above the fruited plain! America! America! God shed His grace on thee, And crown thy good with brotherhood From sea to shining sea!
2. O beautiful for heroes proved In liberating strife, Who more than self their country love And mercy more than life! America! America! May God thy gold refine Till all success be nobleness, And every gain divine!

Please rise and face the back of the church, if you are able, as the cross and the flags are processed into the church. Turn toward the front as they pass by your place.

THE HYMN: "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

Hymn 733

- 1 O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal home:
- 2 Under the shadow of Thy throne Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone, And our defense is sure.
- 3 Before the hills in order stood Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God, To endless years the same.
- 4 A thousand ages in Thy sight Are like an evening gone,
Short as the watch that ends the night Before the rising sun.
- 5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream, Soon bears us all away;
We fly forgotten as a dream Dies at the op'ning day.
- 6 O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while troubles last And our eternal home!

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THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE CHRISTIAN FLAG

I pledge allegiance to the cross of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and to the faith for which it stands, one Savior eternal, with mercy and grace for all.

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

L: In the Name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

L: Let us confess our failures and seek God's mercy (*Silence for reflection and self-examination*) O Lord, we often put ourselves at the center of everything.

C: **We do not always love You or care for neighbors as we ought. We have neglected Your Word at home and in worship. We have taken forgiveness for granted and abused freedom that You have given us. Forgive us for the sake of Jesus. Make us strong witnesses to Your redeeming love. Amen.**

L: Almighty God, in His mercy, has given His Son to die for us and, for His sake, forgives us all our sins. Through the washing of Holy Baptism, God has made us His sons and daughters. With that promise, we live forgiven and free.

C: **Amen!**

L: Let us pray. Lord, keep this nation under Your care. Bless the leaders of our land that we may be a people at peace among ourselves and a blessing to the other nations of the earth. Grant that we may choose trustworthy leaders, contribute to wise decisions for the general welfare, and serve You faithfully in our generation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

THE HYMN OF PRAISE: "All People That on Earth Do Dwell"

Hymn 791

- 1 All people that on earth do dwell, Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.
Him serve with mirth, His praise forthtell; Come ye before Him and rejoice.
- 2 Know that the Lord is God indeed; Without our aid He did us make.
We are His folk, He doth us feed, And for His sheep He doth us take.
- 3 O enter then His gates with praise; Approach with joy His courts unto.
Praise, laud, and bless His name always, For it is seemly so to do.
- 4 For why? The Lord our God is good: His mercy is forever sure.
His truth at all times firmly stood And shall from age to age endure.
- 5 To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, The God whom heav'n and earth adore,
From us and from the angel host Be praise and glory evermore.

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THE WORD OF THE MONTH: (We speak together) **For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. Galatians 5:1**

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: Zechariah 9:9-12

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a

donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

THE EPISTLE READING: Romans 7:14-25a

We know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL: Matthew 11:25-30 C: Glory to You, O Lord!

At that time Jesus declared, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. 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. Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ!**

+++ 11:15 THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of

the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

+++ 9:00 & 7:00 APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE SERMON HYMN: "Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

Hymn 717

- 1 Eternal Father, strong to save, Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep Its own appointed limits keep:
O hear us when we cry to Thee For those in peril on the sea.
- 2 O Christ, the Lord of hill and plain, O'er which our traffic runs amain
By mountain pass or valley low; Wherever, Lord, Thy people go,
Protect them by Thy guarding hand From ev'ry peril on the land.
- 3 O Spirit, whom the Father sent To spread abroad the firmament;
O Wind of heaven, by Thy might Save all who dare the eagle's flight,
And keep them by Thy watchful care From ev'ry peril in the air.
- 4 O Trinity of love and pow'r, Our people shield in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, fire and foe, Protect them wheresoe'er they go;
Thus evermore shall rise to Thee Glad praise from air and land and sea.

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THE SERMON: "Forgiveness and Freedom!"

THE OFFERTORY HYMN: "God Bless Our Native Land"

Hymn 965

- 1 God bless our native land; Firm may she ever stand Through storm and night.
When the wild tempests rave, Ruler of wind and wave, Do Thou our country save
By Thy great might.
- 2 So shall our prayers arise To God above the skies; On Him we wait.
Thou who art ever nigh, Guarding with watchful eye, To Thee aloud we cry:
God save the state!

THE PRAYERS

+++ 11:15 HOLY COMMUNION: pages 194-202;

Preface

P The Lord be with you. C **And with thy spirit.**

P Lift up your hearts. C **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God. C **It is meet and right so to do.**

Sanctus

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;**

heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

THE PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

AGNUS DEI

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace.

Amen.

Hymns: 684, 622, 662, 781

684 Come unto Me, Ye Weary

1 "Come unto Me, ye weary, And I will give you rest."

O blessèd voice of Jesus, Which comes to hearts oppressed!

It tells of benediction, Of pardon, grace, and peace,

Of joy that hath no ending, Of love that cannot cease.

2 "Come unto Me, ye wand'ers, And I will give you light."

O loving voice of Jesus, Which comes to cheer the night!

Our hearts were filled with sadness, And we had lost our way;

But Thou hast brought us gladness And songs at break of day.

3 "Come unto Me, ye fainting, And I will give you life."

O cheering voice of Jesus, Which comes to aid our strife!

The foe is stern and eager, The fight is fierce and long;

But Thou hast made us mighty And stronger than the strong.

4 "And whosoever cometh, I will not cast him out."

O patient love of Jesus, Which drives away our doubt,

Which, though we be unworthy Of love so great and free,

Invites us very sinners To come, dear Lord, to Thee!

622 Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared

- 1 Lord Jesus Christ, You have prepared This feast for our salvation;
It is Your body and Your blood, And at Your invitation
As weary souls, with sin oppressed, We come to You for needed rest,
For comfort, and for pardon.
- 2 Although You did to heav'n ascend, Where angel hosts are dwelling,
And in Your presence they behold Your glory, all excelling,
And though Your people shall not see Your glory and Your majesty
Till dawns the judgment morning,
- 3 Yet, Savior, You are not confined To any habitation;
But You are present even now Here with Your congregation.
Firm as a rock this truth shall stand, Unmoved by any daring hand
Or subtle craft and cunning.
- 4 We eat this bread and drink this cup, Your precious Word believing
That Your true body and Your blood Our lips are here receiving.
This Word remains forever true; All things are possible with You,
For You are Lord Almighty.
- 5 Though reason cannot understand, Yet faith this truth embraces:
Your body, Lord, is even now At once in many places.
I leave to You how this can be; Your Word alone suffices me;
I trust its truth unfailing.
- 6 Lord, I believe what You have said; Help me when doubts assail me.
Remember that I am but dust, And let my faith not fail me.
Your supper in this vale of tears Refreshes me and stills my fears
And is my priceless treasure.
- 7 Grant that we worthily receive Your supper, Lord, our Savior,
And, truly grieving for our sins, May prove by our behavior
That we are thankful for Your grace And day by day may run our race,
In holiness increasing.
- 8 For Your consoling supper, Lord, Be praised throughout all ages!
Preserve it, for in ev'ry place The world against it rages.
Grant that this sacrament may be A blessèd comfort unto me
When living and when dying.

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662 Onward, Christian Soldiers

- 1 Onward, Christian soldiers, Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus Going on before.

Christ, the royal master, Leads against the foe;
Forward into battle See His banners go! Refrain

ref Onward, Christian soldiers, Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus Going on before.

2 Like a mighty army Moves the Church of God;
Brothers, we are treading Where the saints have trod.
We are not divided, All one body we,
One in hope and doctrine, One in charity. Refrain

3 Crowns and thrones may perish, Kingdoms rise and wane,
But the Church of Jesus Constant will remain.
Gates of hell can never 'Gainst that Church prevail;
We have Christ's own promise, And that cannot fail. Refrain

4 Onward, then, ye faithful, Join our happy throng,
Blend with ours your voices In the triumph song:
Glory, laud, and honor Unto Christ, the king;
This through countless ages Men and angels sing. Refrain

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781 We Give Thee But Thine Own

1 We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

2 May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our firstfruits give!

3 Oh, hearts are bruised and dead, And homes are bare and cold,
And lambs for whom the Shepherd bled Are straying from the fold.

4 To comfort and to bless, To find a balm for woe,
To tend the lone and fatherless Is angels' work below.

5 The captive to release, To God the lost to bring,
To teach the way of life and peace, It is a Christ-like thing.

6 And we believe Thy Word, Though dim our faith may be:
Whate'er for Thine we do, O Lord, We do it unto Thee.

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THE NUNC DIMITTIS

**C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of
all people,
a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

THE THANKSGIVING, SALUTATION, and BENEDICAMUS

P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good, C: **and His mercy endureth forever.**
P The Lord be with you. C: **And with thy spirit.**
P Bless we the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

THE BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. C **Amen.**

THE HYMN: "Before You, Lord, We Bow" Hymn 966

- 1 Before You, Lord, we bow, Our God who reigns above
And rules the world below, Boundless in pow'r and love.
Our thanks we bring In joy and praise, Our hearts we raise To You, our King!
- 2 The nation You have blest May well Your love declare,
From foes and fears at rest, Protected by Your care.
For this bright day, For this fair land – Gifts of Your hand – Our thanks we pay.
- 3 May ev'ry mountain height, Each vale and forest green,
Shine in Your Word's pure light, And its rich fruits be seen!
May ev'ry tongue Be tuned to praise And join to raise A grateful song.
- 4 Earth, hear your Maker's voice; Your great Redeemer own;
Believe, obey, rejoice, And worship Him alone.
Cast down your pride, Your sin deplore, And bow before The Crucified.
- 5 And when in pow'r He comes, Oh, may our native land
From all its rending tombs Send forth a glorious band,
A countless throng, With joy to sing To heav'n's high King Salvation's song!

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THE POSTLUDE: "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" -Johann Pachelbel

Preacher: Pastor Fredstrom **Liturgists:** Pastor Bloch & Pastor Rodriguez

Lector: Pastor Blomenberg **Organist:** Paul Scheiderer **ILC Band(9:00)**

Flag Bearers: 9:00 Glenn Benter & Jim Kamman, **11:15** Kevin Knight & John Pollert

Pastor Bloch is leading worship at 7:45 at Lutheran Lake, and Vicar is leading worship at 8:30 at Sauers.

Immanuel's mission is to connect people to the life, calling, and community of Christ. Founded in 1870, Immanuel is a member of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. We believe the Bible is God's inspired Word and that we are saved by grace, through faith in Jesus Christ, who died for our sins. Please take a brochure from the Information Center, or visit us on-line at www.immanuelseymour.com.