

# IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

*“Living a Legacy of Faith.” 150 Years: 1870--2020*

*For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.*

*Psalm 100:5*



July 11, 2020, 5:00 p.m.

July 12, 2020, 10:00 a.m.



## AS WE GATHER

The Word works! The Word of God is our only source of everlasting life. Through Isaiah, God explains that His Word is as effective as rain causing growth in plants. As David writes poetically, His care causes all the trees of the field to clap their hands. And the Word will work in our lives so that we will “go out in joy and be led forth in peace,” as Isaiah puts it. Indeed, Jesus, the Word in the flesh, succeeded in giving us peace and joy by rising victorious over sin, death, and the power of the devil. As a result, Paul explains in the Epistle, we are God’s adopted children, calling out to Him, “Abba, Father.” But there is work for us to do! As we let the Word work through us, we can expect that, in spite of opposition of all sorts from the world, if we but hear and understand, we will certainly bear fruit for our heavenly Father.

### A Few FYI'S as You Worship with Us.

- **If you do not wish to receive Holy Communion but would like a blessing, simply come forward during the distribution, cross your arms when Pastor approaches you and he will speak a blessing.**
- **Holy Communion** is offered to those who have been instructed in what the Scriptures teach about Communion. We believe the Bible teaches:
  - 1) *Jesus Christ is our only Lord and Savior from all sin, death, and the power of evil;*
  - 2) *The Risen Christ is really present in the Sacrament and that with the bread and wine we receive His Body and Blood; and*
  - 3) *We resolve to dedicate our lives to the service of our Lord in His Body, the Church, through worship, sacrificial giving, and thankful living.*
- **Individual cup trays contains non-alcoholic wine for those who prefer this substitute. Gluten-free communion wafers are available.**



### + GATHERING +

## WELCOME

### GATHERING SONG

“O God Beyond All Praising”

WOV 797 (5:00 p.m.)

“Who You Say I Am”

(Fielding, Morgan)

Praise Team (10:00 a.m.)

## CALLING ON GOD’S NAME

**SEEKING AND RECEIVING FORGIVENESS** *Isaiah 55:11–12; Psalm 32:5; 124:8; Matthew 13:23; Romans 8:16*

Pastor: In the today’s Epistle, Paul reminds us that “the Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God.” Let us therefore go to our gracious heavenly Father, confessing our sins.

Pastor: In the Old Testament Reading, God promises, “My word . . . shall not return to Me empty; it shall accomplish . . . and shall succeed.”

**People: But we do not trust You in all things. We have sinned in thought, word, and deed. Forgive us, heavenly Father.**

Pastor: Then God tells us, “You shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace.”

**People: But we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. Hear us, free us, and lead us in paths pleasing to You, heavenly Father.**

Pastor: In the Gospel, our Lord explains that “the one who hears the word and understands it . . . bears fruit.” By the grace of God, we believe and understand that Jesus, the Word of God in the flesh, succeeded in destroying death and rising victorious for us. For His sake, God forgives us and uses us to bear fruit for Him. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. May the Word planted inside you produce a great harvest for our gracious Lord.

**People: Amen. Thanks be to God!**

**+ HEARING GOD’S WORD +**

**SCRIPTURE READING** Romans 8:12–17 (p. 808, ESV) (p. 1118, NIV)  
*(Because the Spirit leads us, we know we are children of God.)*

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**HOLY GOSPEL** Matthew 13:1–9, 18–23 (p. 697, ESV) (p. 968, NIV)  
*(Whoever hears the Word and understands it will produce a great harvest for God in spite of worldly opposition.)*

**SONG** “Spirit of the Living God” W & P 129 (5:00 p.m.)  
“Great Things” Praise Team (10:00 a.m.)  
*(Wickham, Myrin)*

**MESSAGE** “Taking Care of Business” Pastor Donald Antor

**CONFESSING OUR FAITH**

