# Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church

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The Seventh Sunday After Pentecost



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Speak, O Lord



- 1 Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to re-ceive the food
- 2 Teach us, Lord, full o be di ence, ho ly rev er ence,
- 3 Speak, O Lord, and re new our minds, help us grasp the heights



of your ho - ly Word; true hu - mil - i - ty; of your plans for us, take your truth, plant it test our thoughts and our truths un - changed from the



deep shape and fash - ion us in your like - ness. in us. ti - tudes di - ance at in the ra of your pu - ri - ty. dawn of time, that will ech - o down thro' e - ter - ni - tv.



that the light of Christ might be to - day seen in our acts of Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see your ma - jes - tic and by faith we'll And by grace we'll stand on your prom - is - es,



love and our deeds of faith. love and au - thor - i - ty. walk as you walk with us. Speak, O Lord, and ful-Words of pow'r that can Speak, O Lord, till your



fill all your pur - pos-es for your glo in us ry. er fail, let their truth pre-vail o - ver un - be-lief. nev Church is built, and the earth is filled with your glo ry.

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#### **Invocation and Confession**

CW 173

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.

C:

# Lord, Have Mercy

CW 174

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.

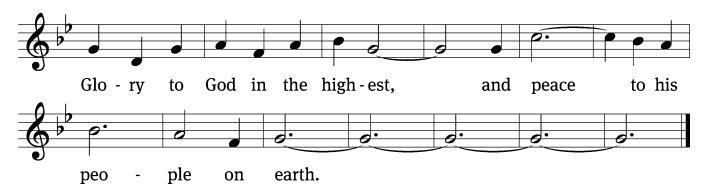
C:



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#### The Prayer of the Day

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your Word. By your Holy Spirit, help us to receive it with joy and bring forth fruits in faith, hope, and love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Be seated.

## First Reading

Genesis 18:1-14

<sup>1</sup>The LORD appeared to Abraham near the great trees of Mamre while he was sitting at the entrance to his tent in the heat of the day. <sup>2</sup>Abraham looked up and saw three men standing nearby. When he saw them, he hurried from the entrance of his tent to meet them and bowed low to the ground.

<sup>3</sup>He said, "If I have found favor in your eyes, my lord, do not pass your servant by. <sup>4</sup>Let a little water be brought, and then you may all wash your feet and rest under this tree. <sup>5</sup>Let me get you something to eat, so you can be refreshed and then go on your way—now that you have come to your servant."

"Very well," they answered, "do as you say."

<sup>6</sup>So Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah. "Quick," he said, "get three seahs of the finest flour and knead it and bake some bread."

<sup>7</sup>Then he ran to the herd and selected a choice, tender calf and gave it to a servant, who hurried to prepare it. <sup>8</sup>He then brought some curds and milk and the calf that had been prepared, and set these before them. While they ate, he stood near them under a tree.

<sup>9</sup>"Where is your wife Sarah?" they asked him.

"There, in the tent," he said.

<sup>10</sup>Then one of them said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife will have a son."

Now Sarah was listening at the entrance to the tent, which was behind him.

<sup>11</sup>Abraham and Sarah were already very old, and Sarah was past the age of

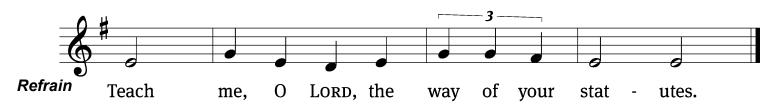
childbearing. <sup>12</sup>So Sarah laughed to herself as she thought, "After I am worn out and my lord is old, will I now have this pleasure?"

<sup>13</sup>Then the LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Will I really have a child, now that I am old?' <sup>14</sup>Is anything too hard for the LORD? I will return to you at the appointed time next year, and Sarah will have a son." (NIV)

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

#### Psalm 119B

Teach Me, O LORD





Teach me, LORD, the way of / your decrees, that I may follow it / to the end.

Give me understanding, so that I may / keep your law and obey it with / all my heart.

Direct me in the path of / your commands, for there I / find delight. Refrain

Turn my eyes away from / worthless things;
preserve my life according / to your word.

Fulfill your promise to your / servant,
so that you / may be feared.

How I long for your / precepts!
In your righteousness pre- / serve my life.

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>Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, <sup>2</sup>To God's holy people in Colossae, the faithful brothers and sisters in Christ: Grace and peace to you from God our Father.

<sup>3</sup>We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, <sup>4</sup>because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all God's people— <sup>5</sup>the faith and love that spring from the hope stored up for you in heaven and about which you have already heard in the true message of the gospel <sup>6</sup>that has come to you. In the same way, the gospel is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world—just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and truly understood God's grace. <sup>7</sup>You learned it from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, <sup>8</sup>and who also told us of your love in the Spirit.

<sup>9</sup>For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, <sup>10</sup>so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, <sup>11</sup>being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, <sup>12</sup>and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. <sup>13</sup>For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, <sup>14</sup>in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. (NIV)

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Gospel Acclamation

Isaiah 55:11



C: Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu-ia, al - le - lu - ia.

M: My word will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

C: Refrain

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**Holy Gospel** 

St. Luke 10:38-42

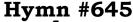
<sup>38</sup>As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. <sup>39</sup>She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. <sup>40</sup>But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!"

<sup>41</sup>"Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, <sup>42</sup>but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her." (NIV)

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated.



One Thing's Needful



- 1 One thing's need-ful; Lord, this trea-sure teach me high-ly to re-gard.
- 2 How were Mar y's thoughts de vot ed her e ter-nal joy to find
- 3 Wis-dom's high-est, no-blest trea-sure, Je-sus, is re-vealed in you.



All else, though it first give plea-sure, is a yoke that press-es hard. as in - tent each word she not - ed, at her Sav-ior's feet re-clined! Let me find in you my plea-sure; make my will and ac-tions true,



Be-neath it the heart is still fret-ting and striv-ing, no true, last-ing How kin-dled her heart, how de-vout was its feel-ing, while hear-ing the hu-mil-i-ty there and sim-plic-i-ty reign-ing, in paths of true



hap - pi - ness ev - er de - riv - ing. This one thing is need - ful; all les - sons that Christ was re - veal - ing! All earth - ly con-cerns she for - wis-dom my steps ev - er train-ing. If I learn from Je - sus this



oth - ers are vain— I count all but loss that I Christ may ob - tain. got for her Lord and found her con - tent-ment in hear - ing his Word. knowl-edge di - vine, the bless - ing of heav - en - ly wis - dom is mine.

Sermon Text Colossians 1:1-14

Semon Theme Roots and Fruits

Please stand.

#### Confession of Faith: 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 Register** is available by the entrances. If you are watching on-line please go to the description link and sign in.

**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.

# The Sacrament of Holy Communion

CW 183

\*Visitors: Please see our communion statement on page 20 before joining us at the Lord's table.

M: The Lord be with you.



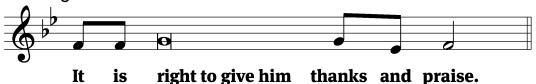
C: And al - so with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

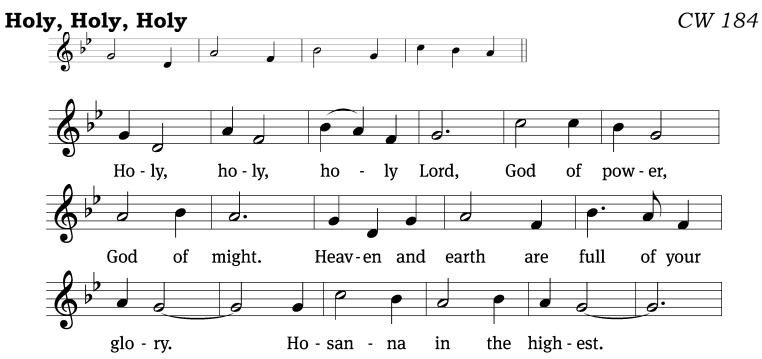


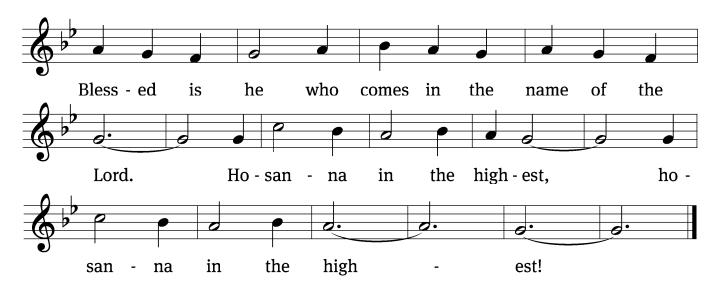
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#### **Proper Preface**

C:

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 promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock until he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:





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#### Prayer of Thanksgiving

M: Lord God, you are worthy to receive thanks and praise from all people. You created the world and all who live in it, and in your mercy you saved us. We give thanks to you for the grace of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Though in very nature God, he took the nature of a servant and became obedient to death, even death on a cross. He offered himself as a sacrifice for sin and redeemed us from its curse and penalty. He rescued us from the terrors of death and restored eternal life with you. He conquered our enemies and gained for us the kingdom of grace and glory.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood, and lead us to remember his suffering, death, and resurrection. Forgive our sins and fill us with the hope of new life in heaven. Hear our praise and receive our thanks as we worship you—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

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.



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Be seated.

#### **Distribution of Holy Communion**

## Distribution Hymn #663

Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

\*Sing from hymnal or display.

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

C: Amen.

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: We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet you have given us in this Sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit, help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, 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.



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Thank you to those who helped out with Vacation Bible School. It was a great success!

**Vicar Fluegge and his family** will be loading their moving truck on Tuesday, August 5, at 9:00 AM. If you can help, let Greg Cole know. And if you would like to give a farewell gift to the Fluegges, such as a gift card or check, give it to one of our elders.

**Vicar Johannes** will be installed on August 10<sup>th</sup> at the 10:30 AM service.

**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, or sign up in the entryway.

**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 is under construction until mid August (hopefully). 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 first two weeks of August. The church will be closed during the week 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 both restrooms 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. Please dress informally. 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. This will be our farewell to Vicar Fluegge and his family. We will also have an 8:00 AM service at the church that day.

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

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



**BIBLE STUDY** 

Sunday Wednesday Thursday Adult Bible Study Adult Bible Study Zoom Bible Study

Hymns Hebrews Burden Bearing 9:15AM 10:00AM 7:00 PM CALENDAR Sunday Worship with Holy Communion, 8:00AM & 10:30AM

Adult Sunday School, 9:15AM

Wednesday Thursday Sunday Adult Bible Class, 10:00AM Zoom Bible Class, 7:00PM Worship, 8:00AM @ Immanuel

Worship @ Litzenberg Memorial Woods @ 10:30AM Church Picnic after the 10:30 Service at Litzenberg

No Adult Sunday School this week

NORTH

Volunteer

JULY GREETERS EAST 7/27 8:00 Bob H.

10:30 Helen R. 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.

**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.



Additional verses next page.

- Human reason, though it ponders, cannot fathom these great wonders, that Christ's body must be boundless since the souls it feeds are countless, and that he his blood is giving with the wine we are receiving.

  These great mysteries unsounded are by God alone expounded.
- 6 Lord, by love and mercy driven, you have left your throne in heaven on the cross for me to languish and to die in bitter anguish, to forgo all joy and gladness and to shed your blood in sadness. By this blood redeemed and living, Lord, I praise you with thanksgiving.
- 7 Jesus, sun of life, my splendor, Jesus, friend of friends most tender, Jesus, joy of my desiring, fount of life, my soul inspiring: at your feet I cry, my maker, let me be a fit partaker of this blessèd food from heaven for our good, your glory, given.
- 8 Jesus, Lord of life in heaven, help me when this meal is given to receive it for my blessing as I come, my sins confessing. In this supper let me measure, Lord, how deep is your love's treasure, that, as I on earth have eaten, I may be your guest in heaven.

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