

FIRST READING: Proverbs 9:1-6

Wisdom has built her house,
 she has hewn her seven pillars.
²She has slaughtered her animals, she has
 mixed her wine,
 she has also set her table.
³She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls
 from the highest places in the town,
⁴“You that are simple, turn in here!”
 To those without sense she says,
⁵“Come, eat of my bread
 and drink of the wine I have mixed.
⁶Lay aside immaturity, and live,
 and walk in the way of insight.”

Psalms 34:9-14

SECOND READING: Ephesians 5:15-20

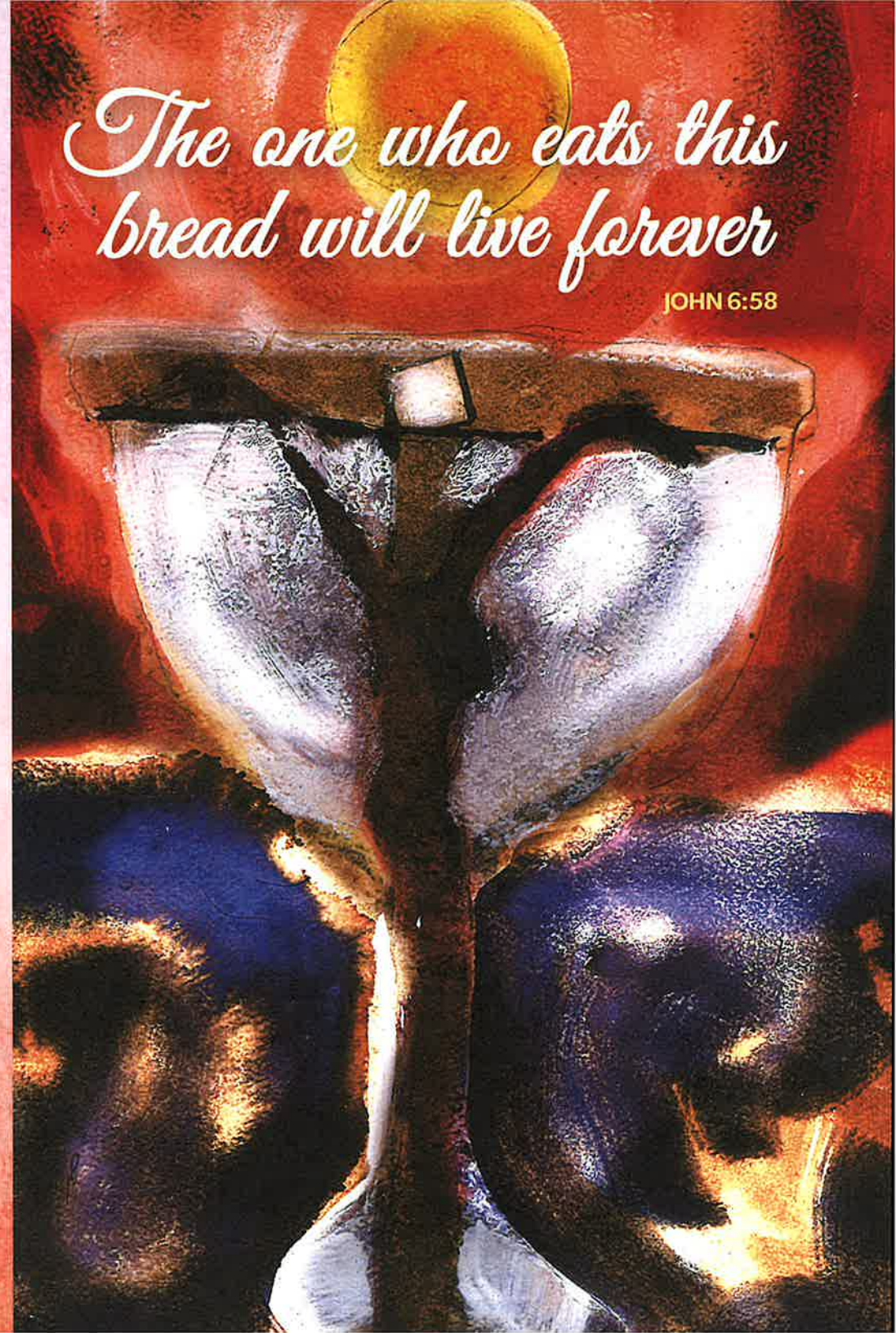
Be careful then how you live, not as unwise
 people but as wise, ¹⁶making the most of the
 time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷So do not be
 foolish, but understand what the will of the
 Lord is. ¹⁸Do not get drunk with wine, for that
 is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit,
¹⁹as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual
 songs among yourselves, singing and mak-
 ing melody to the Lord in your hearts, ²⁰giv-
 ing thanks to God the Father at all times and
 for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus
 Christ.

GOSPEL: John 6:51-58

[Jesus said,] “I am the living bread that came
 down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread
 will live forever; and the bread that I will give
 for the life of the world is my flesh.”
⁵²The Jews then disputed among them-
 selves, saying, “How can this man give us his
 flesh to eat?” ⁵³So Jesus said to them, “Very
 truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the
 Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no
 life in you. ⁵⁴Those who eat my flesh and drink
 my blood have eternal life, and I will raise
 them up on the last day; ⁵⁵for my flesh is true
 food and my blood is true drink. ⁵⁶Those who
 eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me,
 and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent
 me, and I live because of the Father, so who-
 ever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is
 the bread that came down from heaven, not
 like that which your ancestors ate, and they
 died. But the one who eats this bread will live
 forever.”

*The one who eats this
 bread will live forever*

JOHN 6:58



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Our mission is to invite people to know Jesus Christ so that we may all share God's love.

Welcome to Worship at Immanuel as we worship together in the name of the Father our Creator, the Son our Savior, and the Holy Ghost.

Prayer before Worship: Heavenly Father, listen to our hearts, for the words spoken and those left unsaid, that you may know our needs and have us understand the needs of those around us. Amen.

Pastor Ed is working in the church office on Friday mornings from 10:30-ish – 12:00 am. Please call in advance if you would like to reserve time to talk or visit with him.

Prayer Requests: We welcome requests of prayers for our members, friends and families throughout our communities and beyond. Anyone is welcome to leave a note on the desk in the office or contact the pastor.

Offering envelopes are located and available on the table in the entry.

Please designate how you would like to have your offering used if for anything other than general funds.

The Lord's Supper, (offered on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month) the Eucharist, or Holy Communion is a means of God's grace whereby the real presence of Christ is offered. All are welcome to receive Communion at Immanuel Lutheran Church.

We have Children's Bulletins for those who wish to enhance the worship experience for the kids. They can be found each week on the table with the regular Sunday Bulletins.

Newsletter, bulletin, and member information or changes may be sent to ckwilson1983@gmail.com or immanuelcolfax@hotmail.com

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This Week at Immanuel 9:00 am Worship

Sunday, August 18, 2024

WORSHIP LEADER: PASTOR ED HUDELSON

Lay Reader: Lisa Winterland

Greeters: Ron & Deb Jaskowiak

Ushers/Acolytes: Eli & Katelyn Petersen

Communion: Denny & Amy Winterland

Organist: Cindy Wilson

Sunday, August 25, 2024

WORSHIP LEADER: DAVE GRIFFITH, SAM

Lay Reader: Von Becker

Greeters: Phil & Angie Kratochvil

Ushers/Acolytes: Elton & Spring Mau

Organist: Kimberly Petersen

In your prayers, please include our members who are not able to be with us today: Virginia Winterland (home); Iva Mae Petersen (Pontiac); Gary Kessinger

We also include the following people in our prayers: Lucy McKinley, Cheryl Poppe, Robert Ruff, Jeannie Weber, Tim Dawson, Von Becker's Parents, Bob & Judy Logan, Nancy Lasser, Loren Powell, Lori Becker (sister-in-law of Von Becker), and Daviney Steidinger-Reynolds (a student at Ridgeview).

Announcements

Schedule for September 1: It was noted that Sunday, September 1 was omitted from the Newsletter Calendar. Pastor Ed will be here to lead worship; all who are scheduled to assist on September 8 will be moved to September 1st.

Assistants for September 8 will be announced in the September newsletter. I apologize for any confusion. -Cindy

Quilting for Lutheran World Relief – The next Knotting date is Tuesday, August 20 from 12:30-3:00 pm. There are pre-cut squares ready to sew together for quilt tops for those who can do sewing at home. We thank you, as always, for any help that can be given.

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

More details will be coming soon. Please see the newsletter and future bulletins for more information.

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 18, 2024

Wisdom prepares a feast, sets her table, and invites all to come and eat her bread and drink her wine. The first chapter of John's gospel owes much to the biblical tradition that imagined Wisdom as existing before anything was created and having a role in the work of creation. Christ, the wisdom of God (1 Cor. 1:24), today invites us to eat his flesh and drink his blood. John's gospel includes no account of the institution of the Lord's supper, but here we can't help hearing Jesus' words as an invitation to the meal of bread and wine we share.

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gathering

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

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross in remembrance of baptism as the worship leader begins -

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

C: Amen.

P: Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God, our provider

C: help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.

P: Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, † the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

C: Amen.

Congregation may be seated.

HYMN

Praise and Thanksgiving

ELW 689

*GREETING *Please stand as you are able*

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Ever-loving God, your Son gives himself as living bread for the life of the world. Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Congregation may be seated

Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

READING

Proverbs 9:1-6

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Wisdom is portrayed as a woman who invites people to partake of her banquet. Just as ordinary food is necessary for physical life, Wisdom's food—insight and understanding—is necessary for fullness of life with God. Partaking of Wisdom's banquet is the way to life.

After the reading . . . L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalms 34:9-14

Fear the Lord, you saints of the Lord, for those who fear the Lord lack nothing.

The lions are in want and suffer hunger, but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.

Come, children, and listen to me; I will teach you reverence for the Lord.

Who among you takes pleasure in life and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?

Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from lying words.

Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.

READING

Ephesians 5:15-20

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True wisdom integrates our new reality in Christ with our Christian fellowship and daily conduct. Because we are filled with the Spirit, Christians regularly rejoice together, give thanks to God for one another, and care for one another. In this way we revere our Lord Jesus Christ.

After the reading . . . L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (sung)

ELW, page 142

Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

*GOSPEL READING

John 6:51-58

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The Gospel is announced:

P: The Holy Gospel according to John . . .

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

In John's gospel, the feeding of the five thousand leads to extended teaching in which Jesus identifies himself as the true "bread of life." Finally, in these verses, he makes a connection that would not be understood until after his death, in light of the church's celebration of holy communion.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

Pastor Ed Hudelson

HYMN OF DAY

Take My Life, That I May Be

ELW 685

*CREED *Please stand as you are able*

ELW page 104

P: We confess our faith in the words of the Apostle's Creed,

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and was born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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 THE CHURCH

P: Calling on the spirit of Wisdom to guide our hearts and our minds, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

After each petition: P: Merciful God, **C: receive our prayer.**

P: We lift up these prayers to you, gracious God. Receive them into your holy keeping.

C: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The Peace of the Lord be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

P: Let us share that peace with one another.

The congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

WE GATHER OUR OFFERINGS

*OFFERING SONG *Please stand as you are able*

ELW 182

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray... Jesus, Bread of Life,

C: Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. Amen.

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

*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.

*INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

Congregation may be seated.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

All are invited to receive Holy Communion at the Lord's table. The inner circle of cups contain grape juice, the rest are wine. Please follow the directions of the ushers.

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say

"The body of Christ, given for you." "The blood of Christ, shed for you."

and each person may respond : Amen.

COMMUNION HYMNS

Lamb of God

ELW page 146

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN

Here Is Bread

ELW 483

After all have returned to their places, please stand as you are able.

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you
and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

* PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Let us pray... Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than
we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to
love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.

C: Amen.

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

*BLESSING

P: The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,
‡ be upon you now and forever.

C: Amen.

*HYMN

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

ELW 674

*DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE