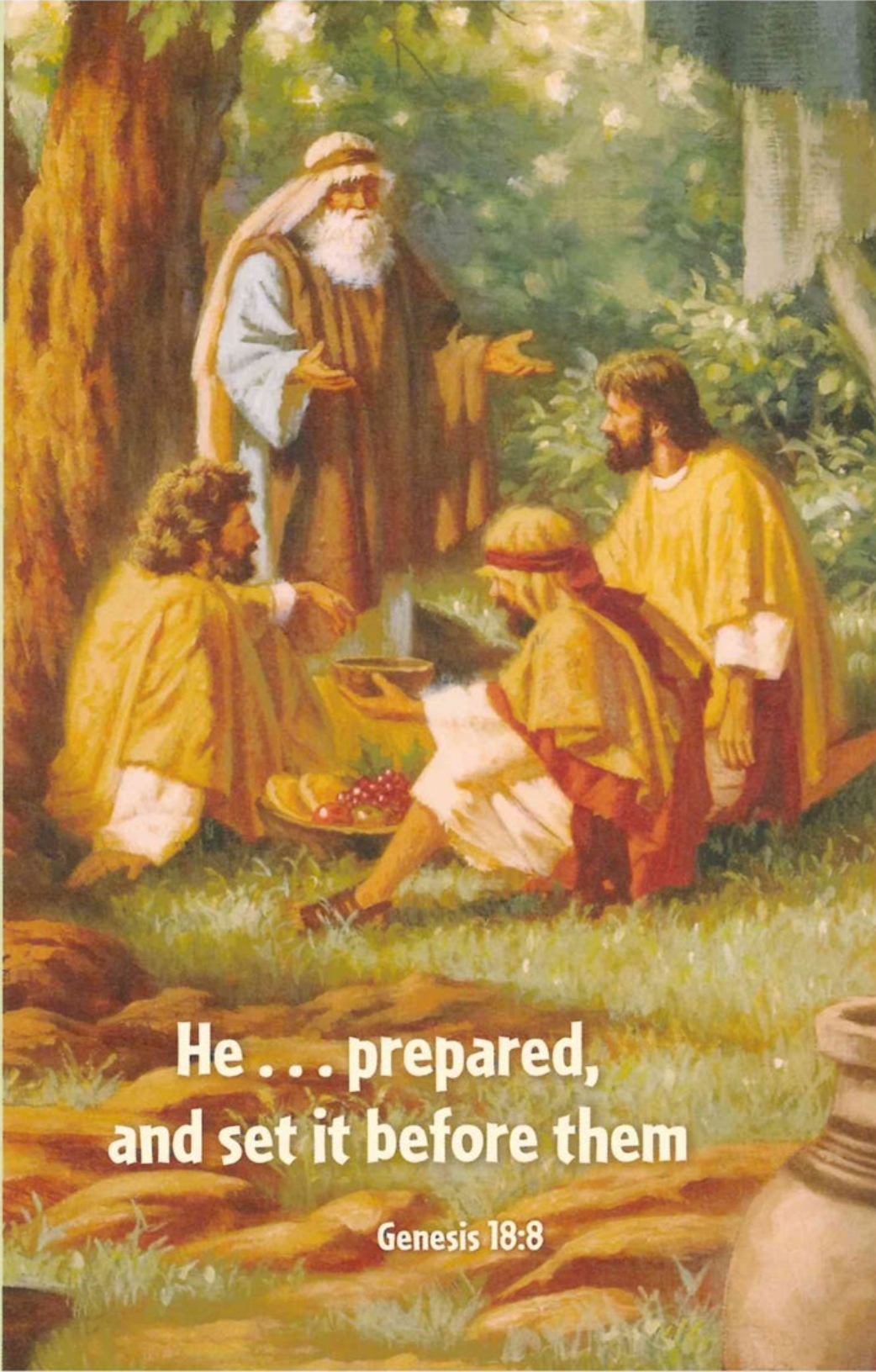


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**The Sixth Sunday
After Pentecost**
July 20, 2025

**He . . . prepared,
and set it before them**

Genesis 18:8



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Welcome to Immanuel! May our worship together provide an opportunity for you to experience God's love and grace in Christ. We invite you to return and share in our mission and ministry of our Savior.

Our Mission To share God's love in Jesus Christ by word and deed with all people.

As We Gather God's Word accomplishes miraculous change. God declares that the barren womb of Sarah shall be great with child. Jesus, inseparably the Word of God, declares those once hostile and alienated to be holy and blameless. The counsels of God, once couched in mystery, now declare the glory, wisdom, and hope of Jesus. Where the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity, we should be still, listen, and believe God's life-changing Word.

About the Cover: Abraham welcomed the Lord and two angels with his best meal. May we also welcome the Lord into our lives when He visits us with His Word and Sacrament. Jesus first welcomed us into His kingdom by restoring our relationship with God the Father by dying on the cross and rising again. He continues to welcome us to His Table and feed us with His very best: His very body and blood, given and shed for us.

The Color Green: The season of Pentecost highlights the events and teachings of Jesus' early ministry that reveal Him to be the Son of God, the Savior of the World. Green reminds us that as Christians, we are always growing and maturing as disciples of Jesus through the power of the Word.

About the Lord's Supper Scripture teaches that in this sacrament Christ gives us His body and blood with the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of Christian faith. Our Lord invites to His table baptized Christians who are sorry for their sins, believe in Jesus as their Savior, and seek God's help in amending their sinful lives. If you have any questions or concerns, please visit with Pastor Wehling. Children and those who prefer not to receive the sacrament are welcome at the altar to receive a blessing. Please indicate this by crossing your arms across your chest. For further preparation, review *Christian Questions with Their Answers* on pp. 329-330 in the front of the hymnal. *Matthew 26:26-29, 1 Corinthians 10:16-17, 11:17-34*

Families with Young Children We are pleased you and your children are worshiping with us today. We encourage you to keep your children with you in church to worship as a family. If needed, a supervised nursery is available in Room 218 (east hallway). An usher can direct you. There is a changing table in the family restroom on the 2nd floor and in the nursery.



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Entrance

P Pastor **C** Congregation

Stand, as you are able. The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

Matthew 28:19b; 18:20

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

C Amen.

Exhortation

1 John 1:8–9

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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

Confession of Sins

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Absolution

[John 20:19–23]

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.

Psalm 27

P The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

C The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

P When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh,

C my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall.

P One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:

C that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P O Lord, grant us the Spirit to hear Your Word and know the one thing needful that by Your Word and Spirit we may live according to Your will; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

538 Praise Be to Christ



1 Praise be to Christ in whom we see The im - age of the
2 Praise be to Him whose sov - 'reign sway And will up - holds cre -
3 Praise be to Him who, Lord Most High, The full - ness of the



Fa - ther shown, The first-born Son re - vealed and known, The truth and
a - tion's plan; Who is, be - fore all worlds be - gan And when our
God - head shares; And yet our hu - man na - ture bears, Who came as



grace of de - i - ty; Through whom cre - a - tion came to birth,
world has passed a - way: Lord of the Church, its life and head,
man to bleed and die. And from His cross there flows our peace



Whose fin - gers set the stars in place, The un - seen pow'rs, and
Re - demp - tion's price and source and theme, A - live, the first - born
Who chose for us the path He trod, That so might sins and



this small earth, The fur - thest bounds of time and space.
from the dead, To reign as all - in - all su - preme.
sor - rows cease And all be rec - on - ciled to God.

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 18:1–14

A The Old Testament Reading is from Genesis, chapter 18.

The LORD appeared to [Abraham] by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth and said, “O Lord, if I have found favor in your sight, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, while I bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.” So they said, “Do as you have said.” And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, “Quick! Three seahs of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes.” And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them. And he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

They said to him, “Where is Sarah your wife?” And he said, “She is in the tent.” The LORD said, “I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son.” And Sarah was listening at the tent door behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in years. The way of women had ceased to be with Sarah. So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, “After I am worn out, and my lord is old, shall I have pleasure?” The LORD said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh and say, ‘Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?’ Is anything too hard for the LORD? At the appointed time I will return to you about this time next year, and Sarah shall have a son.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Colossians 1:21–29

(Continue firmly in your faith.)

A The Epistle is from Colossians, chapter 1.

You, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ’s afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church, of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

John 6:68



C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 10:38–42

(Jesus visits Mary and Martha.)

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the tenth chapter.
C Glory to You, O Lord.

Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her."

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

- C** I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.
 And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into

heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life \pm of the world to come. Amen.

Catechism review

- P** What is the Fourth Commandment?
C Honor your father and your mother.
P What does this mean?
C We should fear and love God so that we do not despise or anger our parents and other authorities, but honor them, serve and obey them, love and cherish them.
P What is the Fifth Commandment?
C You shall not murder.
P What does this mean?
C We should fear and love God so that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body, but help and support him in every physical need.

Sit

575 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

Sermon

Offering

Stand

Psalm 27

- P** Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud;
C be gracious to me and answer me!
P You have said, "Seek my face."
C My heart says to you, "Your face, LORD, do I seek."
P Hide not your face from me. Turn not your servant away in anger,
C O you who have been my help. Cast me not off; forsake me not, O God of my salvation!

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]

- 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.

Proper Preface

- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus | Holy, Holy, Holy

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. 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 in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

- C** 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

Matt. 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Cor. 11:23–25

Pax Domini | *The Peace of the Lord*

John 20:19

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

- C** Amen.

Agnus Dei | *Lamb of God*

John 1:29



- C** Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have



- mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the



- world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the



- sin of the world; grant us peace.

Sit

Distribution Hymns: 641, 545, 685

Stand

Post-Communion Collect

- A** Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C** Amen.

Psalm 27

- P** Teach me your way, O LORD,
C and lead me on a level path because of my enemies.
P Give me not up to the will of my adversaries;
C for false witnesses have risen against me, and they breathe out violence.
P I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living!
C Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!

Benediction

Numbers 6:24–26

- 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.

973 Thy Word Is a Lamp



Thy Word is a lamp un-to my feet And a light un-to my path.



1 When I feel a - fraid, think I've lost my way,
 2 I will not for - get Your love for me, and yet My



Still You're there right be - side me. And
 heart for - ev - er is wan - der - ing.



noth - ing will I fear as long as You are near.
 Je - sus, be my guide and hold me to Your side; And



Please be near me to the end. _____
 I will love You to the end. _____

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Announcements for July 20, 2025
Immanuel Lutheran Church | Lawrence, Kansas

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, July 20	9:00 am	Worship Service, Communion-Sanctuary/Zoom
	10:30 am	Sunday School/Youth/Adult Bible Class
Monday, July 21	11:30 am	Lunch at Hy-Vee, Kasold St. and Clinton Parkway
Wednesday, July 23	12:00 pm	House Prayer Meeting at Caryn Scott’s home
		ILC Youth return from LCMS National Youth Gathering
Thursday, July 24	9:30 am	Women’s Bible Study-Room 205
	1:00 pm	Quilting for Orphan grain Train – Lower Level
Saturday, July 19	8:30 am	Potential* Men’s Bible Study – Zoom

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, July 27	9:00 am	Worship Service, Communion-Sanctuary/Zoom
	10:30 am	Sunday School/Youth/Adult Bible Class

** The Men’s Bible Study is on a summer schedule. Watch the announcements and/or contact Dudley Karstensen or Mark Crabtree for more information.*

IN OUR PRAYERS

PRAYER REQUESTS

Families to attend worship and Bible Study, and to faithfully bring children to Sunday School. Boldness in our mission for Jesus to our community and world.
For our Campus Ministry and the students and staff of Kansas, Haskell and Baker Universities.
For children and families of missionaries, pastors, and church leaders all over the world.
For Rev. Bryan Payne, his wife Deaconess Keah and their children, Rory and Dalton, as they serve as missionaries in Tanzania.
Protection and care for those serving in the military.

MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN RETIREMENT HOMES/NURSING HOME/AT HOME

Annette Larson—at home; Phyllis Legler—at Vintage Park, Baldwin City; Geri Fordice—at Pioneer Ridge; Lew Llewellyn — Meadowlark Estates.

COMFORT

For the family of Elroy Mumme, (Deb McCandless' uncle), on his death.

For the family of Kathy Buffington, on her death.

FOR HEALING

Andy Hause, friend of Alex and Julia Weston.

John, Jane Hoyt's nephew, waiting for a kidney.

Dudley Karstensen, a recent cancer diagnosis.

June Floyd, during chemotherapy.

Kelly Smith

Candice Lahm

McCain Kellerman, undergoing chemotherapy.

Kim Varnadore, friend of Sheila Couchman, awaiting results of cancer testing.

Peter (Kelly Smith's brother), recovering from a fall.

Jerry (June Floyd's nephew), recovering from back surgery.

Maggie Bowman, friend of Julia Rose-Weston.

Carol Grammer, June Floyd's cousin, at KU Med with a brain aneurysm, undergoing surgery this week.

Tim Hetzler's brother, Greg, during cancer treatment.

David Lahm, recovering from knee surgery.

Clair McLintock, who was hospitalized.

Bob Roseberry (Kate Clemmons' brother), during chemotherapy.

Nancy Lahm, recovering from surgery.

PARISH NEWS

WELCOME COLLEGE STUDENTS We are glad you're here, and we look forward to growing together in Christ! Have a great summer! If you'd like to be added to our GroupMe and be notified of upcoming activities, leave your cell number in the registration folder in your pew.

TUNE IN TO THE LCMS YOUTH GATHERING Friends and family at home can take part in Gathering Mass Events and Bible Studies. At 10 am on Sunday, July 20 - Tuesday, July 22, Gathering Bible Study will be streamed on the LCMS Youth Gathering Facebook page. You can also visit www.lcmsgathering.com to see the mass events each night at 8:30 pm (Jul 19-22) and the closing worship service at 10 am on Wednesday, July 23.

BASICS OF CHRISTIAN FAITH CLASS: The class will continue TBA. The class led by Pastor Wehling, covers the essential teachings of the Christian faith as confessed in the Lutheran Church. This class is for those who want to know what Lutheran Christians believe, toward the goal of joining

our fellowship. It is also for Life-long Lutherans looking for a review of their faith. Please RSVP to the church office if you plan to attend. 785-843-0620 or officemanager@immanuellawrence.org.

ALTAR FLOWERS The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God and provided by Tim Hetzler in thanksgiving to God for his countless blessings. Flowers are provided by Englewood Florist. If you are interested in providing flowers for your special occasion, please sign up in the narthex and talk to Elois Allan 785-550-3779. Thank you.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUMMARY: "The Case of the Old Bed"- Jesus Heals at Bethesda from John 5:1-15.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY BAZAAR & BAKE SALE - - A BIG THANK YOU to everyone that donated items to the sale and to those that purchased items. We would not be successful without everyone's participation! We cleared \$1,176.00. LWML will schedule a business meeting in the near future, to decide where best to spend our funds

THANK YOU Kim Varnadore thanks everyone for their prayers during her illness. The prayers are very much appreciated.

LUTHERAN WITNESS AND PORTALS OF PRAYER SUBSCRIPTIONS Forms to renew, start, or cancel subscriptions for the Lutheran Witness and Portals of Prayer have been placed in your church mailboxes. There are a few extra forms on the table by the volunteer notebook. The deadline to respond is Sunday, August 10.

PASTOR INSTALLATION AT CHRIST LUTHERAN You are invited to join us in worship and celebration! Pastor Avery Hjulberg will be installed at Christ Lutheran Church (3509 SW Burlingame Road, Topeka) on Sunday, August 31 at 3:00 PM. A meal and fellowship will follow the installation service.

BALLARD CENTER NEWS: The Ballard Center extended a HUGE thank you for your generous donations in June. Summer months can be stressful for parents trying to make ends meet. Immanuel came through with flying colors. Thank you!

It is almost back to school time & we have been asked to provide backpacks & supplies for the kiddos headed to kindergarten. There are 13 students- 9 girls and 4 boys. We are pre-buying backpacks this year. Since we were given a preliminary list from the school district it has changed. They are NOT requesting Headsets or Dry Erase Markers. If you took a tag to purchase these please disregard. Glue Sticks & Liquid glue were also eliminated but can be used in the classroom, we will take any donations to the school. The response was heartwarming last week. Please place your supplies in the basket on the table in the narthex! All supplies must be delivered to the church by August 3. **Jesus Loves the Little Children!** Blessings Barb Riley

POSITION AVAILABLE SOON Our Youth Coordinator, Tiffany McCandless, will be retiring from her position this September. We are beginning the process of finding our next youth coordinator. This is a part-time position (12 hours a week), beginning in mid-August. A position description is posted on the bulletin board by the drinking fountain. If you're interested or have questions, please contact the church office.

QUILT TYING PARTY July 24th from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. in the Lower Level. All are welcome! We need your help to finish a few more quilts for Orphan Grain Train. Come and see how much fun we have. No skills required. All ages welcome. Bring a friend. Refreshments will be served!

LUNCH AT HY-VEE Join us **tomorrow**, Monday July 21 at 11:30 at the Hy-Vee at Clinton Parkway and Kasold St. RSVP to Dale at 785-230-5361 (call or text) so we can give the restaurant an accurate count.

L.I.N.K. Immanuel volunteers will serve at LINK on Tuesday, August 12 . Have you signed up to prepare food or serve? **There is a volunteer notebook on the back table in the Narthex.** “The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’” Matt 25:40. For more information contact Sharon Leggott, 785-749-7400, or Margaret Peterson, 785-550-3339.

THE AMERICAN RED CROSS. If you are a “people person,” we have a volunteer position for you at the Red Cross Immanuel Lutheran Church Blood Drives! Volunteers ensure blood donors have a pleasant and fulfilling experience, from the moment they arrive to when they leave. You could create a favorable impression encouraging ongoing donor support. Baked goods for our blood donors are always welcome! Interested? Call Judy Green, 785-766-2346, with questions or to volunteer. **The next Red Cross blood drive will be at Immanuel on August 14 and 15.**

SNACKS! We are looking for people to provide snacks for our fellowship time after the services. Crackers, cheese, fruits, sweets are just some examples. Anything is appreciated! The sign-up sheet is near the coffee pot in the kitchen. If you have any questions, contact Tiffany McCandless.

COUNTERS NEEDED: Counters are needed for September, October, and November, including Thanksgiving Eve. It's a simple and important task that includes training and would always include Julia to work with. Please consider volunteering and sign up in the notebook in the Narthex.

NOW ON DISPLAY on the south wall bulletin board: : King Josiah Scrolls by the Sunday School children and the Cross Calendar - July by Julia Rose-Weston

LAST WEEK Sunday, July 6: Attendance: 131 Communion: 117; Offering: \$7695.

SCRIPTURE NEXT WEEK: July 27: Gen. 18:20-33 Col. 12:6-15; Luke 11:1-13.

THIS WEEK—— July 20

Organist: Dee Kaczor

Acolyte: Kyra Pfannenstiel

Ushers: Dudley Karstensen,

Youth ushers at NYG

Lay Reader: Lisa Lahm

Elders: Russ Dwyer and Mark Crabtree

ILC Stream Team: Mark & Sheri Crabtree

Counter: Tim Hetzler

Communion Care: Elois Allan

Snack: Sharon Leggott & friends

NEXT WEEK—— July 27

Organist: Dee Kaczor

Acolyte: Avery Sack

Ushers: Kristel & Mike Lewis,

Oliver Dwyer & Ethan Lahm

Lay Reader: Mike Gear

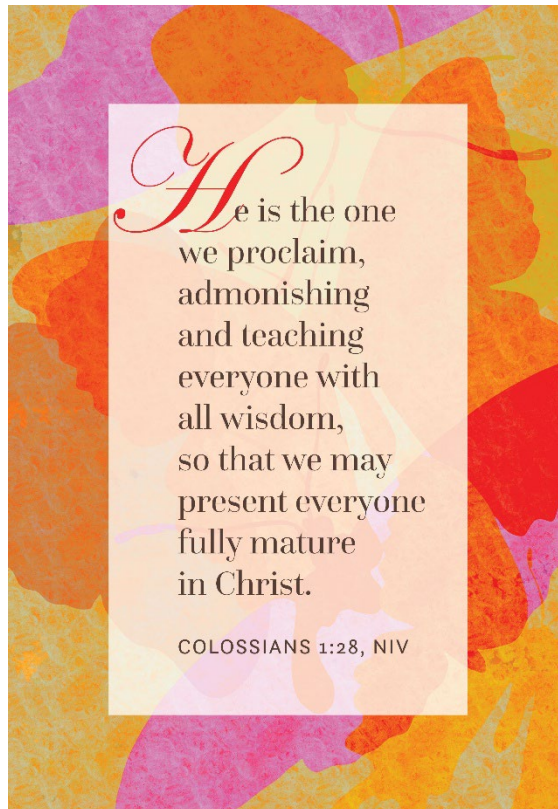
Elders: Joel Thaemert and Marty Couchman

ILC Stream Team: Mark & Sheri Crabtree

Counter: Tim Hetzler

Communion Care: Pam Becker

Snack: Jackie, Janice & Lisa





If there is one absolute necessity for this (or any other) Youth Gathering, it is that we must focus our attention on helping every participant consider “Him who endured” the cross for us. Not only is Jesus the right answer to most Sunday School questions, He is also the one whose faithful endurance is our only hope for enduring life in this sin-wrecked creation. Notice how the theme verse for this Gathering (Hebrews 12:1-3) ties Jesus’ endurance to ours:

¹Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with **endurance** the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him **endured** the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. ³Consider him who **endured** from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

It is only through faith and life in the one who endured the cross and its shame that we are able to endure our own trials in life. Some of these trials come from the outside and impose themselves on us. Others come from within and our own failings. Still others come from our brothers and sisters in Christ.

This good news of Jesus, the one who endured the cross and scorned its shame for us, gives us strength to whatever He sets before our young brothers and sisters (and us). So we trust, we long, we wait, we hope, we rejoice, and we serve.

*Excerpted from “2025 LCMS Youth Gathering Theological Foundation”
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575 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less



1 My hope is built on noth - ing less Than Je - sus'
 2 When dark - ness veils His love - ly face, I rest on
 3 His oath, His cov - e - nant and blood Sup - port me
 4 When He shall come with trum - pet sound, Oh, may I



blood and righ - teous - ness; No mer - it of my
 His un - chang - ing grace; In ev - 'ry high and
 in the rag - ing flood; When ev - 'ry earth - ly
 then in Him be found, Clothed in His righ - teous -



own I claim But whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 storm - y gale My an - chor holds with - in the veil.
 prop gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.
 ness a - lone, Re - deemed to stand be - fore His throne!

Refrain



On Christ, the sol-id rock, I stand; All oth-er ground is sink-ing sand.

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641 You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

Refrain



You sat-is-fy the hun-gry heart With gift of fin-est wheat.



Come give to us, O sav-ing Lord, The bread of life to eat.



1 As when the shep - herd calls his sheep, They know and
2 With joy - ful lips we sing to You Our praise and
3 Is not the cup we bless and share The blood of
4 The mys - t'ry of Your pres - ence, Lord, No mor - tal
5 You give Your - self to us, O Lord; Then self - less



heed his voice; So when You call Your
grat - i - tude That You should count us
Christ out - poured? Do not one cup, one
tongue can tell: Whom all the world can -
let us be, To serve each oth - er

Refrain



fam - 'ly, Lord, We fol - low and re - joice.
wor - thy, Lord, To share this heav'n - ly food.
loaf, de - clare Our one - ness in the Lord?
not con - tain Comes in our hearts to dwell.
in Your name In truth and char - i - ty.

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545 Word of God, Come Down on Earth



1 Word of God, come down on earth, Liv - ing rain from
 2 Word e - ter - nal, throned on high, Word that brought to
 3 Word that caused blind eyes to see, Speak and heal our
 4 Word that speaks God's ten - der love, One with God be -



heav'n de - scend - ing; Touch our hearts and bring to birth
 life cre - a - tion, Word that came from heav'n to die,
 mor - tal blind - ness; Deaf we are: our heal - er be;
 yond all tell - ing, Word that sends us from a - bove,



Faith and hope and love un - end - ing. Word al - might - y,
 Cru - ci - fied for our sal - va - tion, Sav - ing Word, the
 Loose our tongues to tell Your kind - ness. Be our Word in
 God the Spir - it, with us dwell - ing, Word of truth, to



we re - vere You; Word made flesh, we long to hear You.
 world re - stor - ing, Speak to us, Your love out - pour - ing.
 pit - y spo - ken, Heal the world, by sin now bro - ken.
 all truth lead us; Word of life, with one bread feed us.

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685 Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus



1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, Fol - low His ex -
 2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus And with pa - tience
 3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death He
 4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en



am - ple pure, Through a world that would de - ceive us And to
 bear our cross. Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; Where He
 con - quered death, He will free us from de - struc - tion, Give to
 from the dead That to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus,



sin our spir - its lure. On - ward in His foot - steps tread - ing,
 is, there is no loss. Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter,
 us im - mor - tal breath. Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion
 You are now our head. We are Your own liv - ing mem - bers;



Pil - grims here, our home a - bove, Full of faith and
 We shall reap ce - les - tial joy; All dis - com - forts
 That would lead us in - to sin; And the grave that
 Where You live, there we shall be In Your pres - ence



hope and love, Let us do the Fa - ther's bid - ding. Faith - ful
 that an - noy Shall give way to mirth here - af - ter. Je - sus,
 shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heav - en. Je - sus,
 con - stant - ly, Liv - ing there with You for - ev - er. Je - sus,



Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where You guide.
 here I share Your woe; Help me there Your joy to know.
 here with You I die, There to live with You on high.
 let me faith - ful be, Life e - ter - nal grant to me.

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