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# Grapevine

Immanuel Lutheran Church    Caring For Our Community Through Christ

## PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

**O**ne thing that brings me great joy is getting to know you: who you are, where you are from, what your vocation is, if you grew up Lutheran or not, etc. Like some of you, I did not grow up Lutheran. As a matter of fact, I became Lutheran on Easter Sunday in 2004. Some of you have shared similar experiences. As your pastor, it is wonderful to learn about your spiritual faith.

This month for pastor's ponderings, I want to share with you a story about a woman who has had an experience similar to those of us who did not grow up Lutheran. Perhaps you'll even see some similarities in your own.

God's continued peace to you throughout this season of Pentecost and the summer.



With a Shepherd's Heart,  
Pastor David

How I Became A Confessional Lutheran

by Joy Pullmann

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As a child I was taught to be deeply suspicious of liturgical churches. Both my parents are cradle Catholics who became charismatic evangelicals during their courtship. So, because most of our family on both sides remained Catholic, I was regularly exposed to a historic liturgy by attending baptisms, weddings, and funerals.

When it came time for the sacrament, my six siblings and I sat quietly in the pew as my parents had instructed, instead of filing up to the front of the church with our extended family and their fellow congregants. I remember piously congratulating myself that we were not "religious" like our Catholic family and friends, those poor, misguided souls

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The family of Annalee Gulick Ayres poses after her baptism on May 27.

Please note that Pastor David will be on vacation the week of July 23. If there is an emergency, please contact Mark Frase.



Also, the church office will be closed July 30 through August 3. If you have information to submit for the bulletin for August 5, please plan accordingly.



# IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Caring For Our Community Through Christ*

**REV. DAVID CASEY-MOTLEY, PASTOR**

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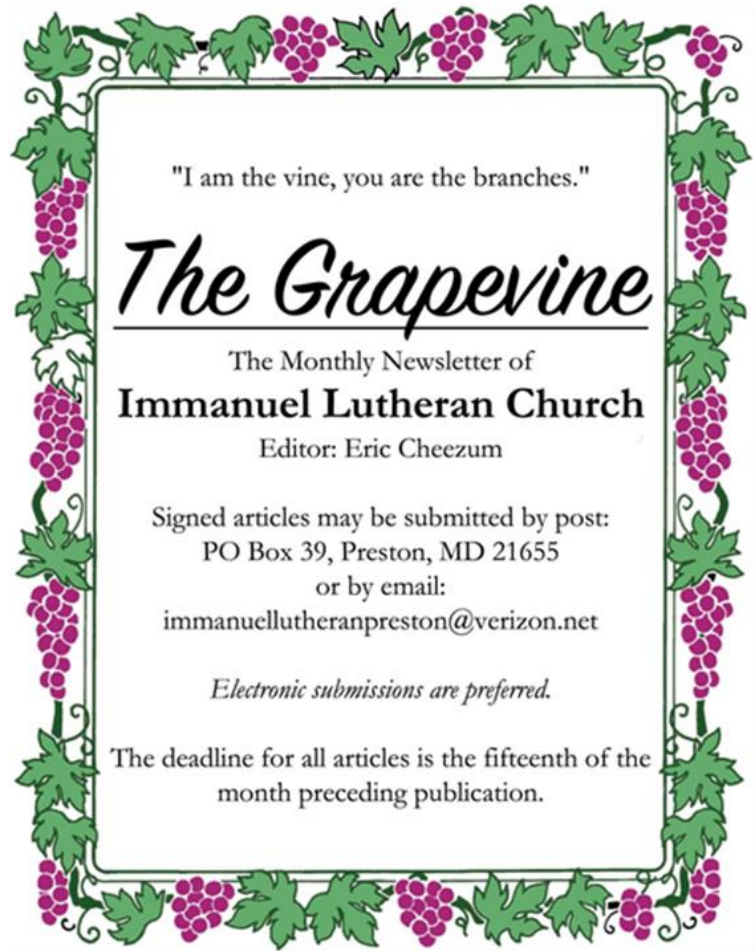
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who only had boring old hymns to sing instead of exciting 1960s-style rock ballads.

You see, we believed in the freedom of the Spirit, not a dead, dry, formal religion. In our churches, people danced, fell down, and raised their hands, and you could never tell how long the service would be. It was all up to the Holy Spirit. Sometimes he would keep us there all day.

This is how I thought as a child, but as I grew older, things got more complicated. Underlying all the religious excitement was a deep restlessness. Our churches were fractious because people came precisely to feel a spiritual high. Once they got their hit, they moved on. We began to attend churches in bursts, floating here and there for a few years or even months at a time. It unsettled me. I wanted a spiritual home. Life was unstable enough to transfer that instability to the one domain that ought to offer eternal surety.

The religious enthusiasm also weighed on me. I felt emotionally manipulated by my peers, family, pastors, and other religious leaders. Why should my feelings be the standard by which to measure God's presence, let alone truth? How was it just to imply that a person with a quieter, less suggestible personality is less affected by God "moving" (whatever that means)?

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## From the President's Pen



At the time of this writing, the installation of the new A/C units is in process. Please thank Dale Kenton and Rex Rosebrock when you see them for obtaining bids and managing this much-needed update to our facility.

Donations are requested for the A/C project. Half the cost was paid out of Special Funds, but the remainder is being borrowed from the Housing Fund in the short-term.

As you are probably aware, the new tax law will affect charitable deductions in that many filers will no longer need to itemize. Two alternative ways to give to Immanuel are as follows:

If you are required to take a Required Minimum Deduction (RMD) from an IRA account, you can direct your advisor to pay all or part of that annual RMD directly to Immanuel to avoid taxes on this distribution. This payment cannot come to you first, as it would then be taxed. Contact me if you have questions: Ruth Thomas (410-253-9565).

Another easy way to give is appreciated stock. I have attached information on how this can be done through the LCMS Foundation. No capital gains will be due on donated stock, provided you have owned it one year or more. Once again, contact me with any questions.

Finally, remember Immanuel when you are planning your legacy. Charitable bequests over the past years helped pay for the elevator, the roof, and more.

Have a great summer, and see you on Sunday!

Ruth

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR GIVING A STOCK GIFT THROUGH THE LCMS FOUNDATION TO BENEFIT THE CHURCH:

The LCMS Foundation's DTC transfer instructions are listed below.

Broker: Charles Schwab  
DTC Participant Number: 0164  
Acct Name: LCMS Foundation  
Acct Number: 61780941  
FBO: Donor's Last Name – Immanuel Lutheran Church, Preston, MD

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## ALTAR FLOWERS

Placing flowers on the altar is an appropriate way to give glory to God and to remember loved ones or special occasions such as Mothers' Day, birthdays, and anniversaries, etc. If you are not sure how to make arrangements to place flowers on the altar, the following steps will help you:

1. Check the flower chart (which hangs on the elevator door in the Narthex) for available Sundays.
2. Sign your name and telephone number on the Sunday(s) you choose.
3. You are responsible for ordering and paying for the flowers for your selected Sunday(s). The following florists provide flowers for Immanuel and have the ability to deliver to the church prior to the Sunday service.

Lucy's (Federalsburg): 410-754-5011

The Garden Basket (Preston): 410-822-0575

John's Four Seasons (Reliance): 410-754-5835

5. Gail Whealton (410-673-7118) will call you at the beginning of the week prior to your selected Sunday(s) to remind you and to ask what wording you desire in the bulletin. (Gail then calls Eric, so he knows what to print in the bulletin.)

6. After church, on your selected Sunday(s), you should pick up your flowers in the area off the Chancel where Gail, Helen, Kathy, or Julie will place your flowers in containers to take home. (The containers do not need to be returned.)

7. There are no flowers on the altar during Lent (Feb. 18 and 25, and Mar. 4, 11, 18, 25) and then when poinsettias are placed on the altar at Christmas (December 16, 23, and 30).

### Summer Faith Practices



*Be a gardener.  
Dig a ditch, toil and sweat, and turn the earth upside down, and seek the deepness, and water the plants in time.  
Continue this labor and*

*make sweet floods to run  
and noble and abundant fruits to spring.*

*Take this food and drink  
and carry it to God as your true worship.*

*—Julian of Norwich, Christian mystic  
(ca. 1342-1416)*



**“For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery” (Gal. 5:1).**

We celebrate this month because of the freedoms and liberties our country has afforded us. We are right to do this. We should be thankful for these liberties: the freedom to gather together to worship and to live out what we believe in our daily lives.

But freedom and liberty in our age has devolved. It has become a freedom from duty instead of a freedom for it. Indeed, freedom and liberty in our age has turned into licentiousness: a license to do what we want, when we want.

This license is a submission, again, to a yoke of slavery. For freedom as license to do what we desire when we desire it means we are slaves to our desires, slaves to our passions.

Christ died to set us free from our sinful desires. In Holy Baptism, our Old Adam is drowned and put to death along with all sin and evil desires so that a new man may arise and live before God in righteousness and purity.

In Christ, we are a new creation. We are set free from the passions of the flesh so that we are free to do our duty and bear fruits of the Spirit.

Our duty is what God calls us to do as members of a family, society, and the church.

God calls us to believe in His Word and gladly hear and learn it. He calls us to pray for all people. He calls us to live in faith toward Him and in fervent love for our neighbor. He calls us to put the gifts He gives

to us in His service. God calls parents to provide for their children and raise them in the fear and admonition of the Lord. And God calls children to honor their parents and provide and care for them when they are no longer able to do so themselves.

God calls the government to punish those who do evil and to reward those who do good. He calls citizens to pay their taxes and honor the governing officials as God’s servants. He calls pastors to preach and teach the Gospel as well as repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And He calls hearers to support those who teach them with every good thing.

Christ died to set us free from the works of our selfish flesh, giving us the freedom and liberty to do our duty. Stand firm, then, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

*LCMS.org*



## **MISSION GIVING**

Summer is here and The Compassion Place at the Lutheran Mission Society in Cambridge is busy helping others. When school is out there is a greater need for food that children can easily prepare for themselves. The food pantry is hoping for donations of **canned pastas, canned meats, one pound jars of peanut butter, boxed cereals and boxed macaroni and cheese.**

**Gently used clothing for children – sizes 2T through 6X** – is needed. Food donations can be left in the designated basket in the narthex. Other donations can be left in the hallway in Geiger Hall. Please remember to not make the bags or boxes too heavy. If you have any questions about The Compassion Place at the Lutheran Mission Society in Cambridge call Irene Wheatley at 410-310-2571. Thank you for helping us help others in our mid-shore area.

*Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. Hebrews 13:16 ESV*

*Irene Wheatley*

## **SPECIAL MISSION OFFERINGS**

Remember that on the first Sunday of **EVERY** month, there will be an additional and special offering to underwrite the work that our congregation does through the Southeastern District and the Missouri Synod. Please join in the special work.





### ***Women of the Bible, Drama Presentation - What is Truth?***

This one day retreat features the stories of Jezebel, Noah's Wife, and Pilate's Wife, all women whose perspective on life was markedly affected by a confrontation with The Truth--God's truth.

## **Registration**

**Location:** Greensboro Baptist Church, 401 W. Sunset Avenue, Greensboro, MD 21639

**Event Date:** Saturday, July 28, 2018

**Time:** 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**Lunch will be included**

**Cost:** \$25 if registered by July 14. After that date, \$30

Please make check payable to: **Greensboro Baptist Church.**

Add to memo line – **Women's Ministry Event**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Church Affiliation (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please send registration & payment to: Brenda Ambrosini, 25953 Dogwood Road, Greensboro, MD 21639**

If you have any questions, please send them to: [bcambrosini@gmail.com](mailto:bcambrosini@gmail.com) or call 410-353-1739

***Thank you. We look forward to seeing you at this event.***

## IN MEMORIAM

### PAUL EMERSON ELZEY

(April 2, 1929 — June 25, 2018)



Paul Emerson Elzey of Federalsburg passed away on Monday, June 25, 2018 at Pinnacle Rehabilitation and Nursing Home in Smyrna, DE. He was 89.

He was born on April 2, 1929 in Cambridge, Maryland, the son of the late Emerson M. Elzey and Audrey Aaron Elzey.

After graduating high school, Paul was drafted into the United States Air Force in 1947. Following his honorable discharge in 1949, he started a life-long career with E.I. DuPont in Seaford. He retired in 1985 after 36 years of faithful service. After his retirement, he worked maintenance for a short time at the Fairhaven Apartments in Federalsburg.

An avid hunter, Paul was a member of the NRA. He was a member of the American Legion and he enjoyed teaching Sunday school at Union Church. He was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Preston for many years.

He is survived by his wife, June Jackson Elzey of Federalsburg, a daughter, Pamela S Elzey of Federalsburg, one grandson, Nicholas Parks and his wife Marcia of Seaford, one great-granddaughter, Gianna Parks, two brothers, Richard Elzey of Seaford and Michael Elzey of Cambridge, and a sister, Candy Tasto of San Francisco, CA.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two sons, Michael "Jessie" Elzey and Paul Eric Elzey.

A memorial service was held on Monday, July 2, 2018 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Preston with the Reverend David Casey-Motley officiating. Inurnment took place at Hill Crest Cemetery. Expressions of sympathy may be made to the Immanuel Lutheran Church, Post Office Box 39, Preston, MD 21655. Services entrusted to the Framptom Funeral Home, Federalsburg. Share memories with the family at [www.framptom.com](http://www.framptom.com).



### BOBBIE ANN DUFF

(July 21, 1929 — June 23, 2018)

Bobbie Ann Duff, 88, of Hagerstown died Saturday, June 23, 2018, at her home.

Born in Chapin, S.C., on July 21, 1929, she was the daughter of the late Benjamin C. Wessinger and Mary Ernestine Williams Wessinger.

In 1955, she married Floyd Paul Duff at Trinity Lutheran Church in New York. Rev. Duff was a Lutheran minister, and in 1966, she and their seven children moved to Preston, where he was appointed pastor at the Immanuel Lutheran Church, where they stayed until 1971. Later moves were to Baltimore, Md.; Mars, Pa.; New Orleans, La.; Brandywine, Md.; and Pomfret, Md.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by three sons, Timothy M. Duff of Hampstead, Paul D. Duff of Ellicott City and Jonathan D. Duff of West Palm Beach, Fla.; four daughters, Evelyn L. Baldea of Stevensville, Naomi E. Hajimirsadeghi of Baltimore, Katherine Duff of Belcamp and Lois K. Duff of Clarksburg; 14 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, July 3, 2018 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Preston, Pastor David Casey-Motley officiating. Interment followed at Maryland Veteran Cemetery in Beulah. Arrangements were in the care of Zeller Funeral Home in East New Market.





## OUT & ABOUT WITH IMMANUEL



*Dale and Marsha Kenton sent us these fabulous pictures from their recent trip out west!  
Have you been, or are going, to an interesting place for vacation this year? Send us a selfie!*

## **SPECIAL FUNDS DONATIONS**

**Air Conditioning Fund**  
WINGS

**Building Fund –**  
**In Memory of Roselle Rieck**  
Glen & Mary Lou Plutschak

**Care & Compassion Fund –**  
**In Memory of Doris Rieck**  
Martha Ann Schmick

& Family  
Iris Rieck  
Richard & Irene Wheatley

**Care & Compassion Fund –**  
**In Memory of Roselle Rieck**  
Richard & Irene Wheatley  
Iris Rieck

**Care & Compassion Fund –**  
**In Memory of**  
**Eleanor Kardash**  
Iris Rieck

He shall



**BUILD A HOUSE  
FOR MY NAME,**

and I will  
establish

**THE THRONE**

of his

**KINGDOM  
FOREVER.**

**2 SAMUEL 7:13**



**In the event your transfer department needs to contact Schwab the Broker Dealer number is 602-355-9003.**

Contact person at LCMS Foundation:

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Please let her know what is coming (name of security and number of shares). She will also need your address so that she can send you an acknowledgement letter. As soon as the shares arrive in our account, they will liquidate them and send a check for the sale amount, less 1% for its ministry service (with a minimum fee of \$25), to the ministry or ministries that you direct. We will include a cover letter advising the ministry that the gift is from you, with a full accounting. Let them know if you prefer that your gift be anonymous and/or if there are any specific purposes that the gift is to be used for.

Helpful website: <http://www.lcmsfoundation.org/gift-planning/gift-types/> just scroll down to the Gifting Securities section for the five attached PDF documents. The Word document has been replaced on the website as an interactive form entitled "AppreciatedSec Instructions-Interactive" but it may still be used or an email sent to us with all the specifics about the gift.

In order for the Foundation to process gifts in an efficient and timely

manner we ask that you or the donor please contact us to clarify the proper transfer instructions as not all securities may be transferred in the same manner. It all depends upon how and where the securities are held. One of our goals is to ensure a smooth and trouble-free gift transfer process and we've found that by taking a few extra minutes upfront does minimize potential problems. The information we ask for is:

**Name of the security(s)  
Security(s) Ticker Symbol or CUSIP number (if known)**

**Where do you currently hold the security (i.e.; Charles Schwab, eTrade, Computershare, etc)**

**How are the shares held (i.e.; physical certificate, electronically via DTC, in a Dividend Reinvestment Account or some other specialized account)**

**Number of shares or approximate market value being transferred**

**Specific LCMS entity(s) gifting to both the name and address of the entity**

**Percent Breakdown of gift this applies to a gift that is being distributed to multiple entities (must equal 100%)**

**Donor's contact information (name, address for the receipt letter and a phone number and/or email address in case there are any questions about processing the gift)**

We hope you understand the importance of this notification process and due to the critical nature of using stocks and mutual funds for making gifts of appreciated securities to an LCMS ministry time is of the essence. We encourage our donors to always contact us to obtain the proper transfer instructions before sending any gifted security as not all securities can be transferred in the same manner it all depends upon the security and how it is currently held by the donor.

**LET THE  
FIELD EXULT,  
and  
EVERYTHING  
IN IT!**

Psalm 96:12, ESV

## HARVEST TIME!

With harvest underway or imminent, fields of ripe grain, tall cornstalks and soybeans turning brown recall Jesus' words to the disciples: "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest" (Matthew 9:37-38, ESV).

Nowadays farmers use fewer laborers and bigger machines than in decades past. But what about harvests of faith? Leading people to know God's love can't be done "mechanically." Studies show that newspaper ads or door-hangers left anonymously are less effective at bringing people to church than a warm personal invite.

Right after urging his disciples to pray for harvest workers — in a classic instance of "You might be God's answer to your own prayer!" — Jesus sends them out as those very laborers! How will they work the harvest? Not by guiltning people into faith. Not by pronouncing judgment or biblical law. But by using Jesus' authority to counter evil, illness and brokenness among those they befriend.

Ponder and pray about where Jesus is sending you as his laborer to cultivate and reap Christian faith and assurance of God's love.



Desperate for spiritual highs, my family and many of our friends made regular pilgrimages to “revivals” across North America—places the Spirit had gone, I guess, because he apparently wasn’t with us all the time. Or at least not with us all the way all the time. We were to believe that the Holy Spirit spoke to us directly with personal advice, like a sort of combined personal therapist and horoscope reader.

People who couldn’t make sense of these insults to God’s character were considered lower forms of Christians—not openly, of course, but all by suggestion and implication. It was the logical conclusion of their thoughtworld. It led to absurd things like people insisting God had “told them” to do things like wear two different colors of socks or send money to this particular preacher. More darkly, it caused people to despair of salvation or God’s love because they didn’t feel forgiven or couldn’t rid themselves of besetting sins.

In college this kind of emotional manipulation and doublespeak began to weigh on me more deeply. I started to compare what the charismatics said with what the Bible says, and the charismatics kept coming up short. They seemed to ignore or explain away big chunks of the Bible, such as commandments to attend church and beware of false prophets. Why were we focusing so much on “saving the world for Christ” when the church couldn’t even save its own children for Christ? As churches focused more and more on emotional appeals and fund drives for “reaching the lost,” their congregants’ own children were losing their faith. I watched it happen to scores of my own friends. How, I wondered, could these folks “save the lost” in Africa or Detroit when they couldn’t even save the lost in their own pews?

Providentially, I landed at one of the few good colleges left, so as I filled in more knowledge about world history I became enthralled with the beauty of old things, with the sense of belonging one can develop by joining a specific set of traditions people have been preserving for centuries. It was a comfort to someone who felt spiritually homeless. College opened the wonders of history to me for the first time, and this deepened my love of and desire to know the church’s heritage. For this was—is—my heritage now, too.

Historic churches no longer seemed “religious” and “stuffy”; they seemed beautiful. Their mystery now attracted rather than repelled me. They had a depth I felt I could spend my whole life searching out. So I started to look into specific Christian faith traditions, starting with Catholics. Because of my parents’ hostility to the tradition they’d spurned, I didn’t tell them. I inquired alone.

Even so, my parents shaped my spiritual inquiry by having taught me as a young child to treasure the Bible and trust it as true, every word. Although I wanted very much to connect myself to the historic Christian church, I

just couldn’t get over all the things the Catholic Church teaches that aren’t in the Bible. (Sorry, Catholics. Love you anyway.) As fate—or perhaps the Holy Spirit?—would have it, I knew a few conservative Lutherans. One handed me Gene Edward Veith’s “The Spirituality of the Cross.”

After that, it was over. I kept re-reading that thin little book, saying to myself, “But I already believe this! Is this *Lutheran*?” It took an inquiry class with a local pastor to help get me through infant baptism and the Real Presence, but largely he just had to show me how the Bible says “Baptism now saves you” and “This IS my body.” I was done with people trying to interpret away God’s plain word. He said it. I believe it. The end.

It was a comfort to think that I didn’t have to get a specific “word from God” about every single thing in my life and muddle about in perpetual worry that I could be misunderstanding him and thus accidentally committing colossal, irredeemable blunders. God has already given me all the sure and certain words he thinks I need. On the rest, I’m free to decide what socks I wear, what man I marry, what job offer I’ll accept. What a paradox that accepting limits to God’s words actually creates rather than stifles one’s sense of freedom.

That dear Pastor Roger James confirmed me, and then I was a Lutheran. When I “came out” to my parents, they nearly disowned me. It cost me my wedding, many sleepless nights, and much else. But there, as a confessional Lutheran, I stood. I could do no other.

Perhaps now you can see why the historic liturgy is such a treasure to me, a person who has been fed Christianity broth for most of her life instead of the meat. The Word and Sacrament truly do feed my soul, and their faithful administration according to centuries of Christian tradition protects me from feeling spiritually manipulated again. It’s so important to us that the availability of a church that offers us and our children this feast perpetually was a deciding factor when my husband and I discussed moving from Washington DC to Fort Wayne.

We are blessed beyond measure to attend Redeemer Lutheran Church in downtown Fort Wayne. It’s a singular church within a singular expression of the ancient Christian faith. Praise be to God for taking his spiritually homeless child and giving her a home in his own church, where he feeds her his own precious body and blood for life everlasting.



*Joy Pullmann is the managing editor of The Federalist. She lives walking distance from Redeemer Lutheran Church on Rudisill, which she attends with her husband and four children.*



# Snapshots From





# WHAT IT MEANS TO BE TRULY LUTHERAN: GOD'S DIFFERENT WORK IN TWO KINGDOMS

Reprinted from <https://wels.net/what-it-means-to-be-truly-lutheran-gods-different-work-in-two-kingdoms/>

There has always been tension between the church and government. At various times and places in history, the government has tried to wipe out the church. At other times, the government has tried to use the church for its purposes. Eventually, the church started carrying out a governmental role and even tried to bend the government to its will, attempting to use the government to carry out the church's work. Popes crowned emperors. Kings vowed to defend the church. Popes and bishops ruled territory and led armies. Conflicts arose over who should appoint church leaders: the church or the government. The result was confusion between the church's work and the government's work.

Martin Luther and his fellow reformers went back to the Scriptures to sort out this confusion. God carries out his work for the benefit of his believers and for the good of his whole creation in two different kingdoms or realms.

On the one hand, God has established his church, and through the church's work he cares for our souls (Matthew 16:17-19; Hebrews 13:7,17; Acts 20:28; 1 Timothy 4:15). He brings people to faith through the Word and sacraments (Romans 1:16; Romans 10:17; 1 Peter 1:23; Titus 3:5; Ephesians 5:25-27). He strengthens his church and comforts his people through the work he has given the church to do (Matthew 28:19; Mark 16:15; Luke 24:46-48; 2 Corinthians 5:19-21).

On the other hand, God has established government, and through the government's work he cares for our bodies (1 Peter 2:13,14; Romans 13:1,2). He maintains peace and order in society through laws; he protects people's physical well-being through the enforcement of laws (Romans 13:3-7).

True Lutherans have historically tried to avoid using governmental force to further the cause of the gospel, while also recognizing that Christians may serve in the government and be served by the government. True Lutherans have also attempted to avoid the confusion of the two kingdoms. The church and the government each have their own distinct mission and distinct ways to carry out that mission. As God's children, we live in both kingdoms and strive to be obedient servants in the church and to the government.

The Augsburg Confession stated it well:

*Now inasmuch as the power of the church . . . bestows eternal benefits and is used and exercised only through the office of preaching, it does not interfere at all with public order and secular authority. For secular authority deals with matters altogether different from the gospel. Secular power does not protect the soul but, using the sword and physical penalties, it protects the body and goods against external violence.*

*That is why one should not mix or confuse the two authorities, the spiritual and the secular. For spiritual power has its command to preach the gospel and to administer the sacraments. . . . It should not annul or disrupt secular law and obedience to political authority. It should not make or prescribe laws for the secular power concerning secular affairs. . . .*

*In this way our people distinguish the offices of the two authorities and powers and direct that both be honored as the highest gifts of God on earth. (XXVIII:10-13,18)*

Joel D. Otto



*Lord Jesus, thou who art the way, the truth and the life; hear us as we pray for the truth that shall make all free. Teach us that liberty is not only to be loved but also to be lived. Liberty is too precious a thing to be buried in books. It costs too much to be hoarded. Help us see that our liberty is not the right to do as we please, but the opportunity to please to do what is right.*

—Peter Marshall, before the U.S. Senate

# THOSE SERVING IMMANUEL ~ JULY 2018

Date	Usher	Lay Reader	Greeter	Assisting Elder	Kids' Worship	Acolytes	Head Teller / Counter
July 1, 2018	Mark Frase Mark Faulstick	Richard Wheatley	Myrna Roth	Mark Frase	TBA	Catie Casey-Motley	Janice Isenberg Shelly Kapitan John Crampton
July 8, 2018	Mark Frase Mark Faulstick	Kathy Schmidt	Windsor & Peggy Meyer	Dale Kenton	TBA	TBA	Doris Maser Karen Lyons Olga MacDonald
July 15, 2018	Mark Frase Mark Faulstick	Carol Frase	Janice Isenberg	Roger Schmick	TBA	Hayden Plutschak	Dee Lambert Glen Plutschak Mary Lou Plutschak
July 22, 2018	Mark Frase Mark Faulstick	Iris Rieck	Dale & Marsha Kenton	Rex Rosebrock	TBA	Catie Casey-Motley	David Schmidt Kathy Schmidt
July 29, 2018	Mark Frase Mark Faulstick	Samantha Greenage	Richard Wheatley	Glen Plutschak	TBA	Hayden Plutschak	Paul Nichols Carol Frase Gina McConnell



David Lambert	7/1	Hunter Marshall	7/16	John & Angela West	7/9
Jennifer Scudder	7/1	Warren Bennett Jr.	7/17	Dennis & Caron Janko	7/15
Robert Hopkins	7/2	John Monroe	7/18	Paul & Jackie Nichols	7/20
Kathy Schmidt	7/4	Julie Schmidt	7/18	John & Karen Lyons	7/27
Laura Glessner	7/5	Zachary Braband	7/19		
Nikki Morris	7/7	Bobby Schmick	7/19		
Jonathon Nichols	7/7	Chelsie Frase	7/20		
Catie Casey-Motley	7/8	Susan Kirwan	7/20		
Christa Delano	7/8	Dee Lambert	7/21		
Joanne Fuchs	7/9	Mildred Quidas	7/21		
Darlene Wilson	7/9	Kyle Starken	7/21		
Joan Gounraj	7/10	Katie Taylor	7/21		
Carole Greenage	7/12	Andrea Johansen	7/23		
Corryn Johansen	7/12	Desi Casey-Motley	7/24		
Veronica Phillips	7/12	Linda Fairbanks	7/24		
Ronnie Tucker	7/12	Dana Limpert	7/24		
Thomas Ferkler V	7/13	Mary Lou Frase	7/26		
Kendall Sterling	7/14	Raiker Ann Sheldon	7/27		
Luke Dutton	7/16	Ann Ferkler	7/29		
Caleb Erskine	7/16	Emilie Schanken	7/29		
Jacob Erskine	7/16	Ronald Andrew	7/30		
Samantha Fisher	7/16				





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22 10:30am Worship	23 7:00pm Board of Education (GH Library)	24	25 6:30pm Adult Confirmation 7:00pm AI-Anon	26 7:00pm Nursery School Board	27	28 7:00pm A.A. Meeting
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# THOSE SERVING IMMANUEL ~ AUGUST 2018

Date	Usher	Lay Reader	Greeter	Assisting Elder	Kids' Worship	Acolytes	Head Teller / Counter
August 5, 2018	Jim Harris Windsor Meyer	Lynn Short	Myrna Roth	Mark Frase	TBA	Catie Casey-Motley	Janice Isenberg Shelly Kapitan John Crampton
August 12, 2018	Jim Harris Windsor Meyer	Arlene Stevens	Todd & Darlena Butler	Dale Kenton	TBA	Hayden Plutschak	Doris Maser Karen Lyons Olga MacDonald
August 19, 2018	Jim Harris Windsor Meyer	Chrissy Frase	Mark & Lynn Faulstick	Roger Schmick	TBA	Hayden Plutschak	Dee Lambert Glen Plutschak Mary Lou Plutschak
August 26, 2018	Jim Harris Windsor Meyer	Ann Schmick	Mark & Carol Frase	Rex Rosebrock	TBA	Catie Casey-Motley	David Schmidt Kathy Schmidt



Alex Covington	8/1	Emilie Schmick	8/14
Kari Edwards	8/1	Meredith Brooks	8/15
Dorothy Wilkes	8/1	John Crampton	8/15
Christopher Headley	8/2	Zachary Kirwan	8/17
Phineas Ayers	8/3	E. Wright	8/18
Donna Degroat	8/3	Raechl Cannon	8/20
John Schmidt	8/3	Keirsa Starken	8/21
Kelsey Limpert	8/4	Alan Kenton	8/22
Martha Ann Schmick	8/4	David Schmidt	8/22
Thomas Starken	8/5	Windsor Meyer Sr.	8/23
Ronda Jefferson	8/6	Grace Schmick	8/24
Shelby Hochmuth	8/8	Heidi Devoe	8/25
Victor Rieck	8/8	Austyn Ostermann	8/25
Ag Sturtz	8/8	Barbara Wright	8/25
Kimberly Jantz	8/9	Jack Collins	8/26
Peggy Meyer	8/10	Sandra Johansen	8/26
Charles Fry	8/11	Ryan Andrew	8/29
Kate Frase	8/14	Claire Bennett	8/29
Eric Karge	8/14	Allen Reichlin	8/30
Robert Lorenz	8/14		



Shelly & Larry Kapitan	8/1
John & Gail Crampton	8/5
Thomas & Ann Ferkler V	8/5
Charles & Laura Frase	8/5
Jeffrey & Patti Frase	8/10
Allen & Evelyn Reichlin	8/11
Debra & Jeffrey Chambers	8/25

## BARTHOLO...WHO?

On August 24, the church commemorates St. Bartholomew, who is listed among the disciples. Because he is never named in the book of John — while a follower named Nathanael is mentioned only there — many scholars believe Bartholomew and Nathanael were the same man. Further, Bartholomew's name is next to Philip's in Matthew, Luke and Mark, while in John, Philip introduces Nathanael to Jesus (who says, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" [John 1:47, NRSV]).



Besides the Bible, Eusebius, the father of church history, is first to mention Bartholomew. Eusebius reports that Bartholomew gave a Hebrew translation of Matthew's gospel to Christian converts in India. Bartholomew also preached in Mesopotamia, Persia, Egypt and Armenia, where he was killed. Tradition holds that Bartholomew was either beheaded or flayed alive and then crucified upside-down.



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