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DIVINE SERVICE AT IMMANUEL: In addition to the in-person services, all Services are live streamed also. The live stream is available at the following Youtube link:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqkp9bt5FmMFDmfW0QNplUw/videos>

DIVINE SERVICE AT IMMANUEL AT 10:00 a.m.

July 5

Zechariah 9:9–12
Psalm 145:1–14
Romans 7:14–25a
Matthew 11:25–30

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

“Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!”
“The lord upholds all who are falling.”
“I know that nothing good dwells in me.” M
“Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden.”

Zechariah prophesies the coming of King Jesus, whose reign is about mercy, grace, life, and goodness, not about wrath, power, anger, or violence. Sometimes we mistakenly think that unyielding wrath guarantees change, self-condemnation gets correction, and power deserves respect. But for Christians, it is only the gracious, gentle, merciful Jesus who delivers us from our body of death. He is our divine respite in whom we know kindness, goodness, and forgiveness.

July 12

Isaiah 55:10–13
Psalm 65:(1–8) 9–13
Romans 8:12–17
Matthew 13:1–9, 18–23

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

God’s Word will accomplish what He desires.
“They shout . . . for joy.”
“All who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.”
Parable of the sower of the seed

God nourishes the whole earth with refreshing water, yielding a bountiful harvest. His Word does the same—nourishing faith, refreshing souls, and increasing joy. We dare not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit, who magnifies and sheds all kinds of God’s goodness upon us and makes us heirs of an incomparable wealth in the Gospel of Christ, recipients of His life-giving Word, and inheritors of the everlasting kingdom of God.

July 19

Isaiah 44:6–8
Psalm 119:57–64
Romans 8:18–27
Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Apart from Me, there is no God.
“O lord, . . . teach me Your statutes.”
“The Spirit . . . intercedes for us.”
Parable of weeds among the wheat

The Lord of hosts is the indisputable Redeemer—there is no other! All creation awaits the revelation of the sons of God, who by grace become God’s adopted heirs. We are the redeemed, the hope-filled, the ones for whom the Spirit cries out that our weaknesses may not devastate, suffocate, or strangle us. In Christ, we are forgiven and known as the children of His kingdom, because we hear His Word and believe!

July 26

Deuteronomy 7:6–9

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

“You are a people holy to the lord your God.”

Psalm 125
Romans 8:28–39
Matthew 13:44–52

“Those who trust in the lord are like Mount Zion.”
God works for the good of those who love Him.
The kingdom of heaven

The people of God are treasured possessions, chosen and loved for all eternity. God’s divine, amazing grace embraces the predestined, the justified, the glorified. God’s divine deliverance rescues from tribulation, persecution, danger, and death. Anything that would separate us from the love of God in Christ is rendered completely powerless! God’s people, made righteous by Him, will live forever as citizens in the kingdom of heaven.

Ministry Notes

Cemetery services at 8 a.m. began June 28 and continue through August 30th.

Liturgists:

July 5, Mark Smith
July 12, Gary Stratemeyer
July 19, Steve Heemann
July 26, Gary Stratemeyer

Lay Readers:

July 5, Mark Smith and various readers
July 12, Sandy Collins
July 19, Stacey Brown
July 26, Carolyn Henn

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY: We are in the process of producing a new Membership Directory for Immanuel. If you are unable to come to the Church to review current details we have for you which are in a box in the narthex, please email the office with your address, phone number (s) and email if you wish to be included. We will include information we have for you as shown in the old directory if we do not hear from you otherwise.

CHURCH FLOWERS

If you would like a special arrangement, the procedure is to call Denise Waicker at (443) 981-0019 or Denisewaicker@mac.com. Denise needs to know the date you select and the statement you want to include so that she can order the flowers for that Sunday. The cost depends on your selection. Pay by cash or check (make payable to *Denise Waicker*) and give to Denise Waicker in person or mail checks via the postal service.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

-Lois H., mother of Sandy Collins, who is recovering from surgery
-Elaine Schwab, who has begun treatment for anemia
-Joan Goeller, who is facing surgery
-Sally Hermann, who is facing surgery

-Naomi Kruelle, sister-in-law of Rick, who is having chronic health problems
-Sarah Lietzau, who is undergoing medical tests
-Elaine Mueller, who suffered a fall and is recovering at home
-Lisa Chimento Rebstock, daughter-in-law of Phyllis Rebstock, who is battling kidney cancer
-Pamela Hasskamp, who has been diagnosed with cancer
-Muriel Hopkins, who fractured her arm
- Rosemarie Wilson, the daughter of Filleseta James, who has had a diagnosis of MS.
-For peace in Ukraine, Israel, Gaza, and Russia, Iran, and the Middle East.
-Bonnie and Joe Castrilli as she cares for her husband who has dementia
-Joseph Woah-tee missing, and whereabouts unknown

Birthdays:

2	Carolyn Henn
3	Keira Huhra
6	Lucas Witt
7	Jordan Gordon
10	Jacob Pfitzinger
12	Olivia Elbers
15	Gabriel Tenabe
16	Amy Bishop
19	Lilac Witt (2016)
20	Charlie Clark
23	Delores Harvey
25	Ray Spitznas
27	Gerhard Ehlerding
28	Amanda Thomas

July anniversaries:

1	Jerry and Mary Ruble
11	Jefferson and Christine Will

July/August 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5 8 am Cemetery service 9 am Sunday school 10 am Divine Service 12:00 pm Calvary Christian	6	7	8 6:30 pm LRIA BoD	9	10	11
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Monday thru Friday beginning August 6, 7:00 am to 4:30 pm Kierrakares Summer program in the Fellowship Hall