

PL Joining in this faith-journey are their mentors:

(As your name is called, please come forward and stand beside your mentee)

Mentors:

Mark & Nancy Dickman

PL Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear the Word of God and share in the Lord's Supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Each person responds: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

PL People of God, do you promise to support these sojourners and pray for them in their life in Christ at Immanuel?

C We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

(Mentors will lay a hand upon the shoulder of the new member)

PL We pray: Thank you, Lord for these new members who remind us of your reforming and revitalizing hand on our congregation. By your life-giving power, bind us to each other in you, strengthen us for service, support us all our days, and bring us at length to that day when all your children will be one and you will be All-in-All.

C Amen.

***Greeting**

PL Siblings in Christ, beloved children of God: grace, mercy, and peace be with you all.

C And also with you.

***PL Prayer of the Day** (prayed by all)

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

A First Reading: Acts 7:55-60

Filled with the Holy Spirit, [Stephen] gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him, and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died. (NRSV)

A The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

A Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:2-10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation 3 if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." This honor, then, is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner," and "A stone that makes them stumble and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. (NRSV)

- A The Word of the Lord
- C **Thanks be to God**

***Gospel Acclamation** *“You are the Rock of My Salvation”* W&P #61

*PL The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourteenth chapter.

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

*PL **Gospel: John 14:1-14**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.” (NRSV)

*PL The Gospel of the Lord

C **Praise to you, O Christ**

Message

Pastor Leah Stolte-Doerfler

Song of the Day

“Abide With Me” vs. 1,3,4

ELW #629

The Apostles' Creed (read by all)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

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

***The Prayers**

A Trusting in the power of Christ’s resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation. *(A brief silence.)* God of glory, you have built your church on Christ the cornerstone. Inspire lay leaders, deacons, pastors, and bishops to proclaim forgiveness and your steadfast love to all whom they encounter. Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

A God of majesty, you bring forth plants and animals, skies and seas, mountains and valleys. Protect all you have made from the ravages of pollution and climate disaster. Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

A God of mercy, you intend governments and social service agencies to be instruments of peace and justice. Guide political leaders and organizations to be agents of compassion, and raise up advocates for those who seek refuge and assistance. Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

A God of well-being, you soothe those in distress, console all who grieve, provide for any in need, and comfort those who are sick. Instill caregivers with a sense of purpose to be your healing hands in this world. Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

A God of community, you call us together as your people for mutual support and to witness to your love in the world. Make your presence known among those unable to attend worship today. Merciful God,
C receive our prayer.

A God of eternal life, you have prepared dwelling places for your people, so that we are never separated from you. We give you thanks for the faithful departed who witnessed to your mighty acts in word and deed. Merciful God,
C receive our prayer.

A God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.
C Amen.

MEAL

*Sharing of the Peace

PL The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

(The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace and may say "Peace be with you" or similar words")

Offering

Offertory "Abide" Words on Screen

*PL **Offertory Prayer** (prayed by all)

Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

*PL **Words of Institution**

***The Lord's Prayer** (prayed by 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 Communion of Christ's People

Communion Songs "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less" ELW #597
"In Christ Alone" Words on Screen

PL May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever.

C Amen.

Prayer after Communion (prayed by all)

Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

SENDING

Announcements

***Sending Song** "Everywhere I Go" Words on Screen

*Blessing

PL God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, ☩ bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

*Dismissal

PL Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

C Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

“Everywhere I Go”

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*Welcome to Immanuel! We are so glad you worshiped with us today!
If you are new to Immanuel, please sign in on the sheet outside the first sanctuary door.*

Sound & AV Upgrade – Informal Q&A - Today

Join us for an informal Q&A immediately following worship today in the sanctuary. This will be an opportunity to learn more about the proposed sound and AV upgrades and ask any questions you may have.

The Sound System Committee included a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document to provide additional information in this month's newsletter. Copies are in the narthex.

We encourage you to attend and be part of the conversation.

Esther Circle - May 7

All women are invited to attend! We meet in the Fireside room for social time at 9:30, and will have Bible Study from *Gather* magazine at 10 am. Bring a friend and come to meet other friends! Contact is Lynn Gannon at (503) 329-2585 or lpma.gannon@gmail.com

Mother's Day Tea Party - May 9

Saturday, May 9 at 11am. Call/text Kate Bush for tickets at 503-580-4964. \$15 adults, \$5 ages 8 and under.

Kitchen Cleaning - May 11 (Please note date change!)

Kitchen cleaning has been moved to Monday, May 11 at 9 am. All are welcome.

Men's Fellowship Breakfast - May 11

Join us at Immanuel for our next Men's Fellowship Breakfast on Monday, May 11 at 6:30 am.

Grief Recovery Method Support Group - Tuesdays in June & July

New Grief Recovery Method Support Group starts June 2, 2-4pm. Call Patty at 503-428-4921 for more information.

Grief Recovery Method ALUMNI Support Group - Wednesdays in June

New Grief Recovery Method ALUMNI Support Group starts June 6, 6-8pm. Call Patty at 503-428-4921 for more information.

Vacation Bible School - July 13 to 17

Save the Date! Children welcome from age 3 through 6th grade; evenings with a meal served. Teen and adult volunteers welcome! To help with the program, text Brenda Wilson at 503-779-8154; kitchen help can contact Audrey Nickodemus at 503-881-7993.

Sound System Update



We are actively requesting the congregation to consider their contribution towards the Sound system upgrade. The total is \$120,000. Check out the speaker design in the narthex to watch the progress.

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