

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 65:1-9**  
I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask,  
to be found by those who did not seek me.  
I said, “Here I am, here I am,”  
to a nation that did not call on my name.  
<sup>2</sup>I held out my hands all day long  
to a rebellious people,  
who walk in a way that is not good,  
following their own devices;  
<sup>3</sup>a people who provoke me  
to my face continually,  
sacrificing in gardens  
and offering incense on bricks;  
<sup>4</sup>who sit inside tombs,  
and spend the night in secret places;  
who eat swine’s flesh,  
with broth of abominable things in their vessels;  
<sup>5</sup>who say, “Keep to yourself,  
do not come near me, for I am too holy for you.”  
These are a smoke in my nostrils,  
a fire that burns all day long.  
<sup>6</sup>See, it is written before me:  
I will not keep silent, but I will repay;  
I will indeed repay into their laps  
<sup>7</sup>their iniquities and their ancestors’ iniquities  
together,  
says the LORD;  
because they offered incense on the mountains  
and reviled me on the hills,  
I will measure into their laps  
full payment for their actions.  
<sup>8</sup>Thus says the LORD:  
As the wine is found in the cluster,  
and they say, “Do not destroy it,  
for there is a blessing in it,”  
so I will do for my servants’ sake,  
and not destroy them all.  
<sup>9</sup>I will bring forth descendants from Jacob,  
and from Judah inheritors of my mountains;  
my chosen shall inherit it,  
and my servants shall settle there.

**Psalms 22:19-28**

**SECOND READING: Galatians 3:23-29**  
[not printed]

**GOSPEL: Luke 8:26-39**  
Then [Jesus and his disciples] arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. <sup>27</sup>As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. <sup>28</sup>When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, “What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me”—<sup>29</sup>for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) <sup>30</sup>Jesus then asked him, “What is your name?” He said, “Legion”; for many demons had entered him. <sup>31</sup>They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.  
<sup>32</sup>Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. <sup>33</sup>Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.  
<sup>34</sup>When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. <sup>35</sup>Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. <sup>36</sup>Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. <sup>37</sup>Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. <sup>38</sup>The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, <sup>39</sup>“Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.” So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

# DECLARE HOW MUCH GOD HAS DONE FOR YOU

LUKE 8:39



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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** - We are delighted to have everyone worshipping with us today. We invite you to sign a communion card, if you would please, so that we might have a registry of those sharing Holy Communion with us.

**Prayer before Worship:** Dear Lord, place your hand on my shoulder, your words in my mouth, and guide my steps to follow you. Amen.

**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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month) the Eucharist, or Holy Communion is a means of God's grace whereby the real presence of Christ is offered. ***If you would rather receive a blessing instead of Holy Communion, please come forward and cross your arms to your shoulders as indication of needing a blessing today. All are welcome at the Lord's table.***

**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.

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## This Week at Immanuel 10:30 am - Worship

### Sunday, June 22, 2025

WORSHIP LEADERS: PASTOR NATHAN FEIG

Lay Reader: Erin Ifft

Greeters: Jerry & Suzie Kukuck

Ushers/Acolytes: Phil & Angie Kratochvil

Communion: na

Organist: Kimberly Petersen

### Sunday, June 29, 2025

WORSHIP LEADERS: PASTOR NATHAN FEIG

Lay Reader: Angie Kratochvil

Greeters: Elton & Spring Mau

Ushers/Acolytes: Kasen Casson, Alec Harper

Communion: na

Organist: Cindy Wilson

**Please include the following people in our prayers:**

Lois Barker, Gary Kessinger, Cheryl Poppe, Jeannie Weber, Bob & Nancy Lasser, Bob & Judy Logan, Kevin and Chad Allen (family members of Von Becker), Cindy Harris, and Karen Nelson (sister-in-law of Brea Harms) *[Please share known updates for any changes to this list.]*

## *Announcements*

**LWR Quilts** - We will be knotting quilts on Tuesday, June 24 from 12:30-3 pm. If you are planning to attend, please let Dee Winterland know so if we need to cancel for whatever reason, you can be contacted. We would love to see some new faces!

**The congregation is invited to celebrate Petersen Chevrolet's 50th Anniversary** on Friday, June 27th at Petersen Chevrolet in Fairbury. A meal will be served from 4-7pm accompanied by a cruise-in and entertainment for all ages. We look forward to seeing you there!

**The Baby Bottles have been collected for the Hope Center.** If you still have one to return, please contact Cindy Wilson.

**Newsletters will be published soon.** Please send reports or information to Cindy by this Wednesday, June 25. Thank you.



## Outreach Committee Student Clothing Drive

- Coats: new or gently used (hats & gloves, too)
- Clothing: new or very gently used
- Shoes and Socks: children through adult sizes
- Little kids elastic pants/shorts for kids who have accidents, to keep in the office and provide to students when needed.
- Backpacks: full size for boys and girls
- Headphones/Earbuds

During the open registration day at Ridgeview Elementary School, we can offer 2 tables of clothing/shoes, similar to a free garage sale to allow families to "shop" for clothing when they pick up their free school supplies. We may not be able to offer every size that is needed, but we can share from our abundance for those who struggle to provide the basic items when preparing for school.

Boxes for drop-offs will be available at the back of the church through July. Registration Day is August 1, 2025.



## Second Sunday after Pentecost

June 22, 2025

*This Sunday's texts paint startling pictures of the horrific nature of sin. The church's repeated celebration of holy communion counters that tragic reality in a continued showing forth of the death of Jesus until he comes again. It is a dramatic declaration of "how much God has done for you."*

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *Please stand as you are able.*

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

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God,

**C: you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.**

P: You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of ☩ Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

**C: Amen.** *Congregation may be seated.*

OPENING HYMN

***Word of God, Come Down to Earth***

**ELW 510**

\*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. O Lord God, we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world. In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us, and defend us from everything that is evil, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

*Congregation may be seated.*

**READING**

Isaiah 65:1-9

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*The prophet announces God's impatience. The people's self-absorption is idolatry, and images of practices that displease God fill this reading. Like a vintner who crushes the grape to release the wine, God will use Israel's exile to establish a new community of the faithful.*

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

**PSALM**

Psalms 22:19-28

But you, O Lord, be not far away; O my help, hasten to my aid.

**Deliver me from the sword, my life from the power of the dog.**

Save me from the lion's mouth! From the horns of wild bulls you have rescued me.

**I will declare your name to my people; in the midst of the assembly**

**I will praise you.**

You who fear the Lord, give praise! All you of Jacob's line, give glory.

Stand in awe of the Lord, all you offspring of Israel.

**For the Lord does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the Lord's face hidden from them; but when they cry out, the Lord hears them.**

From you comes my praise in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the Lord.

**The poor shall eat and be satisfied. Let those who seek the Lord give praise! May your hearts live forever!**

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord; all the families of nations shall bow before God.

**For dominion belongs to the Lord, who rules over the nations.**

**READING**

Galatians 3:23-29

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*For Paul, baptism is a powerful bond that unites people not only with God but with other believers. Those who call themselves children of God experience a transformation that removes prejudices of race, social class, or gender in favor of true unity in Christ.*

*After the reading . . .* Reader: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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**\*GOSPEL READING**

Luke 8:26-39

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P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Jesus' mission includes foreigners and his authority extends to the casting out of demons. Some who witness Jesus' work are seized with confusion and fear, but the man who was healed is commissioned to give testimony to God's mercy and power.*

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The congregation may be seated.*

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**HOMILY**

Pastor Nathan Feig

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

***I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say***

**ELW 611**

\*APOSTLES' CREED *please stand as you are able*

**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: Drawn into the embrace of the holy Trinity, we lift our prayers for the wholeness of the church, the world, and all creation.

*After each petition:* P: God of grace, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: Gather all our prayers in your mercy, O God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**C: Amen.**

#### \*LORD'S PRAYER

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.**

#### WE GATHER OUR OFFERINGS AND GIFTS

\*OFFERING HYMN *Please stand as you are able.*

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Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry - one what God has



done. Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.



Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and lead us forth in



joy with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

#### \*OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray... Creator God,

**C: in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful.**

**Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

#### \* BLESSING

P: The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit ☩ bless you and give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

#### \* HYMN

*Will You Come and Follow Me*

ELW 798

#### \*DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

#### POSTLUDE