

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
Divine Service
July 16, 2023
Immanuel Ev. Lutheran Church
Glenview, IL
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An offering is collected during the service.

Because Online Communion is not something we practice in the LCMS, please contact the Church Office to receive Individual Communion from your pastor.

PRELUDE
RINGING OF THE BELL
PASSING OF THE PEACE
THE SOWER KNOWS...

ABOUT HOLY COMMUNION

As a Christian Church, in the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod we believe that in Communion, Jesus is really and truly present. He gives us Himself to assure us that in Him we are forgiven. It also is a statement of unity that all who come to Communion are in agreement of faith and doctrine.

Because this is something very special, and is more than bread and wine, we ask that those who are uncertain of their agreement first talk to the pastor or elder or usher before coming up for Communion. Participating as a family, we believe that we are truly receiving the body and blood of Christ in, with, and under the bread and the wine.

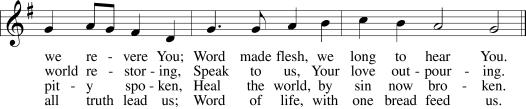
All are certainly welcome at the Altar and may receive a Blessing, rather than the elements. We ask that an indication be given by crossing arms in front (St. Andrew's Cross) to signify this desire for simply receiving a Blessing in Christ. Thank you.

AS WE GATHER

Though you may be familiar with Jesus' parable of the sower, you may be surprised to hear that you do not really know it yet! That's because on the one hand, the Word of God does not change. Yet on the other hand, we need to keep hearing it again and again, because our circumstances are constantly changing. The parable of the sower tells of this mystery. The seed is God's Word, God's work of planting repentance and faith in ears who hear. We may think of the various kinds of soil Jesus mentions to be various sorts of people. Actually, however, He is describing each individual in their changing circumstances. There are times when we are "good soil," that is, we understand God's Word and take comfort in it. There are other times, however, when we either cannot or will not hear it. Sometimes we become hard paths, rocky or distracted by worries or fears. For this reason, God never ceases planting, speaking, and growing faith in the heart, and we return repeatedly to continue hearing, reading, learning, and receiving God's Word because He never gives up on you.

+ PREPARATION +





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(Stand - The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism)

INVOCATION Matthew 28:19b; 18:20

- In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Titus 3:3-7

- P For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures,
- passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another.
- P But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared,
- He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to His own mercy,
- P by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit,
- whom He poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior,
- P so that being justified by His grace
- we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P In that divine hope, let us confess our sins to God our Father.
- Merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You by not letting You have Your way with us. We have become deaf to Your Word. Because of our weak love for You and for our neighbor, we have become fruitless trees deserving only Your judgment. Therefore, we return to You today asking Your forgiveness and for the strengthening of our faith and love. By Your Word, restore us and renew us for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.
- Fruitful trees, the Spirit's sowing: upon this, your confession, I by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word announce the grace of God to you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the
 Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

+ WORD +

INTROIT

Psalm 103:15-19; antiphon: v. 8

The LORD is merciful and gracious,

slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

As for man, his days are like grass;

he flourishes like a flower of the field;

for the wind passes over it, and it is gone,

and its place knows it no more.

But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him,

and his righteousness to children's children, to those who keep his covenant and remember to do his commandments.

The LORD has established his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom rules over all.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning,

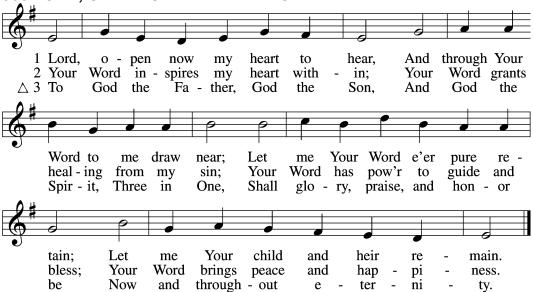
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

KYRIE Mark 10:47

- P Lord, have mercy upon us.
- Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

908 LORD, OPEN NOW MY HEART TO HEAR



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SALUTATION

- The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

(Sit)

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 55:10-13

¹⁰"For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth. making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, ¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it. 12"For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. ¹³Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall make a name for the LORD. an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off."

- **I** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE Romans 8:12–17

¹²So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. ¹³For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

- **I** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

(Stand)

GRADUAL AND VERSE

Romans 11:33, 36; Isaiah 40:8

- P Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!
- How unsearchable are His judgments and how inscrutable His ways!
- **P** For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things.
- To Him be glory forever. Amen.
- P Alleluia. The grass withers, the flower fades,
- **b**ut the word of our God will stand forever. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.
- Glory to You, O Lord.

¹That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ²And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, ⁶but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and

choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹He who has ears, let him hear. . . .

¹⁸"Hear then the parable of the sower: ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, ²¹yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. ²³As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to You, O Christ.

CREED Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ. the only-begotten Son of God. begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man: and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

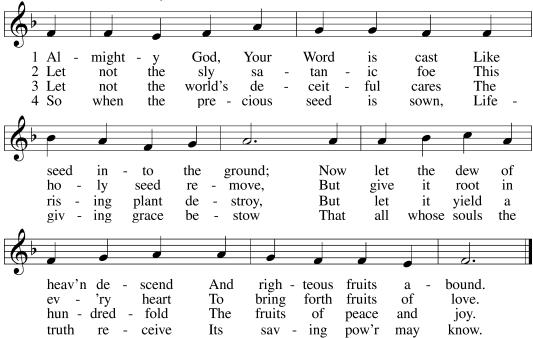
And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life

of the world to come. Amen.

(Sit)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

577 ALMIGHTY GOD, YOUR WORD IS CAST



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SERMON

(Stand)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Father of mercy, our sins have merited thorns and briars and yield only trouble and strife. Forgive our transgressions and discipline us against temptation, that we may rejoice in Your name and the promise of everlasting life. Lord, in Your mercy,

- hear our prayer.
- P Almighty God, You send forth Your Word as abundantly as rains upon the earth. Grant that we would never take Your generosity for granted, but would seek the help and refreshment of Your Word in every circumstance. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Lord of life, continue to sow Your Word through the fields of the earth. Bless pastors and missionaries as they proclaim Your truth. Prepare the hearts of all who hear to believe and yield abundant fruit. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Heavenly Father, bless parents with faithfulness as they plant Your Word into their children, that they may grow steadfast among the cares and troubles of this world. Lord, in Your mercy,
- hear our prayer.
- P Creator of heaven and earth, by Your Word You send forth rain and snow to make the world bring forth and sprout. Give seed to the sower and bread to the eater. Provide us seasonable weather and bountiful harvest, that we may enjoy daily bread and praise Your name. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.

- Lord God, look with mercy upon those who suffer from illness of body or mind. [Be especially with _____.] Give them healing. Comfort them with Your presence. Grant them patience to endure suffering, and assure them at all times that they are Your dear children and that the glory of Christ awaits them. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P God of all grace, You have made us Your holy children and freed us from bondage to the flesh. Sustain us in repentance and faith, that we may receive Christ's body and blood for life and salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,
- hear our prayer.
- P Almighty God, Your Spirit calls us by the Gospel to the new life of faith. We praise You and acknowledge You as our Lord. Deliver us from the devil's temptations, that we may live under You and serve You in righteousness, innocence and blessedness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the same Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- Amen.

(Sit)

PRAYER

As you are seated during the collection of the offering, we suggest you pray for the following (see announcements):

- Those celebrating Birthdays, Wedding Anniversaries, Baptismal Anniversaries;
- GriefShare Group
- Call Committee
- NLSA Accreditation
- Open Arms Christian Child Development Center Faculty, Staff, and Families
- Mission of the Month

Please remember to include these in your prayers during the week along with those on the bookmark prayer list.

OFFERING

P We have come to that time in the service where we bring the offering forward and present those gifts at the Altar.

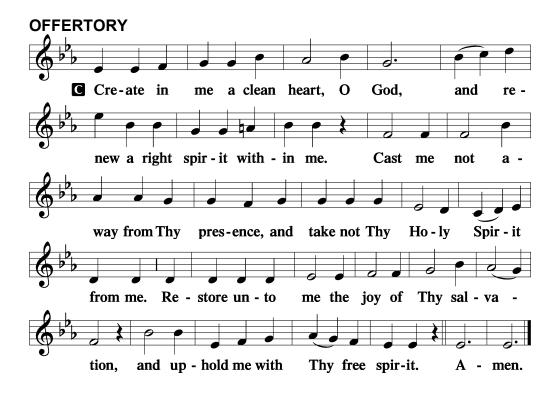
For those of you for visiting, please feel no obligation to participate. This service is our gift to you.

But for those of you who consider Immanuel Lutheran Church to be your spiritual home, we want to thank you for your faithfulness to participate financially in the ongoing support of this ministry. Scan the QR code to Give Online.

During the gathering of the Offering, we ask that visitors please complete the GUEST portion of the pew card with contact information and indicate whether you are interested in knowing more about Immanuel Lutheran Church. Place the card in the Offering plate or give to an usher. Thank you.

(Stand - please stand during the introduction of the Offertory)

Psalm 51:10-12



+ SACRAMENT +

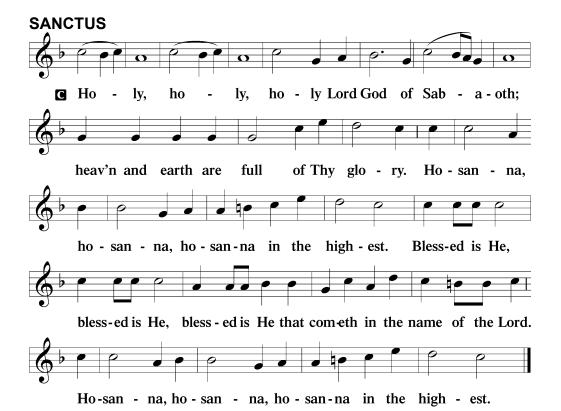
PREFACE

- P The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- We lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whom You anointed to proclaim good news to the poor, freedom for the prisoners, recover of sight for the blind, and to set the oppressed free. By His preaching and teaching, and by the blood of His death and His glorious resurrection, He has fulfilled Your will. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

- As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.



John 20:19

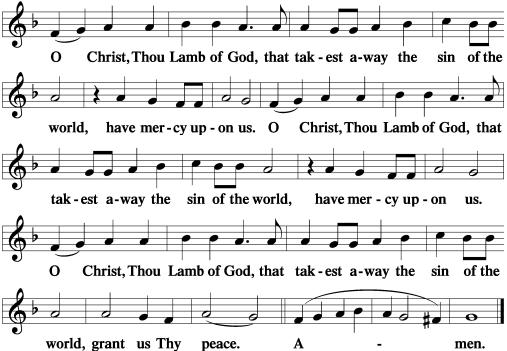


P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



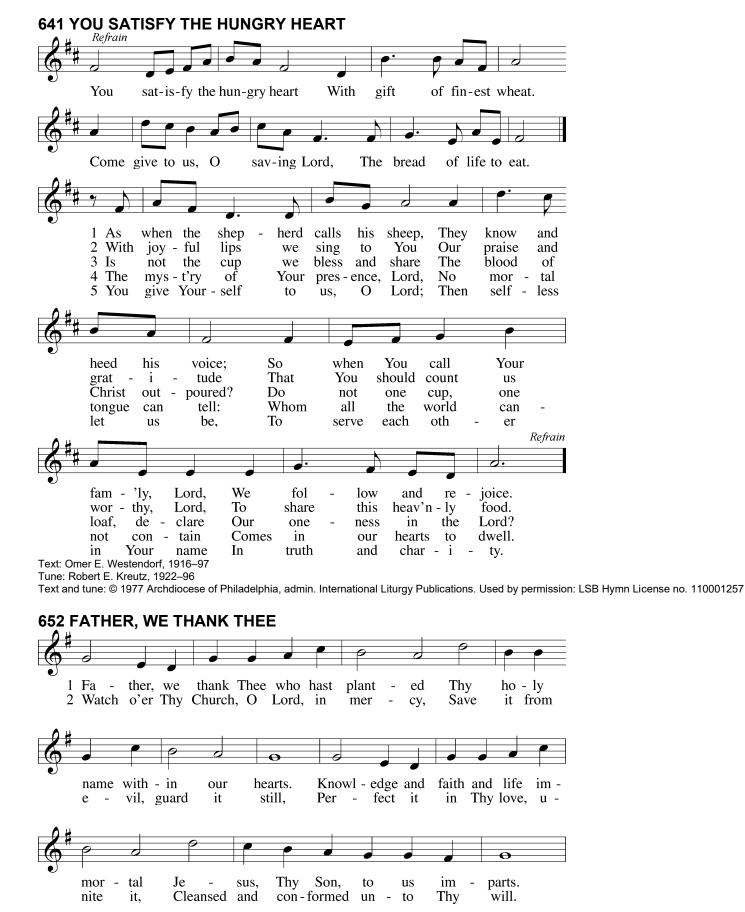


John 1:29



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(Stand)



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Luke 2:29-32

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Let us prav.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICAMUS Psalm 103:1

- Let us bless the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

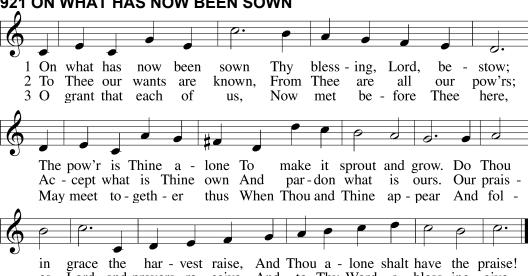
BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

 \mathbf{C} Amen.

(Sit)

921 ON WHAT HAS NOW BEEN SOWN



Lord, and prayers re - ceive, And to Thy Word a bless-ing give. low Thee to heav'n, our home. E'en so, a - men, Lord Je - sus, come!

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MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE

DISMISSAL

Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God.



Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, and faithful in prayer. *Romans 12:12*Please pray for...

Sharing in Christ's Victory and at His side in Heaven

Richard Hohmann

Health Issues/Hospitalizations

Lois Ann V

Melody J

Anna S

Lawrence W

Debi F

Kim M

Tish H

Friends of Immanuel

David

Elma

Alan

Bridgette K

Dennis

Elaine W

Rev. Tim F

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, and faithful in prayer. *Romans 12:12*Please pray for...

Please keep in your prayers

Glenda M

Jared C

Shut-Ins

Madeleine Gahala

Melanie Hauth

Margarete and Quirin Ortmanns

Carol Palczynski

Janet Teegen

Ruth Goebel

Loss of a loved one

The Hohmann and Bender Family



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Events

Tuesday, July 18th

7:00pm Women's Bible Class (In-Person Youth Room)

Wednesday, July 19th

10:00am Men's Group at Panera Bread ~2512 Waukegan Road Glenview, IL 60025~

Thursday, July 20th

6:30pm Grief Share (In-Person) 7:00pm Pickleball in the gymnasium

Saturday, July 22nd

9-11am Pickleball in the gymnasium

Sunday, July 23rd

8:45am Study Hour (Fellowship Hall/ Koinonia.clickmeeting.com)
10:00am Divine Service (Zoom/In-Person)

Voter's Meeting immediately following service.

Simply go to Zoom

Or join us by phone by calling +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago) and enter the information below as prompted. Meeting ID: 957 722 9696 Password: 188009

Announcements:

Details from the week of 07/09/23

Total Offering: **\$3,400.00**

Attendance: In-Person: 57, Guests: 12, ZOOM: 6

Birthdays this week: Lyle Mockros (7/19), Audra Koth (7/20), Raymond Palczynski (7/21)

Marriage Anniversaries this week: Harold and Darlene Rhein (7/21)

Farewell and Godspeed for Carol Endres

- July 30, 2023 at 10 am at the close of Divine Service.

VOTER'S MEETING

Save the date!! There will be a Voter's meeting on Sunday, July 23 immediately following the service. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss a CALL for a settled pastor. Everyone's attendance is important.

Mission of the Month (July)

July World Missions: Mission India, Luth Bible Translators, LCC Turkey & Syria Earthquake Victims

July Local Missions: Helping Hands of Glenview

Please prayerfully consider contributing to any of these missions. You may do so directly, remit with offerings and note which mission, or mail a check to the church office.

Grill Night

On Thursday, July 27th, we will have our second grill night of the summer. Come and enjoy brats and hot dogs and the company of Immanuel members and Open Arms families. No need to RSVP, but sign-up sheets may be placed on the table at the school entrance and in the church narthex prior to the event, to give us an idea as to the number of people who will be attending.

Food is being served at: 5:30pm with last call at 6:30pm. Clean up is at 7:00pm.