

# Welcome to Worship at Immanuel Lutheran Church



June 14, 2026  
9 a.m. Service Bulletin  
Year A Lectionary

## THANK YOU FOR CHOOSING TO WORSHIP WITH US!



**WE BELIEVE THAT GUESTS ARE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**, and we seek to make your visit faithful and positive! Please scan the QR code to left or sign the Pew Register (red notebook) as it is passed down your pew.

**WE BELIEVE THAT SERVING CHRIST MEANS SERVING OUR NEIGHBORS.** Our name, Immanuel, means “God with us.” Everything we do is to welcome and serve the Lord who is here among us, in you, and in our neighbors.

Our ministries, from our Worship to our Soup Kitchen and Food Bank, from our Jail Ministry to our Women’s Drug Recovery house, from our Homeless Children’s Ministry to our Campus Ministry at Lander University, are all designed and carried out to share “God with us” with our surrounding neighborhood and city. God’s Love is inexhaustible! People from all around town work alongside us to share this Love with our neighbors. You can too!

**WE BELIEVE THAT CHURCH** is where disagreements may occur, and the love of Christ draws us together to worship and work together. We do not all agree on everything, but we do love God and each other, and that is enough!

**WE BELIEVE THAT GOD LOVES EVERYONE**, so we do too! ALL are welcome here!

### HOSPITALITY

**RESTROOMS** - Our Handicap Accessible Restroom is located just outside the door by the pulpit.

We also have restrooms downstairs nearby.

**CHILD CARE** - We have a room for parents that offers a private, quick, and convenient space for caring for children. The room is located just outside of the sanctuary through the door beside the pulpit.

### INTRODUCTION TO THE SEASON

The Season after Pentecost is the longest in the church year, extending from Pentecost (50 days after Easter) for 27 Sundays in a row until the Season of Advent. It’s called “ordinary” time because the Sundays are numbered in an ordinal pattern. Perhaps even more meaningful is that the lessons shared in the liturgy of the Season after Pentecost are focused on how we live each ordinary day as followers of Christ. How do we, how can we, grow more like Jesus in our everyday habits, routines, and interactions? It takes a long period of concentrated awareness to live as Christ wants us to live. For 27 consecutive Sundays, we hear stories inviting us to grow into a bigger understanding of the Kingdom of God.

### INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

In today’s Gospel Jesus sends out the disciples as laborers into the harvest. In baptism we too are anointed for ministry, sharing God’s compassion with our needy world. From the Lord’s table we go forth to proclaim the good news, to heal the sick, and to share our bread with the hungry.

✠ THE WELCOME John Kinard, Council Member of the Day

✠ THE PRELUDE *Lord, I Want to be a Christian* Diane Bish  
Dr. Will Cleveland, Organist

✠ THE OPENING ACCLAMATION The Rev. Chris Christopher, Pastor

Pastor Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, whose compassion endures forever.

ALL AMEN.

Pastor Please be seated or kneel as we offer God our confession.

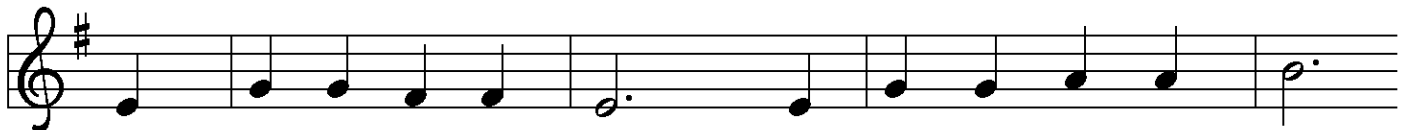
✠ THE CONFESSION

*Please be seated or kneel.*

Pastor Compassionate God,

ALL we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.  
In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.  
Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray. AMEN.

✠ THE KYRIE *Lord, Have Mercy* ELW Setting 10



1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.  
2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.  
3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.  
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.  
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

## ✠ THE ABSOLUTION (Declaration of Forgiveness)

Pastor Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Creator, ✠ Redeemer, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love.

ALL AMEN.

## ✠ THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

*Please stand, as you are able.*

Pastor The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

ALL And also with you.

## ✠ THE GLORIA

*Glory to God in the Highest*

ELW Setting 2



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we



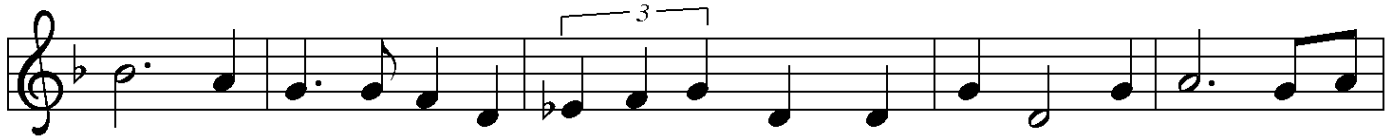
wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of



God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are



seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



*Refrain*  
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



3 For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.



*Refrain*  
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

## ✝ THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor God of compassion,  
ALL you have opened the way for us and brought us to yourself. Pour your love into our hearts, that, overflowing with joy, we may freely share the blessings of your realm and faithfully proclaim the good news of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. AMEN.

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*Please be seated.*

## ✝ THE LESSON Romans 5:1-12

### Summary

Lector *Today's lesson emphasizes that we have peace with God because we were brought into a right relationship with God through Christ's death. Now, the lesson from the book of Romans in the New Testament.*

Lector <sup>1</sup> Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup> through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. <sup>3</sup> And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, <sup>4</sup> and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup> and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. <sup>6</sup> For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup> Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. <sup>8</sup> But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup> Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! <sup>10</sup> For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! <sup>11</sup> Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation. <sup>12</sup> Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned.

Lector Here ends the lesson. For the word given to us,  
ALL Thanks be to God.

# ✠ THE PSALM 100

Lector <sup>1</sup> Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all you lands!  
ALL <sup>2</sup> Serve the Lord with gladness; come into God's presence with a song.  
Lector <sup>3</sup> Know that the Lord is God, our maker to whom we belong; we are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture.  
ALL <sup>4</sup> Enter the gates of the Lord with thanksgiving and the courts with praise; give thanks and bless God's holy name.  
Lector <sup>5</sup> Good indeed is the Lord,  
ALL whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from age to age.

# ✠ THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *My Hope Is Built* ELW # 597

*Please stand, as you are able.*



1 My hope is built on nothing less than  
2 When darkness veils his lovely face, I  
3 His oath, his covenant, his blood sus -  
4 When he shall come with trumpet sound, oh,



Je - sus' blood and right - teous - ness; no merit of my  
rest on his un - chang - ing grace; in ev - 'ry high and  
tain me in the rag - ing flood; when all sup - ports are  
may I then in him be found, clothed in his right - teous -



own I claim, but wholly lean on Je - sus' name.  
storm - y gale my an - chor holds with - in the veil.  
washed a - way, he then is all my hope and stay.  
ness a - lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

*Refrain*



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Text: Edward Mote, 1797–1874, alt.  
Music: MELITA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

## ✝ THE GOSPEL READING Matthew 9:35–10:8

Pastor The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew the 9<sup>th</sup> chapter.

ALL **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Pastor <sup>35</sup> Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness. <sup>36</sup> When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. <sup>37</sup> Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; <sup>38</sup> therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

<sup>10:1</sup> Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. <sup>2</sup> These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee and his brother John; <sup>3</sup> Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus and Thaddaeus; <sup>4</sup> Simon the Cananaean and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

<sup>5</sup> These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Do not take a road leading to gentiles, and do not enter a Samaritan town, <sup>6</sup> but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. <sup>7</sup> As you go, proclaim the good news, ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ <sup>8</sup> Cure the sick; raise the dead; cleanse those with a skin disease; cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

Pastor This is the Gospel of the Lord.

ALL **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## ✝ THE SERMON

*Please be seated.*

John Kinard

# ✝ THE HYMN OF THE DAY

## In Christ Alone

*Please stand, as you are able.*

1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my  
 2. In Christ a - lone who took on flesh; Full-ness of God in help - less  
 3. There in the ground His bod - y lay; Light of the world by dark - ness  
 4. No guilt in life, no fear in death; This is the power of Christ in

song; This Corn - er - stone, this sol - id ground, Firm through the  
 babe. This gift of love and right - eous - ness Scorned by the  
 slain. Then burst - ing forth in glo - rious day, Up from the  
 me. From life's first cry to fi - nal breath Je - sus com -

fier - est drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of  
 ones He came to save; 'Til on that cross as Je - sus  
 grave He rose a - gain! And as He stands in vic - to -  
 mands my des - ti - ny. No power of hell, no scheme of

peace When fears are stilled, when striv - ings cease; My Com - fort -  
 died The wrath of God was sat - is - fied; For ev - ery  
 ry Sin's curse has lost its grip on me; For I am  
 man Can ev - er pluck me from His hand; 'Til He re -

er, my All in All; Here in the love of Christ I stand.  
 sin on Him was laid; Here in the death of Christ I live.  
 His and He is mine, Bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ!  
 turns or calls me home, Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

## ✠ THE NICENE CREED

AM = Assisting Minister

AM Living together in joy, let us confess our faith.

ALL We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of Heaven and Earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. AMEN.

## ✠ THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Please be seated or kneel.*

AM Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world.

*Silence for preparation*

AM God of freedom, you ransomed Israel from slavery to be a holy people. As we observe Juneteenth this coming week, free us also to be a people who proclaim your liberating love. God of grace,

ALL hear our prayer.

AM God of creation, you call all the Earth to make a joyful noise to you. Let us join the chorus of the natural world in proclaiming your glory. God of grace,  
ALL **hear our prayer.**

AM God of the nations, you sent Jesus as peace for ALL of humankind. Bring an end to war and conflict, bring hope to places devastated by destruction, and sustain those who advocate for peace. God of grace,  
ALL **hear our prayer.**

AM God of grace, you pour hope and love into our hearts in times of shame and doubt. Protect those experiencing housing insecurity. Uplift anyone struggling with hopelessness, illness, or other worries. God of grace,  
ALL **hear our prayer.**

AM God of diversity, we lift our praises to you for your boundless creation. When we look at the faces of your beloveds, and the rich and full lives they lead, it is indeed a cause for celebration because you have named and claimed us ALL as holy and worthy of love. We give thanks this pride month for our LGBT+ siblings, who embody the diversity of your kingdom. Help us to see our LGBT+ siblings in your glorious image. God of grace,  
ALL **hear our prayer.**

AM God of faith, we give thanks for the departed, including Nita Swygert Ward, and the saints who earnestly seek you. Guide us as we seek to follow those who have led your church. God of grace,  
ALL **hear our prayer.**

AM Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our Savior.  
ALL **AMEN.**

## ✝ THE PEACE

*Please stand, as you are able.*

AM The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
ALL **And also with you.**

AM Let us turn to our AV Team and those worshiping with us on-line and on the radio and say together,  
ALL **the peace of the Lord be with you.**

# THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Holy Communion

*Please be seated.*



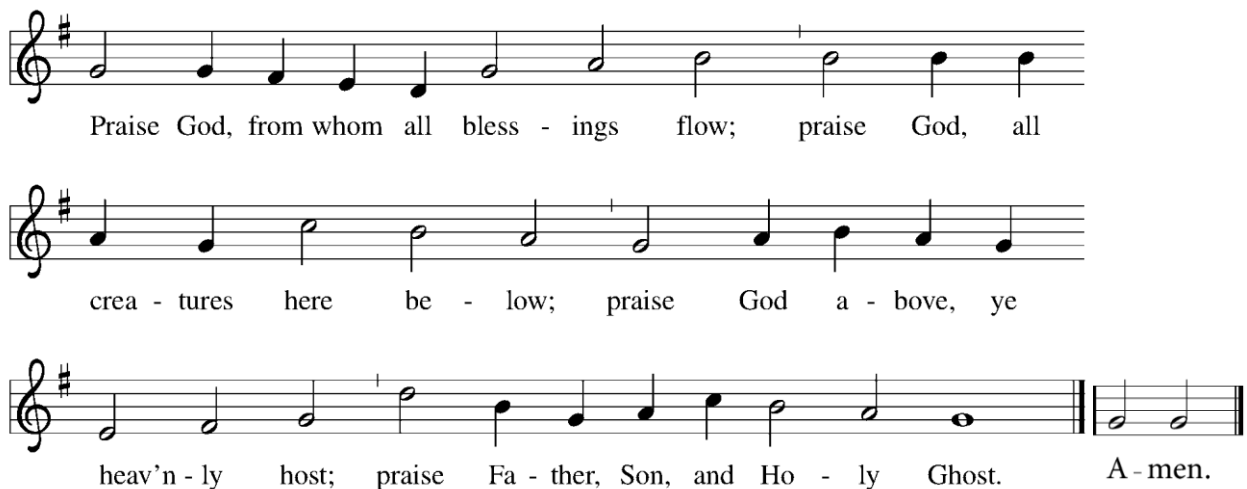
\*During this time the ushers will pass the offering plates. If you prefer, you may give remotely by scanning the QR code to the left or visiting our website [www.ilcgreenwood.com](http://www.ilcgreenwood.com) and selecting GIVE from the menu. THANK YOU for your generosity.

## ✝ THE OFFERTORY MEDITATION

## ✝ THE DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

*Please stand, as you are able.*



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise God, all  
crea - tures here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye  
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711, alt.  
Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

## ✝ THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

Pastor Loving God,  
ALL we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. AMEN.

## ✝ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor      The Lord be with you.  
ALL         And also with you.  
Pastor      Lift up your hearts.  
ALL         We lift them to the Lord.  
Pastor      Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
ALL         It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*The Pastor continues with the Words of Institution.*

## ✝ THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor      Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.  
ALL         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.

## ✝ THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*Please be seated.*

*ALL are invited regardless of your understanding, your faith background, or sense of worth. Christ invites you. Jesus gives himself for you; Yes, for YOU. So come, come to the Table of the Lord. Communion is distributed by intinction, the dipping of the bread into the cup. The silver cups hold wine. The stoneware cups hold grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request; please ask for gluten free as you approach the server. Prepackaged elements are available inside a bowl at the head of the aisle. ALL are welcome to use the chancel rail for private prayer during the distribution.*

# ✠ THE AGNUS DEI

O Lamb of God

Dm Gm<sup>7</sup> C F<sup>sus</sup> F F C F B $\flat$  C

O Lamb of God, you take a - way the

5 F C F/A Am B $\flat$  C Dm

sins of the world; have mer - cy on us,

8 B $\flat$  F C Dm Gm<sup>7</sup> C F<sup>sus</sup> F

Lamb of God, and grant us your peace.

from *Land of Rest Acclamations* by Richard Proulx

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# ✝ THE COMMUNION HYMN

Amazing Grace

ELW # 779

1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that  
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I  
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his  
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but  
 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that  
 have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me  
 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and  
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found; was blind, but now I see.  
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt., sts. 1–4; anonymous, st. 5  
 Music: NEW BRITAIN, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835; arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1851–1921, alt.

## ✝ THE BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

*Please stand, as you are able.*

Pastor      The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in  
                 God's Grace!

ALL            AMEN!

## ✝ THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Pastor      Compassionate God,

ALL            through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of  
                 your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love  
                 freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the  
                 Spirit nourishing us now and forever. AMEN.

## ✝ THE BENEDICTION

Pastor      Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ✝ one God, bless, heal, and hold you  
                 today and always.

ALL            AMEN.

THANK YOU to those serving in Worship today!

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|-------------------------------|--|
| Council Member of the Day     | John Kinard                                |
| Lector                        | Kat Finkbeiner                             |
| Acolytes                      | Hendricks Bowen and Graham Bowen           |
| Communion Assistants          | Bo Bowman, Danny Kinard, and Stacy Volpone |
| Sound and Video Technician(s) | Larry Hammond and Jim Cochran              |
| Altar Guild                   | Kat Finkbeiner                             |
| Ushers                        | Kat Finkbeiner and Erwin Finkbeiner        |
| Counter                       | John Kinard                                |
| Officer on Duty               | Will Stroup                                |

Altar flowers today are given by Jean and Wayne Boozer to God's glory and in celebration of their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

# ✚ THE CLOSING HYMN

Lead on, O King Eternal

ELW # 805

1 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal! The day of march has come;  
2 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,  
3 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal: we fol - low, not with fears,

hence - forth in fields of con - quest your tents will be our home.  
and ho - li - ness shall whis - per the sweet a - men of peace;  
for glad - ness breaks like morn - ing wher - e'er your face ap - pears.

Through days of prep - a - ra - tion your grace has made us strong;  
for not with swords loud clash - ing, nor roll of stir - ring drums,  
Your cross is lift - ed o'er us; we jour - ney in its light;

and now, O King e - ter - nal, we lift our bat - tle song.  
but deeds of love and mer - cy the heav'n - ly king - dom comes.  
the crown a - waits the con - quest; lead on, O God of might!

Text: Ernest W. Shurtleff, 1862-1917  
Music: LANCASHIRE, Henry T. Smart, 1813-1879

## ✝ THE PROCLAMATION OF OUR MISSION AND DISMISSAL

CM = Council Member of the Day

CM Let us proclaim together:

ALL **By the grace of God, we are disciples growing in faith, serving our communities, and connecting others to Christ.**

CM Go in peace.

ALL **Thanks be to God.**

## ✝ THE POSTLUDE

*Fanfare for a New Day*

J. Wayne Kerr

## ✝ THE PRAYER LIST

\*Please email Dr. Will to add or remove names.

If anyone needs visitation, please contact Pastor Chris.

**Those in need of healing:** Maddy Bell, Linda Beveridge, Stephanie Branch, Wayne Cannon, Tom Carter, Vicky Crawford, Patricia Carteron, Steve Crooks, Oliver Conaty, Laquana Davis, Ronald Ewart, the family of Spencer Franks, Michael Gagné, the Goodman family, Traver Gowan, Pop Pop Gowan, Chelsea Hall, Samuel Raines, John Mark Scruggs, Muriel Houde-Stickney, Tracy Koester, David Krumwiede, Anna Luna, Judith Mutter, Chandler Patterson, and Betty Weeks.

**Those with long term needs:** Gail Bouknight, Rick Coker, Richard Coker, Latroscha Fuller, Willie Fred Kennedy, Lois Kuntz, Martin Pueschel, Rodine Russell (NHC 226-D), Sara Russell, Jeanne Shealy, Deanna Whitt, and Emily Wallace.

**Those in the military:** Daniel Darling, Nicholas Pueschel, and Devin Rosenbaum.

**Expectant and new again parents and siblings, the women of Kinard Manor and ALL in recovery, the people fed through our Soup Kitchen Ministry and Food Pantry Ministry, the people participating in our Jail Ministry, the people of our Matthew 25:40 Ministry, along with the people they continue to help in Guatemala, and**

**The families of Saints who have been received into their eternal rest:** L.B. Adams Jr., Nita Swygert Ward.

## THIS WEEK AT ILC

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### Sunday, June 14

9 a.m. Worship (Nave)

10 a.m. Coffee time and Adult Christian Education (Old Fellowship Hall)

11 a.m. Congregation Council Meeting (McCombs Meeting Room)

4:30 p.m. Worship (Nave)

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### Monday, June 15

9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Day Camp

Pickleball is on break until after Labor Day.

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### Tuesday, June 16

9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Day Camp

9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Food Pantry (Welcome Center)

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### Wednesday, June 17

9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Day Camp

9 a.m. God's Gardeners

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### Thursday, June 18

9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Day Camp

11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Food Pantry (Welcome Center)

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### Friday, June 19 Juneteenth - Office Closed

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Please make sure you are registered to receive Immanuel's electronic communications and weekly newsletter by scanning the QR code.

**Announcements for the Sunday bulletin and the weekly newsletter are due to Dr. Will by Wednesday at 10 a.m.**



## Announcing ILC's Summer Children's Programs

\*This year we will be hosting two programs that need volunteers.

### Day Camp June 15-19

On Sunday, June 14, five Lutheridge counselors will arrive to lead a week of day camp ministry for approximately 24 children from the local Boys & Girls Clubs.

#### Ways you can be involved:

1. Host Meals for the counselors (home or restaurant) Monday night AND Thursday night.
2. Prepare and Serve Lunch Monday - Thursday The kitchen crew can always use extra hands to prepare, serve and clean-up. Extra hands for a few hours or a few days are always welcome.
3. Provide a Thrivent Card that helps fund food, snacks, t-shirts and supplies for activities.

### Mini-MAD July 9 - 11

Dr. Will is coordinating a program of Music, Arts and Drama (MAD) the mornings of Thursday July 9 - Saturday July 11. Program hours are 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Please scan the QR code to register.



#### Ways you can be involved:

1. Serve light lunch to participants each of the three days at 12:15 p.m.
2. Volunteer to help in the sessions or serve snacks during the morning (9-12)
3. Provide a Thrivent Card - helps fund food, snacks, and program supplies.

If you can help in any of these areas, please let me know.

In Christ's Service,  
Zeolean Kinard  
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kinardz@yahoo.com

*Birthday Celebration  
for Liz Coker*



Join us for a drop-in on  
Saturday, June 27 from  
2:00 pm to 4:00 pm at  
Immanuel Lutheran Church  
501 East Creswell,  
Greenwood, SC

Your presence will be a gift



RSVP/Contact

Carol Coker

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Tracy Lopez

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## ✝ THE ANNOUNCEMENTS (week of 6/14/2026)

- **Congregation Council Meeting** - TODAY at 11 a.m. (McCombs Meeting Room)
  - **Immanuel's Summer Camps** - please see page 20.
  - **Liz Coker 99<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration** - please see page 21 for more information.
  - **Kinard Manor** needs the following items:
    - Ziplock Baggies all sizes
    - Clothes hangers
    - Kotex pads
    - Laundry pods
    - Fitted sheets, white, twin-size
    - Ibuprofen
    - Notebooks-spiral
    - Journals
    - Pens
- \*Donations may be left outside the Dot Wise room.



Juneteenth is a federal holiday in the United States commemorating the emancipation of enslaved African Americans. It marks the day in 1865 when Union troops arrived in Galveston, Texas, to inform enslaved people they were free—over two years after the Emancipation Proclamation. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) commemorates Juneteenth as both a celebration of liberation and a call to action to dismantle systemic racism.

### **A Prayer for Juneteenth**

Loving and Righteous God, on this Juneteenth, we come before you with hearts full of reverence, gratitude, and remembrance. We celebrate the joyous day when the news of emancipation broke through the darkness of Galveston, Texas, bringing the long-awaited light of freedom to our enslaved siblings. We honor the profound resilience, courage, and faith of our ancestors who endured the horrors of bondage, 222 yet held fast to the hope of liberation. We thank You for every chain broken and every captive set free. Yet, Lord, we acknowledge that the work of true freedom and equality is an ongoing journey. We pray for healing and reconciliation in our communities and our nation. Grant us the wisdom to confront injustice wherever it exists and the courage to make no peace with oppression. Strengthen our hands to build a society where every person is treated with dignity, respect, and unconditional love. Guide us to be instruments of Your peace, working tirelessly so that liberty and justice truly prevail for all. May our celebrations today be filled with joy, unity, and a renewed commitment to walk arm-in-arm toward a more equitable future. In Your holy and liberating name, we pray. AMEN.



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