

Welcome to Immanuel Lutheran Church

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Sunday, July 13, 2025

Lectionary 15, Year C

5th Sunday after Pentecost



Please welcome Kathy Robinson as she leads us in Worship today.

Prelude

Announcements

Introduction

To love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, strength, and mind is to reflect God's mercy in responding to one's neighbor. That mercy found its most profound expression in the "gospel that has come to you"—namely the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. That gospel mercy comes to us again today: at the font, at the table, and from the pulpit. It is very near to you.

Please stand if able.

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

In the name of the Father,
and of the ✙ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

you free us to love others,

but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.

You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,

but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.

You surround us with patience, kindness,
and generosity,

but we grow weary in doing what is right.

In your mercy, forgive us.

Do not give up on us.

Heal us, break our bonds,
and show us the path of life.

Amen.

You belong to Christ Jesus

and you are God's children through faith.

In the cross of ✝ Christ,

and through the power of the Holy Spirit,

your sins are forgiven.

Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

Amen.

Gathering Hymn

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

#803

Greeting: “The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all” (2 Corinthians 13:14).

C: And also, with you.

Prayer of the Day

P: O Lord God, your mercy delights us, and the world longs for your loving care. Hear the cries of everyone in need, and turn our hearts to love our neighbors with the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated.

First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:9-14

Moses calls the people who are about to enter the promised land to renew the covenant God made with their ancestors. Through this covenant God

gives life and asks for obedience. God's commandment is neither burdensome nor too far off, but dwells in the people's hearts.

⁹ The LORD your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the LORD will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, ¹⁰ when you obey the LORD your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

¹¹ “Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. ¹² It is not in heaven, that you should say, ‘Who will go up to heaven for us and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?’ ¹³ Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, ‘Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?’ ¹⁴ No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

R: Word of God. Word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm: Psalm 25:1-10

R: Please read responsively to Psalm 25:1-10

Show me your ways, O LORD, and teach me your paths. (Ps. 25:4)

¹ To | you, O LORD,
I lift | up my soul.

² **My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be | put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph | over me.**

³ Let none who look to you be | put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame | who are treacherous.

⁴ **Show me your | ways, O LORD,
and teach | me your paths. R**

⁵ Lead me in your | truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all | the day
long.

⁶ **Remember, O LORD, your compas-¹ sion and love,
for they are from¹ everlasting.**

⁷ Remember not the sins of my youth and¹ my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your
good-¹ ness, O LORD.

⁸ **You are gracious and up-¹ right, O LORD;
therefore you teach sinners¹ in your way.**

⁹ You lead the low-¹ ly in justice
and teach the low-¹ ly your way.

¹⁰ **All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast¹ love and faithfulness
to those who keep your covenant and your¹ testimonies. R**

Second Reading: Colossians 1:1-14

The letter to the Colossians was written to warn its readers of various false teachings. The first part of the letter is an expression of thanks for the faith, hope, and love that mark this community, including a prayer for strength and courage.

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

² To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae:
Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

³ In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁴ for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, ⁵ because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel ⁶ that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. ⁷ This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, ⁸ and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

⁹ For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will

in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰ so that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. ¹¹ May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, so that you may have all endurance and patience, joyfully ¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³ He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.
R: Word of God. Word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Please stand for the Gospel.

Gospel Acclamation

“Alleluia”

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Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus is challenged to explain what is involved in obeying the greatest commandment. He tells a parable rich in surprises: those expected to show pity display hard hearts while the lowly give and receive unexpected and lavish mercy.

²⁵ An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he said, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ²⁶ He said to him, “What is written in the law? What do you read there?” ²⁷ He answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself.” ²⁸ And he said to him, “You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.”

²⁹ But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” ³⁰ Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead. ³¹ Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. ³² So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and when he

saw him he was moved with compassion. ³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, ‘Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.’ ³⁶ Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?” ³⁷ He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Pulpit Hymn “My God, How Wonderful Thou Art” #863

Sermon

Kathy Robinson

Silence for reflection.

Hymn of the Day “Spread, Oh, Spread, Almighty Word” #663

Please stand if able.

Apostles’ Creed See the yellow sheet in the back of your hymnal.

Sharing of the Peace

P: The Peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also, with you.

P: I invite you to share the Peace however you feel comfortable.

Please be seated for the Prayers.

Prayers of Intercession

Read by our Lector today:

Adam Doede

In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world.

After “God of Grace” please respond with “hear our prayer”

A brief silence.

The Lord's Prayer

Offertory Hymn

“We Are Called”

#720

The usher will bring up the offering plate.

Please stand if able.

Offering Prayer

P: Creator God,

in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good
and the harvest is plentiful.

Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth
and our labor,

that we may work for the good of all;

through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

Blessing

The love of God abound in you;

the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;

and the life of the Spirit

✝ bless you and give you peace.

Amen.

Sending Hymn

“Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises”

#535

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Attendance on 7/6/2025: 22

Prayer Concerns: Mary Ann Klinker, Joan Bonstead, Judi McGill and Bob Henning for medical challenges. Joan Winterhoff, Karen Spoehrs. (For updates, please contact the ILC Office)

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Our Sister Church is the Lobatla Parish. Pastor Elijah Lekwate. Email for Justice Pule: pulejustice74@gmail.com

Volunteers needed to Host Coffee Hours. The sign-up sheet is in the kitchen.

Serving us Today

Leader: Kathy Robinson

Organist/Pianist: Dan Larson

Reader: Adam Doede

Ushers: Adam Doede

Video Recorder: Bob Henning

Altar Guild: Kathy Knox, Joanne Distelhorst, and Pattie Bricko

Important: There will be a Special Congregation Meeting called by the President Bob Henning on Sunday, July 20, 2025, at 9:15am. The purpose is to vote on the “Merger of Immanuel Lutheran Church of Wausau, Wisconsin, with one of three ELCA Churches”. *This is notification per Immanuel Lutheran Church Constitution and Bylaws, Page 15, Chapter 9. Congregation Meeting, C9.02.*

The Men’s Discussion Group meets Thursdays at 7:30 am, in the Koinonia room. New participants are always welcome.

Strong Bones Senior Exercise Group meets every Tuesday and Thursday in the old Nursery at 10:30 am. The class is open to anyone wishing to improve balance and maintain strength to prevent falls. New faces are happily welcome.

Food Pantry Donations for the Neighbors’ Place

Place your items on the black cart next to the pew near the Gathering Room

and they will be delivered to the Neighbors' Place.

Notes from Jackie



There are many VCR tapes of our Worship Services from the past (90's, 2000's) located in Room 13. I have placed them all on three shelves. Most of the tapes are marked, but some of the labels have fallen off. Please look through them and see if there are any you would like to take with you. I will leave them there for a few weeks and then they will be disposed of. Thank you!

NOTE: Jane Reilly-Smith has brought in a TV/VCR Combo so that you can view the services. Thank you, Jane!

Family Donated Hymnals. Jane Reilly-Smith has lovingly placed all inscribed hymnals in the gathering room. She organized them by family and alphabetical order. Thank you, Jane.



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New Beginnings for Refugees invites YOU to attend our Open House and Volunteer Appreciation event on July 23, 2025, from 5 pm to 7 pm. We are showcasing our new space at First United Methodist Church and our new staff. The event includes our special guest, Lt. Governor Sara Rodriguez, as well as the opportunity to tour our new facilities, taste food prepared by our new neighbors, and engage with the program. Come meet our volunteers, staff, and our new neighbors.

CHRISTMAS BANNER

Designed and made by Mary Lee Schroeder, 1970.
In memory of Sally Swenby, given by Rev. and Mrs.
Duane Hoven. The design of this banner is related
to the Advent banner. The background is white to
show the Light of the World has come. The cross
is complete and the star larger to show God's
promise is being fulfilled in Jesus' birth. To
be put up when paraments are changed to white
for Christmas.

WEDDING BANNER

Designed and mde by Mary Lee Schroeder, 1974.
Given in memory of Mrs. Roy Larsen. Used for
the first time at her daughter Chris' wedding.
The words on the banner are from the couple's
promise to each other. The union is symbolized
by the gold rings. White and gold are used to
symbolize the holiness of the life long commitment
in the sight of God.

July 2025 Worship Servers

DATE	PIANIST / ORGANIST	READER	USHER / GREETERS	VIDEO TAPER	WORSHIP LEADER
7/6/2025	Daniel Larson	Al Solomonson	Kathy and Bruce Knox	Bob Henning	Kathy Robinson
7/13/2025	Daniel Larson	Adam Doede	Bob Doede	Bob Henning	Kathy Robinson
7/20/2025	Daniel Larson	Doug Helling	Kathy and Bruce Knox	Bob Henning	Doug Helling
7/27/2025	Daniel Larson	Sue Schwede	Mike Schwede	Bob Henning	Kathy Robinson
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