



Immanuel Lutheran Church

Reflecting God's Love

“By God’s grace, Immanuel Lutheran Church is a faith community striving to love and serve as disciples of Jesus.”

***14th Sunday after Pentecost
ELW Holy Communion ~ Chicago Folk Service
Sunday, August 30, 2026***



*** Indicates when Congregation should stand**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS (W/L)

Scott Wiley

Welcome to Immanuel Lutheran Church and welcome to all those following us on Facebook and YouTube this morning or listening to us on KCZQ, 102.3. We thank you for taking the time to join us this morning.

TODAY’S RADIO BROADCAST is in loving memory of Tim Vagts, son of Dale & Joyce Vagts. Tim was born September 1, 1960 and passed away on May 9th, 2010. Sponsored by Dale & Joyce Vagts and family.

***The Holy Spirit calls us together as people of God. Please stand! (W/L)**

Congregation stands

***GATHERING SONG, Verses 1, 4 & 5**

For the Beauty of the Earth

ELW 879

For the Beauty of the Earth



- 1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,
- 2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
- 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
- 4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
- 5 For each per - fect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light:
for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:
friends on earth and friends a - bove; for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
for thy - self, best gift di - vine, to our world so free - ly giv'n:

Refrain



Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.

Text: Folliott S. Pierpoint, 1835–1917, alt.

Music: DIX, Conrad Kocher, 1786–1872

GREETING - SUNG (P)

The Lord be with you. **And with you too.**

ACT OF RECONCILIATION (P)

Dear members of God's family, branded in baptism and united in Christ, let us come together honestly to tell God that we have not lived as we could and ask God to forgive us:

Our Father, we have not fulfilled the hope in which you created us. We repent and ask your mercy that our sin be forgiven and our guilt removed. Help us to learn from scripture and from one another your will for our lives so that, with your help, we can claim the inheritance of unlimited freedom which you have willed to us through your son. You came to our world in Jesus, come now to us.

God our Father does care about us. He sent his son Jesus Christ to us, and for us Jesus gave his life. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. Old things have passed away and all things are new. And all things are of God who reconciled us to himself through Jesus Christ, and has entrusted us to the ministry of reconciliation.

PARDON - SUNG (P)

In Christ we are forgiven.

In Christ we are free to forgive.

In Christ we are free to worship God.

In Christ we are free to live.

Live without excuses.

La, la-la, Alleluia

We worship God with open hearts La, la-la, Alleluia.

Dance now, the weight is lifted

La, la-la, Alleluia.

Cleansed and fresh we will share God's gifts.

La, la-la, Alleluia.

Singing, La, la-la, Alleluia.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY – (W/L) (*Hands raised in prayer*)**

Let us pray

O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

DEACON'S PRAYER - SUNG (Sarah)

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace that is from above and for our resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the people of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy place and for those who in faith, devotion and fear of God offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, strengthen and defend us, O God by your grace.

Amen, Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE - SUNG (Sarah/ALL)

Congregation: Glory be to God on high, praise to you most holy! O Lord God, heav'nly king, God the Father almighty. O Lord God, lamb of God, only Son of the Father: Christ who takes away our sin, have mercy upon us. For you only, Lord, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. Glory be to God on high! Amen.

Congregation may be seated

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 15:15-21

Karen Nance

A reading from Jeremiah.

O LORD, you know;
remember me and visit me,
and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors.

In your forbearance do not take me away;
know that on your account I suffer insult.

Your words were found, and I ate them,
and your words became to me a joy
and the delight of my heart,

for I am called by your name,

O LORD, God of hosts.

I did not sit in the company of merrymakers,
nor did I rejoice;

under the weight of your hand I sat alone,
for you had filled me with indignation.

Why is my pain unceasing,
my wound incurable,
refusing to be healed?

Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook,
like waters that fail.

Therefore thus says the LORD:

If you turn back, I will take you back,
and you shall stand before me.

If you utter what is precious and not what is worthless,
you shall serve as my mouth.

It is they who will turn to you,
not you who will turn to them.

And I will make you to this people
a fortified wall of bronze;

they will fight against you,
but they shall not prevail over you,

for I am with you
to save you and deliver you,

says the LORD.

I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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Instead, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads."

Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Congregation Stands

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Sarah)**

Sing praise to the Lord, all the earth. Allelule, Alleluia.

Play music to praise his name. Allelule, Alleluia.

Our passover lamb is Christ, who banished the angel of death.

Sing praise to the Lord, all the earth. Allelule, Alleluia.

Play music to praise his name. Allelule, Alleluia.

We sing to the glory of the Lord, who set us free from our sins.

Sing praise to the Lord, all the earth. Allelule, Alleluia.

Play music to praise his name. Allelule, Alleluia.

To Christ the heav'nly king, give thanks for everything.

Sing praise to the Lord, all the earth. Allelule, Alleluia.

Play music to praise his name. Allelule, Alleluia.

He came to show us how, to live in the here and now.

Sing praise to the Lord, all the earth. Allelule, Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 16:21-28**Pastor Dan**

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me, for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

“For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Congregation may be seated

SERMON (P)**Pastor Dan**

Congregation Stands

***HYMN OF THE DAY:**

Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song

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Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song



- 1 *Jé - sus, je vou - drais te chan - ter sur ma rou - te;*
1 Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney;
2 Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.
3 As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant,
4 I fear in the dark and the doubt of my jour - ney;



Jé - sus, je vou - drais t'an-non-cer à mes voi - sins par - tout,
I'll tell ev - 'ry - bod - y a - bout you wher - ev - er I go:
May all of my joy be a faith - ful re - flec - tion of you.
to car - ry your cross and to share all your bur - dens and tears.
but cour - age will come with the sound of your steps by my side.



car toi seul es la vie et la paix et l'a - mour:
you a - lone are our life and our peace and our love.
May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.
For you saved me by giv - ing your bod - y and blood.
And with all of the fam - 'ly you saved by your love,



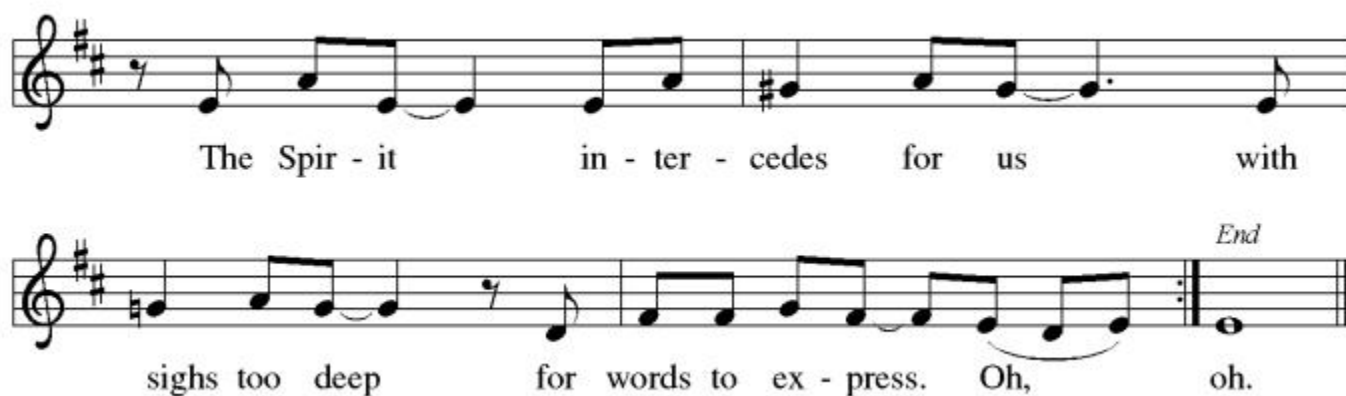
Jé - sus, je vou - drais te chan - ter sur ma rou - te.
Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney.
Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.
As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant.
we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our jour - ney.

***CREED SUNG (ALL)**

We all believe in one true, God maker of earth and heaven, the Father who to us in love, hath the name of children given. He in soul and body feeds us. All we need His hand provides us, through all snares and perils leads us sees no harm betides us. He cares for us by day and night, all things are governed by His might. And we believe in Jesus Christ, His Son, our Lord and Savior, who with the Father equal might, hath pow'r and glory forever. Born of Mary, virgin mother, by the working of the Spirit. He became our elder brother, that heav'n we might inherit. Was crucified by sinners all, and raised by God to life again. And we in the Holy Ghost believe, who grace and comfort giveth, and with the Father and the Son in eternal glory liveth. Who all Christian people even keeps in unity of spirit. Sins are truly forgiven through the blest redeemer's merit. All flesh shall rise again and we shall live with God eternally.

*** PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (W/L) (*hands raised in prayer*)**

With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.



Sung Refrain (twice)

For the church in every land, that its mission and ministry is anchored in the love of Christ. When threats or challenges arise, teach us to take up our cross and follow you in faith. For the well-being of your creation, that all that lives and grows on the earth may thrive. Bring relief to areas ravaged by droughts, floods, fires, storms, and other disasters. For the nations and all in authority, that they seek to live in peace with one another. Bless the work of all who strive to bring peace to a world scarred by violence. Merciful God,

Sung Refrain (twice)

For all those in need, that they be satisfied. Ensure all your children have safe access to food, water, shelter, and medical care. Bring healing to all who bear wounds in body, mind, and spirit, especially Jordon, Derek, Martha, Jackson, Malissa, Vince & Gayland ... Merciful God,

Sung Refrain (twice)

For the congregation gathered here to serve you, that they remain strong in faith and united in purpose. Guide our committees, study groups, and other meetings toward honesty and humility, always seeking genuine love. For the faithful departed, that their witness continues to strengthen and guide the church. Renew our hope in your promises in this life and the life to come. Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Sung Refrain (twice)

***PEACE (P)**

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

Congregation may be seated

OFFERING INTERLUDE - SING (ALL)

Let There Be Peace on Earth

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God, our creator, we are family.
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.
Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.
With ev'ry step I take, let this be my solemn vow;
To take each moment and live each moment in
peace eternally. Let there be peace on earth
and let it begin with me.

OFFERING

OFFERING SONG – CREATE IN ME (Sarah/ALL)

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

Congregation stands

OFFERING PRAYER (W/L) (*Hands raised in prayer*)

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

THANKSGIVING - SUNG (P)

The Lord be with you. And with you too.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them up to God.

Give thanks to the Lord. It is good and right to do.

It is truly right and proper at all times...

...we laud and magnify your glorious name evermore praising you and saying.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of hosts.

Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.

Glory be to you, O Lord most high.

Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

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Hosannah in the highest!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION (P)

Father, you are holy indeed: all your actions show your mercy and love.

You made us in your own image and set us over your creation. Even when we had fallen under the spell of sin, you did not abandon us but offered a covenant of blessing for all people.

You rescued your chosen people, Israel, as a sign of the great deliverance to come.

You sent prophets to prepare the way.

And when the time had come, you sent your son; born of Mary by the power of the Holy Spirit. In word and wonder he proclaimed your kingdom and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life. For us, he was lifted up on the cross that we might know the power of his resurrection.

And that we might no longer live for ourselves, but for him, he promised his Holy Spirit to those who believe to comfort and guide us and make us children of you, his Father.

Father, through him and his name we ask you, fill us with your Holy Spirit so that, until he comes again, we remember him as he commanded us:

At supper, on the night he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took some bread in his hands, and after giving thanks to you he broke it and gave it to his disciples and said "Take this and eat. This is my body which is given for you." When the meal was ended, he took a cup of wine, and after giving thanks he gave it to them and said, "Take this, all of you, and drink from it. This is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for all people so that sins might be forgiven. Do this to remember me, for I will not drink the fruit of the vine again until the day I drink the new wine in the Kingdom of God."

LORD'S PRAYER - SUNG (Sarah/ALL)

Congregation – Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, hallowed be thy name.

On earth as it is in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Give us this day our daily bread, hallowed be thy name.

And forgive us our trespasses, hallowed be thy name. As we forgive those who trespass against us, hallowed be thy name.

Lead us not into temptation, hallowed be thy name. But deliver us from evil, hallowed be thy name.

For thine is the kingdom and the pow'r, hallowed be thy name. And the glory for ever and ever, hallowed be thy name.

Amen, amen, it shall be so, hallowed be thy name. Amen, amen, it shall be so, hallowed be thy name.

Invitation to Communion (P)

As it was that night, it is today. Come now to God's holy table.

Congregation may be seated

LAMB OF GOD - SUNG (Sarah/ALL)

Christ, O lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy on us. Christ, O lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy on us. Christ, O lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, grant us your peace.

COMMUNION (*piano*)

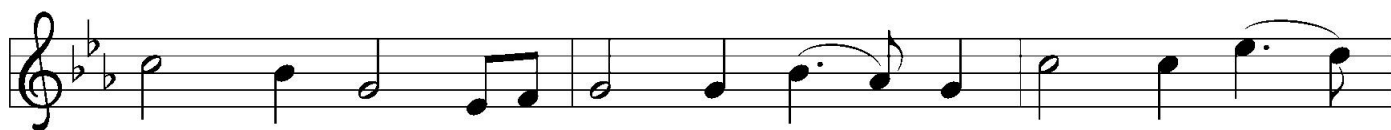
COMMUNION SONG – *Just As I Am, without One Plea*

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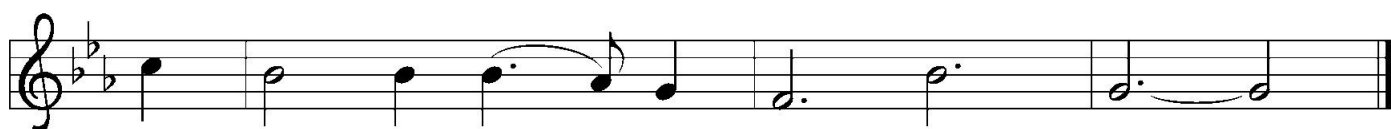
Just As I Am, without One Plea



1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy blood was
2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y_a con - flict,
3 Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive, wilt wel - come, par - don,
4 Just as I am; thy love un - known has bro - ken ev - 'ry



shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
man - y_a doubt, fight - ings and fears with - in, with - out,
cleanse, re - lieve; be - cause thy prom - ise I be - lieve,
bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea, thine a - lone,



O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Text: Charlotte Elliott, 1789–1871

Music: WOODWORTH, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

I Come with Joy



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are
 3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
 4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in
 fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
 ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
 near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -
 done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
 Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.
 strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
 live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.
 love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: DOVE OF PEACE, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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*POST COMMUNION BLESSING (P)

The Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen**

SEND US FORTH IN PEACE - SUNG (Sarah/ALL)

Lord, we have your peace.

Lord, we have your peace. Lord, we have your peace. Lord, we have your peace. Just as you said we have heard it, just as you lived we have felt it. Lord, we have your peace. Sustain us in your peace, O Lord, as we go to our separate worlds. Keep this peace with us as we try to live in our troubled worlds. Send us forth in peace. Send us forth in peace. To be a light to show your beauty forever.

THE BLESSING - SUNG (P)

The Lord be with you. **And with you too.** Bless we the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you. And give you peace. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG *Jesus, Still Lead On*

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Jesus, Still Lead On



1 Je - sus, still lead on, till our rest be won; and, al - though the
2 If the way be drear, if the foe be near, let no faith - less
3 When we seek re - lief from a long - felt grief, when temp - ta - tions
4 Je - sus, still lead on, till our rest be won; heav'n - ly lead - er,



way be cheer - less, we will fol - low, calm and fear - less;
fears o'er - take us, let not faith and hope for - sake us;
come al - lur - ing make us pa - tient and en - dur - ing;
still di - rect us, still sup - port, con - sole, pro - tect us,



guide us by your hand to the prom - ised land.
safe - ly past the foe to our home we go.
show us that bright shore where we weep no more.
till we safe - ly stand in the prom - ised land.

DISMISSAL (P)

By God's grace, we are a faith community ... **striving to love and serve as disciples of Jesus.**

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