



# Immanuel

## LUTHERAN CHURCH

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# THE 8<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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**Welcome to Worship!** Another farming parable from Jesus confronts us today in our Gospel reading. The good Sower sows good seed in his field, and an evil sower sows weeds among the wheat. Jesus, as in the Parable of the Sower from last week, also explains the meaning of this parable. A couple of perplexing questions confront us: "*If God is good and all-powerful, why is there evil in the world?*" and "*How should believers respond to weeds as we live side by side?*" God's Word will teach us how God answers these questions!

**Please register your attendance and Communion in the Record of Fellowship.**

A "**Wee Wiggle Room**" is available below the entrance on Walnut St. and a Comfort Room is in the Atrium.

**Bible Classes and Sunday School** are recessed for the summer **Adult Information Class** meets in Heritage Room.

**Where do I put my offering?** You can place gifts in the offering plate near each entrance or the boxes on the west wall of the narthex or in the chapel. Thank you!

**Cell Phones:** *Please remember to silence cell phones and electronics during worship.*

**Holy Communion will be** offered at the 9:00 & 7:00 service. If you are not a confirmed member of the Lutheran Church, please contact an elder or pastor before communing. Gluten free wafers are in plastic sleeves. If you prefer an individual cup, please take one from the tray. Wine with alcohol removed is in the tray center.

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**THE PRELUDE:** "Lord, Jesus Christ, Be Present Now" -G.P. Telemann

**+++ 9:00 THE OPENING HYMN:** "See This Wonder in the Making"

**Hymn 593**

- 1 See this wonder in the making: God Himself this child is taking  
As a lamb safe in His keeping, His to be, awake or sleeping.
- 2 Miracle each time it happens As the door to heaven opens  
And the Father beams, "Belovèd, Heir of gifts a king would covet!"
- 3 Far more tender than a mother, Far more caring than a father,  
God, into Your arms we place them, With Your love and peace embrace them.
- 4 Here we bring a child of nature; Home we take a newborn creature,  
Now God's precious son or daughter, Born again by Word and water.

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**+++ 11:15 & 7:00 THE OPENING HYMN:** "Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good"

**Hymn 819**

- 1 Sing praise to God, the highest good, The author of creation,  
The God of love who understood Our need for His salvation.  
With healing balm our souls He fills And ev'ry faithless murmur stills:  
To God all praise and glory!
- 2 What God's almighty pow'r has made, In mercy He is keeping.  
By morning glow or evening shade His eye is never sleeping.  
Within the kingdom of His might All things are just and good and right:  
To God all praise and glory!
- 3 We sought the Lord in our distress; O God, in mercy hear us.  
Our Savior saw our helplessness And came with peace to cheer us.  
For this we thank and praise the Lord, Who is by one and all adored:  
To God all praise and glory!
- 4 He never shall forsake His flock, His chosen generation;  
He is their refuge and their rock, Their peace and their salvation.  
As with a mother's tender hand, He leads His own, His chosen band:  
To God all praise and glory!
- 5 All who confess Christ's holy name, Give God the praise and glory.  
Let all who know His pow'r proclaim Aloud the wondrous story.  
Cast ev'ry idol from its throne, For God is God, and He alone:  
To God all praise and glory!

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**+++ 9:00 THE BAPTISM of LUCY COLE BORCHERDING, Page 268**

***Parents: Sam & Shelby (Shepherd) Borcharding***

***Sponsors: Molly Borcharding & Will Borcharding Witness: Dulcie Togstad***

## **THE INVOCATION**

- P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. C **Amen.**
- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

## **THE CONFESSION**

- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and**



by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

#### THE ABSOLUTION

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. C **Amen.**

#### THE KYRIE

P In peace let us pray to the Lord. C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord. C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. C **Amen.**

#### THE HYMN OF PRAISE: "This is the Feast of Victory!"

C This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation. Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

#### THE PRAYER FOR THE DAY: (we pray together)

O God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your final judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of living here and dwell with You in perfect joy hereafter; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE WORD OF THE MONTH: (we speak together) Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Matthew 11:28

## **THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 44:6-8**

Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: "I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god. Who is like me? Let him proclaim it. Let him declare and set it before me, since I appointed an ancient people. Let them declare what is to come, and what will happen. Fear not, nor be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? And you are my witnesses! Is there a God besides me? There is no Rock; I know not any."

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**+++ 11:15 THE ANTHEM: "Lord of All Hopefulness"**

## **THE EPISTLE READING: Romans 8:18-27**

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**THE ALLELUIA AND VERSE: C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.**

## **THE GOSPEL READING: Matthew 13:24-30,36-43 C: (Sung) Glory to You, O Lord.**

[Jesus] put another parable before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?' He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' So the servants said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he said, 'No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'" . . . Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying,

“Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world, and the good seed is the children of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the close of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the close of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.”

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord. C: **(Sung) Praise to You, O Christ.**

### **+++ 11:15 THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **+++ 7:00 THE NICENE CREED**

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**THE HYMN: “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”**

**Hymn 892**

**1 Come, ye thankful people, come; Raise the song of harvest home.**

**All be safely gathered in Ere the winter storms begin;**

**God, our maker, doth provide For our wants to be supplied.**

**Come to God's own temple, come; Raise the song of harvest home.**

- 2 All the world is God's own field, Fruit unto His praise to yield;  
Wheat and tares together sown, Unto joy or sorrow grown.  
First the blade and then the ear, Then the full corn shall appear.  
Lord of harvest, grant that we Wholesome grain and pure may be.
- 3 For the Lord, our God, shall come And shall take His harvest home,  
From His field shall in that day All offenses purge away,  
Give His angels charge at last In the fire the tares to cast,  
But the fruitful ears to store In His garner evermore.
- 4 Even so, Lord, quickly come To Thy final harvest home;  
Gather Thou Thy people in, Free from sorrow, free from sin,  
There, forever purified, In Thy garner to abide:  
Come with all Thine angels, come, Raise the glorious harvest home.

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## **THE SERMON: "Is God Good?"**

**THE OFFERTORY:** Page 159

## **THE PRAYERS**

**+++ 9:00 & 7:00 THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT, page 160**

P The Lord be with you. C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts. C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary... evermore praising You and saying:

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of  
your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING, LORD'S PRAYER AND WORD'S OF OUR LORD**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always. C **Amen.**

C **Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

**Distribution Hymns: 621, 761, 585, 735, 643**

## **621 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence**

- 1 Let all mortal flesh keep silence And with fear and trembling stand;  
Ponder nothing earthly-minded, For with blessing in His hand  
Christ our God to earth descending Comes our homage to demand.

- 2 King of kings yet born of Mary, As of old on earth He stood,  
Lord of lords in human vesture, In the body and the blood,  
He will give to all the faithful His own self for heav'nly food.
- 3 Rank on rank the host of heaven Spreads its vanguard on the way  
As the Light of Light, descending From the realms of endless day,  
Comes the pow'rs of hell to vanquish As the darkness clears away.
- 4 At His feet the six-winged seraph, Cherubim with sleepless eye,  
Veil their faces to the presence As with ceaseless voice they cry:  
"Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, Lord Most High!"

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### **761 Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me**

- 1 Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee;  
Let the water and the blood, From Thy riven side which flowed,  
Be of sin the double cure: Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
- 2 Not the labors of my hands Can fulfill Thy Law's demands;  
Could my zeal no respite know, Could my tears forever flow,  
All for sin could not atone; Thou must save, and Thou alone.
- 3 Nothing in my hand I bring; Simply to Thy cross I cling.  
Naked, come to Thee for dress; Helpless, look to Thee for grace;  
Foul, I to the fountain fly; Wash me, Savior, or I die.
- 4 While I draw this fleeting breath, When mine eyelids close in death,  
When I soar to worlds unknown, See Thee on Thy judgment throne,  
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee.

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### **585 Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide**

- 1 Lord Jesus Christ, with us abide, For round us falls the eventide.  
O let Your Word, that saving light, Shine forth undimmed into the night.
- 2 In these last days of great distress Grant us, dear Lord, true steadfastness  
That we keep pure till life is spent Your holy Word and Sacrament.
- 3 To hope grown dim, to hearts turned cold Speak tongues of fire and make us bold  
To shine Your Word of saving grace Into each dark and loveless place.
- 4 May glorious truths that we have heard, The bright sword of Your mighty Word,  
Spurn Satan that Your Church be strong, Bold, unified in act and song.



5    Restrain, O Lord, the human pride That seeks to thrust Your truth aside  
     Or with some man-made thoughts or things Would dim the words Your Spirit sings.

6    Stay with us, Lord, and keep us true; Preserve our faith our whole life through —  
     Your Word alone our heart's defense, The Church's glorious confidence.

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### **735 Have No Fear, Little Flock**

1    Have no fear, little flock; Have no fear, little flock,  
     For the Father has chosen To give you the Kingdom; Have no fear, little flock!

2    Have good cheer, little flock; Have good cheer, little flock,  
     For the Father will keep you In His love forever; Have good cheer, little flock!

3    Praise the Lord high above; Praise the Lord high above,  
     For He stoops down to heal you, Uplift and restore you; Praise the Lord high  
     above!

4    Thankful hearts raise to God; Thankful hearts raise to God, For He stays close beside  
     you, In all things works with you; Thankful hearts raise to God!

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### **643 Sent Forth by God's Blessing**

1    Sent forth by God's blessing, Our true faith confessing,  
     The people of God from His dwelling take leave.

     The Supper is ended. O now be extended  
     The fruits of this service in all who believe.

     The seed of His teaching, Receptive souls reaching,  
     Shall blossom in action for God and for all.

     His grace did invite us, His love shall unite us  
     To work for God's kingdom and answer His call.

2    With praise and thanksgiving To God ever-living,  
     The tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face.

     Our faith ever sharing, In love ever caring,  
     Embracing His children of each tribe and race.

     With Your feast You feed us, With Your light now lead us;  
     Unite us as one in this life that we share.

     Then may all the living With praise and thanksgiving  
     Give honor to Christ and His name that we bear.

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## **THE POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE**

**C    Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.**

Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.  
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy  
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

**THE POST COMMUNION COLLECT**

**THE BENEDICTION**

**THE CLOSING HYMN: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"**

**Hymn 809**

- 1 Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee.  
Thou changest not: Thy compassions, they fail not;  
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be. Refrain

ref Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

- 2 Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. Refrain

- 3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! Refrain

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**THE POSTLUDE: "Praise to the Lord the Almighty" -Paul Manz**

**Preacher:** Pastor Philip E. Bloch **Lector:** Vicar Farney

**Liturgists:** Pastor Fredstrom & Pastor Blomenberg

**Organist:** Mr. Paul Scheiderer **11:15 Soloist:** Keira Hatfield

*Vicar is leading worship at Camp Lakeview at 9:00*

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