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THE 12TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST August 16 & 17, 2026

Welcome to Worship! With the new school year, we have welcomed new students and families to our school, and today we officially welcome new teachers and staff. As we seek the Lord's blessings on our work together, His Word reminds us that God has been and is at work to welcome people in ways that surprise us!

1st Time Guests: We're glad you're here and invite you to stop by the *Welcome Center* near the center aisle for a hospitality gift. We hope you'll join us again!

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.

Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes will resume on August 23.

Holy Communion will be at the 11:15 service. If you are not a confirmed member of the Lutheran Church and wish to receive a blessing, please cross your arms 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 tray center.

+ THE ORDER OF WORSHIP +

THE PRELUDE: 9:00 "God So Loved the World" -Aaron David Miller

11:15 & 7:00 "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word" -Georg Bohm

THE OPENING HYMN: "Jesus Shall Reign"

Hymn 832

- 1 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun Does its successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore Till moons shall wax and wane no more.
- 2 To Him shall endless prayer be made, And endless praises crown His head;
His name like sweet perfume shall rise With ev'ry morning sacrifice.
- 3 People and realms of ev'ry tongue Dwell on His love with sweetest song;
And infant voices shall proclaim Their early blessings on His name.
- 4 Blessings abound where'er He reigns: The pris'ners leap, unloose their chains,
The weary find eternal rest, And all who suffer want are blest.
- 5 Let ev'ry creature rise and bring Honors peculiar to our King;
Angels descend with songs again, And earth repeat the loud amen.

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THE INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

C: I confess to God Almighty that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed. Without God's grace I am lost. Therefore I pray God to have mercy on me, forgive my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

L: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us. In love, He gave His only Son to suffer and die for our salvation. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

THE PRAYER FOR THE DAY: (We pray together)

Almighty and everlasting Father, You give Your children many blessings even though we are undeserving. In every trial and temptation grant us steadfast confidence in Your loving-kindness and mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE WORD OF THE MONTH: (We speak together) Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. Colossians 2:6-7

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Thus says the LORD: "Keep justice, and do righteousness, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. . . . And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it, and holds fast my covenant — these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples." The Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares, "I will gather yet others to him besides those already gathered."

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

+++ 9:00 THE ANTHEM: "God Loved the World" -Aaron David Miller

THE EPISTLE READING: Romans 11:1-2, 13-15, 28-32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. . . . Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them. For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead? . . . As regards the gospel, they are enemies of God for your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers. For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience, so they too have now been disobedient in order

that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy. For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all.

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

THE GOSPEL: Matthew 15:21-28 C: Glory to You, O Lord!

Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon." But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying out after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." And he answered, "It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

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

+++ 9:00 & 7:00 APOSTLES' CREED, page 159

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.

+++ 11:15 NICENE CREED, page 158

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.

THE HYMN: "Fruitful Trees, the Spirit's Sowing"

Hymn 691

- 1 Fruitful trees, the Spirit's sowing, May we ripen and increase,
Fruit to life eternal growing, Rich in love and joy and peace.
- 2 Laden branches freely bearing Gifts the Giver loves to bless;
Here is fruit that grows by sharing, Patience, kindness, gentleness.
- 3 Rooted deep in Christ our Master, Christ our pattern and our goal,
Teach us, as the years fly faster, Goodness, faith, and self-control.
- 4 Fruitful trees, the Spirit's tending, May we grow till harvests cease;
Till we taste, in life unending, Heaven's love and joy and peace.

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THE SERMON: "God's Welcome Mat"

THE OFFERTORY HYMN: "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" Hymn 805

- 1 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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+++ 9:00 The Installation of Teachers at Immanuel Lutheran School

+++ 9:00 The Blessing of ILCCM Staff and Community Schools

+++ 9:00 THE INSTALLATION HYMN:

"Let Children Hear the Mighty Deeds" Hymn 867

- 1 Let children hear the mighty deeds Which God performed of old,
Which in our younger days we saw, And which our parents told.
- 2 So make to them His glories known, His works of pow'r and grace;
And we'll convey His wonders down Through ev'ry rising race.
- 3 Our sons and daughters we shall tell And they again to theirs
That generations yet unborn May teach them to their heirs.
- 4 O teach them with all diligence The truths of God's own Word,
To place in Him their confidence, To fear and trust their Lord,
- 5 To learn that in our God alone Their hope securely stands,
That they may never doubt His love But walk in His commands.

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THE PRAYERS

+++ 11:15 THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

P The Lord be with you. C And also with you.

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

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary... evermore praising You and saying:

C Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING, LORD'S PRAYER AND WORD'S OF OUR LORD

P The peace of the Lord be with you always. C Amen.

C 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.

Hymns: 622, 571, 935, 867

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 blessed comfort unto me
When living and when dying.

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571 God Loved the World So That He Gave

- 1 God loved the world so that He gave His only Son the lost to save,
That all who would in Him believe Should everlasting life receive.
- 2 Christ Jesus is the ground of faith, Who was made flesh and suffered death;
All then who trust in Him alone Are built on this chief cornerstone.
- 3 God would not have the sinner die; His Son with saving grace is nigh;
His Spirit in the Word declares How we in Christ are heaven's heirs.
- 4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son Forgives all sins which you have done;
And, justified by Jesus' blood, Your Baptism grants the highest good.
- 5 If you are sick, if death is near, This truth your troubled heart can cheer:
Christ Jesus saves your soul from death; That is the firmest ground of faith.
- 6 Glory to God the Father, Son, And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To You, O blessed Trinity, Be praise now and eternally!

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935 Tell Out, My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord

- 1 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord! Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit
voice; Tender to me the promise of His Word; In God my Savior shall my heart
rejoice.
- 2 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of His name! Make known His might, the deeds His
arm has done; His mercy sure, from age to age the same; His holy name, the Lord,
the Mighty One.

- 3 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of His might! Pow'rs and dominions lay their glory by. Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight, The hungry fed, the humble lifted high.
- 4 Tell out, my soul, the glories of His Word! Firm is His promise, and His mercy sure. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord To children's children and forevermore!

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THE POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

**C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.**

THE POST COMMUNION COLLECT

THE BENEDICTION

THE CLOSING HYMN: "Lord Jesus Christ, The Children's Friend" Hymn 866

- 1 Lord Jesus Christ, the children's friend, To each of them Your presence send;
Call them by name and keep them true In loving faith, dear Lord, to You.
- 2 In Christian homes, Lord, let them be Your blessing to their family;
Let Christian schools Your work extend In living truth as You intend.
- 3 That caring parents, gracious Lord, And faithful teachers find reward
In leading these, to whom You call, To find in Christ their all in all.
- 4 For by Your Word we clearly see That we have sinned continually;
But show us too, forgiving Lord, Your saving Gospel's great reward.
- 5 That all of us, Your children dear, By Christ redeemed, may Christ revere;
Lead us in joy that all we do Will witness to our love for You.
- 6 Then guard and keep us to the end, Secure in You, our gracious friend,
That in Your heav'nly family We sing Your praise eternally.

THE POSTLUDE: "Abide O Dearest Jesus" -F.W. Marpurg

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

Lector: Vicar Genszler **Organist:** Mr. Paul Scheiderer

Vocalists: Emily Keller & Paul Keller **Instrumentalists:** Abby Lorenz & Paul Keller

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