

Welcome to Immanuel Lutheran Church

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Lectionary 16, Year C

6th Sunday after Pentecost



Please welcome Rev. Doug Helling as he leads us in Worship today.

Prelude

Announcements

Introduction

Perhaps the church, at its best, is “all ears.” God urges the faithful, again and again, to “listen up!”—to heed the word that gives life. So it was with Abraham and Sarah, Mary and Martha, and the early church at Colossae. So it is today as we join the assembly to hear the word of God, the word of life.

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

“God Is Here”

#526

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: Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ, and you make yourself our guest. Amid the cares of our lives, make us attentive to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated.

First Reading: Genesis 18:1-10a

The LORD visits Abraham and Sarah to tell them that the long-awaited promise of the birth of a child will be fulfilled for them in their old age.

¹ The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. ² He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them and bowed down to the ground. ³ He said, “My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. ⁴ Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. ⁵ Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.” So they said, “Do as you have said.” ⁶ And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah and said, “Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.” ⁷ Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. ⁸ Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared and set it before them, and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

⁹ They said to him, “Where is your wife Sarah?” And he said, “There, in the tent.” ^{10a} Then one said, “I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.”

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

Psalm: Psalm 15

R: Please read responsively to Psalm 15

LORD, who may abide upon your holy hill? (Ps. 15:1)

¹ LORD, who may dwell in your ¹ tabernacle?

Who may abide upon your ¹ holy hill?

² **Those who lead a blameless life and do ¹ what is right,
who speak the truth ¹ from their heart; R**

³ they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil ¹ to their friends;
they do not cast discredit up- ¹ on a neighbor.

⁴ **In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those
who ¹ fear the LORD.**

**They have sworn upon their health and do not take ¹ back their
word.**

⁵ They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes

a-^l gainst the innocent.

Those who do these things shall never be^l overthrown. **R**

Second Reading: Colossians 1:15-28

This letter offers a mystical teaching, that the great mystery of God is “Christ in you.” Because Christ is present in the church, Christians share in his life, suffering, and glory.

¹⁵ [Christ Jesus] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation,¹⁶ for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

²¹ And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²² he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him, ²³ provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a minister of this gospel.

²⁴ I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ’s afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. ²⁵ I became its minister according to God’s commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, ²⁶ the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. ²⁷ To them God chose to make known how great among the gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is

Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸ It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

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 10:38-42

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

During his visit to the home of Mary and Martha, Jesus reminds Martha that her concern for her many tasks distracts from the one thing that precedes all else: abiding in the presence of God.

³⁸ Now as [Jesus and his disciples] went on their way, he entered a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him. ³⁹ She had a sister named Mary, who sat at Jesus’s feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted by her many tasks, so she came to him and asked, “Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her, then, to help me.” ⁴¹ But the Lord answered her, “Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things, ⁴² but few things are needed—indeed only one. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.”

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Sermon

Rev. Doug Helling

Silence for reflection.

Hymn of the Day

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

#759

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:

Pattie Bricko

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.

Offertory Hymn

“We Plow the Fields and Scatter”

#681

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.

Invitation to Communion

Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.

Holy Communion

Rev. Doug Helling

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: 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.
We praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy

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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.
Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

The Lord's Prayer

Please be seated.

All are welcome at the Lord's table. We believe Christ is truly present in the bread and the wine, that is his body and blood are given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sin. If you do not wish to receive communion but wish to receive a blessing, please come forward during the distribution of communion. If you are unable to come forward during distribution and wish to receive communion, please let the usher know and the pastor will come to your seat.

**Lamb of God
Communion Hymn**

“Now We Join in Celebration”

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Blessing after Communion

P: The blessing of God,
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,
✠ be upon you now and forever.

Prayer after Communion

Mothering God,
you gathered us to your table
and we drank deeply of your grace.
Send us out by your Spirit
to love our neighbors as ourselves
and proclaim your love in Jesus’ name.
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

“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

#543

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.
C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Attendance on 7/13/2025: 36

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: Rev. Doug Helling

Organist/Pianist: Dan Larson

Reader: Pattie Bricko

Ushers: Kathy and Bruce Knox

Video Recorder: Bob Henning

Communion Assistant: Mary McDonell

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

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.

From Arzelee: I want to thank Jackie for stepping in, coming to our rescue and keeping our heads above water. I know that this is her last job, and we all wish her God Speed.

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 more weeks and then

they will be disposed of. Thank you!

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.

WMC Shelter is currently in need of Deodorant, Toothpaste, Nail Clippers, Hair Ties, Women's Socks, Razors (Men/Women), Tums and Band-Aids. Also if you have any Thrivent adult shirts that are just sitting around collecting dust, we can use those as well. If you have questions please contact Shauna at 608-514-4504 or nutband@gmail.com I am more than happy to pick up these items in the coming weeks (I am gone June 17th-20th otherwise I am around) and can take them to the shelter as I am there a couple times a week.

A special Thank You to Vonnie for making cookies for this past week's meal at WMC Shelter, it was greatly appreciated by all the clients.

Immanuel Lutheran Church of Wausau, Wisconsin, Inc. YouTube Channel. There are 274 videos on our YouTube channel. I would invite you to go through the videos and see if there is a favorite or two you would like a copy of on DVD. Jackie would be happy to create a keepsake for you. Here is our channel:
<https://www.youtube.com/@ImmanuelLutheranChurchofWausau>.

RADA Cutlery Knives are now available in the church office. The price is whatever you feel led to donate. There are various kinds of knives. Proceeds will go to flowers for the Altar.

ALL SAINTS BANNER

Designed by David Schroeder, 1971. Made by Mary Lee Schroeder. To be used for All Saint's Day and for all funerals. The Cross is red for the Blood of Christ. The words and halos are gold to express the lasting and durable nature of the faith of the Saints and their inheritance of eternal life.

LENTEN BANNER

The Lenten Banner was made by Mary Lee Schroeder and given by Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Hahn and used for the first time during the Lenten season, 1978. The Lenten Banner is purple, the liturgical color of Lent and also symbolic of royalty, and natural burlap or "sack cloth" for mourning. The angular design forms a Cross in a slanted position as if carried. The words are from Philippians 2:8.

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