



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
WATERLOO, ILLINOIS

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Summer Sermon Series:
Rain and the Reign of God

Week 6: White as Snow

Saturday, July 10, 2021 – 5:30 pm
Sunday, July 11, 2021 – 7:45 am & 10:15 am

“Making more and stronger disciples of Jesus Christ
through the power of the Holy Spirit.”

Welcome to Immanuel!

Please turn off your cell phones and/or paging devices. Thank you!

If you are a guest, please fill out a guests' card located in the cardholder on the back of each pew and then place it in the offering plate. We look forward to meeting you!

Members, please help us love and care for one another by filling out an attendance card. Remember to include all the members of your family who are present in worship today. If you are communing, please check in the appropriate place. Thank you for filling out an Attendance-Communion card every time you attend Church.

We celebrate Holy Communion today! In this Supper of our Lord we receive the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the earthly forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith. This Holy Communion is also a sign of our shared confession of the Christian faith. If you have not communed with us before, please speak with one of our pastors before doing so.

During the communion service: If you're not able to drink wine, the lighter colored glasses in the center of the tray of individual cups contain water with a drop of wine. These special glasses allow communicants to celebrate the Lord's Supper according to Christ's institution, but have a very small amount of alcohol.

Worship at Immanuel is...

Christ Centered. We believe that at the heart of worship is the Good News that God has rescued us from our sins through Jesus' death on the cross and rising to life again.

Trinitarian. We believe that the object of worship is the only true God—The Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Multigenerational. We believe that it is a great blessing for family members to worship together. Taking seriously Jesus' words, "Let the little children come to me and so not forbid them" (Mark 10:14), we encourage children to worship with their parents and grandparents and provide resources such as children's bulletins and children's sermons.

Eclectic. Eclectic means, "selecting what seems best of various sources." We believe that we should strive to use the best hymns and practices that the church has to offer. Our worship may include hymns written 500 years ago as well as pieces written 5 months ago.

In preparation for worship we ask that you silence your cell phones and/or paging devices. Thank you. The time before service begins can be a good time to pray and prepare your heart and mind for worship. You will find helpful prayers on the inside cover of the hymnal located in the pew in front of you.

Preservice Music / Bells / Welcome

Opening Hymn, “Nothing But the Blood”

- 1 What can wash away my sin?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
What can make me whole again?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus. *Refrain***

Refrain:

*O precious is the flow
that makes me white as snow;
no other fount I know;
nothing but the blood of Jesus.*

- 2 For my pardon this I see:
nothing but the blood of Jesus.
For my cleansing this my plea:
nothing but the blood of Jesus. *Refrain***
- 3 Nothing can for sin atone:
nothing but the blood of Jesus.
Naught of good that I have done:
nothing but the blood of Jesus. *Refrain***
- 4 This is all my hope and peace:
nothing but the blood of Jesus.
This is all my righteousness:
nothing but the blood of Jesus. *Refrain***

Please stand

Invocation

P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen. (Matthew 28:19b; [18:20])

Confession and Absolution

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**
- P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**
- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,
C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**
- P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of 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 ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

+ Service of the Word +

Introit of the Day (Psalm 143:1-2, 8a; antiphon: v. 11)

For your name's sake, O LORD, preserve my life!

In your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble!

Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy!

In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!

Enter not into judgment with your servant,

for no one living is righteous before you.

Let me hear in the morning of your steadfast love,

for in you I trust.

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.

For your name's sake, O LORD, preserve my life!

In your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble!

Hymn of Praise, *LSB* 563 v. 1-2, "Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness"

- 1** **Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness
 My beauty are, my glorious dress;**

**Midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed,
With joy shall I lift up my head.**

- 2 Bold shall I stand in that great day,
Cleansed and redeemed, no debt to pay;
Fully absolved through these I am
From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.**

Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

(2 Timothy 4:22)

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

All: O Lord, You granted Your prophets strength to resist the temptations of the devil and courage to proclaim repentance. Give us pure hearts and minds to follow Your Son faithfully even into suffering and death; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated

(10:15 am) **Summer Sermon Series Choir**, “Creator God, You Made the Earth” (C. Gillette)

*Creator God, You made the earth,
A gift beyond comparing!
You called it good, You gave it worth,
You placed it in our caring.*

*You gave Your gift of Sabbath rest,
Your pattern for creation.
You give us times to heal, to bless,
To join in celebration.*

*You give us Christ, who reconciled
The things of earth and heaven.
In Him, You call each one Your child!
What wondrous love you've given!*

*Because we've turned away from You
Your world still needs Your healing.
Creation longs to be made new
Through Christ, Your love revealing.*

*God, by Your Spirit, may we be
Communities of caring,
That as we're healed Your world may see
The HOPE that we are sharing.*

Old Testament Reading, Amos 7:7-15

⁷This is what [the Lord God] showed me: behold, the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. ⁸And the LORD said to me, “Amos, what do you see?” And I said, “A plumb line.” Then the Lord said, “Behold, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass by them; ⁹the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.” ¹⁰Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent to Jeroboam king of Israel, saying, “Amos has conspired against you in the midst of the house of Israel. The land is not able to bear all his words. ¹¹For thus Amos has said, “Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.”” ¹²And Amaziah said to Amos, “O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, and eat bread there, and prophesy there, ¹³but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king’s sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.” ¹⁴Then Amos answered and said to Amaziah, “I was no prophet, nor a prophet’s son, but I was a herdsman and a dresser of sycamore figs. ¹⁵But the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, ‘Go, prophesy to my people Israel.’”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle, Ephesians 1:3-14

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, ¹²so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Holy Gospel, Mark 6:14-29

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 6th chapter.

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

¹⁴King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some said, "John the Baptist has been raised from the dead. That is why these miraculous powers are at work in him." ¹⁵But others said, "He is Elijah." And others said, "He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." ¹⁶But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." ¹⁷For it was Herod who had sent and seized John and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because he had married her. ¹⁸For John had been saying to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." ¹⁹And Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted to put him to death. But she could not, ²⁰for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he kept him safe. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed, and yet he heard him gladly. ²¹But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his nobles and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee. ²²For when Herodias's daughter came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests. And the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it to you." ²³And he vowed to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, up to half of my kingdom." ²⁴And she went out and said to her mother, "For what should I ask?" And she said, "The head of John the Baptist." ²⁵And she came in immediately with haste to the king and asked, saying, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." ²⁶And the king was exceedingly sorry, but because of his oaths and his guests he did not want to break his word to her. ²⁷And immediately the king sent an executioner with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison ²⁸and brought his head on a platter and gave it to the girl, and the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹When his disciples heard of it, they came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated

Children's Message (Parents of young children may also come forward with their children.)

Hymn of the Day, LSB 832, "Jesus Shall Reign"

- 1 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does its successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.**

- 2 To Him shall endless prayer be made,
And endless praises crown His head;
His name like sweet perfume shall rise
With ev'ry morning sacrifice.
- 3 People and realms of ev'ry tongue
Dwell on His love with sweetest song;
And infant voices shall proclaim
Their early blessings on His name.
- 4 Blessings abound where'er He reigns:
The pris'ners leap, unloose their chains,
The weary find eternal rest,
And all who suffer want are blest.
- 5 Let ev'ry creature rise and bring
Honors peculiar to our King;
Angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeat the loud amen.

Sermon, Isaiah 1:18, "Rain and the Reign of God: White as Snow"

Please stand

Apostles' Creed

All: 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.

Prayer of the Church

P Let us go to God in prayer for the Church around the world, the nations of this earth, and all who call to Him in their various needs.

Our Father in heaven, uphold and strengthen all families on the earth. Guide parents to teach their children all that You have

done and promised. Grant Your blessing wherever Your people gather around Word and Sacrament. Lord, in Your mercy,

C

hear our prayer.

P

When the world seems to be winning and Your holy name is used without thought, put a strong confession on the lips of church leaders everywhere. Grant that they are used so that the reality of Your power and grace shine forth to dispel fear and to bring many to faith in our Savior. Lord, in your mercy,

C

hear our prayer.

P

Extend Your kingdom, O Lord, through mission efforts around the world. Open voices to speak Your word of judgment and grace, and open ears to hear Your invitation to turn and be saved. Lord, in Your mercy,

C

hear our prayer.

P

Raise up, we pray, leaders at all levels of government who will order society according to Your will. Strengthen those who protect at home and those who defend abroad so that our nation and all others find peaceful solutions to chaos and conflict. Lord, in Your mercy,

C

hear our prayer.

P

Hear the prayers of the poor, so that their daily needs of food, clothing, and shelter be available to them. Bless all who grow and distribute crops, all who seek to alleviate pain and suffering, and all who fund and build decent housing. Listen especially to those whose needs we know, (*especially...*). Give them the healing, comfort, and hope that fits Your gracious plans for them. Lord, in Your mercy,

C

hear our prayer.

P

You have graciously forgiven us for Jesus' sake; open doors of opportunity for this congregation to be a welcoming place for people burdened with their past. Grant us to tell them what You have to say to them—words of forgiveness, peace, and hope. Lord, in Your mercy,

C

hear our prayer.

P

(*Special petitions...*) Lord, in Your mercy,

C

hear our prayer.

P

Into Your hands we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your grace for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C

Amen.

Offering (*You can place your offering in the plate in the narthex or mail it to the church anytime.*)

Preparatory Music, LSB 767, “Jesus, Remember Me”

+ Service of the Sacrament +

In this Supper of our Lord we receive the true body and blood of Jesus Christ under the earthly forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith. Since this Holy Communion is also a sign of how we commonly confess the Christian faith, we welcome to the Lord’s Table those who are confirmed members of congregations of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

Preface

- P** The Lord be with you. (2 Timothy 4:22)
C **And also with you.**
P Lift up your hearts. (Colossians 3:1)
C **We lift them to the Lord.**
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. (Psalm 136)
C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Proper Preface

- P** 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, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

(Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9)



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

(*Hosanna* is a Hebrew word of praise meaning “save us now.”)

The Lord’s Prayer

(Matthew 6:9-13)

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.

Words of Our Lord

(Matt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1 Cor 11:23-25)

Pax Domini

(John 20:19)

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

(John 1:29)



C Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

Please be seated

Distribution Hymns

LSB 710, “The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want”

- 1 The Lord’s my shepherd, I’ll not want;
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green; He leadeth me
The quiet waters by.**

- 2 My soul He doth restore again
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness,
E’en for His own name’s sake.**

- 3 Yea, though I walk in death’s dark vale,
Yet will I fear no ill;
For Thou art with me, and Thy rod
And staff me comfort still.**

- 4 My table Thou hast furnishèd
In presence of my foes;
My head Thou dost with oil anoint,
And my cup overflows.**

- 5 Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me;
And in God’s house forevermore
My dwelling place shall be.**

LSB 641, “You Satisfy the Hungry Heart”

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***Refrain: You satisfy the hungry heart
With gift of finest wheat.
Come give to us, O saving Lord,
The bread of life to eat.***

- 1 As when the shepherd calls his sheep,
They know and heed his voice;
So when You call Your fam’ly, Lord,
We follow and rejoice. *Refrain***

- 2 With joyful lips we sing to You
Our praise and gratitude
That You should count us worthy, Lord,
To share this heav'nly food. *Refrain*
- 3 Is not the cup we bless and share
The blood of Christ outpoured?
Do not one cup, one loaf, declare
Our oneness in the Lord? *Refrain*
- 4 The myst'ry of Your presence, Lord,
No mortal tongue can tell:
Whom all the world cannot contain
Comes in our hearts to dwell. *Refrain*
- 5 You give Yourself to us, O Lord;
Then selfless let us be,
To serve each other in Your name
In truth and charity. *Refrain*

Please stand

Dismissal

P Now may this... Go in peace.

C Amen.

Post-Communion Canticle



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray. O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benediction

(Numbers 6:24-26)

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.

Closing Hymn, *LSB* 801, “How Great Thou Art”

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1 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works Thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy pow’r throughout the universe displayed; *Refrain*

*Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!*

2 When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; *Refrain*

3 But when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in—
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin; *Refrain*

**4 When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
 And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
 Then I shall bow in humble adoration
 And there proclaim: “My God, how great Thou art!” Refrain**

Bells / Postlude

We invite you to take the service folder and announcements home with you as you leave today so you can see what's happening this week as well as meditate on the Scriptures, prayers, and hymns from today's service as you go through the week. You can also find helpful information on our church website: immanuelwaterloo.org.

Worship Helpers

Saturday, July 10, 2021 - 5:30 pm

Preacher - Rev. Dr. Tony Troup
 Server - Rodney Clamors
 Media - Greg Hoeffken

Pianist - Ron Jones
 Acolyte - Ava Hemmer

Sunday, July 11, 2021 - 7:45 am

Preacher - Rev. Dr. Tony Troup
 Server - Chuck Keller

Celebrant - Rev. Merritt Demski
 Lector - Don Birrittier
 Music Director - Ann Frank

Acolytes - Kaden & Keaton Roberts
 Ushers - Chuck Keller, Craig Mehner, Larry Taake, Dawn Rubemeyer
 Media - Lisa Clamors

Sunday, July 11, 2021 - 10:15 am

Preacher - Rev. Dr. Tony Troup
 Music Director - Ann Frank
 Acolytes - Hunter Kettler & Ashlyn Whelan
 Ushers - Charles Lloyd, Kevin & Alex Whelan

Celebrant - Rev. Merritt Demski
 Server - Dean Harbison
 Media/Facebook Live - Cathy Whelan

Ushers - Sunday, July 18, 2021

7:45 am - Jason & Nick Valerius, Tyler Cooley
 10:15 am - Robert Mesnarich Jr., Pam Nagel, Don & Carol Matzenbacher

Acolytes - Sunday, July 18, 2021

Saturday 5:30 pm - Sarah Alu
 Sunday 7:45 am - Collin Dethrow & Kyle Rusteberg
 Sunday 10:15 am - Danny & Zachary Bundenthal

Lectors - Sunday, July 18, 2021

Saturday 5:30 pm - n/a
 Sunday 7:45 am - Ollney Mueller, Jr.
 Sunday 10:15 am - n/a

Servers - Sunday, July 18, 2021

Saturday 5:30 pm - Chuck Keller
 Sunday 7:45 am - Rodney Clamors
 Sunday 10:15 am - Bob Polansky

Altar Guild - Sunday, July 18, 2021

Saturday 5:30 pm - Dinah Pflasterer
 Sunday 7:45 am - Barbara & Deb
 Sunday 10:15 am - Linda Gutknecht

Media - Sunday, July 18, 2021

Saturday 5:30 pm - Kelley Keller
 Sunday 7:45 am - Lisa Clamors
 Sunday 10:15 am - Cathy Whelan (Facebook Live)

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SERMON OUTLINE
ISAIAH 1:18
“WHITE AS SNOW”

1. Martin Luther once said, “Why does the Lord talk about red sins here? Why not _____ sins? It’s because black denotes sadness, but red denotes blood _____. It’s because we’re guilty.”
2. So why the difference? Why did this man rave about his _____ when his children very frankly admitted that she was no great beauty, that she was plain? It’s very simple. It’s because this man saw his wife through the eyes of _____.
3. When God looks at you, he sees perfection. He sees perfection because you’re _____/_____ with the goodness and righteousness of Jesus Christ.
4. More importantly, though, God calls us to come to grips with the reality of his _____. Reality is, we can’t save ourselves.
5. Snow days were joy filled days. But they were nothing compared to our “_____ as _____ days” as baptized believers.
6. You see, God created us to be _____ and Jesus redeemed us to be _____ people. People who are _____ because we belong to God. Oh yes, we have to deal with sadness. We have tear filled moments. But throughout our lives and for eternity God lifts us up body and spirit.