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*our purpose is to gather people, nurture faith,
grow in God's love, and serve God's world*

Welcome to Immanuel!

We're thankful you're with us this morning! Throughout worship we'll use the red hymnal located on the back of the pew in front of you. Page numbers can be found towards the front of the hymnal at the bottom of the page, with hymns towards the back, beginning with the Psalms. Hearing assist devices are also available – just ask an usher for help.

We believe that the Gospel – the Good News that we are loved, forgiven, and free in Christ – is a gift offered to every person, and that God's grace has no limits or conditions. Through Christ, we are made a community that shares God's mission to proclaim grace and peace to all the world.

Prelude

Gathering

The Holy Spirit gathers us in unity on the first day of the week, the day of Christ's resurrection.

stand

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, whose love endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,

we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love. **Amen.**

sit

Celebration Song

His Banner Over Me Is Love

Traditional

Children's Chat

Marie Vogel

(young worshipers through grade 5 are invited to Children's Word)

stand

Hymn of Praise

Morning Has Broken

Hymn 556

Greeting and Prayer of the Day

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

O God, you are the source of life and the ground of our being. By the power of your Spirit bring healing to this wounded world, and raise us to the new life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

sit

Word

God speaks to us in scriptures read, sung and preached.

First Reading

Hosea 5:15—6:6

¹⁵I will return again to my place until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face. In their distress they will beg my favor: ^{6:1}“Come, let us return to the LORD, for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us; he has struck down, and he will bind us up. ²After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him. ³Let us know, let us press on to know the LORD; his appearing is as sure as the dawn; he will come to us like the showers, like the spring rains that water the earth.”

⁴What shall I do with you, O Ephraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah? Your love is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early. ⁵Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets; I have killed them by the words of my mouth, and my judgment goes forth as the light. ⁶For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Romans 4:13-25

¹³The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith.

¹⁴ For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵ For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression.

¹⁶ For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, ¹⁷ as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"), in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

¹⁸ Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So shall your descendants be." ¹⁹ He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), and the barrenness of Sarah's womb. ²⁰ No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹ being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²² Therefore "it was reckoned to him as righteousness." ²³ Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone ²⁴ but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵ who was handed over for our trespasses and was raised for our justification. The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

stand

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Lord and Savior

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Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word.

Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred.

Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁹ As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax-collection station, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him.

¹⁰ And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with Jesus and his disciples. ¹¹ When the

Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?”¹² But when he heard this, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick.¹³ Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have not come to call the righteous but sinners.”

¹⁸ While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader came in and knelt before him, saying, “My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.”¹⁹ And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples.²⁰ Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from a flow of blood for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak,²¹ for she was saying to herself, “If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.”²² Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, “Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.” And the woman was made well from that moment.²³ When Jesus came to the leader’s house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion,²⁴ he said, “Go away, for the girl is not dead but sleeping.” And they laughed at him.²⁵ But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up.²⁶ And the report of this spread through all of that district.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

sit

Sermon

Pastor Josh Ferris

stand

Hymn of the Day

There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy

Hymn 588

sit

Holy Baptism

This morning we receive Ava Germana Vergauwen into membership in Christ’s church through the sacrament of Holy Baptism. Ava is being presented for baptism by her parents, Miranda and Kyle Vergauwen. Her sponsors are Alexis Anzalone and Cody McCormick.



Presentation

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Sponsors present the candidate.

Today, we present Ava for baptism.

Miranda and Kyle, called by the Holy Spirit and trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Ava baptized into Christ?

We do.

As you bring Ava to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with her among God's faithful people, bring her to the word of God and the holy supper, teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in her hands the holy scriptures, and nurture her in faith and prayer, so that she may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace. Do you promise to help Ava grow in the Christian faith and life?

We do.

Alexis and Cody, do you promise to nurture Ava in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help her live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

We do.

People of God, do you promise to support Ava and pray for her in her new life in Christ?

We do.

Profession of Faith

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

I renounce them.

The congregation joins in the following responses:

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Thanksgiving at the Font

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things.

Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, who bids all who thirst to come and drink freely of the water of life; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Baptism

Ava, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The congregation responds:

You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia.

Laying on of Hands and Sealing with the Cross

Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your children new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Ava with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**

Ava, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. **Amen.**

Welcome

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

stand

Baptismal Hymn *Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters* ELW 445

During this hymn, you are invited to help pass the light as we remember our own baptisms and our call to share in God's mission of love and peace. After the hymn, you can extinguish your candle and then return it to the basket at the back of the sanctuary when the service is over.

Wash, O God, our sons and daughters, where your cleansing waters flow.
Number them among your people; bless as Christ blessed long ago.
Weave them garments bright & sparkling; compass them with love & light
Fill, anoint them; send your Spirit, holy dove and heart's delight.

We who bring them long for nurture; by your milk may we be fed.
Let us join your feast, partaking cup of blessing, living bread.
God, renew us, guide our footsteps; free from sin and all its snares,
one with Christ in living, dying, by your Spirit, children, heirs.

Oh, how deep your holy wisdom! Unimagined, all your ways!
To your name be glory, honor! With our lives we worship, praise!
We your people stand before you, water-washed and Spirit-born.
By your grace, our lives we offer. Recreate us; God, transform!

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share. Join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

Let us give thanks to God through acclamation and applause together!

Prayers of Intercession

Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

sit

Offertory Music

stand

Offertory Canticle *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ* Hymn 674

Offering Prayer

Loving God, we offer back to you a portion of what you have first given to us: ourselves, our time, and our possessions, all signs of your gracious love for us. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus

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Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Thanksgiving at the Table

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Invitation to Communion

Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

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All people are invited to receive communion today by coming forward to the front of the sanctuary. First, you'll receive bread, which is the body of Christ given for you. Then move to the next station, where you will find glass cups full of grape juice (lighter-colored) and wine (purple-colored), which is the blood of Christ shed for you. At the last station, return your empty cup to the tray. Gluten-free wafers are also available; to indicate you'd like to receive one, please simply raise your pointer finger when it's your turn to receive.

Lamb of God

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**O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;
you suffered death our lives to save: have mercy now, we pray.
O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mercy now, we pray.
O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;
eternal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.**

Communion Hymn

Healer of Our Every Ill

Hymn 612

O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate

Hymn 722

Prayer after Communion

Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Announcements

stand

Blessing

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Hymn 836

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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We're thankful for these servants in worship today:

Livestream – Ken Cranson, Elise & Eve Cranson

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Coffee Hour host – Linn & Bob Watt

Altar Service – Mary Jane Rasku, Heidi Lahey

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Worship, Service, and Fellowship in the week ahead:

Today	8:00 am	Simple Church (Outdoor Chapel/Choir Room)
	9:00 am	Indoor & Livestream worship (Sanctuary)
	10:15 am	Coffee Hour (Gym)
	10:30 am	Young Family Gathering + Adult Forum
Monday	9:00 am	Lectio Divina (Zoom)
Thursday	10:30 am	Bible Study (Zoom)
Friday	9:00 am	Facilities Meeting (Room 6)
Saturday	10:00 am	Prayer & Share (Choir Room)
Sunday	8:00 am	Simple Church (Outdoor Chapel/Choir Room)
	9:00 am	Indoor & Livestream worship (Sanctuary)
	10:15 am	Coffee Hour (Gym)
	10:30 am	Learning Hour + Adult Confirmation
	5:00 pm	Young Group (Room 4)

Daily Bible Readings for the Coming Week:

Monday: Psalm 104, Deuteronomy 32:1-14, Hebrews 10:32-39
Tuesday: Psalm 104, 1 Kings 17:1-16, 1 Corinthians 4:6-21
Wednesday: Psalm 104, Isaiah 66:7-13, Luke 12:22-31
Thursday: Psalm 31:1-24, Exodus 24:1-8, Romans 2:17-29
Friday: Psalm 31:1-24, Deuteronomy 30:1-5, Romans 9:6-13
Saturday: Psalm 31:1-24, Amos 2:6-11, Matthew 7:1-6
Sunday: Exodus 19:2-8a, Psalm 100, Romans 5:1-8,
Matthew 9:35-10:8[9-23]

Welcome to Immanuel

Thanks for joining us in worship today! Wherever you are, we're glad to have you with us. Remember you can reach out to the church office anytime if you need help, prayer, or someone to talk to.

Nursery Care – Nursery care is available during our 9:00am worship services (8:30-10:30am). Simply go down the stairs at the back of the sanctuary. The toddler room is on the left, where you can sign in. The last Sunday for nursery care is June 14, then we'll break for summer.

Children's Word – After the children's chat, young friends are invited to go with our volunteers to the gym to worship in their own way. Kids will return in time for communion. The last Sunday for Children's Word is June 14. Then we'll take a break over the summer and return in the fall!

Altar flowers – The flowers on the altar this morning are given by Sue Hudson in memory of her grandmother Margaret Hogberg and her dad Edmund Olson. *NOTE: If you would like to sign up for Sunday flowers, see the flower chart in Lawson Hall.*

Coffee Hour – All are welcome to coffee hour in the gym following today's worship. We thank Linn & Bob Watt for hosting today!

Young Families Gathering – After worship today, the kids are invited to join us in classroom 5 when the bell rings to make Holden Days giveaways! Then kids can play together, giving parents and caregivers an opportunity to connect and catch up.

Adult Forum – Join us for the Maker's Ministry adult forum today, led by Lisa Schaffter and Lisa Sternstrom. We have so many talented makers in our church and are excited to get them together

Adult Confirmation – We will meet again June 14! Join us in room 6 at 10:30am as we discuss the highlights of our year and what we learned.

Beverly School – We’re organizing a supply drive for the Beverly School of Kenya! Visit <https://tinyurl.com/m3y87pyt> to see the list and sign-up! If you’d like to provide a monetary donation, please clearly label it for the Beverly School. Items can be dropped off in the Lawson Hall lobby.

Summer Coffee Hour – We would like to continue coffee hour-lite over the summer. If you’re a baker, please think about making an extra dozen when you are baking and dropping it off in the volunteer office to fuel the summer coffee hours.

Lectio Divina – Join us on Monday mornings from 9:00–9:30am on Zoom. Lectio Divina is the practice of reading scripture as a form of prayer. (Meeting ID: 814 8663 8380 Passcode: scripture)

Thursday Morning Bible Study – Our Bible study will gather this week as we finish up the book of Philippians before taking a break for the summer! Here’s the link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84825798597>.

Prayer & Share – Join us on Saturday, June 13 at 10:00am in the choir Room! We meet on the second Saturday of each month throughout the year in the choir room and invite you to join us for a time of sharing, prayer, conversation, and support.

Youth Musician Award – Brian Herlihy has been selected to receive the Immanuel Youth Musician Award! This is given to a graduating High School Senior who has been willing to share their musical gifts with our congregation throughout the years. We will be presenting it on June 14.

Special Coffee Hour – On Sunday, June 14, Elaine MacNutt will host a coffee hour that celebrates the gifts and presence of our members who are 80 and older. Our whole congregation is invited to coffee hour as we give thanks and share the joy.

Book Club – For the month of June, our book club is reading *The Ghost Map* by Steven Johnson. Join us for conversation together on Thursday, June 18 at 6:00pm. Our group will resume in September as we read the book *The Correspondent* by Virginia Evans.

Celebrating Jen Langhill – We’re celebrating Jen Langhill and giving thanks for her fifteen years as our parish administrator! Join us during coffee hour on Sunday, June 21 as we share our gratitude. Every

member of our church is asked to write a card to Jen full of a favorite memory, Bible verse, or word of encouragement.

Backyard Campfires – You're invited to join us for some backyard campfires this summer! We'll provide company and s'mores supplies, and all you have to bring is a blanket or chair. Our first campfire will be on June 24, 6:00-8:00pm (we'll also have four more in July and August). Just walk around the back of the church building and join the fun.

We are currently collecting:

Period Products – Unscented pads and tampons, individually wrapped, of all sizes and brands, handed out at Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry. Monetary donations also accepted.

Greeting Cards – New greeting cards of all kinds (except Christmas cards, please!), which are given to Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry.

Bras – Bras in good condition of any size, color, or style, which will be given to veterans in need. Contact Mary Donev (mary@donev.com).

Wachusett Food Pantry – Non-perishable, unexpired food items.

In Your Prayers this Week

Adrienne Altobelli, David Alward, Bruce & Janet Axelson, Isaac Barron, Mary Beams, Bob, Heidi Besse, Grace Bialecki, Tina Bodnar, Lucy & Tom Brennan, Ken Cameron, Kaylee Caramanica, Bonnie Colon, Colleen Davison, Alvina Debois, Lauren Demerjian, Christina Deyo, Lina Dickey, Kim, Kevin Duguay, Tom Durant, Jaeger Dziama, Jim Eisenlord, Gabriella Falk, Alan Farmer, Tim Fournier, Leah Frances-Woods, Linda Friedman, Sonja Githmark, Ann Marie Grambo, Dave, Dolores Hadady, Bill Higgins, Erika, Rich Hopkins, Robin Johns, Dick Johnson, Jan Johnson, Carol Jorgensen, Mackenzie Keogh, Ray Langevin, Carole Laino, Jean Lane, Joan Lane, Noah Lane, Ayuen Leet, Meghan MacDonald, Cristie Marsh, James Mellor, George Mioglionico, Joanne Neal, Karen Papachristou, Francis Parretti, Don Phaneuf, Shirley, Kay Porter, Jeff, Wylla Rabeler, Rich Reynolds, Ray Rossetti, Shirley Rotti, Donald Shefer, Anita Slater, Wendy, Steven, Shirley Smith, Maria Taylor, Elaine Vetter, George Vogel, Scott, Becki Welch, Liz Wilson, Jim Zelesky, Nancy Zelesky, and Jill Zitzewitz.