

# Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church

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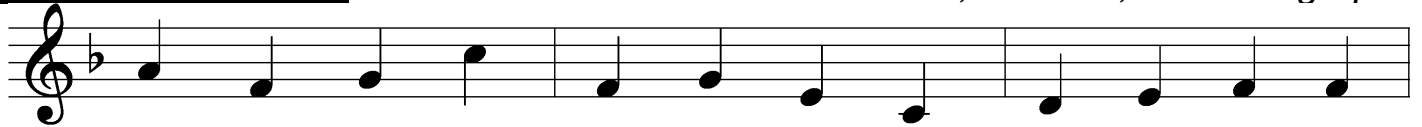
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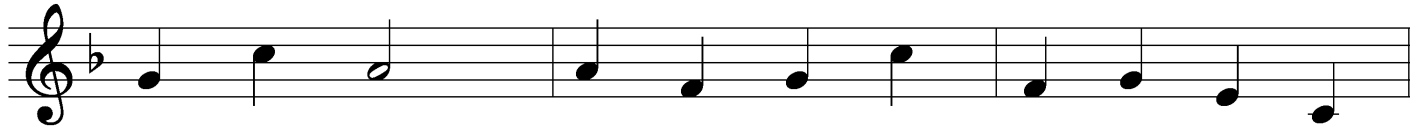
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Opening Hymn #588

"Come, O Come, Life-Giving Spirit"



1 Come, O come, life - giv - ing Spir - it, God from all e -  
2 Show us, Lord, the path of bless - ing; when we tres - pass  
3 Spir - it, guard our faith for - ev - er; let not Sa - tan,  
4 And when life's frail thread is break - ing, then as - sure us



ter - ni - ty! May your pow - er nev - er fail us;  
on our way, cast, O Lord, our sins be - hind you  
death, or shame ev - er part us from our Sav - ior.  
more and more, as the heirs of life un - end - ing,



dwell with - in us con - stant - ly. Then shall truth and  
and be with us day by day. Should we stray, O  
Lord, our ref - uge is your name! When our hearts op -  
of the glo - ry there in store, glo - ry nev - er



life and light ban - ish all the gloom of night.  
Lord, re - call; work re - pent - ance when we fall.  
pose your will, let your Word prove strong - er still.  
yet ex - pressed, glo - ry of the saints at rest.

*Text: tr. Charles W. Schaeffer, 1813–1896, alt.; Heinrich Held, 1620–1659, abr.*

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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: If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

C: **If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just  
and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

M: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**C: Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature  
and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.  
I have not loved you with my whole heart;  
I have not loved others as I should.  
I deserve your punishment both now and forever.  
But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins  
with his innocent suffering and death.  
Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

*(Silence for meditation and reflection)*

M: Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**


**Lord, Have Mercy**

CW190

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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**Hymn #938**

*"This Is the Feast"*

*Refrain*



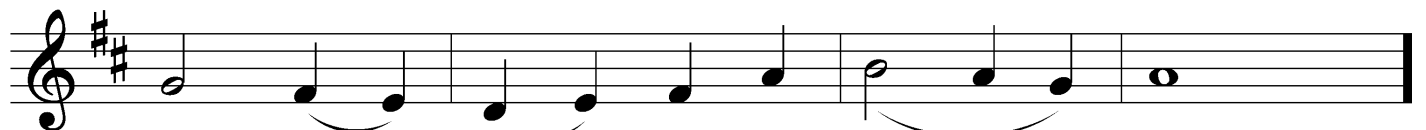
This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



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.

O God, you are the giver of everything good. Inspire us, your humble servants, to long for what is right and, through your gracious guidance, accomplish it to your glory; 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**

*Acts 17:22–31*

<sup>22</sup>Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said: “People of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious. <sup>23</sup>For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: to an unknown god. So you are ignorant of the very thing you worship—and this is what I am going to proclaim to you.

<sup>24</sup>“The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands. <sup>25</sup>And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything. Rather, he himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else. <sup>26</sup>From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. <sup>27</sup>God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us. <sup>28</sup>‘For in him we live and move and have our being.’ As some of your own poets have said, ‘We are his offspring.’

<sup>29</sup>“Therefore since we are God’s offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone—an image made by human design and skill. <sup>30</sup>In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. <sup>31</sup>For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead.” (NIV)

M: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 65B**

*“Every Heart Its Tribute Pays”*



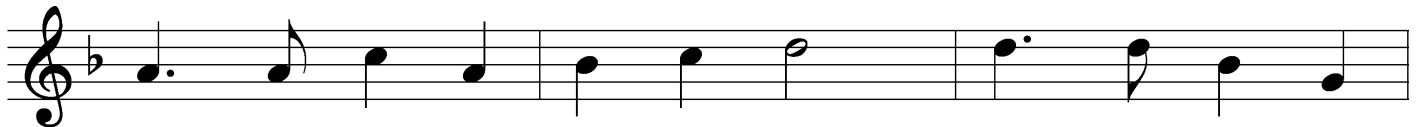
1 Ev - 'ry heart its trib - ute pays, ev - 'ry tongue its  
2 Ev - er while his deeds en - dure our sal - va - tion  
3 Year by year, the sea - sons' round sees the land with



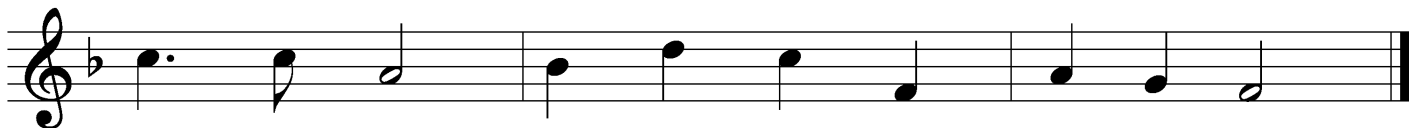
song of praise; sin and sor - row, guilt and care, brought to  
stands se - cure; he whose fin - gers spun the earth, gave the  
bless - ing crowned, where ca - ressed by sun and rain bar - ren



him who an - swers prayer; there by grace may hu - man - kind  
seas and moun - tains birth, tamed the o - cean, formed the land,  
earth gives life a - gain; sun - lit val - leys burn with gold,



full and free for - give - ness find; called and cho - sen,  
spread the skies with might - y hand: far - off shores re -  
na - ture smiles on field and fold, gifts of God in



loved and blest, in his pres - ence be at rest.  
vere his name, day and night his pow'r pro - claim.  
plen - ty poured: all things liv - ing, praise the Lord!

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## Second Reading

1 Peter 3:13–22

<sup>13</sup>Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? <sup>14</sup>But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. “Do not fear their threats; do not be frightened.” <sup>15</sup>But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, <sup>16</sup>keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander. <sup>17</sup>For it is better, if it is God’s will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil. <sup>18</sup>For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit. <sup>19</sup>After being made alive, he went and made proclamation to the imprisoned spirits— <sup>20</sup>to those who were disobedient long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, <sup>21</sup>and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also—not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup>who has gone into heaven and is at God’s right hand—with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him. (NIV)

M: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*

## Gospel Acclamation

St. John 14:15,16



Refrain:



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



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

M: If you love me, keep my commands.

And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you.

**C: Refrain**

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## Holy Gospel

St. John 14:15–21

<sup>15</sup>“If you love me, keep my commands. <sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— <sup>17</sup>the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. <sup>18</sup>I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. <sup>19</sup>Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup>On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. <sup>21</sup>Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them.” (NIV)

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

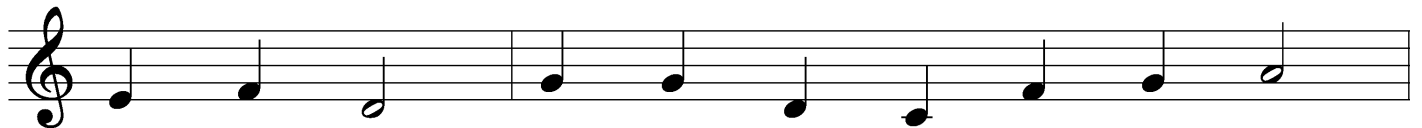
*Be seated.*

## Hymn #459 sts. 1,3,5-6

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Again”



1 Christ the Lord is ris'n a - gain; Christ has bro - ken  
3 He who bore all pain and loss com - fort - less up -  
5 He who slum - bered in the grave is ex - alt - ed  
6 Now he bids us tell a - broad how the lost may



death's strong chain. Hark, the an - gels shout for joy,  
on the cross lives in glo - ry now on high,  
now to save; now through Chris - ten - dom it rings  
be re - stored, how the pen - i - tent for - giv'n,



sing - ing ev - er - more on high: Hal - le - lu - jah!  
pleads for us, and hears our cry: Hal - le - lu - jah!  
that the Lamb is King of kings. Hal - le - lu - jah!  
how we too may en - ter heav'n. Hal - le - lu - jah!

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## Sermon Text

St. John 14:15-21

## Sermon

“Live in Love”

*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.

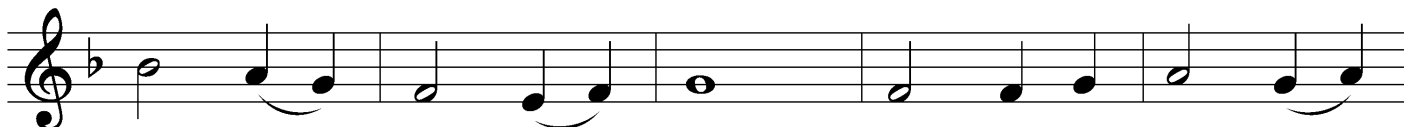
**C: Amen.**

# 1013 Agnus

(Amer) - HAMBURG



1 O Lamb of God, once lift - ed high up - on a  
2 O Lamb of God, your sac - ri - fice has can - celled



cross to bleed and die, in per - fect love you  
sin, has paid its price; your per - fect love will



took our place— be - stow on us your sav - ing grace.  
nev - er cease— have mer - cy, Lord, and grant us peace.

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Be seated.

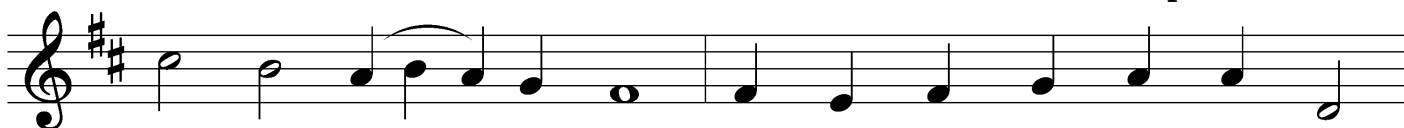
## Distribution of Holy Communion

### Distribution Hymn #675

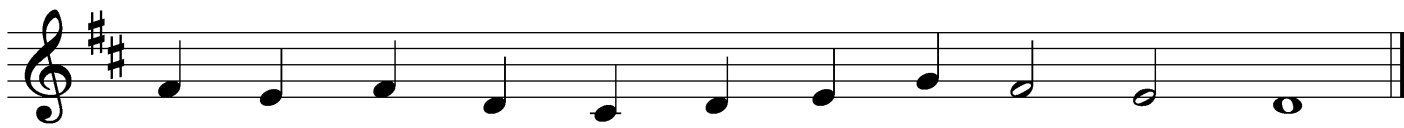
*“At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing”*



1 At the Lamb’s high feast we sing praise to  
2 Praise we him whose love di - vine gives his  
3 Where the pas - chal blood is poured, death’s dread  
4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, pas - chal



our vic - to - rious King, who has washed us in the tide  
sa - cred blood for wine, gives his bod - y for the feast—  
an - gel sheathes the sword; Is - rael’s hosts tri - um - phant go  
vic - tim, pas - chal bread; with sin - cer - i - ty and love



flow - ing from his pierc - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!  
thro’ the wave that drowns the foe. Al - le - lu - ia!  
eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!

*Additional verses next page.*

5 Mighty Victim from the sky,  
hell's fierce pow'rs beneath you lie.  
You have conquered in the fight,  
you have brought us life and light. Alleluia!

6 Now no more can death appall,  
now no more the grave enthrall;  
you have opened paradise,  
and your saints in you shall rise. Alleluia!

7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!  
This alone can sin destroy;  
from sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,  
newborn souls in you to be. Alleluia!

8 Father, who the crown shall give,  
Savior, by whose death we live,  
Spirit, guide through all our days,  
Three in One, your name we praise. Alleluia!

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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.**

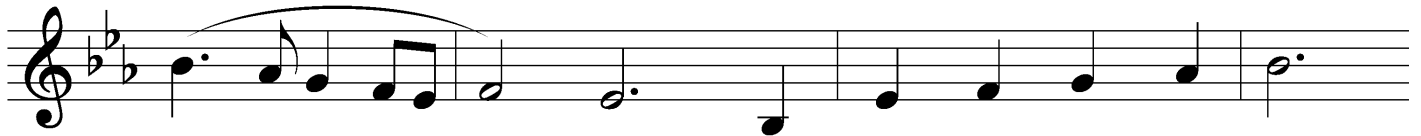
*Be seated.*

**Closing Hymn #449 sts. 1-2**

*“This Joyful Eastertide”*



1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide a - way with sin and  
2 Death's flood has lost its chill since Je - sus crossed the



sor - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied,  
riv - er. Lov - er of souls, from ill



has sprung to life this mor - row.  
my pass - ing soul de - liv - er.

*Refrain*



Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst his three-day pris - on,



our faith had been in vain: but now has Christ a - ris - en, a -



ris - en, a - ris - en; but now has Christ a - ris - en!

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*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**

**Thank you** to all who came and helped with the work day yesterday! *-Property Board*

**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.

**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).

**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** Church Council Meeting, 6:30 PM

**Wednesday** Bible Class, 1:30 PM

**Thursday** Zoom Only Bible Class, 7:00 PM

**Sunday** Adult & Youth Sunday School, 9:15 AM  
Worship & Holy Communion, 8:00 & 10:30 AM

### **Greeters:**

**5/14** 8:00 AM

**10:30 AM**

**5/21** 8:00 AM

**10:30 AM**

**5/28** 8:00 AM

**10:30 AM**

### **East Doors**

Howard & Nancy Wilch

**Pam Winters**

Bob Huber

**Brad & Sarah Sorn**

Karl & Lynn Farwig

**Laura & Mike Bennett**

### **North Doors**

Volunteer

**Volunteer**

Volunteer

**Deana Hartman**

Volunteer

**Vern & Marge Huston**

### **Acolytes**

Josie Weihrauch

**Elder/Usher**

Sam Weihrauch

**Elder/Usher**

Conner Niese

**Elder/Usher**

### **May Ushers**

**8:00** Brad Sorn, Howard Wilch

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

**Worship Leader:** Rev. Robert Krueger

**Today's Accompanist:** Connie Krueger

**Join us in Adult Bible Studies:**

Adult Sunday School, 9:15 AM	The Ideal Congregation	<i>In person only</i>
Wednesday Bible Class, 1:30 PM	Philippians	<i>In person &amp; Zoom</i>
Thursday Zoom Bible Class, 7:00 PM	Sinai to Calvary	<i>Zoom only</i>

**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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