#### FIRST READING: Isaiah 66:10-14

Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her; rejoice with her in joy, all you who mourn over her-"that you may nurse and be satisfied from her consoling breast; that you may drink deeply with delight from her glorious bosom.

<sup>12</sup>For thus says the LORD: I will extend prosperity to her like a river, and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm,

and dandled on her knees. <sup>13</sup>As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.

his enemies.

<sup>14</sup>You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice; your bodies shall flourish like the grass; and it shall be known that the hand of the LORD is with his servants, and his indignation is against

#### Psalm 66:1-9

#### SECOND READING: Galatians 6:[1-6] 7-16

[My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. <sup>2</sup>Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. <sup>3</sup>For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. <sup>4</sup>All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor's work, will become a cause for pride. <sup>5</sup> For all must carry their own loads.

<sup>6</sup>Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher.]

<sup>7</sup>Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. 8If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. 9So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. 10 So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

<sup>11</sup>See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! 12 It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. <sup>13</sup>Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. 14May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. 15 For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! <sup>16</sup>As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

#### GOSPEL: Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. 2He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. <sup>3</sup>Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. 4Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. 5Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' 6And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. <sup>7</sup>Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. 8Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; 9cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you. 10 But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, 11'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.'

16"Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me."

<sup>17</sup>The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" 18He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. <sup>19</sup>See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. 20 Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

Ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers LUKE 10:2

Next Sunday's Readings: Deuteronomy 30:9-14; Psalm 25:1-10; Colossians 1:1-14; Luke 10:25-37.

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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 worshiping 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 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. 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, July 6, 2025

WORSHIP LEADERS: PASTOR NATHAN FEIG

Lay Reader: Jerry Kukuck

Greeters: Alan & Sabrina Petersen

Ushers/Acolytes: Eli & Katelyn Petersen

Communion: Erin Ifft, Eli Petersen

Organist: Cindy Wilson

#### Sunday, July 13, 2025

WORSHIP LEADERS: MARCIA BUCHS, SAM

Lav Reader: Suzie Kukuck

Greeters: Eli & Katelyn Petersen

Ushers/Acolytes: Rylee Kukuck, Ty Harms

Communion: na

Organist: Kimberly Petersen

### 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 Rebecca Casson We pray for the family and friends who mourn for Karen Nelson (sister-in-law of Brea Harms). [Please share known updates for any changes to this list.]

## Announcements

Outreach Committee Student Clothing Drive - 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.

- 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

Mark your Calendars for the Community Worship Service on Sunday, August 10 in Downtown Colfax. We had a wonderful turnout last year, in spite of the heat, and we are hoping for another great service. More details will be coming soon.

LWR Quilts - We will be knotting guilts on Tuesday, July 29 from 12:30-3 pm. If you can thread a needle and tie a knot, we could use your help! Also, there is a box in the parish hall of pre-cut packages of quilt squares that can be sewn into quilt tops. Please use 1/2" seam, a tight/short stitch, and do not make a cross pattern. Questions, see Dee Winterland.

# Fourth Sunday after Pentecost July 6, 2025

God is the source of our nourishment. Jesus' invitation to "take and eat . . . take and drink" is a repeated one. In holy communion, in the word read and proclaimed, in the assembly of the people of God, the dominion of God has come near. Rejoice! Your name is written in heaven.

PRELUDE **ANNOUNCEMENTS** 

## Gathering

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

\*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  $\pm$  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  $\oplus$  Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.
- Congregation may be seated. C: Amen.

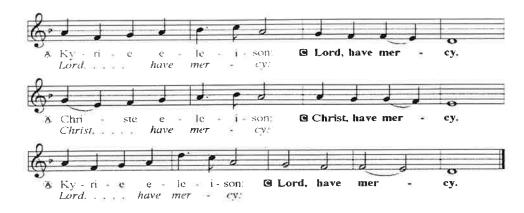
**GATHERING SONG** 

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

**ELW 803** 

\*GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion 







#### \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus, you are the city that shelters us, the mother who comforts us. With your Spirit accompany us on our life's journey, that we may spread your peace in all the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

#### C: Amen.

Congregation may be seated.

## Word

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

**READING** 

Isaiah 66:10-14

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Those who returned from the exile found that the hopes for the glorious restoration of Judah were not completely fulfilled. For these disappointed people, the prophet envisions salvation in the image of a nursing woman. Mother Jerusalem and a mothering God remind the community how they are sustained and supported.

**PSALM** 

Psalm 66:1-9

Be joyful in God, all you lands be joyful, all the earth.

Sing the glory of God's name; sing the glory of God's praise.

Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! Because of your great strength your enemies cringe before you.

All the earth bows down before you, sings to you, sings out your name." Come now and see the works of God, how awesome are Go's deeds toward all people.

God turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the water on foot, and there we rejoiced in God.

Ruling forever in might, God keeps watch over the nations; let no rebels exalt themselves.

Bless our God, you peoples; let the sound of praise be heard.

Our God has kept us among the living and has not allowed our feet to slip.

READING

Galatians 6:1-16

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In the close of his letter to the Galatians, Paul encourages them to live as people made right with God through faith in Jesus Christ. Here Paul offers practical advice about how believers exercise common concern for one other in "the family of faith."

*After the reading . . . L*: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the reading of the Gospel

\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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**GOSPEL READING** 

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

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The Gospel is announced:

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke ...

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus commissions harvesters and laborers to go where he would go and do what he would do. Risking hardship and danger in exchange for the experience of great joy, they offer peace and healing as signs that the reign of God is near.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Congregation may be seated.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

HOMILY

Pastor Nathan Feig

HYMN OF THE DAY

God's Work. Our Hands

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\*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 INTERCESSION

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.

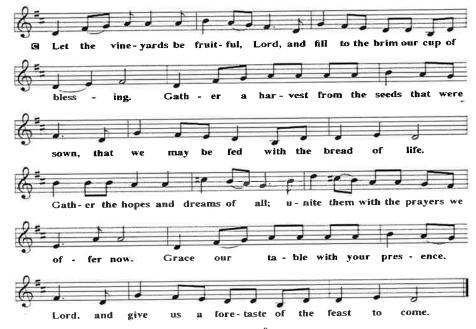
C: Amen.

Congregation may be seated.

#### WE GATHER OUR OFFERINGS

\*OFFERING SONG Please stand as you are able

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#### \*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.

#### 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.

#### \* COMMUNION LITANY

P: The Lord be with you.

(spoken) C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



#### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Holy, living, and loving God, we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth. We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the waters of the flood, for freeing your people Israel from the bonds of slavery, and for sending your Son to be our Redeemer. We give you thanks for Jesus who, living among us, healed the sick, fed the hungry, and with a love stronger than death, gave his life for others.

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 life-giving death and glorious resurrection, we await your promised life for all this dying world. Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup: carry us in your arms from death to life, that we may live as your chosen ones, clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever. **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.

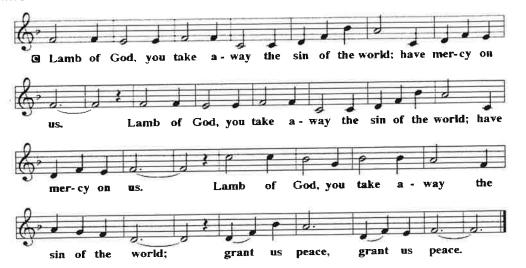
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

#### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice. *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. 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.



Lamb of God

**HYMN** 

Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters

**ELW 445** 

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... Mothering God,

C: you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name. 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

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

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\*DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit. C: Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE**