

This Week at Immanuel 9:00 am Worship

Sunday, August 4, 2024

WORSHIP LEADER: PASTOR ED HUDELSON

Lay Reader: Amy Winterland

Greeters: Norman & Karen Harms

Ushers/Acolytes: tbd

Communion: tbd

Musicians: Pastor Ed & the Band

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Ushers/Acolytes: Acer K., Rylee K.

Organist: Kimberly Petersen

Welcome to everyone!

This is truly a day that the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad. We thank Pastor Ed and his friends for sharing wonderful music and songs for our worship today. We also thank our council members and those who helped organize all of our activities for today.

Quilting for Lutheran World Relief – The next Knotting dates are Tuesdays, August 6 and August 20 from 12:30-3:00 pm.

Please mark your calendars for these special events coming soon:
September 8 – Bishop Greg Busboom will be attending our Worship Service
God's Work – Our Hands day of service



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GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Shall We Gather at the River

1 Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod,
with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?

Refrain

Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river;
gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.

2 On the margin of the river, washing up its silver spray,
we will walk and worship ever, all the happy golden day. Refrain

3 Ere we reach the shining river, lay we ev'ry burden down;
grace our spirits will deliver, and provide a robe and crown. Refrain

4 Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease;
soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace. Refrain

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

Chorus: He's got the whole world in His hands,
He's got the whole wide world in His hands,
He's got the whole world in His hands,
He's got the whole world in His Hands.

He's got the little tiny baby in His hands... Chorus

He's got you and me brother (sister) in His hands... Chorus

He's got everybody here in His hands... Chorus

GREETING (ELW p. 138)

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY (ELW p. 142)

Let us pray. . . O God, eternal goodness, immeasurable love, you place
your gifts before us; we eat and are satisfied. Fill us and this world in all
its need with the life that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING:

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

A reading from Exodus.

²The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in
the wilderness. ³The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the
LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for
you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with
hunger."

⁴Then the LORD said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you,
and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I
will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not."

⁹Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites,
'Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.'" ¹⁰And as Aaron spoke
to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and
the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. ¹¹The LORD spoke to Moses and said,
¹²"I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall
eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know
that I am the LORD your God.'"

¹³In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there
was a layer of dew around the camp. ¹⁴When the layer of dew lifted, there on the
surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground.

¹⁵When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did
not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the LORD has given
you to eat."

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 78:23-29

- ²³ So God commanded the clouds above
and opened the doors of heaven,
²⁴ **raining down manna upon them to eat
and giving them grain from heaven.**
²⁵ So mortals ate the bread of angels;
God provided for them food enough.
²⁶ **The LORD caused the east wind to blow in the heavens
and powerfully led out the south wind,
raining down flesh upon them like dust
and flying birds like the sand of the seas,
letting them fall in the midst of the camp
and round about the dwellings.**
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²⁸ **letting them fall in the midst of the camp
and round about the dwellings.**
²⁹ So the people ate and were well filled,
for God gave them what they craved.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 4:1-16

A reading from Ephesians.

¹ I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ² with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³ making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴ There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

⁷ But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift.

⁸ Therefore it is said,

"When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive;
he gave gifts to his people."

⁹ (When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰ He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) ¹¹ The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists,

some pastors and teachers, ¹² to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³ until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. ¹⁴ We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. ¹⁵ But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶ from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL: John 6:24-35

The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²⁴ When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were [beside the sea,] they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

²⁵ When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" ²⁶ Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves." ²⁷ Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." ²⁸ Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" ²⁹ Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." ³⁰ So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?" ³¹ Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.' " ³² Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³ For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." ³⁴ They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

³⁵ Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

1 What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry ev'rything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit; oh, what needless pain we bear--
all because we do not carry ev'rything to God in prayer!

2 Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged-- take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness-- take it to the Lord in prayer.

3 Are we weak and heavy-laden, cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge-- take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a solace there.

I Love to Tell the Story

1 I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story, because I know it's true;
it satisfies my longings as nothing else would do.

Refrain

I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

2 I love to tell the story: how pleasant to repeat
what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet!
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
the message of salvation from God's own holy word. Refrain

3 I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,
I'll sing the old, old story that I have loved so long. Refrain

CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever.

Amen.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

COMMUNION

"WHY ME, LORD?"

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

I Saw the Light

Chorus: I saw the light, I saw the light,
No more darkness, no more night,
Now I'm so happy, no sorrow in sight,
Praise the Lord, I saw the light.

1. I wandered so aimless, life filled with sin,
I wouldn't let my dear Savior in,
Then Jesus came like a stranger in the night!
Praise the Lord, I saw the light.

Chorus

2. Just like a blind man, I wandered along,
Worries and fears I claimed for my own,
Then like a blind man that God gave back his sight
Praise the Lord, I saw the light.

Chorus

3. I was a fool to wander and stray,
Straight is the gate and narrow the way,
Now I have traded the wrong for the right.
Praise the Lord, I saw the light.

Chorus

I'll Fly Away

1. Some glad morning when this life is over
I'll fly away
To a home on God's celestial shore,
I'll fly away.

Chorus:

I'll fly away oh Glory, I'll fly away.
When I die, Hallelujah, by and by, I'll fly away

2. When the shadows of this life are gone,
I'll fly away.
Like a bird from prison bars has flown,
I'll fly away.

Chorus

3. Just a few more weary days and then,
I'll fly away.
To a land where joy shall never end,
I'll fly away.

Chorus.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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