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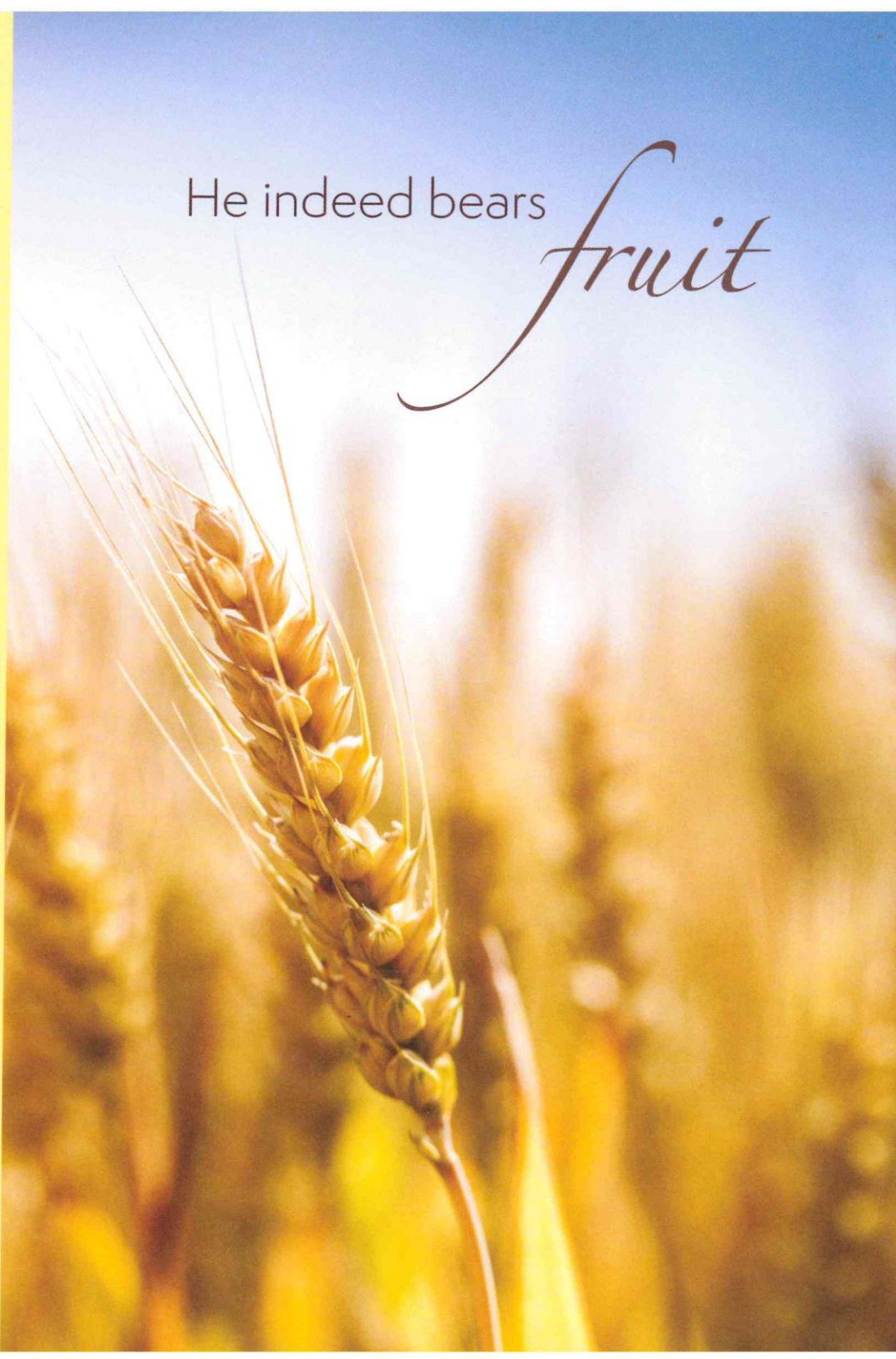
He indeed bears

*fruit*

**About the  
Cover:**

**In the midst of  
unrest among  
nations, Jesus  
has come to  
speak peace.  
His peace is  
not like what  
the world  
promises. His  
peace is  
eternal and  
secured by His  
cross and  
resurrection  
for the  
forgiveness of  
sins. Jesus  
continues to  
speak peace to  
the nations  
through His  
Church  
through His  
Word and  
Sacraments.  
His yoke is  
easy, and His  
burden is light.**

*(Matthew  
11:30).*



# IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH AND STUDENT CENTER

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## THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**Theme for worship:** St. Paul, in our epistle lesson this week, describes the struggle we all face internally. We know what is good and right and yet we often don't do the good we desire and instead do the evil we hate. We'll explore the sinful nature that dwells in each of us then take comfort in Jesus' message in the Gospel lesson reminding us that He carries our yoke and burden, entering into our struggles, over coming them on the cross.

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### ♪ Pre-Service Music

#### Welcome

### ♪ Opening Song: "Open the Eyes of My Heart"

*Chorus 1* Open the eyes of my heart Lord

Open the eyes of my heart

I want to see You I want to see You

Open the eyes of my heart Lord

Open the eyes of my heart

I want to see You I want to see You

1. To see You high and lifted up

Shining in the light of Your glory

Pour out Your power and love

As we sing holy holy holy High and lifted up

Shining in the light of Your glory

Pour out Your power and love As we sing holy holy holy

*Misc 1 (Bridge)* Holy holy holy Holy holy holy

Holy holy holy I want to see You

Holy holy holy Holy holy holy

Holy holy holy I want to see You

*Chorus 1* Open the eyes of my heart Lord

Open the eyes of my heart

I want to see You I want to see You

Open the eyes of my heart Lord

Open the eyes of my heart

I want to see You I want to see You

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## Invocation

**P** We begin in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen

## Apostles' Creed

**C** 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.

## Introit

*Psalm 91:2, 9–10; antiphon: v. 1*

**P** He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High

**C** will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

**P** I will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my fortress,

**C** my God, in whom I trust.”

**P** Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place

**C** the Most High, who is my refuge

**P** no evil shall be allowed to befall you,

**C** no plague come near your tent.

**P** & **C** Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

**P** He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High

**C** will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

## The Collect

**P** Let us pray.

**C** Gracious God, our heavenly Father, Your mercy attends us all our days. Be our strength and support amid the wearisome changes of this world, and at life’s end grant us Your promised rest and the full joys of Your salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

## Old Testament Reading

*Zechariah 9:9–12*

<sup>9</sup>Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!  
Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!  
behold, your king is coming to you;  
righteous and having salvation is he,  
humble and mounted on a donkey,  
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

<sup>10</sup>I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim  
and the war horse from Jerusalem;  
and the battle bow shall be cut off,  
and he shall speak peace to the nations;  
his rule shall be from sea to sea,  
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

<sup>11</sup>As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,  
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

<sup>12</sup>Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;  
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## The Epistle Lesson

*Romans 7:14–25a*

<sup>14</sup>We know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. <sup>15</sup>I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. <sup>16</sup>Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. <sup>17</sup>So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. <sup>18</sup>For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. <sup>19</sup>For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. <sup>20</sup>Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.

<sup>21</sup>So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. <sup>22</sup>For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, <sup>23</sup>but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members.

<sup>24</sup>Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? <sup>25</sup>Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## The Children's Message

*Rev Marty Marks*

## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 11:25–30*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 11<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C** **Glory to you O Lord**

<sup>25</sup>At that time Jesus declared, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; <sup>26</sup>yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. <sup>27</sup>All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. <sup>28</sup>Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup>Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup>For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord

**C** **Praise to you O Christ**

## ♪ Sermon Song: “Jesus Loves Me, Alleluia”

**Jesus loves me this I know  
For the Bible tells me so  
Little ones to Him belong  
They are weak but He is strong**

*Chorus: Alleluia (9x)*

**Jesus loves me, He who died  
Heaven’s gate to open wide  
He will wash away my sin  
Let His little child come in. *Chorus***

**Amazing grace how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost, but now am found  
Was blind but now I see. *Chorus***

**Onward Christian soldiers  
Marching as to war  
With the cross of Jesus  
Going as before. *Chorus***

## Sermon: “The Struggle”

*Rev. Marty Marks*

## Confession and Absolution

**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.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination*

**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.**

**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 Offering *(The Plates are brought forward)*

*(An offering plate is available in the narthex; plates will not be passed during the worship service. Immanuel now has the ability to accept offerings through online giving. Families can easily give one-time or set up as recurring gifts. Simply make a secure donation via electronic check by visiting [www.ImmanuelDeKalb.com](http://www.ImmanuelDeKalb.com). If you choose to set up a recurring gift, you will be prompted by email to create your own online donor account to manage your gifts.)*

## Announcements

### The Intercessory Prayers

*The Leader says prayers for specific and general concerns of God's people, following each petition with "Lord in your mercy" to which the congregation responds with "Hear our prayer."*

### The Lord's Prayer

**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**

♪ **The Closing Song: “They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love”**

**1. We are one in the Spirit, We are one in the Lord,  
We are one in the Spirit, We are one in the Lord,  
And we pray that all unity will one day be restored.**

*Refrain: And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,  
Yes, they’ll know we are Christians by our love.*

**2. We will walk with each other, We will walk hand in hand.  
We will walk with each other, We will walk hand in hand.  
And together we’ll spread the news that God is in our land. *Refrain***

**3. We will work with each other, We will work side by side.  
We will work with each other, We will work side by side.  
And we’ll guard each man’s dignity and save each man’s pride. *Refrain***

**4. All praise to the Father, From whom all things come,  
And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son,  
And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one. *Refrain***

**Benediction**

**Silent Prayers**

**Postlude**

<b>PARTICIPANTS – July 9, 2023</b>	
<b>Altar Guild: Sharon Lemke &amp; Jennifer Lemke</b>	
	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Musicians</b>	Angela Pringnitz; <i>Spiritwind coordinator</i>
<b>Pastor/Children’s Message</b>	Rev. Marty Marks
<b>Acolyte</b>	Haley Banks
<b>Lay Reader</b>	Don Haeseker
<b>Radio Narrator</b>	Sue Harms
<b>Videographer/Sound</b>	Kevin & Jackson Harms
<b>Slides</b>	Doug Nelson
<b>Ushers</b>	Taylor McWilliams, Heather Allen Hayden Harms
<b>Greeters</b>	Genese Wiehle

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**Altar Flowers:** “To the glory of God and in memory of Roger for his birthday, July 11,” by Sharon & Jennifer Lemke.

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