
FULL VERSION
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10:30 a.m.
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About the Cover:

Abraham welcomed the Lord and two angels with his best meal. May we also welcome the Lord into our lives when He visits us with His Word and Sacrament. Jesus first welcomed us into His kingdom by restoring our relationship with God the Father by dying on the cross and rising again. He continues to welcome us to His Table and feed us with His very best: His very body and blood, given and shed for us.



**He . . . prepared,
and set it before them**

Genesis 18:8

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THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The Theme for Worship: This morning in our Gospel lesson we meet Mary and Martha. These sisters (along with their brother Lazarus) were friends of Jesus and invited Him to stay with them. Martha takes care of the details and hospitality for Jesus and His disciples while Mary spends her time listening to Jesus' teaching. Martha approaches Jesus and asks Him to correct Mary. The tension between these two approaches to following Jesus still exist in the Church today. We'll explore the dynamic between the two sisters and seek to follow Jesus faithfully in our modern context.

♪ **Pre-Service Music**

Susan Hammack

Ringling of the Bells

Welcome

♪ **Opening Song: "This Little Gospel Light of Mine"**

1. This little Gospel light of mine, I'm going to let it shine;
This little Gospel light of mine, I'm going to let it shine;
This little Gospel light of mine, I'm going to let it shine;
Let it shine all the time, let it shine.

2. All around the neighborhood I'm going to let it shine;
All around the neighborhood I'm going to let it shine;
All around the neighborhood I'm going to let it shine;
Let it shine all the time, let it shine.

3. Hide it under a bushel? No! I'm going to let it shine.
Hide it under a bushel? No! I'm going to let it shine.
Hide it under a bushel? No! I'm going to let it shine,
Let it shine all the time, let it shine.

4. It will point the way to heaven, I'm going to let it shine.
It will point the way to heaven, I'm going to let it shine.
It will point the way to heaven, I'm going to let it shine.
Let it shine all the time, let it shine.

The Invocation

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

C Amen

Nicene Creed

C 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 ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

Collect of the Day

P Let us pray.

C O Lord, grant us the Spirit to hear Your Word and know the one thing needful that by Your Word and Spirit we may live according to Your will; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Service of the Word

Old Testament

Genesis 18:1–14

¹ The LORD appeared to [Abraham] by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. ²He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth ³and said, “O Lord, if I have found favor in your sight, do not pass by your servant. ⁴Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, ⁵while I bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.” So they said, “Do as you have said.” ⁶And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, “Quick! Three seahs of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes.” ⁷And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly. ⁸Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them. And he stood by them under the tree while they ate. ⁹They said to him, “Where is Sarah your wife?” And he said, “She is in the tent.” ¹⁰The LORD said, “I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son.” And Sarah was listening at the tent door behind him. ¹¹Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in years. The way of women had ceased to be with Sarah. ¹²So Sarah laughed to herself, saying,

“After I am worn out, and my lord is old, shall I have pleasure?” ¹³The LORD said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh and say, ‘Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?’ ¹⁴Is anything too hard for the LORD? At the appointed time I will return to you about this time next year, and Sarah shall have a son.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Colossians 1:21–29

²¹You, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²²he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, ²³if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister. ²⁴Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ’s afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church, ²⁵of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, ²⁶the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. ²⁷To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. ²⁹For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

► Video Presentation of Vacation Bible School

Holy Gospel

Luke 10:38–42

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 10 chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

³⁸Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. ³⁹And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord’s feet and listened to his teaching. ⁴⁰But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, “Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me.” ⁴¹But the Lord answered her, “Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, ⁴²but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

♪ Sermon Song: “Seek Ye First”

1. Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you. Al-le-lu, Al-le-lu-ia.
2. Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word
That proceeds from the mouth of God. Al-le-lu, Al-le-lu-ia.

3. Ask, and it shall be given unto you. Seek, and ye shall find.
Knock, and door shall be opened unto you. Al-le-lu, Al-le-lu-ia

Sermon: “Mary and Martha ”

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 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. 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.)

♪ The Offertory

--Spiritwind

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 Celebration of the Lord's Supper

(The Lord's Supper is celebrated in this service in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us. If you share this confession, we invite you to commune with us. If you have doubts or questions concerning this confession of our faith community, we ask that you withhold participation until receiving clarification or instruction from our pastor. The pastor will also offer a blessing to any unconfirmed children who desire it.)

- P** The Sacrament of Holy Communion delivers to us the forgiveness of sins earned for us by the sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross. His real Body and Blood come to us in, with and under the bread and wine. Not only are our sins forgiven through this meal, our faith is strengthened, and the Holy Spirit guides us to be better and more effective servants to God. To help prepare our hearts and minds as we receive these gifts, please join me in praying:
- P** & **C** **Father I trust in Your Son, Jesus, as my Savior. As I prepare to receive His real Body and Blood into me, please make my heart inclined to receive it in a way pleasing to You. Create a true sense of repentance in my heart and a sincere desire to follow You after it is received. Please empower me to serve You better in a sense of unity with You and with others. Amen.**

The Words of Institution

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples and said, "Take, eat, this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me. In the same way, also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: Drink of it all of you; this is My blood of the new testament, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do as often as you drink it in remembrance of Me.
- P** Come, the table is prepared, and the Lord awaits.
- C** We come in the name of Jesus.

The Sacrament is Distributed for Us to Receive

♪ Distribution Songs:

♪ “Let Us Break Bread Together”

1. Let us break bread together on our knees, Let us break bread together on our knees;
When I fall down on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord have mercy on me!
2. Let us drink wine together on our knees, Let us drink wine together on our knees.
When I fall down on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord have mercy on me!
3. Let us bow ‘round the altar on our knees, Let us bow ‘round the altar on our knees.
When I fall down on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord have mercy on me!
4. Let us praise God together on our knees, Let us praise God together on our knees.
When I fall down on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord have mercy on me!

♪ “Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord”

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- 1 Draw near and take the body of the Lord,
And drink the holy blood for you outpoured;
Offered was He for greatest and for least,
Himself the victim and Himself the priest.
- 2 He who His saints in this world rules and shields,
To all believers life eternal yields;
With heav’nly bread He makes the hungry whole,
Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.
- 3 Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere,
And take the pledges of salvation here.
O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow
As in this feast of love You bless us now.

♪ *Fugue in C. Major*

-instrumental

Benediction

Silent Prayer

Postlude

PARTICIPANTS – July 20, 2025 Altar Guild: Sharon Lemke & Jennifer Lemke	
	9:00 a.m.
Musicians	Susan Hammack, <i>Pianist</i>
Pastor	Rev. Marty Marks
Acolyte	Aaron Martinez
Lay Reader	Roger Nelson
Radio Narrator	Doug Nelson
Videographer/Sound	Mark Misisic
Slides	Ted Stone
Ushers	Dennis Maakestad, Hayden Harms & Dan Lohmeier
Communion Assist.	Dennis Maakestad & Kevin Harms
Greeters	The people of Immanuel

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

Altar Flowers: “To the glory of God, for His many blessings,” by the people of Immanuel.

Radio Broadcast: “Grateful to God for our happy home and loving parents, for what they taught us and the way they lived out their loves for Jesus. We sponsor the radio broadcast in their memory on the occasion of their wedding anniversary (July 19th) and Dad’s ordination (August 6th),” by The Family of Rev. and Mrs. E. George Krause.

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September-Full; October-Full; November Full; December 21

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November 2, 9, 23 & 26; December 14 & 21

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