

-WE RESPOND TO GOD-

Statement of Faith *Luther's Explanation of the 1st Article of the Apostles' Creed*
 (from "A Contemporary Translation of Luther's Small Catechism")

I believe that God has created me together with all creatures. God has given me and still preserves my body and soul: eyes, ears, and all limbs and senses; reason and all mental faculties. In addition, God daily and abundantly provides shoes and clothing, food and drink, house and home, spouse and children, fields, livestock, and all property - along with all the necessities and nourishment for this body and life. God protects me against all danger and shields and preserves me from all evil. God does all this out of pure, fatherly, and divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness of mine at all! For all of this I owe it to God to thank and praise, serve and obey him. This is most certainly true.

Offering
 Offertory **#184 "Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful, Lord..." (Red)**
 Prayers of the Church
 Sharing of the Peace

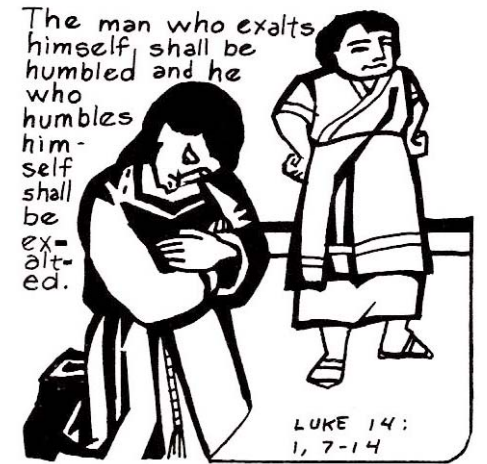
-ORDER FOR HOLY COMMUNION-

Communion Invitation - All baptized Christians, who believe that Jesus Christ comes to us in and through the bread and wine of Holy Communion are invited to participate in the Lord's Supper. Young persons not yet communing are asked to fold their hands and receive a blessing from the pastor. Those communing are asked to hold out their hand, palm up. Grape juice is available for those who prefer it; simply cover your hand over the cup, and the pastor will serve you grape juice. Welcome to the Lord's Table!

Great Thanksgiving **Pg. 129 (Red)**
 Sanctus **#525 "You Are Holy, You Are Whole" (Red)**
 Words of Institution **Pg. 130 - #11 (Red)**
 The Lord's Prayer **Congregation Sings ("Debts," "Debtors")**
 Distribution of the Lord's Supper
 Lamb of God **Pg. 135 (Red)**
 Hymns During Communion **#491, 451, 781, 462 (Red)**
 Post-Communion Canticle **#439 "Soon and Very Soon" - Verses 1-2 (Red)**
 Prayer

-WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD-

Announcements
 Blessing
 As the earth keeps turning, hurtling through space, and night falls and day breaks from land to land, let us remember that in waking, sleeping, being born and dying we are part of one world, one humanity. Let us go from here in peace and serve the Lord.
ALL: Thanks be to God!
 Closing Hymn **#547 "Sent Forth by God's Blessing" - Verse 1 (Red)**
 Postlude



All Members: Ministers

14th Sunday after Pentecost
September 2, 2007 - 9:00 a.m.

Immanuel Lutheran Church
 Pastor Daniel Belgum-Blad
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ENABLING OUR MINISTRY

Ministers All Members	Acolyte Samantha Ehrenberg
Presiding Minister Daniel Belgum-Blad	Ushers Russ & Pam Peterson
Council President Bob Starz	Nick & Melissa Rossell
Organist Marion Kingery	Greeters Chuck & Jean Stranberg
Secretary Janelle Eisenbacher	Lector Cheryl Rouser
Sextons Paul & Rolayne Beerman family	Communion Assistant Sheryl Johnson
Offering Counters John Hagstrom	Coffee Hour Servers Mark & Lissa Borchert
Altar Guild Leslie Blom, Karin Sorenson	Janelle & Harold Eisenbacher

ORDER OF SERVICE

As we enter the Sanctuary, let us speak to God.

As we worship, let God speak to us. As we leave, let us speak to each other.

-WE PREPARE TO WORSHIP-

Gathering

Confession & ForgivenessPg. 116 (Red)

Opening Hymn#742 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" (Red)

-WE PRAISE GOD-

Prayer of the Day - Read in Unison

O God, we thank you for your Son who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow his commands; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

-GOD SPEAKS TO US-

First LessonProverbs 25:1-7

^{25:1} These are other proverbs of Solomon that the officials of King Hezekiah of Judah copied. ^{25:2} It is the glory of God to conceal things, but the glory of kings is to search things out. ^{25:3} Like the heavens for height, like the earth for depth, so the mind of kings is unsearchable. ^{25:4} Take away the dross from the silver, and the smith has material for a vessel; ^{25:5} take away the wicked from the presence of the king, and his throne will be established in righteousness. ^{25:6} Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great; ^{25:7} for it is better to be told, 'Come up here', than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

Psalms (Read Responsively)Psalm 112

^{112:1} Praise the LORD! Happy are those who fear the LORD, who greatly delight in his commandments.

^{112:2} **Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

^{112:3} Wealth and riches are in their houses, and their righteousness endures forever.

^{112:4} **They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright; they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.**

^{112:5} It is well with those who deal generously and lend, who conduct their affairs with justice.

^{112:6} **For the righteous will never be moved; they will be remembered forever.**

^{112:7} They are not afraid of evil tidings; their hearts are firm, secure in the LORD.

^{112:8} **Their hearts are steady, they will not be afraid; in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.**

^{112:9} They have distributed freely, they have given to the poor; their righteousness endures forever; their horn is exalted in honor.

^{112:10} **The wicked see it and are angry; they gnash their teeth and melt away; the desire of the wicked comes to nothing.**

Second LessonHebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

^{13:1} Let mutual love continue. ^{13:2} Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. ^{13:3} Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. ^{13:4} Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. ^{13:5} Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." ^{13:6} So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?" ^{13:7} Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ^{13:8} Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. ^{13:15} Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. ^{13:16} Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Gospel AcclamationPg. 124 (Red)

Holy GospelLuke 14:1, 7-14

Congregation Responds**"Glory to You, O Lord"**

^{14:1} On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. ^{14:7} When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. ^{14:8} "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; ^{14:9} and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. ^{14:10} But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ^{14:11} For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." ^{14:12} He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ^{14:13} But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ^{14:14} And you will be blessed, because they can not repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

Congregation Responds**"Praise to You, O Christ"**

Sermon

Silence for Reflection

Hymn of the Day#461 "All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly" (Red)

THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL

Today-Sunday-September 2 - 14th Sunday After Pentecost

9:00 a.m.Worship/Holy Communion

10:00 a.m.Fellowship

Tuesday

8:00 a.m.Women's Morning Bible Study @ Bethlehem

Thursday

7:00 a.m.Men's Breakfast Bible Study @ Jimmy's

Friday

4:30 - 7:30 p.m.Roast Beef Supper

Next Sunday-September 9 - 15th Sunday After Pentecost

9:00 a.m.Contemporary Worship

10:00 a.m.Fellowship

5:00 p.m.Christian Education Ministry Team Meets

FINANCIAL REPORT

Offering from Sunday, August 26, 2007 - 9:00 a.m.

Attendance	83
Regular Offering\$1792.89
Building Fund\$75.00
Pony Express\$10.00
TOTAL\$1877.89

August Ministry Goal*\$15,305.55
 Needed (To Date) To Meet Aug. Ministry Goal\$6319.71

*Our Ministry Goal is the amount we need each month to undertake & accomplish the ministries & mission we have agreed to as God's called and sent people.

Timothy Project Training at Immanuel October 6

"We sent Timothy, our brother and co-worker for God in proclaiming the gospel of Christ, to strengthen and encourage you for the sake of your faith." 1 Thessalonians 3:2

A "Timothy Project" youth ministry training course has been scheduled for October 6 at Immanuel. This is a new project from the Southwest MN Synod that helps train individuals in

engaging youth beyond event planning, relating to youth, and training and retaining adult volunteers. This program is for anyone involved in some form of youth ministry... Sunday School teachers, teachers, youth leaders, confirmation mentors and guides, youth chaperones, pastors, small group leaders, grandparents, parents, and more. If you want to read more about the Timothy Project, visit www.swmnelca.org and go to the Youth and Family Ministry page. The program cost is covered, but each participant is asked to pay \$10 for the class materials that will be distributed the day of the training. Please sign up for this training session in the church office by September 24. The \$10 can be paid on the day of the training.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome To Worship At Immanuel!

We invite visitors to sign our guest book in the entry of the church. We are glad you have chosen to worship with us today. If you would like more information about Immanuel, contact the pastor or a Council member. We invite you for coffee, juice and treats in the Fellowship Hall (basement) following worship.

Prayer Concerns

Our church and other area churches; our community; our Synod Bishop, Jon Anderson, and Synod staff, the SW Minnesota and the ELCA Synod; our nation; our companion synod: The South Eastern Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Southern Africa; those serving in the armed services; and that all people on earth may lay down their arms and work for peace and justice for all; our missionaries: James and Carol Sack, serving in Japan; (Please let us know if you have specific prayer requests).

Immanuel's Annual Roast Beef Supper September 7

The congregational Roast Beef Supper will be Friday, September 7 from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. All church families will be contacted about helping with this church-wide event. We will need potato peelers, pie bakers, workers and donations. Please prayerfully consider what you and your family would be willing to do. Advance tickets for the Roast Beef Supper are \$7.00 for adults (\$8.00 at the door) and \$5.00 for K-6 students (\$6.00 at the door). Tickets are available from church council members, or at the church office. Contact Peggy Starz or Bob Carruthers for more information. All proceeds will support church ministries at Immanuel.

Bethlehem Ice Cream Social September 16

Bethlehem Lutheran Church of Atwater invites you to their End-of-Summer Ice Cream Social Sunday, September 16, from 4-6 p.m. Serving pie & ice cream, potato salad, ham on a bun, coffee and lemonade. Cost is \$5.00 or \$2.50 more for "Super-Sized."

Bible Campers Reminder

Just a reminder to all Bible Campers (adults and youth) that we would like you to submit a few sentences about your camp experience to the church office, along with a picture or two. We would like to share your thoughts with the congregation! Please do this as soon as you can. You can either drop the information off at the church office, or you can email information to imman@frontiernet.net.