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***FULL VERSION***

***July 27, 2025***

***9:00 AM***

***In Person***

***& Facebook Live***

***Broadcast at***

***10:30 AM WLBK***

***On 1360 Radio***

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**About the Cover:**

Abraham boldly pleaded before God on behalf of Sodom. This boldness came from knowing who the Lord had revealed Himself to be. We know who the Lord is in the mercy of Christ Jesus. Christ interceded for us by shedding His blood on the cross. Therefore, we know that we can “with confidence draw near to the throne of grace” (Hebrews 4:16) and that He indeed listens to our prayers

Again he spoke to [the Lord]

Genesis 18:29



## IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH AND STUDENT CENTER

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### The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

**Theme for Worship:** This morning, in our Gospel lesson, Jesus teaches His disciples to pray with “The Lord’s Prayer.” We’ll examine the prayer itself and what it teaches us, while also seeing the “gift” nature of the prayer.

We will also recognize Linda Conrad for serving Immanuel for 50 years as our organist, giving thanks to God and the gift that she has been to His work at Immanuel.

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### The Ringing of the Bells

♪ **Pre-Service Music: “Love Divine, All Love Excelling”** *--piano solo*  
“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” *--piano solo*

### Welcome

♪ **Opening Hymn: “This Is the Day the Lord Has Made”** *--LSB #903*

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| <p><b>1</b> This is the day the Lord has made;<br/>He calls the hours His own.<br/>Let heav’n rejoice, let earth be glad<br/>And praise surround the throne.</p> <p><b>2</b> Today He rose and left the dead,<br/>And Satan’s empire fell;<br/>Today the saints His triumphs<br/>spread<br/>And all His wonders tell.</p> | <p><b>3</b> Hosanna to the anointed King,<br/>To David’s holy Son!<br/>Help us, O Lord; descend and bring<br/>Salvation from Your throne.</p> <p><b>4</b> Blessèd is He who comes to us<br/>With messages of grace;<br/>He, in the Lord’s name, comes to us<br/>To save our fallen race.</p> <p><b>5</b> Hosanna in the highest strains<br/>The Church on earth can raise.<br/>The highest heav’ns, in which He<br/>reigns,<br/>Shall give Him nobler praise.</p> |
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### The Invocation

**P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

### Confession & Absolution

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

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

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Kyrie



## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you



**C** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Let us pray

**C** O Lord, let Your merciful ears be attentive to the prayers of Your servants, and by Your Word and Spirit teach us how to pray that our petitions may be pleasing before You; 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

*Genesis 18:20–33*

<sup>20</sup>Then the LORD said, “Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great and their sin is very grave, <sup>21</sup>I will go down to see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me. And if not, I will know.”

<sup>22</sup>So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the LORD. <sup>23</sup>Then Abraham drew near and said, “Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? <sup>24</sup>Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city. Will you then sweep away the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous who are in it? <sup>25</sup>Far be it from you to do such a thing, to put the righteous to death with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?” <sup>26</sup>And the LORD said, “If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will spare the whole place for their sake.”

<sup>27</sup>Abraham answered and said, “Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. <sup>28</sup>Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking. Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?” And he said, “I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.” <sup>29</sup>Again he spoke to him and said, “Suppose forty are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of forty I will not do it.”

<sup>30</sup>Then he said, “Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak. Suppose thirty are found there.” He answered, “I will not do it, if I find thirty there.” <sup>31</sup>He said, “Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.” <sup>32</sup>Then he said, “Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak again but this once. Suppose ten are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.” <sup>33</sup>And the LORD went his way, when he had finished speaking to Abraham, and Abraham returned to his place.

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

**[C]** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

## *Colossians 2:6-19*

<sup>6</sup>Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, <sup>7</sup>rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

<sup>8</sup>See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. <sup>9</sup>For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, <sup>10</sup>and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. <sup>11</sup>In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, <sup>12</sup>having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. <sup>13</sup>And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, <sup>14</sup>by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. <sup>15</sup>He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

<sup>16</sup>Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath. <sup>17</sup>These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. <sup>18</sup>Let no one disqualify you, insisting on asceticism and worship of angels, going on in detail about visions, puffed up without reason by his sensuous mind, <sup>19</sup>and not holding fast to the Head, from whom the whole body, nourished and knit together through its joints and ligaments, grows with a growth that is from God.

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

**[C]** Thanks be to God.

## Hymn: “Behold a Host, Arrayed in White”

--LSB #676

- 1 Behold a host, arrayed in white, Like thousand snow-clad mountains bright!  
With palms they stand; Who is this band Before the throne of light?  
These are the saints of glorious fame, Who from the great affliction came  
And in the flood Of Jesus' blood Are cleansed from guilt and shame.  
They now serve God both day and night; They sing their songs in endless light.  
Their anthems ring As they all sing With angels shining bright.

- 2 Despised and scorned, they sojourned here; But now, how glorious they appear!  
 Those martyrs stand, A priestly band, God's throne forever near.  
 On earth they wept through bitter years; Now God has wiped away their tears,  
 Transformed their strife To heav'nly life, And freed them from their fears.  
 They now enjoy the Sabbath rest, The heav'nly banquet of the blest;  
 The Lamb, their Lord, At festive board Himself is host and guest.
- 3 O blessed saints in bright array Now safely home in endless day,  
 Extol the Lord, Who with His Word Sustained you on the way.  
 The steep and narrow path you trod; You toiled and sowed the Word abroad;  
 Rejoice and bring Your fruits and sing Before the throne of God.  
 The myriad angels raise their song; O saints, sing with that happy throng!  
 Lift up one voice; Let heav'n rejoice In our Redeemer's song!

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## The Children's Message

*Pastor Marty*

### Choir Anthem: "When in Our Music God is Glorified"

*--Adult Choir*

#### Alleluia

*--LSB #190*



#### Holy Gospel

*Luke 11:1-13*

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



<sup>1</sup>Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." <sup>2</sup>And he said to them, "When you pray, say: "Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. <sup>3</sup>Give us each day our daily bread, <sup>4</sup>and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation."

<sup>5</sup>And he said to them, "Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves, <sup>6</sup>for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him'; <sup>7</sup>and he will answer from within, 'Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything'? <sup>8</sup>I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs. <sup>9</sup>And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. <sup>10</sup>For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. <sup>11</sup>What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; <sup>12</sup>or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? <sup>13</sup>If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

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



## 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  $\text{✝}$  of the world to come. Amen.

♪ Sermon Hymn: “When Peace, like a River” --LSB #763- vs. 3: *choir only*

1 When peace, like a river, attendeth my way; When sorrows, like sea billows, roll;  
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul. *Refrain*

*ref* It is well (It is well) with my soul, (with my soul), It is well, it is well with my soul.

2 Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, Let this blest assurance control,  
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate And hath shed His own blood for my soul.  
*Refrain*

3 (*choir only*) He lives—oh, the bliss of this glorious thought;  
My sin, not in part, but the whole, Is nailed to His cross, and I bear it no more.  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! *Refrain*

4 And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight, The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,  
The trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend; Even so it is well with my soul. *Refrain*  
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Sermon: “The Lord’s Prayer as a Gift”

Rev. Marty Marks

## Offering

*(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.)*

## ♪ Offertory

**☩** Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

## Announcements

**Recognition:** Linda Conrad for 50 years of service as organist to The Lord and Immanuel Lutheran Church.

## Prayers of the Church

*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.**"*

## Closing Hymns

### "Silent Night, Holy Night"

--LSB #363

- 1 Silent night, holy night!  
All is calm, all is bright  
Round yon virgin mother and child.  
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace,  
Sleep in heavenly peace.
- 2 Silent night, holy night!  
Shepherds quake at the sight;  
Glories stream from heaven afar,  
Heav'nly hosts sing, Alleluia!  
Christ, the Savior, is born!  
Christ, the Savior, is born!

- 3 Silent night, holy night!  
Son of God, love's pure light  
Radiant beams from Thy holy face  
With the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth,  
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

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### "I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

--LSB #461; vs. 4 choir only

- 1 I know that my Redeemer lives;  
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!  
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;  
He lives, my ever-living head.
- 2 He lives triumphant from the grave;  
He lives eternally to save;  
He lives all-glorious in the sky;  
He lives exalted there on high.

- 4 (*choir only*) He lives to grant me rich supply;  
He lives to guide me with His eye;  
He lives to comfort me when faint;  
He lives to hear my soul's complaint.
- 8 He lives, all glory to His name!  
He lives, my Jesus, still the same;  
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:  
I know that my Redeemer lives!

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## Benediction

## Silent Prayers

## Postlude



<b>PARTICIPANTS July 27, 2025</b> <b>Altar Guild: Sharon Lemke &amp; Jennifer Lemke</b>	
	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Musician</b>	Linda Conrad, Organist
<b>Pastor</b>	Rev. Marty Marks
<b>Children's Message</b>	Pastor Marty Marks
<b>Acolyte</b>	Isaac Martinez
<b>Lay Reader</b>	Robert Miller
<b>Radio Narrator</b>	Sue Harms
<b>Videographer/Sound</b>	Kevin Harms
<b>Slides</b>	Mark Mistic
<b>Ushers</b>	Dennis Maakestad, Hayden Harms & Dan Lohmeier

**THE WORSHIP SERVICE IS BROADCAST EACH SUNDAY AT 10:30 A.M. ON WLBK 1360.**

**Altar Flowers:** "To the glory of God and in honor of Linda Conrad. Given in gratitude for her 50 years of service as organist for Immanuel Lutheran Church."

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