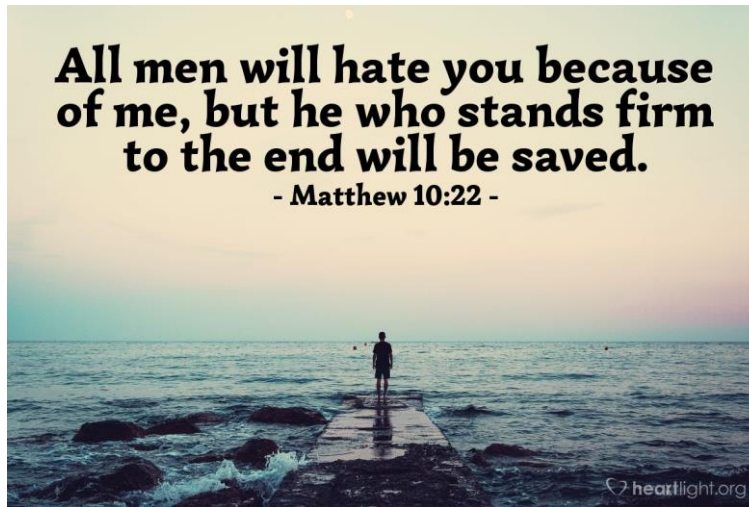


Welcome to
Immanuel Lutheran Church
A Congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

June 25, 2023
Fourth Sunday After Pentecost



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Bulletin Dedication

“For you have delivered my soul from death, yes, my feet from falling, that I may walk before God in the light of life” (Psalm 56:13). These words are in the Introit for today and express the joy of the Christian whose life is found in Christ. Even though death awaits us all, we know that through Christ Jesus, we have been delivered from it and have the light of life. Today’s bulletin is given to the glory of God in memory of Dorothy Schulz from Duane and family. She was born May 5, 1939, married May 4, 1958, and called to heavenly glory on June 23, 2016. As we await a reunion in the great day of Resurrection, we remember those who have gone before us with the peace of God, our Savior and Redeemer.

Welcome to Immanuel! We ask everyone to please fill out a white postcard-sized Communication/Communion Card, which has been placed at the entrances. Offerings can be put in the marked grey baskets.

>> **Guests**, please fill out the card with your name and address. Place in the offering basket, hand to an usher or elder, or drop in the basket as you come forward for Holy Communion. If desiring to commune, please visit with the pastor (see Communion statement below) and note your home congregation. We hope you have enjoyed our worship service, and we invite you to join us again soon.

>> **Members**, please fill out the Communion Card to inform the church office of your attendance today and any needed prayers and visits.

Holy Communion Statement

The Lord’s Supper is celebrated 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 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.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord’s body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive this sacrament, are asked to first speak with the pastor.

For our communicants: gluten-free host is available along with grape juice in the center of the individual cups for those who have allergies or sensitivities to those respective elements. Please request it as you approach the pastor or the elder.

Our Mission

Immanuel Lutheran Church exists to spread the Gospel in its truth and purity through Word and Sacraments in accordance with the Confession of The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod. Immanuel Lutheran School exists to share the Gospel, so children become disciples of Jesus.

Busy Bags: Available at the entrance are ‘Busy Bags’ = activity bags of color crayons/books, for any child. Borrow and use them for the service and return them to their hook for the next time!

Liturgy: Setting One, page 151

Sermon: “Enduring to the End” – Matthew 10:21-33

Hymns:

913 - O Holy Spirit, Enter In

756 - Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me

570 - Just as I Am, without One Plea

744 - Amazing Grace

531 - Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus

728 - How Firm a Foundation

Organist: Debra Eggenberger

Elders/Ushers: Mark Bartsh, Bob Walkes, Eugene Schnell

Acolyte/cross bearer: Elders over summer

Altar Duty June: Jim & Sue Miller, Dawn Schroeder

Altar Duty July: Leo & Barb Larson

OUR OFFERING OF WORSHIP

Sunday June 18: 88

OUR OFFERING OF MATERIAL GIFTS

Sunday, June 18: \$ 3,940.00

OUR OFFERING OF PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

Those known to be hospitalized: *No one at this time.* For any prayer requests wanted on the Congregational Prayer Chain, or in public worship services, call the church office (534-3700) or Kim Zabel (507) 272-6301 or E-mail office@immanuelplainview.org

God’s richest blessing on those celebrating birthdays this week

*June 25: Garrett Folkert, Rebekah Hermann, Heather Gander,
Anna Augustine, Michael Haley*

June 26: Glen Zabel, Jenna Ferk, Terry Krusmark

June 27: Austin Gander, Mark Fitting

June 28: Michal Mussell, Bonetta Bennett

July 1: Alicia Marie-Grace Ajuntas, Danita Irish

The Presentation of the Augsburg Confession

The Augsburg Confession, the principal doctrinal statement of the theology of Martin Luther and the Lutheran reformers, was written largely by Phillip Melanchthon. At its heart it confesses the justification of sinners by grace alone, through faith alone, for the sake of Christ alone. Signed by leaders of many German cities and regions, the confession was formally presented to the Holy Roman Emperor Charles V at Augsburg, Germany, on June 25, 1530. A few weeks later Roman Catholic authorities rejected the Confession, which Melanchthon defended in the Apology of the Augsburg Confession (1531). In 1580 the Unaltered Augsburg Confession was included in the Book of Concord.

(<https://www.lcms.org/worship/church-year/commemorations>)

ARTICLE IV: Justification

Note: There is a historic saying in Lutheranism that the Church stands or falls on the article of justification. To justify means “to declare righteous.” God’s sure and certain declaration that we are righteous in His eyes is possible only because of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Through His life, Jesus satisfied God’s demand for perfect obedience. Through His sacrificial death, Jesus took God’s wrath and atoned for the sins of the world. The Holy Spirit, through the means of grace, works in us saving faith, which personally apprehends what Christ has done for us. Our justification before God, therefore, is brought about by the One who lived, suffered, and died for our salvation. We cannot merit God’s favor through our obedience; we cannot offer sacrifices to pay for our sins. But what we cannot do for ourselves, Christ has done for us. He is the solid Rock on which God builds His Church. On Him, and Him alone, we stand forgiven. (See also Ap IV; SA III XIII; FC Ep III and SD III.)

¹ Our churches teach that people cannot be justified before God by their own strength, merits, or works. ² People are freely justified for Christ’s sake, through faith, when they believe that they are received into favor and that their sins are forgiven for Christ’s sake. By His death, Christ made satisfaction for our sins. ³ God counts this faith for righteousness in His sight (Romans 3 and 4 [3:21–26; 4:5]).¹

¹ Paul Timothy McCain, ed., [*Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions*](#) (St. Louis, MO: Concordia Publishing House, 2005), 32–33.