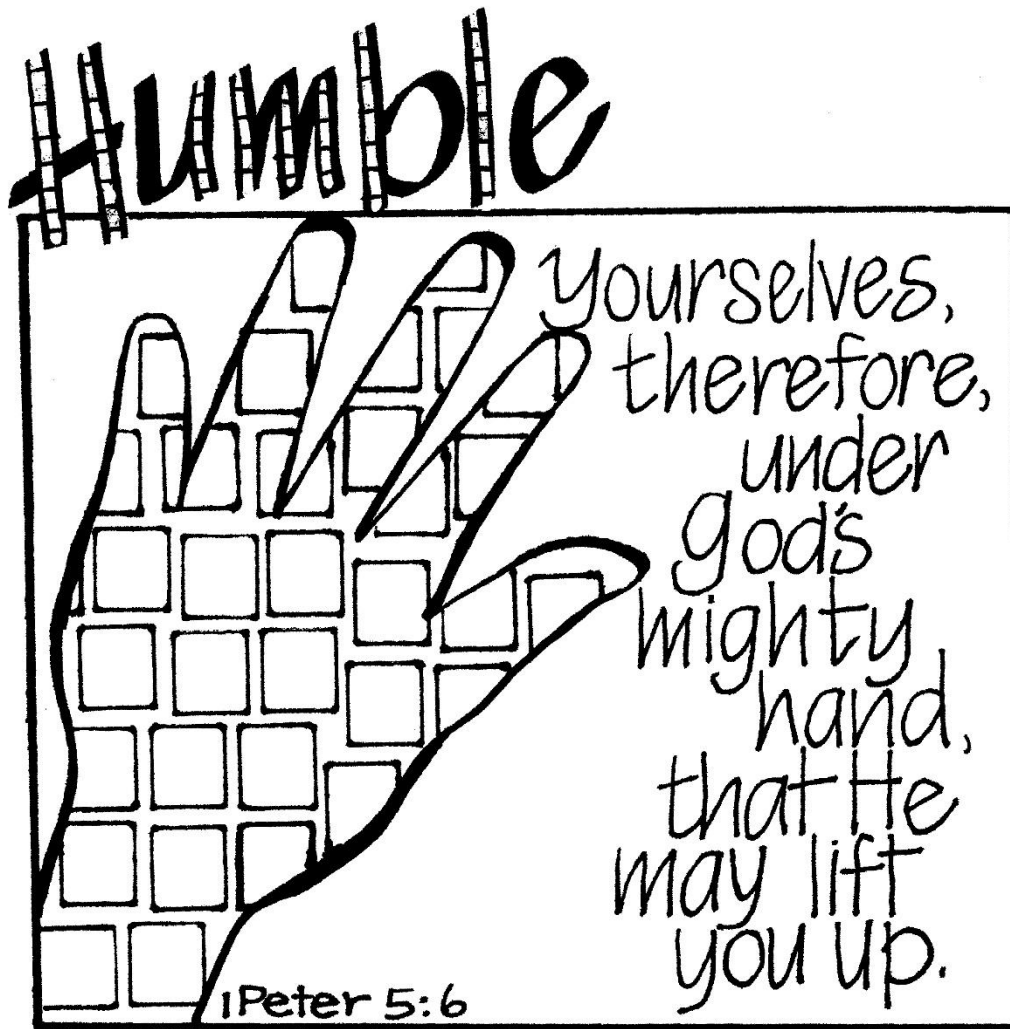


# Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church

May 21, 2023

Easter 7



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1 Hail the day that sees him rise to his  
 2 There the glo - rious tri - umph waits; lift your  
 4 See, he lifts his hands a - bove; see, he  
 5 Still for us he in - ter - cedes, his a -  
 6 There we shall with him re - main, part - ners



throne a - bove the skies! Christ, the Lamb for  
 heads, e - ter - nal gates! He has con - quered  
 shows the prints of love. Hark! His gra - cious  
 ton - ing death he pleads. He, the first of  
 in his end - less reign, there his face un -



sin - ners giv'n, re - as - cends his na - tive heav'n.  
 death and sin; take the King of glo - ry in!  
 lips be - stow bless - ings on his Church be - low.  
 all our race, near him - self pre - pares a place.  
 cloud - ed see, live with him e - ter - nal - ly.

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*Please stand.*

**M:** In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** **Amen.**

**Confession**

**M:** Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

**C:** **Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.**

**M:** Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**C:** **Almighty and merciful Father,**

**we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.**

**We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.**

**We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.**

**We have done those things that we should not have done,**

**and we have not done those things that we should have done.**

**Have mercy on us, Lord!**

**Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,  
according to your promises in Christ Jesus.**

*(Silence for meditation and reflection)*


M: God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

**Lord, Have Mercy**

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M: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C:   
**Lord, have mer - cy.**


M: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C:   
**Lord, have mer - cy.**

M: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C:   
**Lord, have mer - cy.**

M: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C:   
**Lord, have mer - cy.**

M: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C:   
**A - men. A - men.**

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*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

1    Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and  
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and  
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to  
 5 For the Lamb \_\_\_\_\_ who was slain has be -

blood set us free \_\_\_\_\_ to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*  
 hon - or, \_\_\_\_\_ bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. *Refrain*  
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: v. 4  
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*  
 gun his \_\_\_\_\_ reign. Al - le - lu - ia! *Final Refrain*

*Final Refrain*

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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## **Prayer of the Day**

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, your Son our Savior was taken up in glory and intercedes for us at your right hand. Through your living and abiding Word, give us hearts to know him and faith to follow where he has gone; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

*Be seated.*

## **First Reading**

*Acts 1:1–11*

<sup>1</sup>In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach <sup>2</sup>until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. <sup>3</sup>After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. <sup>4</sup>On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. <sup>5</sup>For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

<sup>6</sup>Then they gathered around him and asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?”

<sup>7</sup>He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

<sup>9</sup>After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

<sup>10</sup>They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. <sup>11</sup>“Men of Galilee,” they said, “why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.” (NIV)

M: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 47A** (sung as indicated)

“God Has Gone Up with a Shout”

*Refrain*

God has gone up with a shout,  
the LORD with the sound of the trum - pet.

**Psalm tone**

M: Clap your hands, all you / nations;  
shout to God with / cries of joy.  
C: **For the LORD Most High is / awesome,  
the great King over / all the earth.  
God reigns over the / nations;  
God is seated on his / holy throne. Refrain**

M: God has ascended amid / shouts of joy,  
the LORD amid the sounding of / trumpets.  
C: **Sing praises to God, sing / praises;  
sing praises to our King, sing / praises.  
For God is the King of / all the earth;  
sing to him a / psalm of praise.  
Glory be to the Father and / to the Son  
and to the Holy / Spirit,  
as it was in the be- / ginning,  
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. Refrain**

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**Second Reading**

1 Peter 4:12–17; 5:6-11

<sup>12</sup>Dear friends, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that has come on you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. <sup>13</sup>But rejoice inasmuch as you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed. <sup>14</sup>If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you. <sup>15</sup>If you suffer, it should not be as a murderer or thief or any other kind of criminal, or even as a meddler. <sup>16</sup>However, if you suffer as a Christian, do not be ashamed, but praise God that you bear that name. <sup>17</sup>For it is time for judgment to begin with God’s household; and if it begins with us, what will the outcome be for those who do not obey the gospel of God?

<sup>6</sup>Humble yourselves, therefore, under God’s mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. <sup>7</sup>Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

<sup>8</sup>Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. <sup>9</sup>Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings.

<sup>10</sup>And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. <sup>11</sup>To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen. (NIV)

M: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*

### Gospel Acclamation

*St. John 14:18*



Refrain:



**C:** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

M: I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.

**C: Refrain**

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### Holy Gospel

*St. John 17:1-11a*

<sup>1</sup>After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed:

“Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. <sup>2</sup>For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. <sup>3</sup>Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. <sup>4</sup>I have brought you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup>And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began.

<sup>6</sup>“I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word. <sup>7</sup>Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. <sup>8</sup>For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup>I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. <sup>10</sup>All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them. <sup>11</sup>I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you.” (NIV)

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Be seated.*

**Hymn #476**

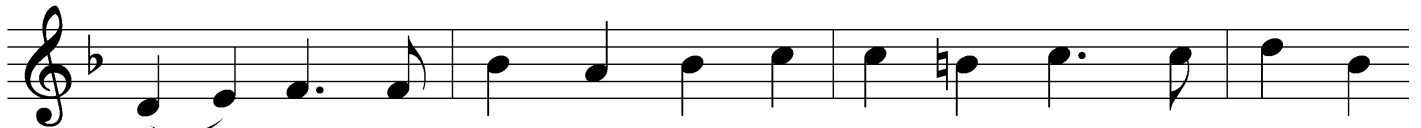
*“On Christ’s Ascension I Now Build”*



1 On Christ’s as - cen - sion I now build the hope of my as -  
2 Since Christ re - turned to claim his throne, great gifts for me ob -  
3 O grant, dear Lord, this grace to me, re - call - ing your as -



cen - sion. This hope a - lone has al - ways stilled all doubt and ap - pre -  
tain - ing, my heart will rest in him a - lone, no oth - er rest re -  
cen - sion, that I may serve you faith - ful - ly, in thanks for my re -



hen - sion, for where the head is, there as well I know his  
main - ing, for where my trea - sure went be - fore, there all my  
demp - tion; and then, when all my days will cease, let me de -



mem - bers are to dwell when Christ shall come and call them.  
thoughts will ev - er soar to still their deep - est yearn - ing.  
part in joy and peace in an - swer to my plead - ing.

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**Sermon Text**

*St. John 17:1-11*

**Sermon**

*“The Ascended King Is Glorified”*

*Please stand.*



## Nicene Creed

**C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.**

**He suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.**

**He ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who in unity with the Father and the Son  
is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*Be seated.*

## Prayer of the Church

**Friendship Card** is available on the tables by the entrances. If you are watching on-line please go to the description link and sign in.

**Offering** The offering plate is located by the back entrance.  
You may also give electronically via our website:  
immanuelfindlay.org or the App: GivePlus.

*Please stand.*

## **Sacrament of Holy Communion**

### **Preface**

**M: The Lord be with you.**

**C: And also with you.**

**M: Lift up your hearts.**

**C: We lift them up to the Lord.**

**M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.**

**C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

CW 199

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who by his willing sacrifice on the cross took away the sins of the world and by his glorious resurrection restored everlasting life. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

**Holy, Holy, Holy**

CW 200



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts,  
heav - en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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## **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**M:** Blessed are you, Lord God, eternal King and gracious Father. In love you made us the crown of your creation. In mercy you planned our salvation. In grace you sent your Son to redeem us from sin.

We remember and give you thanks that your eternal Son, Jesus Christ, became flesh and made his dwelling among us, that he willingly placed himself under law to redeem those under law, that he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death on a cross, that he has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood in this Sacrament. Forgive our sins, increase our faith, strengthen our fellowship, and deepen our longing for the day when Christ will welcome us to his eternal feast. Praise and thanks and honor and glory be to you, O God our Father, and to your Son and to the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

## **Lord's Prayer**

**C:** **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

## **Words of Institution**

**M:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my + body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my + blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C:** Amen.

**Jesus, Lamb of God**

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

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

Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
 sin of the world; grant us your peace.

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*Be seated.*

**Distribution of Holy Communion** (Distribution Hymns are sung from hymnal or display.)

Distribution Hymn #472

*“A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing”*

Distribution Hymn #606

*“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”*

M: The true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you to life everlasting.

**C: Amen.**

*Please stand.*

M: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

**C: his mercy endures forever.**

M: Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,

**C: we proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.**

M: O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving-kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

### **Blessing**

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

C: Amen.

*Be seated.*

### **Closing Hymn #385 sts.1,4**

*"Christ Begins"*



1 We stand and we watch on the bank, wide-eyed.

4 We stand, gath - ered round on the moun - tain - side.



Wa - ter runs and all heav - en  
Watch the clos - ing clouds hide him

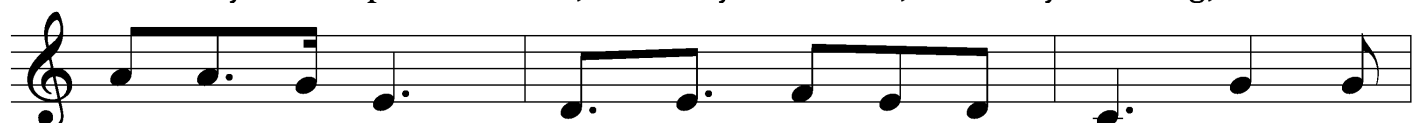


o - pens wide, and a voice like thun - der re - plies.  
from our eyes; with a voice u - nit - ed we cry:

#### *Refrain*



Here's my Proph - et, my Priest, my King, a



light in the dark, Christ steps in; here's my Sav - ior, my



God, my King, the time has come, Christ be - gins.

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**Today's Altar Flowers** were given by Ron & Kay Myers to God's glory in celebration of their 59<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

*Summer Worship Schedule begins on Sunday, June 4 and Wednesday, June 7.*

**Sunday Worship at 10:00 AM**

*Adult Sunday School at 9:00 AM*

*(no youth Sunday school in the summer)*

**Wednesday Worship at 7:00 PM**

**The church campout** will be August 18-20. Plans are to camp at Maumee Bay State Park. If you are interested, please contact Jim Travoli or Matt Myers. We will need to get our reservations set within the next couple of weeks.

**The Quarterly Voters' Meeting** will be on June 4 after the 10 AM service.

**Graduates** If you are graduating from high school or college this year please send your graduation information to the office. [Office.immanuelfindlay@gmail.com](mailto:Office.immanuelfindlay@gmail.com) so you may be included in Graduation Sunday. (Include information: name, parents name, school graduating from, future plans) Thank you!

**VBS?** The Evangelism board is seeking a member to coordinate a Vacation Bible School in late June, either one day or a few evenings. If you are interested, speak to Mike Wilch or Pastor.

**Did you know** that Immanuel now has a voter-approved general Endowment Fund, as well as a specific Christian Educational Endowment Fund? Gifts to an endowment are not spent immediately, but invested; distributions are made annually. Endowments are a way of ensuring funding for ministries long into the future at Immanuel Lutheran Church. If you would like to learn more about endowment possibilities, please contact anyone on the Planned Giving Committee (Jim Travoli, Bob Beach, Tony Rettig).

**Graduation at our Seminary** is this week. Former Vicar Neuberger and our member Andrew Krueger are both graduating. The Call service (when assignments are announced) is Thursday at 11:00 Eastern. The Commencement concert is Thursday at 8:00 pm. The Commencement service is Friday at 11:00 Eastern. The services and concert are livestreamed; links are here: <https://www.wisluthsem.org/call-day-and-graduation-2023/>

**Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary seniors** each write a thesis in getting their masters degree. Copies of the theses of our former vicar Joseph Neuberger, and our member Andrew Krueger, are available in the entryway if you'd like to borrow a copy. Or you can read these and other papers online:

<http://essays.wisluthsem.org:8080/handle/123456789/2>

## Calendar

**Sunday** Adult & Youth Sunday School, 9:15 AM  
Worship & Holy Communion, 8:00 & 10:30 AM  
**Monday** Evangelism Board, 6:00 PM  
**Tuesday** *Last day of preschool*  
**Wednesday** No Bible Class this week  
**Thursday** No Zoom Only Bible Class this week  
*Last day of Mom's Day Out*  
**Friday** Japanese Bible Cooking Class, 11:00 AM  
**Saturday**  
**Sunday** Adult & Youth Sunday School, 9:15 AM  
Worship & Holy Communion, 8:00 & 10:30 AM

### Greeters:

**5/21** 8:00 AM

**10:30 AM**

**5/28** 8:00 AM

**10:30 AM**

### May Ushers

### East Doors

Bob Huber

**Brad & Sarah Sorn**

Karl & Lynn Farwig

**Laura & Mike Bennett**

**8 AM** Brad Sorn, Howard Wilch

**10:30** Bill Rose, Paul Weihrauch

### North Doors

Volunteer

**Deana Hartman**

Volunteer

**Vern & Marge Huston**

### Acolytes

Sam Weihrauch

**Elder/Usher**

Conner Niese

**Elder/Usher**

**Worship Leader:** Rev. Robert Krueger

**Today's Accompanist:** Connie Krueger

### **Join us in Adult Bible Studies:**

Adult Sunday School, 9:15 AM

Wednesday Bible Class, 1:30 PM

Thursday Zoom Bible Class, 7:00 PM

The Ideal Congregation

Philippians

Sinai to Calvary

*In person only*

*In person & Zoom*

*Zoom only*

**Welcome!** We join together here to thank God for a new week of promise and possibilities. Let us welcome the opportunity of worship. Let us greet one another joyfully and lovingly! If you are searching for a church home, please feel free to talk to the pastor after the service.

**Large print bulletins** are available at the back of the fellowship hall.

**There are visitor welcome packets** available in the narthex.

**There are children's books, coloring pages,** pencils, and crayons available at the back of the fellowship hall. Please return the books, clipboards, pencils and crayons.

**Silence is golden.** Please silence cell phones before worship.

**If you would like something put on the bulletin board** please contact the office.

**When receiving communion,** it's very helpful when you extend your hand to receive the wafer of bread. If there is anyone who would prefer to receive the wine mixed with water, please contact the pastor. We also have low-gluten wafers available; please speak with the pastor or an elder.

**Celebrating Communion in Love**—In love, Jesus gives his body and blood in Holy Communion. In love, Jesus tells us we are prepared for his meal when 1) we recognize our sins and need for forgiveness; 2) we confess Jesus as the only true God and Savior, without whom we would be lost for eternity; 3) we have been instructed in the Biblical truths of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection; 4) we believe that in the Supper Jesus gives us his real body and blood in the bread and wine; 5) we publicly confess our oneness of faith and full agreement of belief with those whom we receive the Supper. In love, Jesus cautions us that if we are not properly prepared, then we are rejecting his love and would receive his Supper to our harm. Therefore, in love for all, we at Immanuel follow the ancient, Biblical practice of Close Communion, offering the Supper only to those who have professed their agreement with our Wisconsin Synod fellowship. If you are interested in receiving the Supper with us, we invite you to speak with our pastor about the important necessary pre-Communion instruction.

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