

FIRST READING: Isaiah 58:9b-14
If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,
¹⁰if you offer your food to the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness
and your gloom be like the noonday.
¹¹The LORD will guide you continually,
and satisfy your needs in parched places,
and make your bones strong;
and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water,
whose waters never fail.
¹²Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of many
generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of streets to live in.

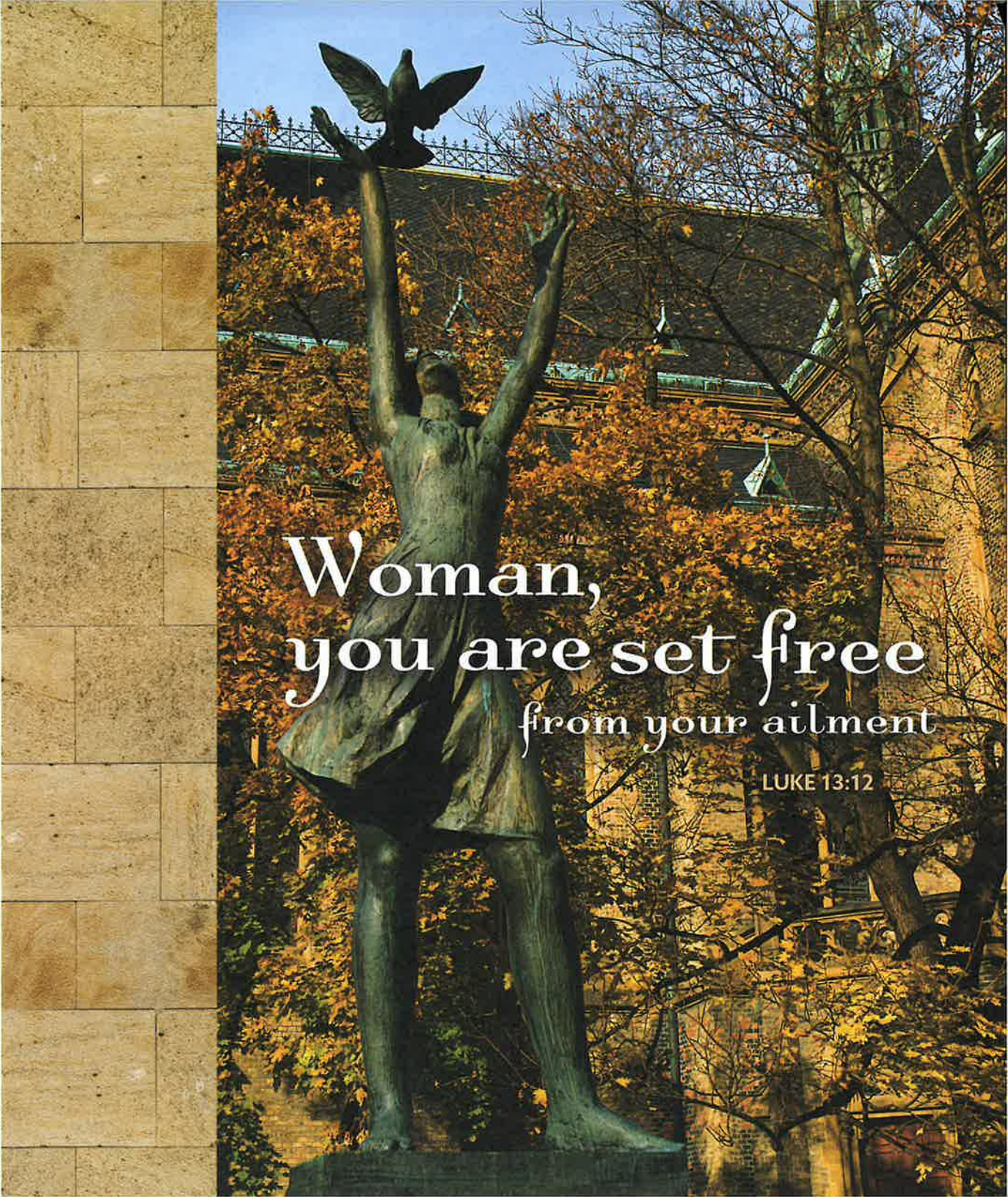
¹³If you refrain from trampling the sabbath,
from pursuing your own interests on my holy day;
if you call the sabbath a delight
and the holy day of the LORD honorable;
if you honor it, not going your own ways,
serving your own interests, or pursuing your
own affairs;
¹⁴then you shall take delight in the LORD,
and I will make you ride upon the heights of the
earth;
I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor
Jacob,
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

Psalms 103:1-8

SECOND READING: Hebrews 12:18-29
You have not come to something that can be
touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom,
and a tempest, ¹⁹and the sound of a trumpet, and a
voice whose words made the hearers beg that not an-
other word be spoken to them. ²⁰(For they could not
endure the order that was given, “If even an animal
touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.”
²¹Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said,
“I tremble with fear.”) ²²But you have come to Mount
Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly

Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gath-
ering, ²³and to the assembly of the firstborn who are
enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and
to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴and
to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the
sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the
blood of Abel.
²⁵See that you do not refuse the one who is speak-
ing; for if they did not escape when they refused the
one who warned them on earth, how much less will
we escape if we reject the one who warns from heav-
en! ²⁶At that time his voice shook the earth; but now
he has promised, “Yet once more I will shake not
only the earth but also the heaven.” ²⁷This phrase,
“Yet once more,” indicates the removal of what is
shaken—that is, created things—so that what can-
not be shaken may remain. ²⁸Therefore, since we are
receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us
give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable
worship with reverence and awe; ²⁹for indeed our
God is a consuming fire.

GOSPEL: Luke 13:10-17
Now [Jesus] was teaching in one of the synagogues
on the sabbath. ¹¹And just then there appeared a
woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eigh-
teen years. She was bent over and was quite un-
able to stand up straight. ¹²When Jesus saw her, he
called her over and said, “Woman, you are set free
from your ailment.” ¹³When he laid his hands on
her, immediately she stood up straight and began
praising God. ¹⁴But the leader of the synagogue,
indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath,
kept saying to the crowd, “There are six days on
which work ought to be done; come on those days
and be cured, and not on the sabbath day.” ¹⁵But the
Lord answered him and said, “You hypocrites! Does
not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his
donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give
it water? ¹⁶And ought not this woman, a daughter
of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long
years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath
day?” ¹⁷When he said this, all his opponents were
put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at
all the wonderful things that he was doing.



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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: Heavenly Father, you know what is on my heart and on my mind today. Please be with me, my family and my friends so that we may feel your presence and take comfort in knowing that you walk with us daily. 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, August 24, 2025

WORSHIP LEADERS: PASTOR NATHAN FEIG
Lay Reader: Briana Ray
Greeters: Dan & Tracy Harms
Ushers/Acolytes: Alec Harper, 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, Judy Logan, Kevin and Chad Allen (family members of Von Becker), Cindy Harris, and Rebecca Casson.
[Please share known updates for any changes to this list.]

From the Prayer request box-

Dennis and Kay Griepentrog request prayers for a good friend, Kris Barnett, who has been diagnosed with breast cancer.

Announcements

PLEASE NOTE – Next SUNDAY, AUGUST 31 WE WILL RETURN TO OUR FORMER WORSHIP TIME OF 9:00 am.

God's Work - Our Hands was previously scheduled for September 7th, will now take place on **Sunday, August 31st**. Please look for additional announcements to be coming soon.

Today we celebrate the time that we have shared with Pastor Nathan and bid him farewell and God's blessings in his new call. We know that it is God's plan for our lives to meet new people, work together, share our goals and dreams, and even our sorrows. We pray that the time Pastor Nathan has spent with us has made each of us feel blessed, loved, and filled with the Holy Spirit.

LWR Quilts and Kits - 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.

We will be finishing our quilt projects for this year in the coming weeks. Please watch the newsletter and bulletin announcements for ways that you can help with quilts and other Lutheran World Relief projects. (Please see the list of items for School Kits and Personal Care Kits in this bulletin.)

Lutheran World Relief - Fall Collections

School Kit: (church will provide bags)

- * Four 70-80 sheet notebooks (wide or college-ruled, no loose-leaf paper)
- * 30 centimeter ruler, or ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- * Pencil sharpener
- * Blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- * Five unsharpened #2 pencils
- * Five blue or black ballpoint pens (no gel ink)
- * Box of 16 or 24 crayons
- * 2 ½" eraser

Personal Care Kit:

- * Light-weight bath size towel (20"x40" to 52"x27", dark color)
- * Two or three bath size bars of soap totaling 8 -9 oz. in original wrapping (no mini or hotel size bars)
- * Adult size toothbrush
- * Sturdy comb (no picks or fine toothed combs)
- * Metal nail clippers (attached file optional)

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 24, 2025

Remember the sabbath day. Call the sabbath a delight. This is the Lord's day, and the Lord will do for us what the Lord does: feed us, forgive us, help and heal us. Rejoice at all the wonderful things God is doing.

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

Morning Has Broken

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*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 God, mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Congregation may be seated.

READING

Isaiah 58:9b-14

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God promises those who have returned from exile that where justice and mercy prevail, the ruins will be rebuilt and light will rise in the darkness. It is a day for new beginnings.

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

PSALM

Psalms 103:1-8

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all God's benefits –

Who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases;

**Who redeems your life from the grave and crowns you with
steadfast love and mercy;**

Who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed
like an eagle's.

O Lord, you provide vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.

You made known your ways to Moses and your works to the children of Israel.

**Lord, you are full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger
and abounding in steadfast love.**

READING

Hebrews 12:18-29

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Using images of Moses, the writer presents a striking vision of the new covenant of God made possible in Christ. There is no longer fear; only awe in the new promise in Christ into which we are invited.

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 13:10-17

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P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

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

Jesus heals a woman on the sabbath, offering her a new beginning for her life. When challenged by a narrow reading of the sabbath command, Jesus responds by expanding "sabbath work" to include setting people free from bondage.

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

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

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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 THE CHURCH

P: Let us pray for the church, the creation, and the whole people of God,
for God is near.
After each petition: P: Hear us, O God. C: Your mercy is great.
P: Confident in God’s presence and promise, we entrust our prayers to the one
who always receives them; through Jesus Christ, our wisdom and companion.
C: Amen.

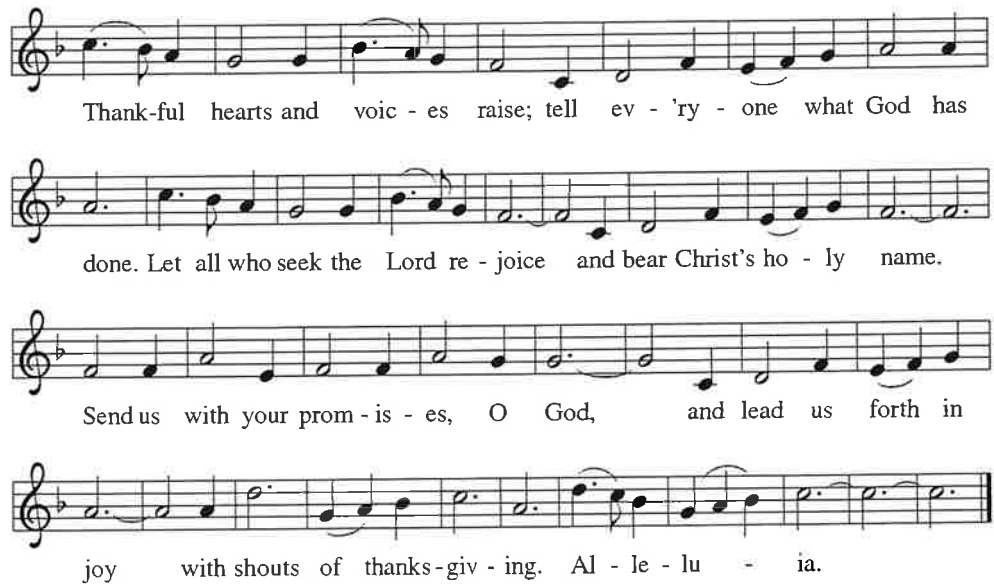
*LORD’S PRAYER

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 voices 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

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

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*DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE