

Welcome to Immanuel Lutheran Church

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Sunday, June 22, 2025

Lectionary 12, Year C



Please welcome Bob Henning as he leads us in a special Worship service today, “The History Board – Our Legacy”

Thank you, Dan Larson, for your beautiful music today!

Prelude

Announcements

Introduction

This Sunday’s texts paint startling pictures of the horrific nature of sin. The church’s repeated celebration of holy communion counters that tragic reality in a continued showing forth of the death of Jesus until he comes again. It is a dramatic declaration of “how much God has done for you.”

Please stand if able.

Gathering Hymns

“Earth and All Stars”	#731 v1,2
“Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil”	#512
“Beautiful Savior”	#838

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, we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world. In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us, and defend us from everything that is evil, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated.

First Reading: Isaiah 65:1-9

¹ I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask,
to be found by those who did not seek me.

I said, “Here I am, here I am,”
to a nation that did not call on my name.

² I held out my hands all day long
to a rebellious people,
who walk in a way that is not good,
following their own devices;

³ a people who provoke me
to my face continually,
sacrificing in gardens
and offering incense on bricks;

⁴ who sit inside tombs,
and spend the night in secret places;
who eat swine’s flesh,
with broth of abominable things in their vessels;

⁵ who say, “Keep to yourself,
do not come near me, for I am too holy for you.”

These are a smoke in my nostrils,
a fire that burns all day long.

⁶ See, it is written before me:

I will not keep silent, but I will repay;
I will indeed repay into their laps

⁷ their iniquities and their ancestors’ iniquities together,
says the LORD;

because they offered incense on the mountains
and reviled me on the hills,

I will measure into their laps
full payment for their actions.

⁸ Thus says the LORD:

As the wine is found in the cluster,

and they say, “Do not destroy it,
 for there is a blessing in it,”
 so I will do for my servants’ sake,
 and not destroy them all.
⁹ I will bring forth descendants from Jacob,
 and from Judah inheritors of my mountains;
 my chosen shall inherit it,
 and my servants shall settle there.

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

Hymns	“This Is My Father’s World”	#824
	“I Love to Tell the Story”	#512

Psalm: Psalm 22:19-28

R: Please read responsively to Psalm 22:19-28

¹⁹ But you, O LORD, be not | far away;
 O my help, hasten | to my aid.
²⁰ **Deliver me | from the sword,**
my life from the power | of the dog.
²¹ Save me from the | lion’s mouth!
 From the horns of wild bulls you have | rescued me.
²² **I will declare your name | to my people;**
in the midst of the assembly | I will praise you. R
²³ You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob’s | line, give glory.
 Stand in awe of the LORD, all you off- | spring of Israel.
²⁴ **For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;**
neither is the LORD’s face hid- | den from them;
but when they cry out, | the LORD hears them.
²⁵ From you comes my praise in the | great assembly;
 I will perform my vows in the sight of those who | fear the LORD.
²⁶ **The poor shall eat | and be satisfied,**
Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts | live
forever! R

²⁷ All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn ^l to the LORD;
all the families of nations shall bow ^l before God.
²⁸ **For dominion belongs ^l to the LORD,**
who rules o- ^l ver the nations. R

Hymn

“Here I Am, Lord”

#574

Second Reading: Galatians 3:23-29

²³ Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. ²⁴ Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵ But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, ²⁶ for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. ²⁷ As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸ There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s offspring, heirs according to the promise.
R: Word of God. Word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

R: Let us sing **Hymn #856, “How Great Thou Art” vs. 1 and 4**, as we stand for the Gospel

Please stand for the Gospel.

Gospel: Luke 8:26-39

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁶ Then [Jesus and his disciples] arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷ As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. ²⁸ When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, “What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me”—²⁹ for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many

times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) ³⁰ Jesus then asked him, “What is your name?” He said, “Legion”; for many demons had entered him. ³¹ They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

³² Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. ³³ Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

³⁴ When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. ³⁵ Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. ³⁶ Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. ³⁷ Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. ³⁸ The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹ “Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.” So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Hymns	“What A Friend We Have In Jesus”	#742 vss. 1,2
	“Amazing Grace”	#779 vss. 1,2

Sermon	Bob Henning
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“The History Board – Our Legacy”

*Members are invited to come forward and share their special memories of
Immanuel Lutheran Church.*

Silence for reflection.

Hymn of the Day

“Just a Closer Walk with Thee” #697 Ref. & V1

Please stand if able.

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

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

The Lord’s Prayer

Offertory Hymn

“Spirit of Gentleness”

#396 v1

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

“Christ, Be Our Light”

#715 vss. 1,2,5

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Attendance on 6/15/2025: 27

Prayer Concerns: 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: Bob Henning

Organist/Pianist: Dan Larson

Readers: Sue Schwede

Usher: Mike Schwede

Video Recorder:

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.

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.

Note 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!

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.