## Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church

July 6, 2025 The Fourth Sunday After Pentecost



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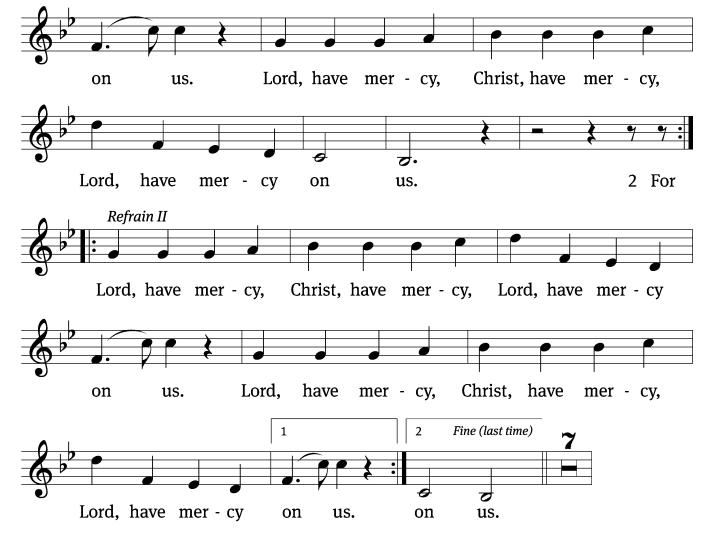
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Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy



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Please stand.

#### **Invocation and Confession**

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

C: Amen.

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

M: In peace let us pray to the Lord.



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



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.



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



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



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## The Prayer of the Church

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Let us pray.

God of all power and might, you are the giver of all that is good. Help us love you with all our heart, strengthen us in true faith, provide us with all we need, and keep us safe in your care; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

First Reading Ruth 1:1-19a

<sup>1</sup>In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land. So a man from Bethlehem in Judah, together with his wife and two sons, went to live for a while in the country of Moab. <sup>2</sup>The man's name was Elimelek, his wife's name was Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Kilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem, Judah. And they went to Moab and lived there.

<sup>3</sup>Now Elimelek, Naomi's husband, died, and she was left with her two sons. <sup>4</sup>They married Moabite women, one named Orpah and the other Ruth. After they had lived there about ten years, <sup>5</sup>both Mahlon and Kilion also died, and Naomi was left without her two sons and her husband.

<sup>6</sup>When Naomi heard in Moab that the LORD had come to the aid of his people by providing food for them, she and her daughters-in-law prepared to return home from there. <sup>7</sup>With her two daughters-in-law she left the place where she had been living and set out on the road that would take them back to the land of Judah.

<sup>8</sup>Then Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go back, each of you, to your mother's home. May the LORD show you kindness, as you have shown kindness to your dead husbands and to me. <sup>9</sup>May the LORD grant that each of you will find rest in the home of another husband."

Then she kissed them goodbye and they wept aloud <sup>10</sup>and said to her, "We will go back with you to your people."

<sup>11</sup>But Naomi said, "Return home, my daughters. Why would you come with me? Am I going to have any more sons, who could become your husbands? <sup>12</sup>Return home, my daughters; I am too old to have another husband. Even if I thought there was still hope for me—even if I had a husband tonight and then gave birth to sons— <sup>13</sup>would you wait until they grew up? Would you remain unmarried for them? No, my daughters. It is more bitter for me than for you, because the LORD's hand has turned against me!"

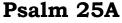
<sup>14</sup>At this they wept aloud again. Then Orpah kissed her mother-in-law goodbye, but Ruth clung to her.

<sup>15</sup>"Look," said Naomi, "your sister-in-law is going back to her people and her gods. Go back with her."

<sup>16</sup>But Ruth replied, "Don't urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. <sup>17</sup>Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried. May the LORD deal with me, be it ever so severely, if even death separates you and me." <sup>18</sup>When Naomi realized that Ruth was determined to go with her, she stopped urging her.

<sup>19</sup>So the two women went on until they came to Bethlehem. (NIV)

M: The Word of the Lord.C: Thanks be to God.



To You, O LORD, I Lift My Soul







In you, LORD my God, I / put my trust.
I trust in you; do not let me be / put to shame.
Show me your ways, LORD, teach me / your paths.
Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my / Savior.

Remember, LORD, your great mer- / cy and love, for they are / from of old.

Do not remember the sins of my youth and my re-/ bellious ways; according to your love remember me, for you, LORD, / are good.

#### Refrain

LORD, forgive my iniquity, though / it is great.

Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and af- / flicted.

Look on my affliction and / my distress

and take away / all my sins.

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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<sup>1</sup>It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

<sup>13</sup>You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. <sup>14</sup>For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>15</sup>If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other.

<sup>16</sup>So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. <sup>17</sup>For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want. <sup>18</sup>But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

<sup>19</sup>The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; <sup>20</sup>idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions <sup>21</sup>and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

<sup>22</sup>But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup>gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. <sup>24</sup>Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. <sup>25</sup>Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. (NIV)

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

**Gospel Acclamation** 

St. John 4:11





M: Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

C: Refrain

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<sup>25</sup>On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

<sup>26</sup>"What is written in the Law?" he replied. "How do you read it?"

<sup>27</sup>He answered, " 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind'; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"

<sup>28</sup>"You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live."

<sup>29</sup>But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

<sup>30</sup>In reply Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup>A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup>So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup>But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. <sup>34</sup>He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. <sup>35</sup>The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.'

<sup>36</sup>"Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?"

<sup>37</sup>The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him." Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise." (NIV)

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated.



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## Sermon Text Psalm 25

#### **Semon Theme**

Please stand.

## Confession of Faith: Apostles' Creed

C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there 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.

Be seated.



praise with end - less wor-ship for your gra - cious gifts un - priced.

mun - ion nev - er end - ing, you we wor - ship and ex - tol.

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

## Prayer of the Church

### **Closing Prayer**

M: Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and 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.

### **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.



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**Our new vicar, Kelvin Johannes,** will be arriving early August. As a single man, he does not have many items. Would you have some things you can loan him for the year (he would likely not need to take them and store them afterwards)? If so, please contact Pastor or Heather with what you can contribute.

**Items needed:** Kitchen ware; (used) kitchen table and chairs; dresser and end-table; long twin bed or full-sized bed; possibly sofa.

**The women's restroom** by the sanctuary will be under construction from July 7 to August 8. During that time women are asked to use the restroom in the Education wing or in the nursery. Thank you.

**The church floors** will be replaced during the week of August 4. The church will be closed during that time to allow the company to complete their work, and prevent the floors from being walked on before they are fully cured. This month we are moving items off of the floors that will be replaced and getting the church ready for the updates. If you are available to help with moving the items around, please speak with one of the members of the church council. The floors that will be replaced are Women's Restroom by the parlor, all four entrances, the preschool tiled area, and the preschool art room.

**The Outdoor Service will be at Litzenberg Memorial Woods** in the barn on August 3 at 10:30 AM. A meal will follow the service. The Stewardship Board will provide the meat, drinks and tableware. Please sign up to attend the meal and indicate if you would like to bring a hot dish, cold dish, or a dessert.

**Abiding Word Lutheran in Bowling Green** (ELS) has been blessed with a new pastor, Rev. Nicholas Lilienthal, who will be installed today at 4:00 PM.

**Fellowship Opportunity**: the Board of Stewardship has planned a Columbus Clippers Baseball game on **Friday**, **July 25** with other WELS churches in Ohio. There are also flyers on the tables by the bulletins. If you want to go and sit with other WELS members there is a QR code for tickets and a separate code for t-shirts. There is no sign up here at church, members buy the tickets online to attend. Come and join the fun!

BIBLE STUDY	Sunday Wednesday Thursday	Adult Bible Study Hymns 9:15AM Adult Bible Study Ruth 10:00AM Zoom Bible Study 7:00 PM
CALENDAR	Sunday	Worship, 8:00AM & 10:30AM Adult Sunday School, 9:15AM
	Monday	Evangelism Board, 6:00 PM
	Wednesday	Adult Bible Class, 10:00 AM
	Thursday	Zoom Bible Class, 7:00 PM
	Sunday	Worship with Holy Communion, 8:00AM & 10:30AM Adult Sunday School, 9:15AM

JULY	GREETERS 7/6 8:00 10:30	EAST <b>Volunteer</b> Jan S.	NORTH <b>Volunteer</b> Pam W.
	<b>7/13 8:00</b> <i>10:30</i>	<b>Volunteer</b> Deana H.	<b>Volunteer</b> <i>Diane L.</i>
	<b>7/20 8:00</b> <i>10:30</i>	Karl & Lynn F. Becky F.	<b>Volunteer</b> <i>Kay M.</i>
	<b>7/27 8:00</b> <i>10:30</i>	Bob H. Helen R.	<b>Volunteer</b> Brad & Sarah S.

JULY USHERS 8:00 Don L., Mike W. 10:30 Brad S., Sam P.

**Welcome!** We join together here to thank God for a new week of promise and possibilities. Let us greet one another joyfully and lovingly! If you are searching for a church home, 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.

Bulletin Board: If you would like items displayed, please contact the office.

# All Sports Camp July 28-30 6-7:30 PM



## Volunteers are needed!

All kids should sign up online @ **ImmanuelFindlay.org** to participate.