

# Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Immanuel Lutheran Church & School

August 23, 2026

11:00am Modern Divine Service

*Embrace ~ Educate ~ Engage*

Ringling of the Bell

Welcome and Announcements

Greeting of the Saints

Opening Song "Firm Foundation"

Invocation

P: We begin in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Confession and Absolution

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: **who made heaven and earth.**

P: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C: **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

P: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C: **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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.

## Kyrie Gloria

Chris Winston

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy,  
Lord have mercy unto me.

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy,  
Lord have mercy unto me.

Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison  
Kyrie eleison unto me.

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy,  
Lord have mercy unto me.

Glory to God in the highest and peace to His people on earth.  
We praise, we bless, we adore You.  
We give thanks for Your great glory.  
O Lord, God heavenly King, mighty Father  
Lord Jesus Christ only begotten Son  
You take away the sins of the of the world, receive our prayer.

For You alone are holy You alone are the Lord.  
You alone are the most high.  
Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit to the Glory of God the Father.

*Please be seated*

## Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 51:1-6

"Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness,  
you who seek the LORD:  
look to the rock from which you were hewn,  
and to the quarry from which you were dug.  
Look to Abraham your father  
and to Sarah who bore you;  
for he was but one when I called him,  
that I might bless him and multiply him.  
For the LORD comforts Zion;

he comforts all her waste places  
and makes her wilderness like Eden,  
her desert like the garden of the LORD;  
joy and gladness will be found in her,  
thanksgiving and the voice of song.  
“Give attention to me, my people,  
and give ear to me, my nation;  
for a law will go out from me,  
and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples.  
My righteousness draws near,  
my salvation has gone out,  
and my arms will judge the peoples;  
the coastlands hope for me,  
and for my arm they wait.  
Lift up your eyes to the heavens,  
and look at the earth beneath;  
for the heavens vanish like smoke,  
the earth will wear out like a garment,  
and they who dwell in it will die in like manner;  
but my salvation will be forever,  
and my righteousness will never be dismayed.”

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### Epistle Reading

Romans 11:33—12:8

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

“For who has known the mind of the Lord,  
or who has been his counselor?”

“Or who has given a gift to him  
that he might be repaid?”

For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

A: Please stand for the reading of the Gospel.

## Alleluia

Chris Winston

♩=132

D D/F# D/G D D/F# D/G

5 D D/F# D/G D/B D/A E/G# A A/G F#m

Al - le - lu - ia Al - le - lu Al - le - lu - ia Al - le - lu Al - le - lu - ia

10 Bm D/A G(add2) A(sus4) D D/F#

Al - le - lu - ia

Al - le - lu You have the words of e - ter - nal life al - le - lu - ia

14 D/G D/B D/A D/G A D

Al - le - lu - Al - le - lu - ia Al - le - lu Al - le - lu - ia

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixteenth chapter.

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

### **Holy Gospel**

Matthew 16:13-20

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

*Please be seated*

### **Children's Message**

*Please stand*

### **Song of the Day**

"Who You Say I Am"

### **Sermon**

*Rev. Benjamin Braun*

*Please stand*

### **Apostles' Creed**

**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**

### **Prayer of the Church**

**A:** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

**A:** O Lord, bestow upon us Your riches and wisdom. Grant us increasing knowledge of You through Your Word, and help us to trust in Your grace and favor. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

**A:** O God, give the Church and all her servants grace to fulfill the ministries to which You have committed them. Grant each of us the strength to confess Christ boldly before the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: Lord, our God, You are our life and our length of days. Sustain and strengthen those who suffer sickness and affliction, especially Carol, Orin, Carrie Ann, Rita, Earl, Roger, Dorothea; and comfort all who mourn especially the family of Carole Weygand, with the promise of everlasting life in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: Merciful God, You have redeemed us in Christ and declared us righteous and holy in Him. Graciously grant that we may offer You our very selves as living sacrifices, that we may glorify You in all we think, say and do. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: Be merciful to us, O Lord, and hear our prayers. Grant to us the grace of Your Holy Spirit, that we may be led into all truth and be steadfast in the confession of Christ; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### **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.**

## Sanctus

Chris Winston

D D/F# G D/F# G D/F# A

Ho-ly Ho-ly Ho - ly Lord God of hosts, Hea-ven and earth are full of Thy glo - ry

5 D D/F# G D/F# Em D/F#

Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord most\_ high. Bless - ed is He that

8 G G#7 A G A(sus4) A D

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

P: Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

### The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever.  
Amen.

### The Words of Our Lord

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✠}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new covenant in My  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **Amen.**

# Agnus Dei

Chris Winston

Chords: D, F#m/C#, G(add2), D/A, A

5 Lamb of God, Lamb of God, You take a-way the sins of the world

9 Lamb of God Lamb of God Have mer - cy on us. Lamb of

13 God You take a - way the sins of the World. Grant us

17 Peace Oh Grant us peace.

*Please be seated*

## Silent Prayer before Communing

*Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

## **Holy Communion Preparation and Information**

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor. Those wishing to receive the common cup should decline the individual cups when they are offered. In the center of each individual tray are several light-colored cups of non-alcoholic wine.

Children who have not yet been taught these beliefs concerning Holy Communion (offered in our church starting at grade 4) and any others not receiving the Sacrament may come forward and receive a blessing from the pastor. Simply fold your arms to indicate "blessing only".

### **Communion Song**

"Everlasting God"

*Please stand*

### **Communion Dismissal**

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ☩ in peace.

C: **Amen.**

### **Benediction**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

### **Closing Song**

"Washed"

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**



### **Happening on Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup> --- mark your calendar!**

- We will have ONE WORSHIP SERVICE at 10:00am
- Education Hour will be at 9:00am
- Church Potluck following service  
Mexican food! Bring a favorite dish to share.
- Opportunity to take a picture for the church directory  
Pictures will be taken on Sunday, August 30, following the one-service at 10:00am.  
We'd love to have everyone included in our church directory. Be sure to stop by and have your picture taken!

### **New Women's Small Group starts next month**

**When:** On Wednesdays, beginning September 9<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-7:30pm, here at the church.  
**The study book** is "Everlasting" by Christina Hergenrader, and can be purchased on Amazon or CPH. Christina is the speaker for our Fall Women's Retreat. Hosted by Anna Braun.

### **Join Our Music Ministry**

**This is a wonderful time to join any of these fun, rewarding, and welcoming groups. New to Immanuel? What better way to get connected. We'd love to have you!**

Chancel Choir - Wednesdays at 7:00pm

Handbells - Wednesdays at 5:45pm

Praise Band - Thursdays at 6:00pm (see Chris Winston for scheduling details)

Orchestra - Thursdays at 7:15pm

Schola Cantorum Children's Choir - TBD

Children's Chimes - TBD

Men's Choir - Sundays at 6:00pm (see Chris Winston for location details)

For more information, please contact Chris Winston [cwinston@immanuelba.org](mailto:cwinston@immanuelba.org) or Rebecca Winston [rwinston@immanuelba.org](mailto:rwinston@immanuelba.org).

## Church Attendance & Offering

Sunday, August 16, 2026:

8:30am Service attendance: 242

Offering: \$11,192.00

11:00am Service attendance: 107

Online Giving: \$7,111.71

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### In Our Prayers



**The family of Carole Weygand** - our dear sister in Christ was called to be with her Savior on Friday, August 14, 2026, at the age of 84. Carole will be missed greatly. Pray for comfort and peace for her sons, Eddy & Bryan, and family. May they feel God's loving presence and compassion for them in their grief, and may they not lose sight of the hope they have in Christ. A funeral service was held on August 21, 2026, at Immanuel Lutheran Church.

*Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Psalm 23:6*

[Pictured is Carole & Ray; Ray passed away October 13, 2025]

**Carol Feagins** - undergoing chemo treatments; continue to pray for her health.

**Pastor Braun and family**

**For Our Armed Forces**

**Immanuel's Visioning Process** - pray for our Elders, Staff, our elected leaders, and for us as a congregation to know God's vision for us and that we will be inspired to pursue it.

**Those with Health Concerns** - Matt Hagans, Loretta Herzberger

**Those with cancer** - Allen Beaird, Michelle Craig, Donna D., Jill Duran, Carol Feagins, Earl Franklin, Mike Hays, Mark Holcomb, Allen Hufford, Holly Johnson, Lyle Johnson, Shirley Kirkpatrick, Jackie Oestreich, Jonathan Schultz, Gary Siftar, Carrie Ann Swaim, Theresa, Ellen Vester, Lois Wegner, Woody Wicker

**Missionary work:** Rev. Christian and Gudula Tiews serving in the Eurasia Region; Ben Helge serving in the Czech Republic; Josh Lange and family, working with CWF in Shanghai; Bob & Chris Prouty serving in Australia; Rev. Jason and Anna Marie Steffenson will be serving in Italy. Rev. Bryan and Deaconess Keah Payne serving in Shinyanga, Tanzania.

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