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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, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

Amen.

Drawn to Christ and seeking God’s abundance, let us confess our sin. Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our provider, help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.

Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, ✞ the bread of life, you are shown God’s mercy: you are forgiven and loved.

Amen.
Celebration Song  
*This Little Light of Mine*  
Traditional  
This little light of mine...  
Ev’rywhere I go...  
Jesus gave it to me...

Children’s Chat

Hymn of Praise  
*All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly*  
Hymn 461

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.  
Gracious God, your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world. Give us this bread always, that he may live in us and we in him, and that, strengthened by this food, we may live as his body in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.

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

First Reading  
1 Kings 19:4-8  
4 [Elijah] went a day’s journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: “It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors.”  
5 Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, “Get up and eat.”  
6 He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again.  
7 The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, “Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you.”  
8 He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.  
The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.
Second Reading Ephesians 4:25—5:2

25 So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. 26 Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, 27 and do not make room for the devil. 28 Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. 29 Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. 30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. 31 Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, 32 and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. 5:1 Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, 2 and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia! Lord and Savior

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 John 6:35, 41-51
The Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

35 Jesus said to [the crowd,] “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

41 Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” 42 They were saying, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, ‘I have come down from heaven’?” 43 Jesus answered them, “Do not complain among yourselves. 44 No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. 45 It is written in the prophets, ‘And they shall all be taught by God.’ Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. 46 Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. 47 Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has
eternal life. 48 I am the bread of life. 49 Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. 50 This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. 51 I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**sit**

**Sermon**

Pastor George Vogel

**stand**

Hymn of the Day  
**As We Gather at Your Table**

**Hymn 522**

**Apostles’ Creed**

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

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.

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.

**Prayers of Intercession**

Calling on God to guide our hearts and our minds, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

Merciful God, receive 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
Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world.

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 to us 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  p. 207
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
You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.
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.

Reveal yourself in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love. With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed holy Trinity, 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
Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!
The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.
sit

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

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

*O Living Bread from Heaven*  
*In the Singing*  

Hymn 542  
Hymn 466

Prayer after Communion

Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world as you do. In your name we pray.  
Amen.

Sending

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

Announcements

Stand

Blessing

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, ☩ be upon you now and forever.  
Amen.

Sending Hymn

*Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death*  

Hymn 452

Dismissal

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.  
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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We’re thankful for these servants in worship today:
Livestream – Josh Greene, Kaylie Harrington
Assisting Minister – Karen White
Ushers – Bill Lahey, volunteer
Greeter – Linda Friedman
Children’s Word – Greta Gridley, Heidi Lahey
Coffee Hour – Sue Hudson
Altar Guild – Mary Jane Rasku, Heidi Lahey
Counting Team – Linn & Bob Watt

Worship, Service, and Fellowship in the week ahead:
Today
   8:00 am Simple Church (outdoor chapel)
   9:00 am Indoor & Livestream worship (in sanctuary)
   10:15 am Coffee Hour (in gym)
Monday
   8:00 am Lectio Divina (on Zoom)
Tuesday
   5:30 pm Council Picnic
Sunday
   8:00 am Simple Church (outdoor chapel)
   9:00 am Indoor & Livestream Worship (in sanctuary)
   10:15 am Coffee Hour (in gym)
Daily Bible Readings for the Coming Week:

Tuesday: Psalm 107:1-43, Deuteronomy 8:1-20, 1 Cor. 12:27-31
Friday: Psalm 34:1-8, 2 Samuel 17:15-29, Galatians 6:1-10
Saturday: Psalm 34:1-8, 1 Kings 2:1-9, Matthew 7:7-11

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.

Altar flowers – The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God by Marilynn Vaillancourt celebrating a 52nd anniversary by God’s grace.

Thank you – We thank Osman Bilsel for filling in for Claire today while she’s on her well-deserved vacation this month. We also thank Pastor George Vogel and Pastor Jon Nieman for leading worship this morning, as Pastor Josh tested positive for COVID this week (and Pastor Sarah is also on vacation).

Coffee Hour – All are welcome to join us for coffee hour in the gym after today’s 9:00 worship. Thanks to Sue Hudson for hosting today! And we welcome a few people to help serve at the kitchen window.

Adult Choir this fall – Do you love to sing? Come join the Choir! Choir Rehearsals are held on Wednesday evenings 7:00-8:00 in the Choir Room. First rehearsal on September 11 will also be a potluck supper at the home of Greg and Kathy Mills, 4:30-8:00pm. Our first Sunday service for the season will be September 15 with a warm-up rehearsal at 8:30am. Email Claire at cpstillhobbyin@gmail.com with questions.

Children’s Word – After the Children’s Chat, our 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.
Lectio Divina – Join us on Monday mornings from 8:00–8:30am on Zoom. Lectio Divina is the practice of reading scripture as a form of prayer. (Summer/Meeting ID: 814 8663 8380 Passcode: scripture)

Backyard Campfire – Our next summer Backyard Campfire is Thursday, August 22 starting at 6:00pm. Join us for a fun time together. You bring a blanket or chair, and we’ll bring the s’mores supplies!

Holden Days – Immanuel will be at Holden Days on Saturday, August 24! Please sign up to help host our booth. You’ll represent our congregation, give away fun Immanuel swag, and meet some neighbors! Here’s the link to signup: https://tinyurl.com/bdf939ft

Ham & Bean Supper + Time & Talent Auction – Join us on Saturday, September 7 at 5:00pm for a delicious dinner and an auction! To be part of the auction action, think of something you can offer to be auctioned off – yard work, cooking classes, a homemade quilt, accounting services – the sky is the limit! Auction submission forms are available at the church entrances. You can also use the QR code here to access an Auction Submission form. Please return your auction submission to the tray in the volunteer office or the offering plate (use one form for each bid item). Money raised will support the Beverly School of Kenya and local hunger outreach. See Kathy Mills or Sue Swanberg with questions (sign-up is in Lawson Hall).

Calumet Getaway Weekend – All are invited to attend this year’s Camp Calumet Getaway weekend September 20-22. Camp Calumet is a Lutheran Camp in New Hampshire, and this year’s theme is “Practicing Peace.” Registration forms are available in the church office and will also be mailed out soon. Anyone joining us for the first time gets 50% off! Please reach out to Eileen Connolly or Pastor Josh with questions.

Kick-Off Weekend – Join us for Kick-Off Weekend on September 7 & 8! The weekend will include the Time & Talent Auction and Ham & Bean Supper on Saturday, and then a special worship service and celebration on Sunday. Let’s kick off the fall with faith and fun together!
School Kits (Donate Now!) – During August, we are collecting items to make school kits! See the insert in our August bulletins for details. Donation boxes are at the entrance of the church and in Lawson Hall.

Women’s Prayer & Share – We’ll gather again on Saturday, August 24 at 10:00am in our Choir Room. See Karen White with questions. If you’ve ever felt a calling to come, please do!

Young Families Get Together – All families with young children are invited to join us on Saturday, August 24 from 4-7pm. To help support one another and build community, we’re gathering together at the home of Natalie and Barry Dellecese. We’ll have pizza, s’mores, and the opportunity for kids to run around. If you haven’t RSVP’d yet, check your email for the evite (if you can’t find it, reach out to Pastor Josh.)

Stephen Ministry – Our Stephen Ministers are trained to provide confidential, one-to-one care to those experiencing a difficult time in life. Please let one of the pastors know if you or someone you know could benefit from talking to a Stephen Minister.

Period Products – We are continuing to collect unscented pads and tampons of all sizes. You can drop off donations in the bin in Lawson Hall lobby or make a monetary donation.

Office closed – The church office will be closed tomorrow/Monday.

In Your Prayers this Week

This week, please lift up to God those who have requested our prayers: