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Prelude

Confession and Absolution

Stand

P In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Service of the Word

Entrance Hymn: 907 God Himself Is Present



1 God Him - self is pres - ent: Let us now a - dore Him
 2 God Him - self is pres - ent: Hear the harps re - sound - ing;
 3 Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Pu - ri - fy my spir - it,



And with awe ap - pear be - fore Him. God is in His
 See the hosts the throne sur - round - ing. "Ho - ly, ho - ly,
 Trust-ing on - ly in Your mer - it. Like the ho - ly



tem - ple; All with - in keep si - lence; Hum - bly kneel in
 ho - ly!" Hear the hymn as - cend - ing, Songs of saints and
 an - gels, Wor - ship - ing be - fore You, May I cease-less -



deep - est rev - 'rence. He a - lone On His throne
 an - gels blend - ing. Bow Your ear To us here:
 ly a - dore You. Let Your will Ev - er still



Is our God and Sav - ior; Praise His name for - ev - er!
 Hear, O Christ, the prais - es That Your Church now rais - es.
 Rule Your Church ter - res - trial As the hosts ce - les - tial.

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Gloria in Excelsis

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- C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shipped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 7:6–9

⁶"You are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. ⁷It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, ⁸but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. ⁹Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 125; antiphon: v. 2

¹Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount | Zion,*
which cannot be moved, but abides for- | ever.

²**As the mountains surround Jerusalem,
so the LORD surrounds his | people,*
from this time forth and for- | evermore.**

³For the scepter of wickedness shall not rest
on the land allotted to the | righteous,*
lest the righteous stretch out
their hands to | do wrong.

⁴**Do good, O LORD, to those | who are good,*
and to those who are upright | in their hearts!**

⁵But those who turn aside to their crooked ways
the LORD will lead away with evil- | doers!*
Peace be upon | Israel!

Epistle

Romans 8:28–39

²⁸We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. ³⁰And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

³¹What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³²He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ³³Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. ³⁵Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia and Verse



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



C These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 13:44-52

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

⁴⁴[Jesus said:] "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, ⁴⁶who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁴⁷"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. ⁴⁸When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. ⁴⁹So it will be at the close of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹"Have you understood all these things?" They said to him, "Yes." ⁵²And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Apostles' Creed

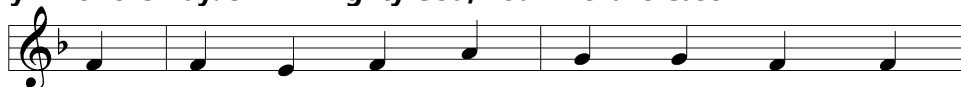
**☐ I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✝ everlasting. Amen.**

Sit

Hymn of the Day: 577 Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast



1 Al - might - y God, Your Word is cast Like
2 Let not the sly sa - tan - ic foe This
3 Let not the world's de - ceit - ful cares The
4 So when the pre - cious seed is sown, Life -



seed in - to the ground; Now let the dew of
ho - ly seed re - move, But give it root in
ris - ing plant de - stroy, But let it yield a
giv - ing grace be - stow That all whose souls the



heav'n de - scend And righ - teous fruits a - bound.
ev - 'ry heart To bring forth fruits of love.
hun - dred - fold The fruits of peace and joy.
truth re - ceive Its sav - ing pow'r may know.

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.

O Lord, preserve us from error and deliver us from temptation. Grant that we may abide in Christ and His word of truth, remaining steadfast and immovable until the end. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O God, You send out pastors to preach and teach the whole counsel of Your Word. Grant that they may serve You faithfully, and that we may receive their words with joy and thanksgiving. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Heavenly Father, You have given us various offices in our lives. Grant us faithfulness in these callings, that we may see them as gifts through which we serve You and our neighbors. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Holy Lord, grant wisdom to Donald, our president; Tony, our governor; and all who make, administer and judge our laws, that they may seek what is best for all in accordance with Your will. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Almighty God, bestow Your comfort on all who are burdened by sickness and affliction [*especially* _____]. Grant that they may await healing and deliverance in the firm conviction that nothing can separate them from Your love in Christ Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P These and whatsoever other things You would have us ask of You, O God, grant us for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your only Son, our Lord and Savior, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

- C** 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.**

Sit

Benediction

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
C Amen.

Hymn to Depart: 830 Spread the Reign of God the Lord



- 1 Spread the reign of God the Lord, Spo - ken, writ - ten, might-y Word;
2 Tell how God the Fa - ther's will Made the world, up - holds it still,
3 Tell of our Re-deem-er's grace, Who, to save our hu-man race
4 Tell of God the Spir - it giv'n Now to guide us on to heav'n,



Ev - 'ry - where His crea-tures call To His heav'n-ly ban - quet hall.
How His own dear Son He gave Us from sin and death to save.
And to pay re - bel-lion's price, Gave Him-self as sac - ri - fice.
Strong and ho - ly, just and true, Work-ing both to will and do.

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| 5 | Enter, mighty Word, the field;
Ripe the promise of its yield.
But the reapers, oh, how few
For the work there is to do! | 6 | Lord of harvest, great and kind,
Rouse to action heart and mind;
Let the gath'ring nations all
See Your light and heed Your call. |
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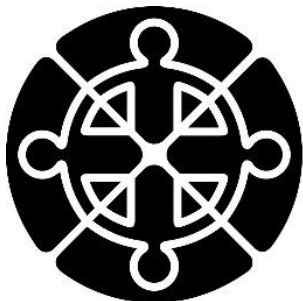
Announcements

Postlude

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CHURCHES in harmony

*****Joint Worship and Roundtable Series, next on August 2 @10:00am at Immanuel*****

The next joint worship, potluck, and roundtable is August 2 at Immanuel. At this roundtable, we will discuss the final preparations for the merger vote.

Photo Directory Picture Day – Sunday, August 2

Photos for the Ascension Lutheran Church directory will be taken on Sunday, August 2, at Immanuel following the 10:00 a.m. joint worship service. Josh Halberstadt will be set up to take photos as the meal gets underway, before the roundtable meeting. The process will be quick. Everyone is encouraged to have their picture taken so we can include as many photographs as possible. Seeing one another's pictures will help us learn names more quickly and strengthen our sense of community as we come together as one congregation.

2026 Roundtable Information (Updated with the July 12 Roundtable)

You can find this year's roundtable recordings and handouts here: tiny.cc/2026roundtables

Questions or thoughts? Tell Pastor Erdman: 952-491-3191, pastor@immanuelmadison.org

Harmony Game Night, next on August 4 @5:30pm at Immanuel

The next game night will be at Immanuel, starting at 5:30pm with a meal. At around 6:30pm the games will start; we encourage you to bring a game to share.

Young Adult Bible Study, Sundays @4:00pm at St Paul

This Bible Study is led by the Young Adults of the partnership but is open to everyone who doesn't mind meeting in the evening. So please consider joining us!

American Sign Language (ASL) Class, Sundays 5:15pm at St Paul

Richard Belling invites you to join his ASL Class. It means a lot to our deaf brothers and sisters when we make the effort to learn how to speak with them. Please consider joining us!

Joint Council Meeting, August 10 @5:30pm at Monona

The joint council meeting starts first @5:30pm, (all congregation members are welcome to attend to this meeting). After the joint meeting, the individual councils will have their separate meetings.

Pastor David Susan Funeral, August 30 @2:00pm at Immanuel

The funeral for Pastor David Susan will be on August 30th at Immanuel. The service starts at 2:00pm with a reception afterwards. Please keep Shirley and the whole Susan family in your prayers.

Monona Announcements

Voters Meeting August 23 – Final Merger Vote

After worship on August 23, we will hold a voters meeting where we will officially decide if we move forward with the merger. For more information about this vote, please attend the August 2nd Roundtable. After that roundtable, further information will be published as well.

Picnic Worship – July 26

Worship at the Hamburg’s (4289 CTH TT, Sun Prairie) at 10:00 a.m. There will be no service at church that day. A picnic lunch follows the service. Brats, buns, sweet corn, place settings, and beverages will be provided. There is a sign-up sheet in the Welcoming Area if you wish to bring a dessert or salad, etc.

In Our Prayers

Brian LaMore (Joy Hamburg’s son); Steve Lindert; Sue Fietzer and members of her family including Laura Schaller (her grandson’s mother), Michael Schaller (her grandson’s grandfather) and Alberta (her daughter-in-law); Dr. Krubsack; Paul Felton; Sharon Bottoms; Dan MacLeod (Bess’ father-in-law); Lisa (Ann Rubin’s niece); Marcel Lindert; Ann Muller (Jeanne Nowak’s sister); Durwood Meyer; Dorothy Krause (Edie Eastman’s daughter-in-law); Sue Fietzer’s new grandson; Joan Lindert; Kaitlyn DeYoung and Kristi Price (Pastor & Jeanne Nowak’s daughters); Ann Rubin. We also remember our homebound: Sharon Bottoms. If you would like a name added or removed from this list, please e-mail office@churchesinharmony.org

Serving Today and Looking Ahead

Pastor: Thomas Nowak
Organist: Corey Smies

	Ushers	Communion Assistant	Readers
July 26	Steve Peck		Judie Krubsack
August 2		Joint Service at Immanuel	
August 9	Jeff Thur		Judy Thompson
August 16	Gary Steingraber	Marcel Lindert	Gary Steingraber
August 23	Steve Peck		Dr. Krubsack
August 30	Marcel Lindert		Judie Krubsack
September 6	Gary Steingraber	Jeff Thur	Judy Thompson
September 13		Joint Service at Immanuel	
September 20	Steve Peck	Pastor Erdman	Pastor Erdman