

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
July 20, 2025

Immanuel Lutheran Church

Fargo, North Dakota

Pre-Service Music, including “O God, O Lord of Heaven and Earth” (LSB 834) and “Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying” (LSB 826) / Welcome

Opening Hymn **“Thy Strong Word”**

LSB 578, vv 1-3

Invocation, Confession, Absolution

LSB 184-5

Introit

Psalm 119:57–60, 64; antiphon: v. 105

P: Your word is a lamp to my feet

C: **and a light to my path.**

P: The Lord is my portion; I promise to keep your words.

C: **I entreat your favor with all my heart; be gracious to me according to your promise.**

P: When I think on my ways, I turn my feet to your testimonies;

C: **I hasten and do not delay to keep your commandments.**

P: The earth, O Lord, is full of your steadfast love;

C: **teach me your statutes!**

P: Your word is a lamp to my feet

C: **and a light to my path.**

Gloria Patri, Kyrie, Gloria in Excelsis *(sung)*

LSB 186-189

Salutation and Collect of the Day

(LSB 189)

P: ♪ The Lord be with you.

C: ♪ **And with thy spirit.**

P: Let us pray... 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.**

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 18:1-14

R: The Old Testament reading for the Sixth Sunday after Pentecost is from Genesis, chapter eighteen.

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.”

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading

Colossians 1:21-29

R: The Epistle is written in Colossians, chapter one.

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.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Alleluia

(LSB 190)



Holy Gospel

Luke 10:38-42

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the tenth chapter.

C: **Glory be to Thee, 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 be to Thee, O Christ.**

Creed (8:15) **Nicene Creed**; (11) **Apostles' Creed**

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Children's Message

Hymn of the Day *"One Thing's Needful"*

LSB 536

Sermon

"The True Deaconess Spirit"

Luke 10:38-42

Offertory (sung)

LSB 192-193

Offering (Please **sign and pass** the green Fellowship book found at the center end of each pew.)

Special Music: "Near the Cross," by William H. Doane, arr. by Linda R. Lamb

Installation of Deaconess Intern Brenna McGuire

Prayer of the Church

+ Service of the Sacrament – 8:15 am +

(Guests and Visitors please refer to our guideline in preparation for Holy Communion printed on the inside of the bulletin cover.)

Communion Liturgy

LSB 194-198

Hymns during Distribution

“Lord of All Hopefulness”

LSB 738

“The God of Abraham Praise”

LSB 798

“For All the Faithful Women”

LSB 855, vv 1,9,3,4

Post-Communion Liturgy

LSB 199ff

Announcements

Closing Hymn “Thy Strong Word”

LSB 578, vv 4-6

Service Without Holy Communion – 11 am

Hymn “Lord of All Hopefulness”

LSB 738

The Lord’s Prayer, Collect, Benediction

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