

The Season of Pentecost

October 4, 2026



Immanuel
Lutheran Church

Sharing in God's justice and kindness

Good morning and welcome to Immanuel

We are honored that you have chosen to spend Sunday morning with us at Immanuel. We pray that you will be renewed by this worship and reminded that God loves you just as you are. We will be sharing Holy Communion this morning. Regardless of your background, denomination, or where you are in your faith journey, you are welcome to receive this meal of grace and love.

Helpful Hints for Worship

- Our worship service is recorded. If you prefer not to be included, please speak to an usher. Communion is not recorded.
- If you have trouble hearing, please note the hearing loop has been installed in the nave. The testing of the loop shows the best location to sit is in the center and the first six pews.
- Prior to the start of worship, please silence cellular phones.

Reminder: the parking lots doors will be locked 15 minutes after worship begins.

Please use the QR code if you would like to make a gift to Immanuel online.



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Service of the Word

- Gathering -

Prelude

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water is poured into the font.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you created us in your image and placed us in a well-watered garden. In the desert, you promised pools of water for the parched, and you gave us water from the rock. When we did not know the way, you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters. At the cross, you washed us from Jesus' wounded side, and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life.

We praise you for your salvation through water, for the water in this font, and for all water everywhere – for the Great Lakes, the Genesee River, the creeks and ponds that flow around us.

Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love. Satisfy all who thirst, and give us the life only you can give.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ, our living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending



1. God, whose giv - ing known no end - ing, from your rich and end - less store:
2. Skills and time are ours for press - ing t'ward the goals of Christ, your Son:
3. Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through pow'rs your grace con - ferred;



na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly cross, grave's shat - tered door,
all at peace in health and free - dom, rac - es joined, the church made one.
ours to use for home and kin - dred, and to spread the gos - pel word.



gift - ed by you, we turn to you, of - fring up our - selves in praise;
Now dir - ect our dai - ly la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone;
O - pen wide our hands in shar - ing, as we heed Christ's age - less call,



thank - ful song shall rise for - ev - er, grac - ious do - nor of our days.
born with ta - lents, make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.
heal - ing, teach - ing, and re - claim - ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.

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Music: *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia, 1844; arr. *Selected Hymns*, 1985
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Greeting

You are the treasured people of the Lord,
a people holy to the Lord our God.

Keep the words of the Lord in your heart; teach them to your children.

Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.

One does not live by bread alone,

but by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

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.

Scripture Song 661 *I Love to Tell the Story*

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your
Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do
them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Welcome

- *Word* -

Children's Message

First Reading *Isaiah 5:1-7*

- ¹ I will sing for my beloved
 my love song concerning his vineyard:
My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill.
- ² He dug it and cleared it of stones and planted it with choice vines;
he built a watchtower in the midst of it
 and hewed out a wine vat in it;
he expected it to yield grapes,
 but it yielded rotten grapes.
- ³ And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem
 and people of Judah,
judge between me and my vineyard.
- ⁴ What more was there to do for my vineyard
 that I have not done in it?
When I expected it to yield grapes,
 why did it yield rotten grapes?

⁵ And now I will tell you
what I will do to my vineyard.
I will remove its hedge,
and it shall be devoured;
I will break down its wall,
and it shall be trampled down.

⁶ I will make it a wasteland;
it shall not be pruned or hoed,
and it shall be overgrown with briers and thorns;
I will also command the clouds
that they rain no rain upon it.

⁷ For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts
is the house of Israel,
and the people of Judah
are his cherished garden;
he expected justice
but saw bloodshed;
righteousness
but heard a cry!

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 80:7-15 *Sung responsively*



⁷ Restore us, O | God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us, and we | shall be saved.

⁸ **You have brought a vine | out of Egypt;**
you cast out the nations and | planted it.

⁹ You cleared the | ground for it;
it took root and | filled the land.

¹⁰ **The mountains were covered | by its shadow**
and the towering cedar trees | by its boughs.

- ¹¹ You stretched out its tendrils | to the sea
and its branches | to the river.
- ¹² **Why have you broken | down its wall,
so that all who pass by pluck | off its grapes?**
- ¹³ The wild boar of the forest has | ravaged it,
and the beasts of the field have | grazed upon it.
- ¹⁴ **Turn now, O | God of hosts,
look | down from heaven;**
- ¹⁵ behold and | tend this vine;
preserve what your right | hand has planted.

Second Reading *Philippians 3:4b-14*

[Paul writes:] ^{4b} If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷ Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸ More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹² Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal, but I press on to lay hold of that for which Christ has laid hold of me. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have laid hold of it, but one thing I have laid hold of: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal, toward the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

The musical score is written for two systems, each consisting of a treble and a bass staff. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The melody is primarily in the treble staff, with the bass staff providing harmonic support. The lyrics are: "Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." The first system ends with a double bar line, and the second system continues the melody and harmony.

Verses may be sung by a leader. Then the alleluia is repeated.

Music: "Alleluia 7," Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994, and the Taizé Community
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Gospel *Matthew 21:33-46*

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] ³³ "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went away. ³⁴ When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵ But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶ Again he sent other slaves, more than the first, and they treated them in the same way. ³⁷ Then he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' ³⁸ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' ³⁹ So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰ Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those

tenants?" ⁴¹ They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

⁴² Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures:

"The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord's doing,
and it is amazing in our eyes'?"

⁴³ "Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces its fruits. ⁴⁴ The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."

⁴⁵ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶ They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day 645

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

- Response to the Word -

In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

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.

Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;

pray in the Holy Spirit.

Keep yourselves in the love of God;

look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

Everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new!

God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

Gracious God,

have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all our sins.
Amen.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Anthem *The Chief Cornerstone* - Bradley Ellingboe

Prayers of Intercession

In Christ Jesus we meet the God who knows our weakness and bears the wounds of the world. Therefore, let us be bold as we pray, trusting that God draws near to those in any kind of need.

Each petition ends:

God of love,

hear our prayer.

Lord, remember us in your love and teach us to pray:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

- Sending -

Blessing

May the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ fill you with every spiritual blessing.

Amen.

May the God of faithfulness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus.

Amen.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Hymn 595 *Jesus Loves Me!*

Dismissal

Go out with joy! Be led forth with peace!

We go sharing in God's justice and kindness. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

*Many thanks to Ed Huehn
who is leading worship this morning while Pastor Joanne is away.*

Men's Breakfast Starts October 13, 8:15 AM

Immanuel's MEN'S MONTHLY BREAKFAST begins Tuesday, October 13, 8:15 AM at Mama Lor's on Ridge Road in Union Hill. It is a time for informal fellowship and conversation. The agenda is simple – eat breakfast; no planned program; fellowship and conversation; and, a weekly question/topic raised for a brief discussion by all. We order off the menu and pay for ourselves. All men of Immanuel are invited and encouraged to come. If you have any questions, please speak with Paul Shoop.

September Adult Class - A Study of the Epistle of James

As Lutherans, we often give the epistle of James a bad rap, thinking we're following the advice of Martin Luther himself. Yet, Luther did not want James removed from the New Testament nor from Sunday worship readings, e.g. the lectionary. Join the adult Sunday school immediately after worship, as we begin a study on the background and rich teachings of this short letter. James' words are very relevant to today's world! Come and learn how James' ideas should influence our daily thoughts and approaches to community.

Choirs Have Begun!

We welcome new members to both choirs! Come make a joyful noise with us! For more information, reach out to Ali in person or via email at music@immanuelwebster.org

Bible Study Wednesdays at Panera!

Bible Study has resumed for the fall! Come have a wonderful morning of fun, fellowship, and learning as we enter the book of Acts! Join us at 9 am at Panera Bread on Holt Road. Bring your bible, your questions, your curiosity, and plan to learn, share, and laugh!

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