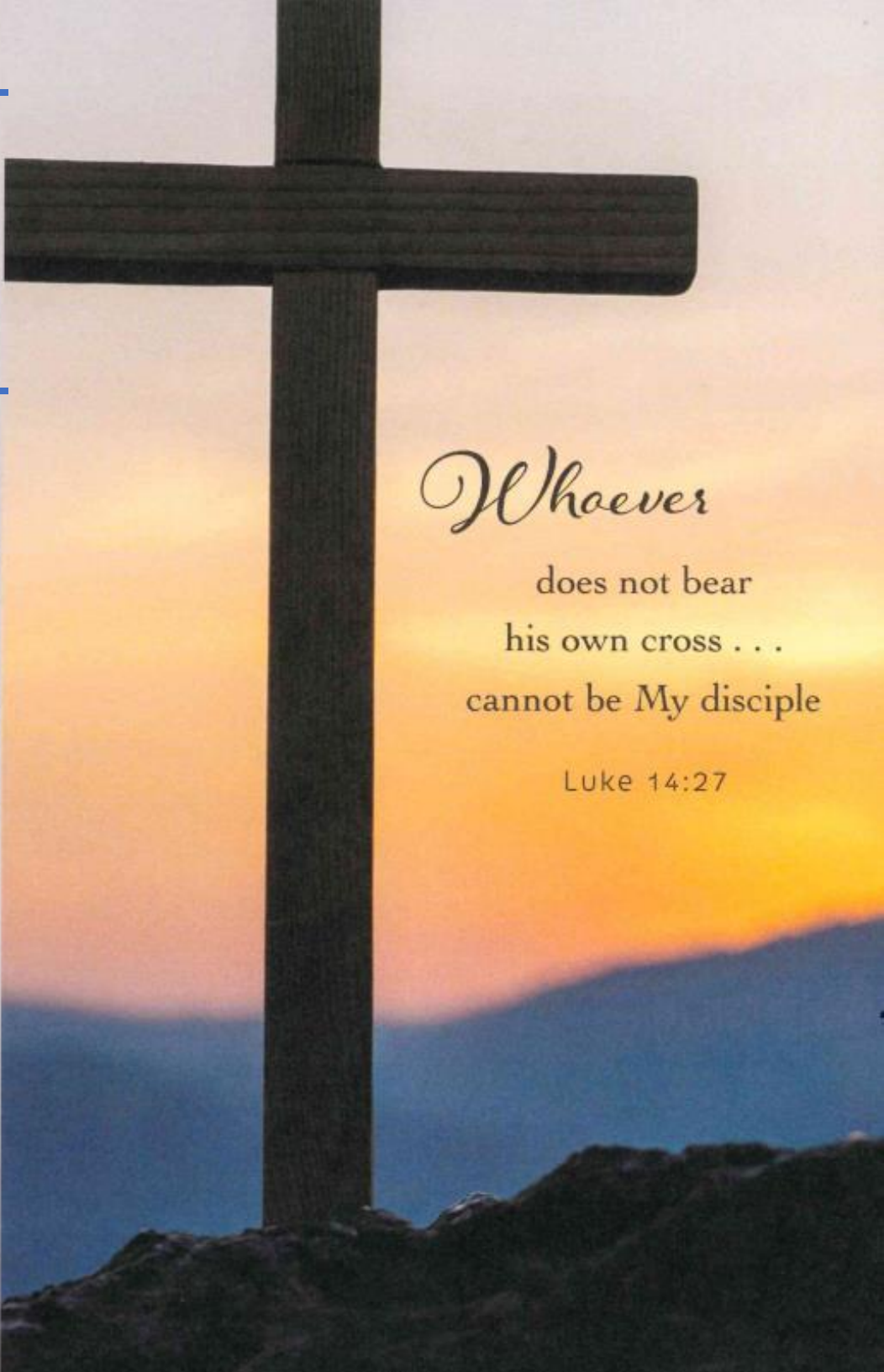

FULL VERSION
September 7, 2025
10:30 a.m.
In Person, YouTube
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About the Cover:

Christ's cross stands in contrast to the world, even as it shapes the lives of His disciples. We all have our own crosses to bear, and to deny them is ultimately to deny Christ. Death comes before resurrection. Yet in God's baptismal grace, we daily die to sin and are raised to the newness of life in Christ Jesus (*Romans 6:4*).



Whoever
does not bear
his own cross . . .
cannot be My disciple

Luke 14:27

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THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The Theme for Worship: This morning we get to hear the story of Onesimus as presented in the book of Philemon. This very short book of the Bible contains a very profound message that needs some explaining. We'll hear the story and rejoice in the good news of Christ's love in freeing us from the slavery to sin.

♪ Pre-Service Music

Spiritwind

Ringling of the Bells

Welcome

♪ Opening Song: "As We Gather"

As we gather, may Your Spirit work within us.

As we gather, may we glorify Your name.

Knowing well that as our hearts begin to worship.

We'll be blessed because we came.

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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.

Installation of Peer Ministers

Collect of the Day

P Let us pray.

C O merciful Lord, You did not spare Your only Son but delivered Him up for us all. Grant us courage and strength to take up the cross and follow Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Service of the Word

Old Testament

Deuteronomy 30:15–20

¹⁵“See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, ²⁰loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Philemon 1–21

¹Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our beloved fellow worker ²and Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier, and the church in your house: ³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, ⁵because I hear of your love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and all the saints, ⁶and I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ. ⁷For I have derived much joy and comfort from your love, my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you. ⁸Accordingly, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do what is required, ⁹yet for love’s sake I prefer to appeal to you—I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus—¹⁰I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment. ¹¹(Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me.) ¹²I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart. ¹³I would have been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on your behalf during my imprisonment for the gospel, ¹⁴but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own free will. ¹⁵For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, ¹⁶no longer as a slave but more than a slave, as a beloved brother—especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. ¹⁷So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me. ¹⁸If he has wronged you at all, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. ¹⁹I, Paul, write this with my own hand: I will repay it—to say nothing of your owing me even your own self. ²⁰Yes, brother, I want some benefit from you in the Lord. Refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

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C Thanks be to God.

Children’s Message

Pastor Marty

Holy Gospel

Luke 14:25-35

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 14th chapter.

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

²⁵Now great crowds accompanied [Jesus], and he turned and said to them, ²⁶“If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. ²⁷Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, ³⁰saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish.’ ³¹Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³²And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. ³³So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple. ³⁴“Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? ³⁵It is of no use either for the soil or for the manure pile. It is thrown away. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

♪ Sermon Song: “Change My Heart O God”

Change my heart, O God, Make it ever true.

Change my heart, O God, May I be like You.

You are the Potter, I am the clay

Mold me and make me,

This is what I pray.

Change my heart, O God, Make it ever true.

Change my heart, O god, May I be like You. *(Repeat)*

(End)

Sermon: “The Story of Onesimus and our Freedom in Christ”

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

Presentation of Bibles to Third Graders

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!

♪ “Shout to the Lord”

Chorus: Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing power and majesty, praise to the King;
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of Your name
I sing for joy at the work of Your hands, forever I’ll love You, forever I’ll stand;
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You.

Verse: My Jesus, my Savior, Lord, there is none like You,
All of my days I want to praise the wonders of Your mighty love;
My Comfort, my Shelter, Tower of refuge and strength;
Let ev’ry breath, all that I am, never cease to worship You. *Chorus*

Nothing compares to the promise I have in You.

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♪ “We Are Family”

- 1. We are heirs of the Father.
We are joint heirs with the Son.
We are children of the Kingdom.
We are family. We are one.**
- 2. We are washed, we are sanctified,
We are cleansed of His blood,
We are born of the Spirit,
We are children of the Lord.**
- 3. We are longing for His coming.
We are looking to the skies,
We are watching, we are waiting,
We will fly with Him, we will rise.**
- 4. We will reign with Him forever,
Men and angels shout and sing,
All dominion shall be given
To the family of the King.**

Benediction

Silent Prayer

Postlude

PARTICIPANTS – September 7, 2025		
Altar Guild: Jackie Hanson		
	8:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Musicians	C-J Motisi, <i>Soloist & Pianist</i>	Angela Pringnitz- <i>Spiritwind</i>
Pastor	Rev. Marty Marks	Rev. Marty Marks
Acolyte	Michael Martinez	Heather Allen
Lay Reader	Russ Coulombe	Jennifer Allen
Radio Narrator	Doug Nelson	---
Videographer/Sound	Ted Stone	Doug Nelson
Slides	Mark Misic	Nathan Allen
Ushers	Ken Boldt, Alexis Cruz & Hayden Harms	Jen Allen, Will Michels & Chloe Marks
Communion Assist.	Dennis Martinez & Taylor McWilliams	Will Michels & Brian Pringnitz
Greeters	The people of Immanuel	The people of Immanuel

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Altar Flowers: “In loving memory of my wife Sandy. I’d like to praise God for joining us together in Holy Matrimony 66 years ago on Sept. 1st,” by Carlos Woolbright.

Radio Broadcast: “In celebration of the wedding of Raegan & Matt Andsager,” by Rob & Tammy Tiggelaar.

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