

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Immanuel Lutheran Church & School

August 16, 2026

8:30am Traditional Divine Service Four

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Embrace ~ Educate ~ Engage

Ringling of the Bell

Welcome and Announcements

Greeting of the Saints

Opening Sentences

P: I will go to the altar of God,

C: to God my exceeding joy.

P: My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.

C: Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David.

Prelude-Processional

“Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”

John Behnke

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Opening Hymn

“Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”

Hymn 901

1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty; Zi - on, let me
 2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore Thee; Come Thou al - so
 3 Here Thy praise is glad - ly chant - ed; Here Thy seed is
 4 Thou my faith in - crease and quick - en; Let me keep Thy
 5 Speak, O God, and I will hear Thee; Let Thy will be
 en - ter there, Where my soul in joy - ful du - ty
 un - to me. Where we find Thee and a - dore Thee,
 du - ly sown. Let my soul, where it is plant - ed,
 gift di - vine, How - so - e'er temp - ta - tions thick - en;
 done in - deed. May I un - dis - turbed draw near Thee
 Waits for Him who an - swers prayer. Oh, how bless - ed
 There a heav'n on earth must be. To my heart, O
 Bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - lone, So that all I
 May Thy Word still o'er me shine As my guid - ing
 While Thou dost Thy peo - ple feed. Here of life the
 is this place, Filled with sol - ace, light, and grace!
 en - ter Thou; Let it be Thy tem - ple now!
 hear may be Fruit - ful un - to life in me.
 star through life, As my com - fort in all strife.
 foun - tain flows; Here is balm for all our woes.

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Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Confession and Absolution

P: Though we are undeserving, we come to the Lord saying, “Have mercy on me, O Lord.” Let us seek the Lord here while He may be found to grant us healing, help, and forgiveness.

C: Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of God, we are severely oppressed by sin in all our thoughts, words, and actions. We have sinned against You by our own fault. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy on us, O Lord, and grant us forgiveness, help, and salvation. Amen.

P: Almighty God, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and of all who believe in the name of His only begotten Son, is the God of mercy and for His sake forgives us all our sins. Therefore, in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Kyrie

LSB 204



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 204



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good - will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

LSB 205

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting Father, You give Your children many blessings even though we are undeserving. In every trial and temptation grant us steadfast confidence in Your loving kindness and mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Please be seated

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Thus says the LORD:

“Keep justice, and do righteousness,
for soon my salvation will come,
and my deliverance be revealed. . . .

“And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,
to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD,
and to be his servants,
everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it,
and holds fast my covenant—
these I will bring to my holy mountain,
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar;
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.”

The Lord GOD,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares,
“I will gather yet others to him
besides those already gathered.”

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. . . .

Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them. For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead? . . .

As regards the gospel, they are enemies of God for your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers. For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience, so they too have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy. For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

Alleluia and Verse

LSB 205

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

C These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

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

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

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 15:21-28

Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon." But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying out after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." And he answered, "It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Please be seated

Children's Message

Please stand

Hymn of the Day “In Christ There Is No East or West”

Hymn 653



1 In Christ there is no east or west,
2 With God there is no tribe or race;
3 So, broth - ers, sis - ters, praise His name
4 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith,
5 In Christ now meet both east and west;

In Him no south or north, But one great fel - low -
In Him we all are one. He loves us as His
Who died to set us free From sin, di - vi - sion,
What - e'er your race may be; Who serves my Fa - ther
In Him meet south and north. All Chris - tian souls are

ship of love Through - out the whole wide earth.
chil - dren through Our faith in His dear Son.
hate, and shame, From spite and en - mi - ty!
as His child Is sure - ly kin to me.
one in Him Through - out the whole wide earth.

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Sermon

Rev. Benjamin Braun

Reception of New Members

Emily Baker

Rev. David & Marcia Boyd

Brenda Carter

Carl Cobb

Jody & Kara Greene

Doug & Holly Hoehn

Marcia Holland

Lindsey Hurst

Bruce & Belinda Kastelic

Veli-Antti & Sandra Koivisto

Robert & Susan Lindsey

David Lloyd

Carol Mangels

Kris & Christy Schneider

Allen & Julie Shiever

Craig & Beth Shiever

Christian VanHoose

P: Beloved in the Lord, our Lord Jesus Christ said to His apostles: “Everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.” Lift up your hearts, therefore, to the God of all grace and joyfully give answer to what I now ask you in the name of the Lord.

P: Do you this day in the presence of God and of this congregation acknowledge the gifts that God gave you in your Baptism?

R: *Yes, I do.*

P: Do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways?

R: *Yes, I renounce them.*

P: Do you believe in one God, the Father Almighty, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord, and in the Holy Spirit?

R: *Yes, I believe in God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

P: Do you hold all the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures to be the inspired Word of God and the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, drawn from them and confessed in the Small Catechism, to be faithful and true?

R: *Yes, I do.*

P: Do you intend to hear the Word of God and receive the Lord's Supper faithfully in this congregation?

R: *I do, by the grace of God.*

P: Do you intend to live according to the Word of God, and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, even to death?

R: *I do, by the grace of God.*

P: Do you intend to continue steadfast in this confession and Church and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it?

R: *I do, by the grace of God.*

P: Do you desire to become a member of this congregation?

R: *I do.*

P: Will you support the work our gracious Lord has given this congregation with your prayers and the gifts God has given you?

R: *I will, with the help of God.*

P: Upon this your confession of faith, I acknowledge publicly that you are members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church and of this congregation. Receive the Lord's Supper and participate with us in all the blessings of salvation that our Lord has given to His Church, in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Please have the Congregation stand

P: Let us pray. Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank and praise You for Your great goodness in bringing these Your sons and daughters to the knowledge of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, and enabling them both with the heart to believe and with the mouth to confess His saving name. Grant that by Your Word and Spirit they may continue steadfast in the one true faith until the day when all who have fought the good fight of faith shall receive the crown of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The pastor may extend the right hand of fellowship, greeting each by name. The rite concludes with the following blessing:

P: The grace of our ✠ Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

C: **Amen.**

All return to their seats.

Prayer of the Church

A: In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

A: For the unity of the Church and harmony among its members; and for our life together in worship, witness, prayer and service to those within and outside of the household of faith, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

A: For our Synod president; our district president; our pastor; and for all church workers and their faithful service to us in Your name, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

A: For the sick and afflicted, those beset with grief and sorrow, pain and any trouble, especially Rita, Carole, Orin, Carrie Ann, Earl, Roger, Carol, and Jonathan, that the Lord would be pleased to answer their cries for the sake of Christ, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

A: Give comfort to the grieving in their loss and peace for the dying in their last days on earth. Today we pray especially for John Smith and family in the loss of his mother, Carol Smith, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

A: For those who are about to receive Christ's body and blood from this altar, that these crumbs may strengthen us in faith and love, united with God and neighbor, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

A: Lord God, giver of all that is good, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your grace, that we may endure the changes and chances of this mortal life and be found worthy when our Savior comes to bring to completion all things; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Offering (*Please place completed Attendance Register in the offering plate*)

Handbell Choir

“Our Great Redeemer’s Praise”

Att. Johann M. Haydn

Dan R. Edwards

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Please stand

Tithes & Offerings Brought Forward

C: Thank you, Lord, for blessing us so that we may be a blessing to others.

Service of the Sacrament

LSB 208

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

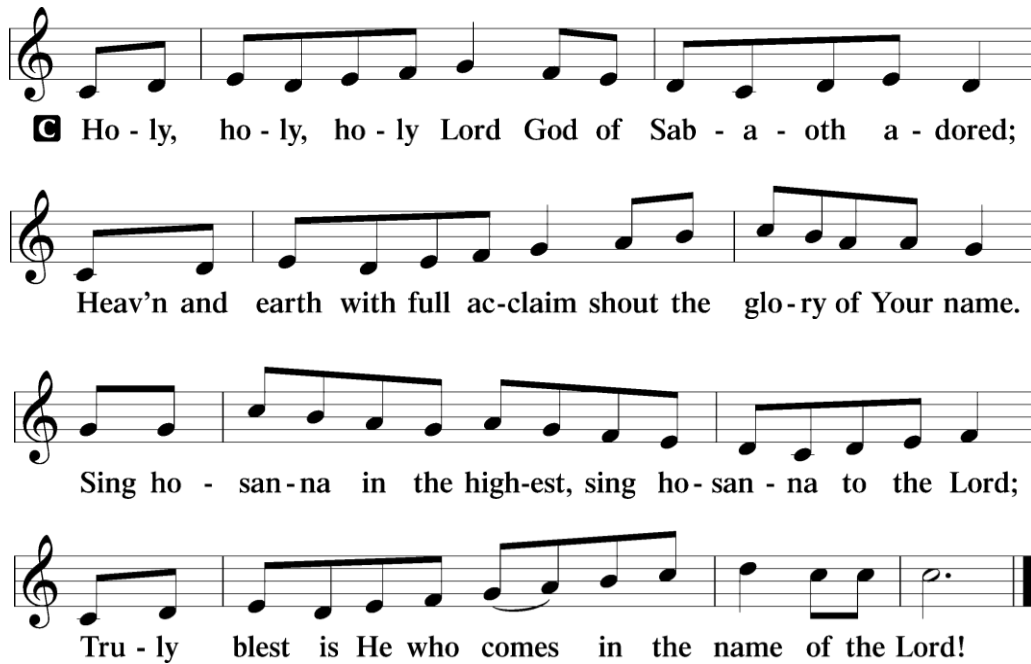
P: Lift up your hearts.

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.

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;
 Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.
 Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;
 Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

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 ✠ 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 ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

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

C: Amen.

Agnus Dei

LSB 210

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

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.

Communion Hymns

“God Love the World So That He Gave”

Hymn 571



1 God loved the world so that He gave His on - ly
2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, Who was made
3 God would not have the sin - ner die; His Son with
4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son For - gives all



Son the lost to save, That all who would in
flesh and suf - fered death; All then who trust in
sav - ing grace is nigh; His Spir - it in the
sins which you have done; And, jus - ti - fied by



Him be - lieve Should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.
Him a - lone Are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.
Word de - clares How we in Christ are heav - en's heirs.
Je - sus' blood, Your Bap - tism grants the high - est good.

**5 If you are sick, if death is near,
This truth your troubled heart can cheer:
Christ Jesus saves your soul from death;
That is the firmest ground of faith.**

**6 Glory to God the Father, Son,
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To You, O blessèd Trinity,
Be praise now and eternally!**

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“Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ”

Hymn 769



1 E - ter - nal Spir - it of the liv - ing Christ,
2 Come, pray in me the prayer I need this day;
3 Come with the strength I lack, bring vi - sion clear



I know not how to ask or what to say;
Help me to see Your pur - pose and Your will—
Of hu - man need; O give me eyes to see



I on - ly know my need, as deep as life,
Where I have failed, what I have done a - miss;
Ful - fill - ment of my life in love out-poured,



And on - ly You can teach me how to pray.
Held in for - giv - ing love, let me be still.
My life in You, O Christ; Your love in me.

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“How Shall They Hear Who Have Not Heard”

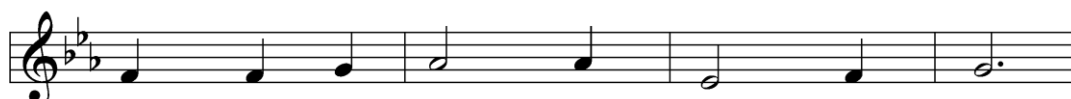
Hymn 831



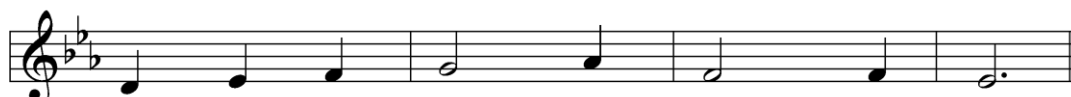
1 “How shall they hear,” who have not heard
 2 “To all the world,” to ev - ’ry place,
 3 “Whom shall I send?” Who hears the call,
 4 “Lord, here am I:” Your fire im - part
 5 Spir - it of love, with - in us move:



News of a Lord who loved and came;
 Neigh - bors and friends and far - off lands,
 Con - stant in prayer, through toil and pain,
 To this poor cold self - cen - tered soul;
 Spir - it of truth, in pow’r come down!



Nor known His rec - on - cil - ing word,
 Preach the good news of sav - ing grace;
 Tell - ing of One who died for all,
 Touch but my lips, my hands, my heart,
 So shall they hear and find and prove



Nor learned to trust a Sav - ior’s name?
 Go while the great com - mis - sion stands.
 To bring a lost world home a - gain?
 And make a world for Christ my goal.
 Christ is their life, their joy, their crown.

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Please stand

Communion Dismissal

LSB 210

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.

Benedicamus and Benediction

LSB 212

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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 Hymn

“Jesus Shall Reign”

Hymn 832



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun Does its suc -
2 To Him shall end - less prayer be made, And end - less
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue Dwell on His
4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er He reigns: The pris - 'ners
5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring Hon - ors pe -



ces - sive jour - neys run; His king - dom stretch from
prais - es crown His head; His name like sweet per -
love with sweet - est song; And in - fant voic - es
leap, un - loose their chains, The wea - ry find e -
cu - liar to our King; An - gels de - scend with



shore to shore Till moons shall wax and wane no more.
fume shall rise With ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
shall pro - claim Their ear - ly bless - ings on His name.
ter - nal rest, And all who suf - fer want are blest.
songs a - gain, And earth re - peat the loud a - men.

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P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude-Recessional

Fanfare on Duke Street

John S. Dixon

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Today we receive our New Members during the 8:30am worship service.

Join in welcoming them in the narthex after service for a cake reception.

Fifth Sunday of the Month: August 30th

We will have ONE WORSHIP SERVICE at 10:00am; Education Hour will be at 9:00am. Following our 10:00am combined worship service, join us for a CHURCH POTLUCK! Bring a favorite dish to share and enjoy a wonderful time of food, fellowship, and community with our church family. We hope you can join us!

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 or Rebecca Winston rwinston@immanuelba.org.



Did You Know. . . All women of Immanuel are members of the Lutheran Women in Mission group and are invited to join us in sharing the Gospel

with the world by funding local, national and international mission grants. Join us at our next gathering on Tuesday, August 18 at 6:00pm, here at the church.

New Women's Small Group – hosted by Anna Bruan

When: On Wednesdays, beginning September 9th 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.

Anxious. Worthy. Ashamed. Nostalgic. Lonely. Secure. This is just a handful of emotions we observe in the Psalms-and in our day-to-day lives, too. In this women's Bible study from beloved author Christina Hergenrader, you'll be guided through 25 psalms, digging into their genres, perplex emotions, glimpses of Jesus, and more. While in this life we experience mountaintop moments, deep valleys, and everything in between, we can rest in God's everlasting love and grace.

Church Directory

Did you miss your opportunity to take a picture for the church directory? Don't worry—we're offering another opportunity! 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!

The Women's Retreat is next month! Register today!

Hosted by Immanuel's Lutheran Women in Mission

Falling in Love with Jesus through “Mind, Body, & Spirit”

Date: Saturday, September 26th / 8:00am—2:00pm

\$35 pre-registration / \$40 at the door

Featuring best-selling Christian author and speaker, Christina Hergenrader.

Registration forms are located on the LWM table in the narthex.

Hearing Assistance Available

Stop by the sound booth in the Sanctuary and pick up a device.

This is a state of the art system and we have several options available for our congregation. There are 20 available (which means we are fully ADA compliant) in Ear Piece version and Loop (Induction for Hearing Aids) version.

Church Attendance & Offering

Sunday, August 9, 2026:

10:00am Service attendance: 350	Offering: \$11,204.32
	Online Giving: \$11,029.32



Youth Ministry starts back up next Wednesday, August 19th with their Annual Back to School Bash!

All youth in grades 6-12 are invited to join us from 5-8pm in Luther Hall (North end of the gym) for supper, games, activities and fellowship as we kick off the new school year in God's Word! Don't forget to bring your backpack for the "What's in My Bag?" scavenger hunt!

WHO?
YOUTH IN GRADES 6-12

WHEN?
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19,
5:00-8:00PM

SUPPER?
WALKING TACOS

FUN?
GAMES, ACTIVITIES, AND
FELLOWSHIP

WHY?
KICK OFF THE SCHOOL
YEAR IN GOD'S WORD

WHERE?
LUTHER HALL
(NORTH OF GYM)

**WHAT'S IN MY BAG?
SCAVENGER HUNT!**

BRING YOUR BACKPACK!

**IMMANUEL
YOUTH
MINISTRY
BACK TO
SCHOOL BASH**

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH AND ACADEMY
400 N ASPEN AVE * BROKEN ARROW, OK
?S - CONTACT MRS. SWAIM AT [YOUTH@ICABA.ORG](mailto:youth@icaba.org)

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE - AUGUST

Join us each Sunday in August for worship, learning, fellowship, and special events!

Sunday, August 16 — TWO SERVICES

New members will be recognized during the early service, and cake will be served in the narthex following the service.

- 8:30 AM — Traditional Divine Service
- 10:00 AM — Education Hour
- 11:00 AM — Modern Divine Service

Sunday, August 23 — TWO SERVICES

- 8:30 AM — Traditional Divine Service
- 10:00 AM — Education Hour
- 11:00 AM — Modern Divine Service

Sunday, August 30 — ONE SERVICE

A potluck will be held in the gym following the service.

- 9:00 AM — Education Hour
- 10:00 AM — One Divine Service
- 11:15 AM — Potluck

We look forward to worshipping and fellowshiping with you throughout August!



REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

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In Our Prayers

Carol Feagins – continue to pray for her as she undergoes chemotherapy; pray for her white blood cells to stay high enough to administer the chemo.

Carole Weygand – pray for our dear sister in Christ as she has been moved to Clarehouse for hospice care. May God give Carole peace and bless her as she prepares to spend eternity praising Him; also pray for Carole’s family.

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, Carole Weygand, 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.

A Prayer for Sunday School

Father, let our Sunday School teachers and students be blessed this coming week as they pray, learn, and give thanks for growing in their knowledge of Your salvation. Let the Bible lessons and verses shared in class put down roots in their hearts so they may recall them in times of trouble, sickness, and doubt and be sustained by them throughout their lives. Hear all classroom prayers. In Jesus’ holy name. Amen.

Portals of Prayer 2026



MITES IN ACTION



Dear Congregation,

Thank you for faithfully contributing your spare change each month to the Mite Box collection. Your generosity is making a meaningful difference in the life and ministry of our church. Because of your continued support, we have been able to make needed upgrades to the Luther Hall Chapel and the classrooms in that area. These improvements help create a more welcoming, useful, and

uplifting space for worship, learning, and fellowship.

We are grateful for every coin, every gift, and every heart behind these contributions. Thank you for showing how small acts of giving can add up to a lasting blessing for our church family.

Immanuel's Grant totaled \$14,219.00, which allowed us to totally upgrade the chapel and classrooms. This grant was the most received by any of the 22 grant submissions in Oklahoma.

Luke 21:1-4 And He looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the treasure, and he saw also a certain poor widow putting in two mites. So He said, "Truly I say to you that this poor widow has put in more than all; for all these out of their abundance have put in offerings for God, but she out of her poverty put in all the livelihood that she had."

Immanuel Lutheran Church's Lutheran Women in Mission

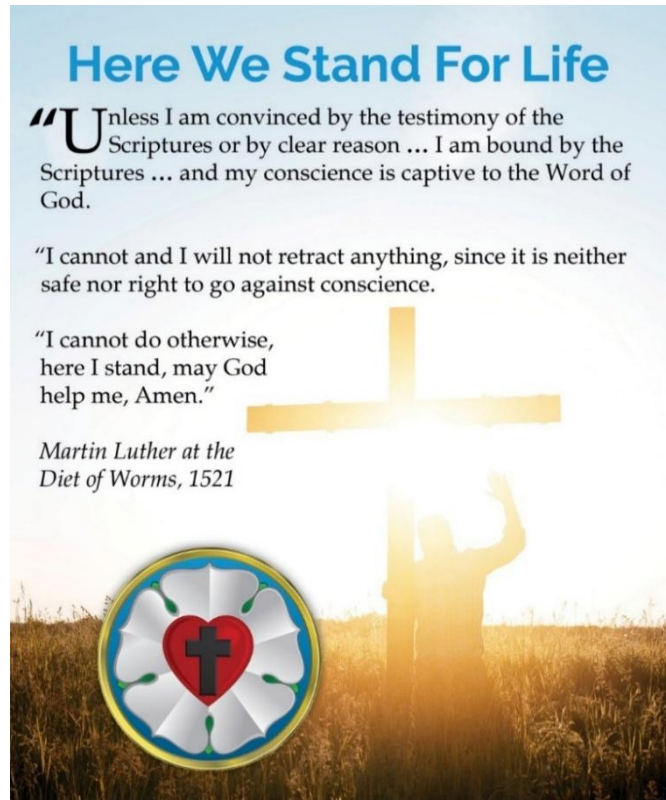


**LUTHERANS
FOR LIFE**

August 16th

Life Quote:

"The message concerning the work and person of Christ is meant to bring joy to the sorrowing and light to those in the darkness. The light of God's mercy shines into the darkest of situations; the Holy Spirit guides people to confess their sins and brings forgiveness to those who have participated in abortions, pointed people to end their own lives, or suggested that someone be harmed in some other way." Rev. Dennis Norby, Grace Free Lutheran Church, Valley City, North Dakota – A Life Quote from *Lutherans For Life* • lutheransforlife.org



Today's Life Thought –August 16: "Thus

says the LORD: Keep justice, and do righteousness ..." (Isaiah 56:1, 7)! Keep justice for innocent unborn babies and for every human life, dear Christian friends. "For God has consigned all to disobedience, that He may have mercy on all" (Romans 11:32). All have sinned and fallen short—every age, every ability, every race, both genders—and God has had mercy on all in Christ our crucified and risen Lord of life! Let us pray for His mercy, along with the Canaanite woman's cry for her daughter (Matthew 21:22), even when we don't receive an answer to our for-life prayers right away.

Life Thoughts in the Church Year are designed to help pastors and congregations see the church year through the lens of the sanctity of human life. *Life Thoughts* are based on the appointed readings from *Lutheran Service Book* using the Three-Year Lectionary.

Lutherans For Life believes that the Church is compelled by God's Word to speak and act on behalf of those who are vulnerable and defenseless. The crisis of our times is the repudiation of biblical truth manifested in the wanton destruction of innocent human life through legalized abortion-on-demand and the growing threat to the lives of others through legalized assisted suicide and euthanasia. Therefore, as Lutherans For Life, we will strive to give a Gospel-motivated witness to the Church and society on these and other related issues, such as chastity, post-abortion healing, and family living. We will call God's people to compassionate action and foster life-affirming alternatives for those facing difficult situations.

Visit www.lutheransforlife.org for more information.