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EXPERIENCING GOD'S GRACE + GROWING IN HIS WORD
SERVING OTHERS IN JESUS' NAME
14th Sunday After Pentecost
August 29 & 30, 2026

Welcome, in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

The family of faith here at Immanuel is glad that you are able to be with us today! Since 1861 our congregation has brought God's promise of hope, peace and salvation through Jesus Christ to the community of Bay City. We pray that your time with us is enriching and joyous. Please join us as often as you can! If you have any comments or questions regarding the service or any other matter, please feel free to speak to Pastor Garcia. Should you need any pastoral care, please bring it to the pastor's attention.

VISITORS If you are interested in becoming a part of our church family, or would like information about Immanuel, please talk with an usher, elder, or pastor, who will be happy to speak with you and use the red "Friendship Folder" located in the pew at the center aisle to record your attendance with us.

AS WE GATHER Sometimes, we lose sight of where we're going or what we are trying to accomplish. So occasionally we need to be stopped and reminded. When Jesus began to show His disciples His goal of suffering, death, and resurrection in Jerusalem, it went against every hope, expectation, and dream of His disciple Peter. "Far be it from You, Lord!" ... So we, too, need to be reminded that the Christian faith and life is not really about our successful living or glorious past. Our faith is about Jesus' cross and call to a blessed future. It is about daily repentance all along the way in good times as well as in evil times. It is all about repentance, taking up the cross and following Jesus wherever He leads. We may wonder at times whether He has forgotten us or wonder if He is still leading us, but we have His promise that we will see the Son of Man coming in His kingdom.

PRESERVICE MUSIC

“Honey in the Rock”

Chorus: There's honey in the rock Water in the stone
Manna on the ground No matter where I go
I don't need to worry Now that I know
Everything I need You've got There's honey in the rock

Praying for a miracle Thirsty for the Living Well
Only You can satisfy
Sweetness at the mercy seat
Now I've tasted it's not hard to see Only You can satisfy
There's honey in the rock (4X)

Freedom where the Spirit is Bounty in the wilderness
You will always satisfy **Chorus**

Purpose in Your plan Power in the blood
Healing in Your hands Started flowing when You said it is done
Everything You did is enough

I keep looking, I keep finding, You keep giving, Keep providing
I have all that I need You are all that I need
I keep praying, You keep moving, I keep praising
You keep proving, I have all that I need, You are all that I need
(Repeat)

I have all that I need, You are all that I need yeah **Chorus**

Purpose in Your plan Power in the blood
Healing in Your hands Started flowing when You said it is done
Jesus who You are is enough
There's honey in the rock (3x)
Oh, how sweet, How sweet it is to trust in You Jesus (3x)

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RINGING OF BELLS

CALL TO WORSHIP

“His Mercy is More”

What love could remember no wrongs we have done?
Omniscient, all knowing, He counts not their sum.
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore,
Our sins, they are many; His mercy is more.

What patience would wait as we constantly roam?
What Father, so tender, is calling us home?
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor.
Our sins, they are many; His mercy is more.

**Chorus: Praise the Lord, His Mercy is more.
Stronger than darkness, new every morn.
Our sins, they are many; His mercy is more.**

What riches of kindness He lavished on us.
His blood was the payment; His life was the cost.
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford.
Our sins, they are many; His mercy is more.

Chorus 2x

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN “Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly”

It all comes down to this What you require of me
Love my neighbor as myself And You above all things

Chorus:

**Act justly love mercy walk humbly With You God
In all things in all ways walk humbly With You God**

It all comes down to this To be Your hands and feet
Good news to all the world The truth will set us free **Chorus**

It's beauty for ashes It's mourning to dancing
It's closer and closer The Kingdom of heaven (Repeat)
Years from now we'll see The fruit our hands have sown
Faith just like a seed The only way it grows

Chorus 2x

Chris Tomlin, Jason Ingram, Pat Barrett

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† SACRAMENT †

Sacrament of Holy Baptism—5pm, August 29, 2026

Elliot Lawrence Mlujeak

Son of Justin Mlujeak and Emily Landry, born April 1, 2026.

His witnesses are Sara Beeckman, Katelyn Mlujeak, and Logan Mlujeak.

(5pm) Order of Baptism

LSB 268

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 26:2, 8

Pastor: O Lord, I love the habitation of Your house

People: **and the place where Your glory dwells.**

Pastor: Prove me, O Lord, and try me;

People: **test my heart and my mind.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Matthew 16:25; Jeremiah 15:19

Pastor: Beloved, Jesus said, “Whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.” Let us empty ourselves of our fears and failures, confessing our sins and asking God to fill us with His peace.

People: **Far be it, O Lord, that I should not deny myself, take up my cross, and follow You. By Your cross and resurrection give to me Your forgiveness and assurance of new life by Your grace. Sin consumes me, for I am sinful from birth. Take away my selfish desires and fill me with Your love. Help me proclaim Your love in loving service to others. Amen.**

Pastor: Thus says the Lord, “If you return, I will restore you.” Upon this your confession, I as a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Gracious God and Father, You have called us and all people to turn away from the darkness of sin, to repent and turn to Your invitation of life. Grant that we turn to You, take up our cross, and follow Christ every step into our future days to Your glorious promised inheritance; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

† WORD †

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 15:15–21

¹⁵ O Lord, you know; remember me and visit me, and take vengeance for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance take me not away; know that for your sake I bear reproach.

¹⁶ Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by your name, O Lord, God of hosts. ¹⁷ I did not sit in the company of revelers, nor did I rejoice; I sat alone, because your hand was upon me, for you had filled me with indignation. ¹⁸ Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Will you be to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail? ¹⁹ Therefore thus says the Lord:

“If you return, I will restore you, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall be as my mouth. They shall turn to you, but you shall not turn to them. ²⁰ And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight

against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, declares the Lord. ²¹ I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

Romans 12:9–21

⁹ Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. ¹⁰ Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹ Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit,^[g] serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly.^[h] Never be wise in your own sight. ¹⁷ Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. ¹⁸ If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it^[i] to the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” ²⁰ To the contrary, “if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head.” ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA & VERSE

Alleluia. Whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. Alleluia.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 16:21–28

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixteenth chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord**

²¹ From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²² And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “Far be it from you, Lord!^[j] This shall never happen to you.” ²³ But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance^[k] to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”

²⁴ Then Jesus told his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ²⁵ For whoever would save his life^[l] will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. ²⁶ For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul? ²⁷ For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done. ²⁸ Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

CREED

Nicene Creed

**All: 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.**

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Carry It Well”

I take up my cross Jesus I choose you
Oh this is my joy it's not 'cause I have to
'Cause you loved me first and you gave your life
I live in this freedom 'cause you paid the price
I take up my cross Jesus I choose you

**Chorus: (If) this is my burden to bear
(If) this is the yoke that you give me
Then I don't want anything else
I take up my cross
Help me to carry it well**

I've counted the cost it doesn't sway me
It's never a loss if you're what I'm gaining
'Cause you gave your everything all on the line
That was your story so let it be mine
I've counted the cost it still doesn't sway me **Chorus**

From now until my race is run I'm leaning in I'm pressing on
You are my strength You are my song
You are the joy set before me (Repeat)

You are the joy set before me
You are the joy set before me
You are the joy set before me
You are the joy set before me

I take up my cross
I take up my cross **Chorus**

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SERMON

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OFFERING SONG

"Trust in You"

Letting go of every single dream
I lay each one down at Your feet
Every moment of my wondering
Never changes what You see
I've tried to win this war I confess
My hands are weary I need Your rest
Mighty warrior King of the fight
No matter what I face You're by my side

**Chorus: When You don't move the mountains
I'm needing You to move
When You don't part the waters
I wish I could walk through
When You don't give the answers
As I cry out to You
I will trust, I will trust, I will trust in You**

Truth is You know what tomorrow brings
There's not a day ahead You have not seen
So in all things be my life and breath
I want what You want Lord and nothing less **Chorus**

You are my strength and comfort You are my steady hand
You are my firm foundation The Rock on which I stand
Your ways are always higher Your plans are always good
There's not a place where I'll go You've not already stood **Chorus**

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

† SACRAMENT †

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who walked the way of suffering, took up His cross, and gave Himself as the ransom for the entire world, bringing forgiveness and life to all who believe

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

By His selfless offering of His body and blood on the cross, He has opened the kingdom of heaven to all, giving forgiveness, life, and salvation to all who believe.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the grace and blessings that come to us in His body and blood.

People: **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My † blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"Brothers and Sisters in Christ"

1. Sing alleluia! Amen! Let your prayers and praises ascend. Lift your voices and sing
To our Lord God, our Savior and King! Here brought together by grace
We are gathered as friends in this place.

**Chorus: And assembled as one, In the name of the Son, Lifting hearts, lifting hands,
Celebrating as friends, And proclaiming the Lord, All our praises afford.
We are brothers and sisters in Christ.**

2. Man walked alone and in need__ Without faith, hope or promise or creed; Wandering
Aimlessly lost, Unaware of the staggering cost; That God in His mercy would save
All his people from death and the grave. **Chorus**
3. Lord teach us how to proclaim__ All your goodness, your love and your name!
Lord, teach us how to forgive And in love, teach us, Lord, how to live.
Raising our voices in song, Help us tell all the world we belong. **Chorus**

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"Blessed"

Life's long journey is full of twists and turns
I'm still learning even though it hurts to break
Everything will be ok
I'm becoming harder to offend
As I'm trusting knowing that your plans are good
Everything is as it should be

**Chorus: Blessed beyond all measure
We are blessed beyond compare
In the sun and the rain (joy and the pain)
In the loss and the gain
We are blessed by our Creator
We are blessed by God's own hand
He has made us alive by the Love in His eyes
We are blessed**

Life's long journey is full of highs and lows
We'll keep going on this winding road of faith
Knowing we are held by grace
Our hope is coming time is running out
But we'll keep holding on without a doubt
This light is breaking through the darkest night

**Chorus: Blessed beyond all measure
We are blessed beyond compare
In the sun and the rain (joy and the pain)
In the loss and the gain
We are blessed by our Creator
We are blessed by God's own hand
He has made us alive by the Love in His eyes
We are blessed**

Never abandoned never denied
He is faithful to us
Higher than death our King is alive and we are **Chorus**

He has made us alive by the Love in His eyes
We are blessed

Life's long journey is full of twists and turns
I'm still learning even though it hurts to break
Everything will be ok

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POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: You have called us, O Lord, to the blessed way of taking up our cross and following You. We give You thanks for Your gifts of repentance, faith, and the strengthening of our faith, that we may walk in newness of life today, tomorrow, and forever; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“All the People Said ‘Amen’”

You are not alone if you are lonely
When you feel afraid you're not the only
We are all the same in need of mercy
To be forgiven and be free
It's all you got to lean on
But thank God it's all you need

Chorus: And all the people said amen--whoa
And all the people said amen
Give thanks to the Lord for His love never ends
And all the people said amen

If you're rich or poor well it don't matter
Weak or strong you know love is what we're after
We're all broken but we're all in this together
God knows we stumble and fall
And He so loved the world
He sent His son to save us all **Chorus**

Blessed are the poor in spirit who are torn apart
Blessed are the persecuted and the pure in heart
Blessed are the people hungry for another start
For theirs is the kingdom the kingdom of God

Chorus 2x

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POSTLUDE

“Child of Love“

I was walking the wayside
Lost on a lonely road
I was chasing the high life
Try'n to satisfy my soul

All the lies I believed in
Left me crying like the rain
Then I saw lightning from heaven
And I've never been the same

Chorus:

**I'm gonna climb a mountain
I'm gonna shout about it
I am a child of love
I found a world of freedom
I found a friend in Jesus
I am a child of love**

I've felt the sting of the fire
But I saw You in the flames
Just when I thought it was over
You broke me out of the grave **Chorus**
Yeah yeah oh
I am a child of love
Yeah oh
I am a child of love

Nothing can change the way You love me
Nothing can change the way I belong to You
Yes I do
Nothing can separate (Repeat)

I'm gonna climb a mountain
I am a child of love
I found a world of freedom
I am a child of love **Chorus**

Oh yeah oh
I am a child of love
I am a child of love

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	5:00pm	10:00am
Head Elder:	Warren Abbs	Bill Noonan
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	Jim Kern	Jim Hadaway
	Karen Kern	Jessica Gohs
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Prayers of the Parish

Health & Healing

Rev. Duchaine, Joel, Ron, Matt, Sherry, Joan, Jerry, Dave, Christine, Brent, Jorge, Belkis, Yudaimy, Juana, Edward, Sandy, and Kari, as well as those we name in our hearts and those known only to God

Birthday

Branden Gettel, Laura Buck, Steve Guster, Carl Meisner, Zach Schultz

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Madelyn Garcia, Barbara Davis, Lois Larson

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† who are believers in Jesus as Lord and Savior, and
† who desire to live a new life in Christ,
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commune here for the first time should speak with the Pastor
or the Elder before service.
