

A First Reading: Hosea 5:15-6:6

I will return again to my place until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face. In their distress they will beg my favor: "Come, let us return to the Lord, for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us; he has struck down, and he will bind us up. After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him. Let us know, let us press on to know the Lord; his appearing is as sure as the dawn; he will come to us like the showers, like the spring rains that water the earth." What shall I do with you, O Ephraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah? Your love is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early. Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets; I have killed them by the words of my mouth, and my judgment goes forth as the light. For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings. (NRSV)

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

A Second Reading: Romans 4:13-25

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression. For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"), in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), and the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore "it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now

the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over for our trespasses and was raised for our justification. (NRSV)

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

***Gospel Verse**

"We Are All One in Christ"

ELW #643

*PL The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the ninth chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

***PL Gospel: Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26**

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax-collection station, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with Jesus and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous but sinners." While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from a flow of blood for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she was saying to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And the woman was made well from that moment. When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, "Go away, for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread through all of that district. (NRSV)

*PL The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Message

Pastor Leah Stolte-Doerfler

Song of the Day *“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”* ELW #588

Stepping into the World Quilt Presentation

PL Today we celebrate those who are taking another step in their faith journey. Will the class of 2026 and their parents please come forward. Parents, in Christian love you presented your children for Holy Baptism. In their Baptisms, sacred promises were made. As parents it was part of your calling to see that those sacred promises were kept. You have fulfilled those promises. We now ask you to covenant with this congregation for the ongoing support of their faith journeys. Do you intend to routinely lift your children up in prayer?

Parents ‘I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.’

PL Congregation, do you promise to support and encourage these parents in the keeping of these sacred promises?

C ‘We will, with God’s help.’

PL Graduates, when you were children, your parents promised God to keep you in the Christian faith. When you were confirmed, you took responsibility for the promises made for you in your Baptism. You acknowledged your covenant and relationship with God and God’s church. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism:

to live among God’s faithful people,
to hear God’s Word and share in his supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
to serve all people, following the example of our Lord Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Graduates ‘I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.’

PL On this important day, the day when we mark your ‘Stepping into the World’ and bless you with the gift of a quilt, we ask God’s blessing on you and on the whole people of God in Christ Jesus.

We pray: God of creation, we ask your blessing on these graduates as they enter a new period in their lives of faith. Bless them and grant them your gifts: joy as they live among your faithful people; openness in hearing your Word and thankfulness in sharing your supper; eagerness in sharing the good news of Christ through their words and actions; dedication in serving all people following the example of the Lord Jesus; and a hunger for justice and peace. We ask these things through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

Graduates are invited to kneel. Parents wrap their child in the quilt and lay hands on to bless the Graduate.

PL There was a day when your parents held you in their arms and rocked you to sleep. They cuddled you in a blanket to keep you warm, safe and comforted. Very soon you will be launching a new life, away from the safety and security of this home, family, church, and community.

As you go out into the world, may this quilt be a reminder of your parents’ love and the nurture of this Christian community. Wherever you go, when the night is cold and you feel alone, may it help you remember you are never alone.

(Parents) _____, we come this day before God to bless you and thank the Creator for the gift you have been to us. You have given our lives a deeper meaning and a deeper calling. Through you, we have come to understand the nature of God’s love, of joy, of forgiveness. We thank God today for the gift that you have been to our lives. Wherever you go, you will always be a part of us. Wherever you go, our love goes with you. Whatever you do, you will always be a part of our hearts.

We bless you in the name of Jesus Christ. May this quilt remind you of our love, the warmth of this faith community and the power of the Holy Spirit. And on those nights when we cannot wrap you in our arms, may you wrap yourself in this quilt and know that in God’s family you are never alone.

Graduates rise. Parents kneel. Graduates place hands on parents’ shoulders to bless them.

(*Graduates*) _____, you have given of your heart and of your home. You have loved and cared for me, even when it was difficult. I bless you this day for the sacrifice you made to give me life. I thank God this day for the power and selflessness of your love. I honor you for your courage, your patience, your wisdom and your undying love. Wherever I go, you will always be a part of me. Wherever I go, your love and example will continue to bless me. Whatever I do, I will always be your child and I thank God for blessing my life with you. I bless you in Jesus' name.

Parents stand.

PL Wherever you wander, no matter how dark the night, may the warmth of this quilt, the love of your parents, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the fellowship of this church, the power of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you now and forever. Go with God's blessing. Amen.

***The Prayers**

A Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world. (*A brief silence.*) God of mercy, you call us to a life filled with acts of mercy. Ground us in following Christ, that we might extend the mercy we receive. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A God of creation, all you have made is yours. Revive lands in need of healing and make us wise stewards of all you have given us to tend. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A God of the nations, you promise to deliver those who call on you. Bring an end to conflict, bigotry, and injustice in all their forms wherever they are found. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A God of comfort, you provide for those in need. Bring an end to addiction. Comfort people as they mourn. Provide tenderly for those in need. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A God of blessings, you send the Holy Spirit to provide varieties of gifts in the body of Christ. Accompany those who travel this summer, make our gatherings joyous, and grant us a spirit of hospitality and togetherness. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A God of life, we give you thanks for saints whose lives revealed your faithfulness. May remembering their faithfulness strengthen our own. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our Savior.

C Amen.

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

Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. Amen.

*PL **Words of Institution**

*PL **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

Tuesday Crew Wish List:

- A volunteer with lighting or electrical experience to consult on flickering lights in the sanctuary
- Volunteers to help wash windows (ladder skills required)
- Volunteers to pull weeds, clean flower beds, and assist with general outdoor upkeep (on Tuesdays or at your convenience)

Sound System Update



Thank you to all who have given to the sound system update! The company DSWN has ordered the components and is tentatively scheduled for installation the week of June 22. Once completed, Immanuel staff and volunteers will be trained and we will all enjoy this upgrade!

We still need \$19,000 to get us to the final payment, which is due the final day of installation.

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