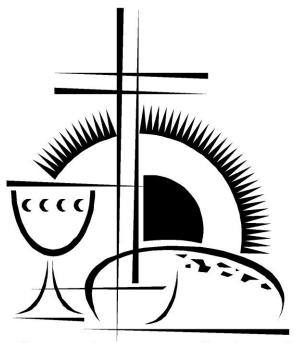
IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

August 15, 2021



Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them.

JOHN 6:56, NRSV

THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, AUGUST 15, 2021

A Warm Welcome to our Guests and Members.

- We pray that God will richly bless you as we worship together. During the children's message, please pass the *Record of Fellowship* down the pew and back, signing your name and address. If you are receiving Holy Communion please check the box beside your name (*one line* for each communion registrant). Please introduce yourself to Pastor as you leave.
- * Children in Worship. We love to have children with us in worship at Immanuel; what a joy that they can be a part of the intergenerational family of faith. We encourage them to participate in as much of the service as possible based on their age and ability. Children can stand, kneel and sit with the congregation, speak the parts of the liturgy and prayers that repeat each week, especially the creed and the Lord's Prayer. There is the children's message and children's offering. There are children's bulletins and "quiet" bags available at both entrances to help the younger ones get through the service. After the Children's Message, the children are welcome to go downstairs to the nursery where they can play under supervision by nursery workers until after the prayers of the church.
 - If your child becomes fussy and disruptive to others, please take advantage of the "Cry Room" at the back of the sanctuary until they are ready to return to the pew. There is a changing table, restroom, rocking chair, quiet toys and books in the "Cry Room". There is an audio speaker in the room so the parents can continue to listen to the service.
- 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 to the pastor. To schedule an appointment call 785-2361 or email pastor.jud@immanuelhamilton.com. If you are not receiving the sacrament, but would like to come forward for a blessing please cross your hands over your chest while kneeling at the rail. In the center of the individual cup rack, there are several cups of highly diluted wine for those who prefer. For further study, see Matthew 5:23f.; 10:32f.; 18:15-35; 26:26-29;1 Cor. 11:17-34.
- At Immanuel our worship services are based on traditional church liturgies in which God speaks to us in His Word and we respond to Him. You may find that you don't understand everything that is going on the first week you visit us. That's okay. There is a depth to Lutheran Worship that can take time to appreciate. We are not traditional in style because we are lost in the past, but because this is the worship that has been delivered to us by Christians who have gone before for close to 2,000 years. Worship services at Immanuel normally last one hour fifteen minutes.

△ When you see this symbol next to the last verse of a hymn, please rise in honor and respect to the Trinity.

Pre-Service

Ringing of the Bells

- P This is the day that the Lord has made.
- **C** Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Welcome

Confession and Absolution

Stand if able

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- **P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Kneel/Sit

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

Stand if able

Sharing of the Peace

Following the absolution, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).

Service of the Word

Procession

Turn and face the processional cross as it enters the nave and follow it forward during the procession, bowing as it passes if you choose.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' 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

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- **P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow His steps in the way that leads to life eternal; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Proverbs 9:1-10

Wisdom has built her house;

she has hewn her seven pillars.

She has slaughtered her beasts; she has mixed her wine; she has also set her table.

She has sent out her young women to call from the highest places in the town,

"Whoever is simple, let him turn in here!" To him who lacks sense she says,

"Come, eat of my bread

and drink of the wine I have mixed.

Leave your simple ways, and live, and walk in the way of insight."

Whoever corrects a scoffer gets himself abuse, and he who reproves a wicked man incurs injury.

Do not reprove a scoffer, or he will hate you; reprove a wise man, and he will love you.

Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser; teach a righteous man, and he will increase in learning.

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.

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

Gradual Psalm 34:9, 19, alt.

- P Fear the LORD, you his saints,*
- **C** for those who fear him lack | nothing!
- P Many are the afflictions of the righteous,*
- **C** but the LORD delivers him out of them all.

Epistle Ephesians 5:6–21

Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. Therefore do not associate with them; for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

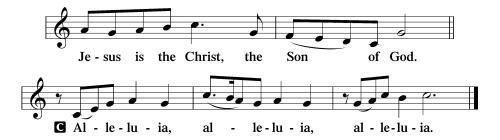
"Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart, giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

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

Stand if able





Holy Gospel John 6:51–69

- **P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixth chapter.
- Glory to You, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not as the fathers ate and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever." Jesus said these things in the synagogue, as he taught at Capernaum.

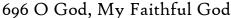
When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?" But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples were grumbling about this, said to them, "Do you take offense at this? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is of no avail. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But there are some of you who do not believe." (For Jesus knew from the beginning who those were who did not believe, and who it was who would betray him.) And he said, "This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father."

After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him. So Jesus said to the Twelve, "Do you want to go away as well?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God."

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

Sit

Children's Message





5 Let me depart this life
Confiding in my Savior;
By grace receive my soul
That it may live forever;
And let my body have
A quiet resting place
Within a Christian grave;
And let it sleep in peace.

6 And on that final day
When all the dead are waking,
Stretch out Your mighty hand,
My deathly slumber breaking.
Then let me hear Your voice,
Redeem this earthly frame,
And bid me to rejoice
With those who love Your name.

Sermon

Stand if able

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

- ...let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord have mercy.

at the conclusion of the prayer

- P even Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- \mathbf{C} Amen

Dedication of our School Teachers and Staff

- \mathbf{P} Dear members of Immanuel Lutheran Church. These people have been properly called or appointed to serve as teachers and support staff in the Christian School of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Hamilton, Ohio. This ministry has been established to strengthen and support the office of the public ministry and its work.
- \mathbf{P} Teachers and staff, do you accept Holy Scriptures to be the only rule and norm of all doctrine and life in the Church.
- \mathbb{R} I do.
- \mathbf{P} Do you solemnly promise faithfully to serve and teach in accordance with the Word of God, the three Ecumenical Creeds, and the Confessions of the Lutheran Church as explained in Luther's Small Catechism?
- \mathbb{R} I do.
- \mathbf{P} Will you, trusting in God's care, seek to grow in love for those you serve, strive for excellence in your skills, and adorn the Gospel of Jesus Christ with a godly life?
- \mathbb{R} I will with the help of God.

The pastor addresses the congregation:

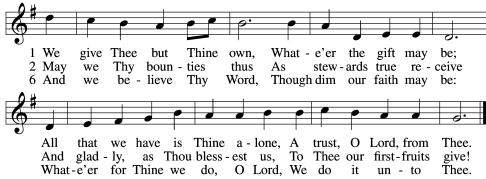
- Brothers and sisters in Christ, you have heard the confession and solemn promises of these people appointed to serve in the Christian Day School of our church. I ask you now, in the presence of God: will you receive them, show them fitting love and honor, and support them by your gifts and fervent prayers?
- \mathbf{C} We will with the help of God.

P The almighty and most merciful God strengthen and assist you always.

The pastor addresses those being installed:

- P Are you ready and willing to assume the work of this ministry?
- \mathbb{R} I am.
- P I dedicate you as teachers and staff of Immanuel Lutheran School, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

781 We Give Thee But Thine Own



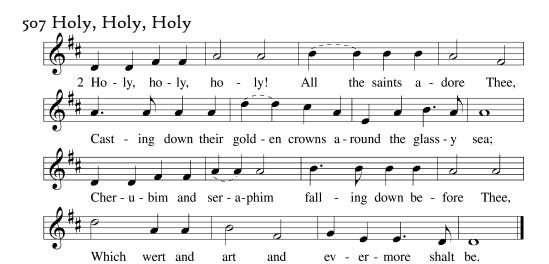
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Service of the Sacrament

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.
- 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 saying:



Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

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

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

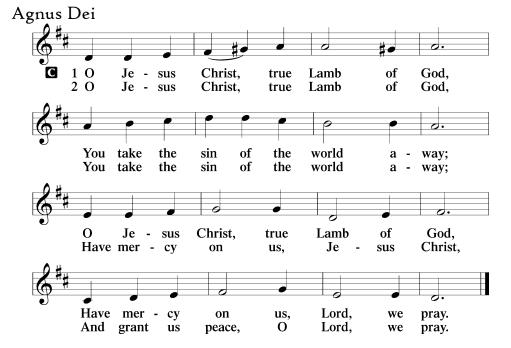
Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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 testament 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."

John 1:29

Pax Domini

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



Sit

Communion at Immanuel

Holy Communion at Immanuel is an important part of our worship and one of the three means by which God pours out His grace upon us. In, with and under the bread and wine we receive the true body and blood of Christ Jesus for the forgiveness of sins, believing Jesus' words, "this is my body, this is my blood" Before coming to communion one should examine him/herself: Am I sorry for my sins? Do I believe in my

Savior Jesus Christ and in His words in the Sacrament? Do I plan, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to change my sinful life? Communion is a family meal for those in fellowship with Immanuel Lutheran Church or a sister congregation. It is for baptized Christians who have been instructed in the meaning and power of the sacrament and who accept the teachings of the Lutheran Church -- Missouri Synod. If you have not communed at Immanuel previously, please make an appointment to speak to the pastor during the coming week. Those who are not communing and children and youth who have not yet made their first communion but wish to come to the rail for a blessing, are asked to cross their hands over their chest while at the rail.

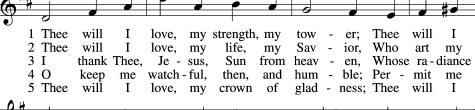
Communion Prayers

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.

Thanksgiving after receiving the Sacrament Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.



694 Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower





hope, my joy. Thee will love with all love. my mv tru - est friend. will love and praise for and Thee Ι best thank Thee, who hast rich - ly hath brought light to me; Ι Up - hold me when my nev - er more to stray. feet would Α mid love. God and Lord, the dark - est depths of my



pow - er, With ar - dor time shall ne'er de-stroy.
ev - er, For nev - er shall Thy kind-ness end.
giv - en All that could make me glad and free;
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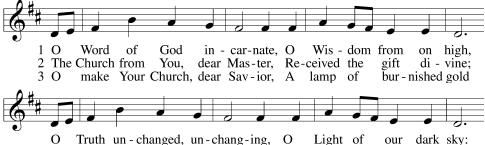
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Fill all my
For Thine own



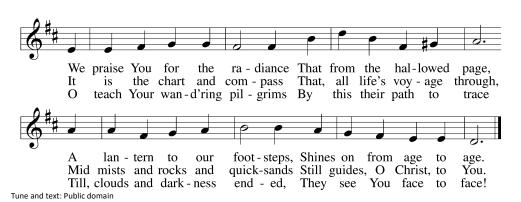
love, O Light di - vine, So long as life is mine. love with all my heart— Thou my Re - deem er art! that my soul is healed By what Thv lips re vealed. na - ture with Thy light, O Ra - diance strong and bright! sake, O Light di - vine, So is long life mine.

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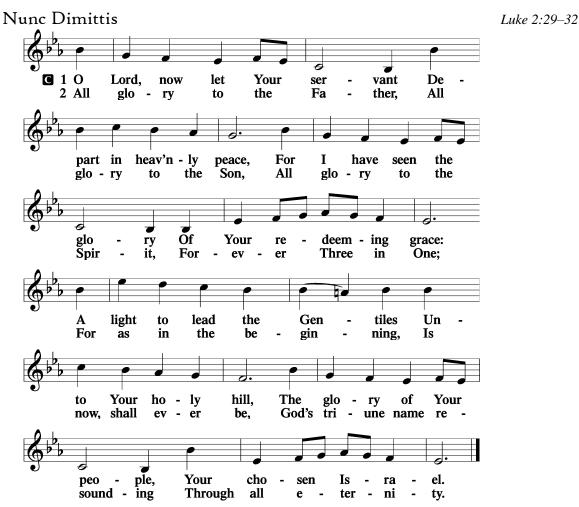
523 O Word of God Incarnate



O Truth un-changed, un-chang-ing, O Light of our dark sky: And still that light is lift - ed O'er all the earth to shine. To bear be - fore the na-tions Your true light as of old!



Stand if able



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.

Benedicamus Psalm 103:1

- A Let us bless the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

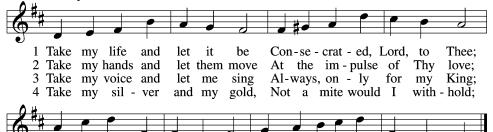
Benediction

- 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.

783 Take My Life and Let It Be



Take my mo-ments and my days, Let them flow in cease-less praise. Take my feet and let them be Swift and beau - ti - ful for Thee. Take my lips and let them be Filled with mes - sag - es from Thee. Take my in - tel - lect and use Ev - 'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it Thine, It shall be no longer mine; Take my heart, it is Thine own, It shall be Thy royal throne.

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End of Service

Sit

Announcements

- **P** Go in Peace, Serve the Lord
- Thanks be to God

6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its treasure store; Take myself, and I will be Ever, only, all for Thee.