

This Week in Colfax - 9:30 am Worship

Sunday, August 10, 2025

WORSHIP LEADER: PASTOR AMY ZIETLOW

Lay Reader: Lisa Winterland

Greeters: Immanuel volunteers

Ushers/Acolytes: Immanuel volunteers

Communion: Immanuel volunteers

Musicians: April & Tammy

Sunday, August, 18 2025

Worship At Immanuel – 10:30 am

WORSHIP LEADER: PASTOR NATHAN FEIG

Lay Reader: Betty Powell

Greeters: Norman & Karen Harms

Ushers/Acolytes: Eli & Katelyn Petersen

Communion: Angie Kratochvil, Rebecca Casson

Organist: Cindy Wilson

Welcome to everyone!

This is truly a day that the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad.
We thank April Barnes and Tammy Ward for sharing wonderful music and songs for our worship today. We also thank our council members and those who helped organize our activities for today.

The Offering collected during today's worship will be designated to help provide school supplies and other essential learning materials at Ridgeview.

Everyone is invited to stay and enjoy lunch, provided at no cost for all

Many thanks to those who donated clothing and school supplies in the past few weeks. We were able to fill 3 eight-foot tables with shoes, socks, and garments of all sizes that were shared with families at the Ridgeview registration event. The extra backpacks were greatly appreciated as well.

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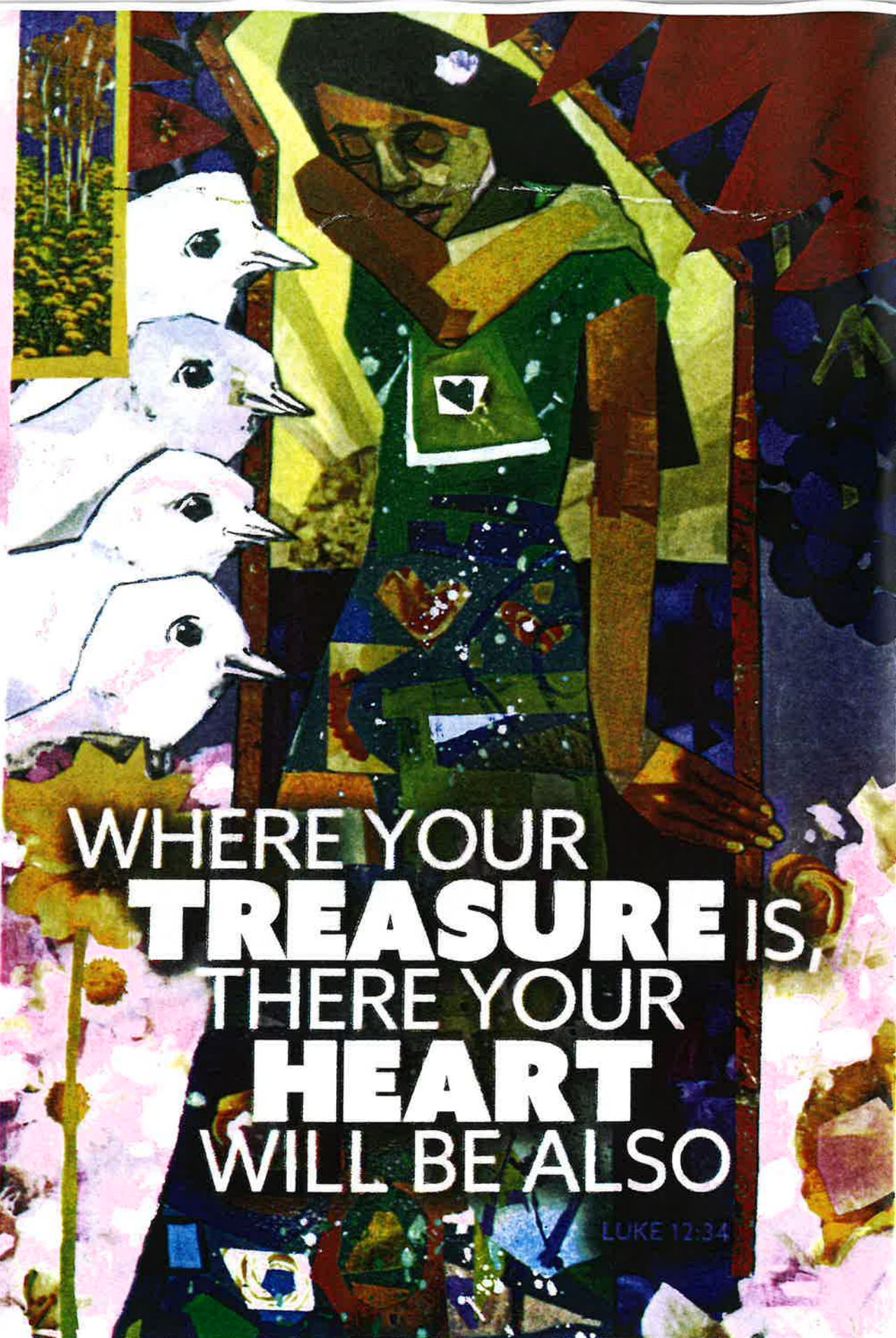
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Community Worship Service



Immanuel Lutheran Church & Friends
Sunday, August 10, 2025



Gathering

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

Jesus says, "It is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." It is God's promise from the beginning—to Abraham, to the early church, and to the "little flock" of which we are a part in today's assembly. Faith, God's baptismal gift, trusts the promises of God. Have no fear.

PRELUDE MUSIC

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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.

HYMN

The Old Rugged Cross

*On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross
The emblem of suff'ring and shame
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best
For a world of lost sinners was slain*

*So I'll cherish the old rugged cross
Till my trophies at last I lay down
I will cling to the old rugged cross
And exchange it some day for a crown*

*O the old rugged cross so despised by the world
Has a wondrous attraction for me
For the dear Lamb of God left His glory above
To bear it to dark Calvary*

Chorus

*In the old rugged cross stained with blood so divine
A wondrous beauty I see
For 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died
To pardon and sanctify me*

Chorus

*To the old rugged cross I will ever be true
Its shame and reproach gladly bear
Then He'll call me some day to my home far away
Where His glory forever I'll share*

Chorus

GREETING

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

Let us pray. . . Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

FIRST READING

Genesis 15:1-6

A reading from Genesis:

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir."

He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the Lord, and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

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

PSALM:

Psalm 33:12-22

Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord! Happy the people
chosen to be God's heritage!

The Lord looks down from heaven, and sees all humankind.

God sits firmly enthroned and watches all who dwell on the earth.

God fashions all their hearts and observes all their deeds.

A king is not saved by the size of the army, nor are warriors rescued
by their great strength.

**The horse gives vain hope for victory; despite its great strength
it cannot save.**

Truly, your eye is upon those who fear you, O Lord, upon those who wait
for your steadfast love,

To deliver their lives from death, and to keep them alive in time of famine.

Our innermost being waits for you, O Lord, our helper and our shield.

Surely, our heart rejoices in you, for in your holy name we put our trust.

Let your lovingkindness, O Lord, be upon us, even as we place our hope in you.

SECOND READING

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

A reading from Hebrews:

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance, and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

By faith, with Sarah's involvement, he received power of procreation, even though he was too old, because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹But as it is, they desire a better homeland, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

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

GOSPEL

Luke 12:32-40

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] “Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

“Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³If he comes during the middle of the night or near dawn and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

“But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Amy

SERMON

Pastor Amy Ziettlow

HYMN

Will the Circle Be Unbroken

*There are loved ones in the Glory whose dear forms you often miss
When you close your earthly story will you join them in their bliss?*

Chorus

*Will the circle be unbroken By and By, Lord, by and by?
There's a better home a-waiting in the sky, Lord, in the sky.*

*In the joyous days of childhood oft they told of wondrous love
Pointed to the dying Savior Now they dwell with Him above*

Chorus

You remember songs of heaven which you sang with childish voice

Do you love the hymns they taught you

Or are songs of earth your choice?

Chorus

*You can picture happy gath'ings round the fireside long ago?
And you think of tearful partings When they left you here below?*

Chorus

*One by one their seats were emptied one by one they went away
Now the circle has been broken, will it be complete one day?*

Chorus

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

In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world.

A brief silence.

Keep the heart of your church set firmly in you so that, with lamps lit and attentive to Christ's call at any time or place, your people are ready to respond with faithful action for the sake of the world.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Worlds were prepared by your word. Speak healing and protection upon the earth, especially where life and habitats are threatened. Guide the work of astronomers and all who teach us about the stars and galaxies.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

You know the actions and deeds of the nations. Turn humanity away from instruments of war and violence. Fashion the hearts of world leaders to work for peace.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Let your lovingkindness be on those in need. Assure all who are afraid or experiencing great uncertainty that your promises are sure.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Calm the fears of migrants and refugees who set out, not knowing where they go. Provide shelter, sustenance, protection from harm, and welcome. Bless the work of Global Refuge and other means of support and advocacy.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We celebrate the ancestors in the faith who built their lives on your promises and died having seen them only from a distance. Sustain us in our hope of things not seen.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. Mothering God, 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

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. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit. **Thanks be to God.**



**HELP KEEP THE
SUPPLY AFLOAT.**

Give Blood.

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Blood Drive**

**Colfax American Legion
Davis Kerber Post #653**

103 E Main St
Colfax, IL 61728

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8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

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