

FIRST READING: Proverbs 25:6-7a

Do not put yourself forward in the king’s presence
or stand in the place of the great;
^{7a}for it is better to be told, “Come up here,”
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

or Sirach 10:12-18 [not printed]

Psalm 112

SECOND READING: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Let mutual love continue. ²Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. ³Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. ⁴Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. ⁵Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, “I will never leave you or forsake you.” ⁶So we can say with confidence,

“The Lord is my helper;
I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?”

⁷Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. ¹⁵Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that

is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. ¹⁶Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

GOSPEL: Luke 14:1, 7-14

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

⁷When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. ⁸“When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; ⁹and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give this person your place,’ and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. ¹⁰But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher’; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

¹²He said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”



Those
who
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themselves
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LUKE 14:11

Next Sunday's Readings: Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalm 1; Philemon 1-21; Luke 14:25-33.

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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: 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 9:00 am - Worship

Sunday, August 31, 2025 – 9:00 am

WORSHIP LEADERS: PETE FARM, SAM

Lay Reader: Dee Winterland

Greeters: Ron & Deb Jaskowiak

Ushers/Acolytes: Zane Hoffman, Rylee Kukuck

Communion:

Organist: Cindy Wilson

Sunday, September 7, 2025

WORSHIP LEADERS: MARCIA BUCHS, SAM

Lay Reader: Amy Winterland

Greeters: Phil & Angie Kratochvil

Ushers/Acolytes: Jerry & Suzie Kukuck

Communion: Dennis G., Jerry K.

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

God's Work - Our Hands will take place on Sunday, August 31st. Please see the special announcement page with suggested donations.

We are preparing to Kick Off a New Season of Sunday School with Rally Day on September 7th following our worship service. Activities are being planned to celebrate. Sunday School Classes for Pre-school – 6th grade and Jr/Sr High Classes will begin at 10:15 am Sunday, September 14th. Please spread the word and bring the family!

LWR Quilts and Kits - Our last day of group sewing will be on Tuesday, Sept 2 from 8:30-11:30 a.m. (note time change). There are several ways to help throughout the year if you are interested but not able to attend in person. Many thanks to everyone who has contributed in any way to our quilt project this year! 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 LWR 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)

Benefiting the Colfax Food Pantry

GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS. MEAL KITS



In preparation for our God's' Work. Our Hands. project, we are asking for specific food donations for meal kits that we will be assembling for the Colfax Food Pantry.

Although GWOH Sunday is September 7th, assembly will take place August 31st after worship so that the kits are ready for the September food pantry pick up on September 4th. Please have your items at the church by Sunday, August 31st.

Pizza Kit
Cookout Kit
Soup Kit
Spaghetti Kit

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 31, 2025

Invited and inviting—that is the nature of the church. By God’s grace in holy baptism we have a place at Christ’s banquet table. When, by the power of that same Spirit, humility and mutual love continue among us, the church can be more inviting still.

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 -

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

C: Amen.

L: 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.

L: 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

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

ELW 712

*GREETING *Please stand as you are able*

L: 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

L: Let us pray. O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Congregation may be seated.

READING

Proverbs 25:6-7a

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The book of Proverbs is part of a collection of writings known as wisdom literature. Wisdom literature gave directions to Israel's leaders and people for the conduct of daily life. Today's reading is about humility.

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

PSALM

Psalm 112

Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord and have great delight in God's commandments!

Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.

Wealth and riches will be in their house, and their righteousness will last forever.

Light shines in the darkness for the upright; the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.

It is good for them to be generous in lending and to manage their affairs with justice.

For they will never be shaken; the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.

They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; their heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord.

Their heart is established and will not shrink, until they see their desire upon their enemies.

They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast forever; they will hold up their head with honor.

The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away; the desires of the wicked will perish.

READING

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

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The conclusion of the letter to the Hebrews contains suggestions for the conduct of a holy life, all of which are shaped by God's love toward us in Jesus 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 14:1, 7-14

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L: The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus observes guests jockeying for position at the table. He uses the opportunity to teach his hearers to choose humility rather than self-exaltation. Jesus also makes an appeal for hosts to imitate God's gracious hospitality to those in need.

L: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

The congregation may be seated.

CHILDREN'S SERMON / NOISY OFFERING

HOMILY

Pete Farm, SAM

HYMN OF THE DAY

As We Gather at Your Table

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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

L: Let us pray for the church, the creation, and the whole people of God,
for God is near.

After each petition: L: Hear us, O God. C: **Your mercy is great.**

L: 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

L: 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

L: 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

L: 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

Before You, Lord We Bow

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*DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE