Immanuel Lutheran Church Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 1, 2023 10:00 a.m.

THE VISION STATEMENT FOR IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

As the body of Christ, renewed by the Holy Spirit as a living community of believers, we are committed to sharing the love of Christ and the good news of salvation.

We build relationships with others in the **Community Around Us**, while nurturing the **Community Among Us**, so all may know of and grow in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior.

GOD'S MISSION FOR IMMANUEL

Immanuel Lutheran Church is a community of God's people <u>rooted</u>, nourished, and educated in the Word of God, to include all people in its fellowship for the sake of Christ, and for their **eternal salvation**.

WELCOME VISITORS!

The Immanuel Lutheran congregation is pleased that you have joined us today. If you have no church home, we invite you to make your home among us.

COMMUNION AT IMMANUEL

We celebrate the Lord's Supper today! According to God's Word, you may commune with us if you:

- Have been baptized in the name of the Triune God,
- Have faith in Jesus Christ as God the Son, and your personal Savior from sin, death, and the devil.
- Have examined yourselves and recognize that you have sin that needs forgiveness, hurt that needs healing, faith that needs strengthening,
- Believe that in, with, and under the bread and wine you receive the true Body and Blood of the risen Christ, (1 Corinthians 10:16)
- Believe that the body and blood of the Lord will grant you forgiveness of your sins and new life.
- Desire to amend your sinfulness and live a life pleasing to God and in fellowship with His Church.
- Understand that to partake of the sacrament without examining yourself and recognizing the real presence of Christ's Body and Blood is to do so to your harm (1 Corinthians 11:27). If you do not agree with the above, or have questions, please see Pastor before communing at Immanuel.

Organ Prelude – "Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier"/BWV 730, 731 Blessed Jesus, at Your Word – in our hymnals at LSB #904 Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Processional Hymn #549 – "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

- 1 All hail the pow'r of Je sus' name! Let an gels pros-trate fall; 2 Crown Him, ye mar-tyrs of our God, Who from His al - tar call;
- 3 Ye seed of Is-rael's cho-sen race, Ye ran-somed from the fall, 4 Hail Him, ye heirs of Da-vid's line, Whom Da vid Lord did call,



Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem And crown Him Lord of all. Ex - tol the stem of Jes - se's rod And crown Him Lord of all. Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all. The God in - car-nate, man di - vine, And crown Him Lord of all.



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- Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget
 The wormwood and the gall,
 Go, spread your trophies at His feet
 And crown Him Lord of all.

 Go, spread your trophies at His feet
 And crown Him Lord of all.
- Oh, that with yonder sacred throng We at His feet may fall! We'll join the everlasting song And crown Him Lord of all. We'll join the everlasting song And crown Him Lord of all.
- 6 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe, On this terrestrial ball To Him all majesty ascribe And crown Him Lord of all. To Him all majesty ascribe And crown Him Lord of all.

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Divine Service, Setting One

Confession and Absolution

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- In the name of the Father and of the
 ∴ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.
- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore 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



Psalm 147:1-5; antiphon: v. 6

The LORD lifts up the | humble;* he casts the wicked | to the ground.

Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises | to our God;*

for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is | fitting.

The LORD builds up Je- | rusalem;*

he gathers the outcasts of | Israel.

He heals the broken- | hearted*

and binds | up their wounds.

He determines the number | of the stars;*

he gives to all of | them their names.

Great is our Lord, and abun- | dant in power;*
his understanding is beyond | measure.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

The LORD lifts up the | humble;*
he casts the wicked | to the ground.

Kyrie

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



A For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



Hymn of Praise



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.

For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,



You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



Salutation and Collect of the Day

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- P Let us pray.

Almighty God, You exalted Your Son to the place of all honor and authority. Enlighten our minds by Your Holy Spirit that, confessing Jesus as Lord, we may be led into all truth; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

¹The word of the LORD came to me: ²"What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, 'The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge'? ³As I live, declares the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. ⁴Behold, all souls are mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is mine: the soul who sins shall die. . . .

²⁵"Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? ²⁶When a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done he shall die. ²⁷Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life. ²⁸Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die. ²⁹Yet the house of Israel says, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' O house of Israel, are my ways not just? Is it not your ways that are not just?

³⁰"Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, declares the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin.
³¹Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? ³²For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Lord God; so turn, and live."

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

CHOIR – "Loving and Forgiving" Scott Soper (c. 1952)

Epistle

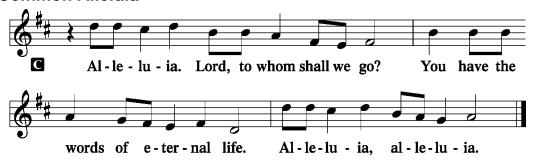
¹If there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, ²complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. . . .

¹⁴Do all things without grumbling or questioning, ¹⁵that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, ¹⁶holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. ¹⁷Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. ¹⁸Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Stand

Common Alleluia



Holy Gospel Matthew 21:23-27

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.



²³When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" ²⁴Jesus answered them, "I also will ask you one question, and if you tell me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵The baptism of John, from where did it come? From heaven or from man?" And they discussed it among themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' ²⁶But if we say, 'From man,' we are afraid of the crowd, for

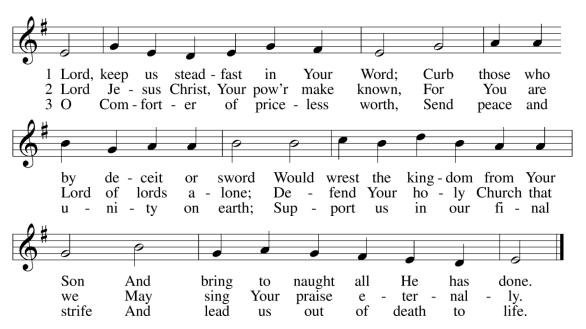
they all hold that John was a prophet." ²⁷So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Sit

Hymn of the Day #655 - "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"



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Sermon Living life in a manner worthy of the Gospel

Stand

Apostles' Creed

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.

Sit

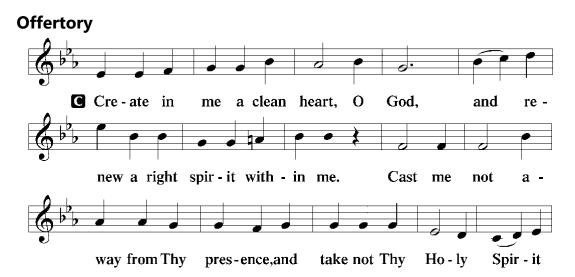
VOLUNTARY – Meditation on "So nimm den mine Hände"

Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me – in our hymnals at LSB #722 arr. **David Paxton** (1934-2015)

Offering

(We join with Christians all over the world in worshipping God through the giving of our financial resources. If you are a first-time visitor, you are our guest and we do not expect you to give an offering. For members and friends, the ministry of this congregation is completely dependent upon your generous giving. Our offering is a significant act of worship.)

Stand





Prayer of the Church

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Brief silence

Merciful Lord, You founded Your Church upon the proclamation of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. Purify the tongues of Your servants, that the tongues of the wicked may be silenced. Turn them from their evil ways, that their sins may be washed away. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful Lord, encourage us by Your Holy Spirit, that we may not lose heart. Make us to be of one mind and will, that we may serve You with gladness, doing the works of Your kingdom here and throughout the world. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful Lord, sustain all fathers, mothers and children; husbands and wives; friends and neighbors; laborers and employers; and teachers and students. Enable us all to serve our neighbors in godly vocations, delighting in the Lord's lovingkindness. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Merciful Lord, all the might of man is nothing before You, yet You have appointed earthly realms and rulers to punish evil and honor good. Give us faithful leaders who will serve honorably and well. Bless also those who serve in the armed forces to defend us and protect our liberty. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful Lord, grant the	encouragement of Christ and the comfort of His love to those who
suffer [especially	
Savior, especially to the	ose who believe. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Special prayers: Lord in Your Mercy, hear our prayer

Merciful Lord, in You there is no shadow due to change. Enkindle Your divine light in us, that we may stand united as Christ's own body, holding fast to the word of life and shining brightly in the midst of this world's darkness; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

+ Service of the Sacrament +

Preface

P The Lord be with you.



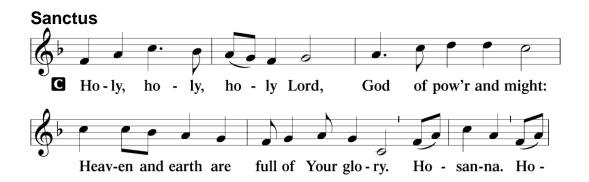
P Lift up your hearts.

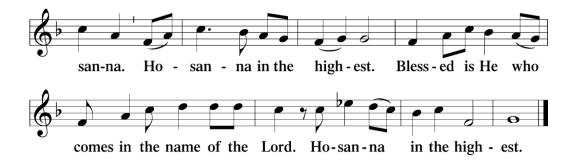


P Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



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:





Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My
→ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My → blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

- P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Lord's Prayer

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.

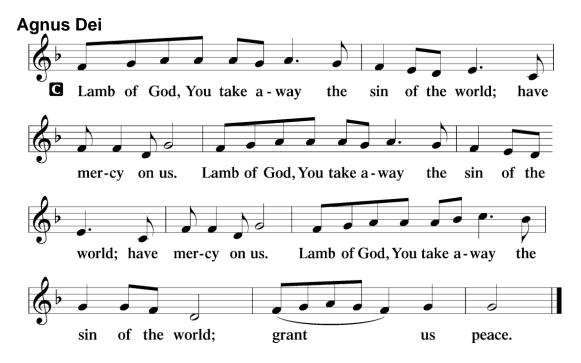
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

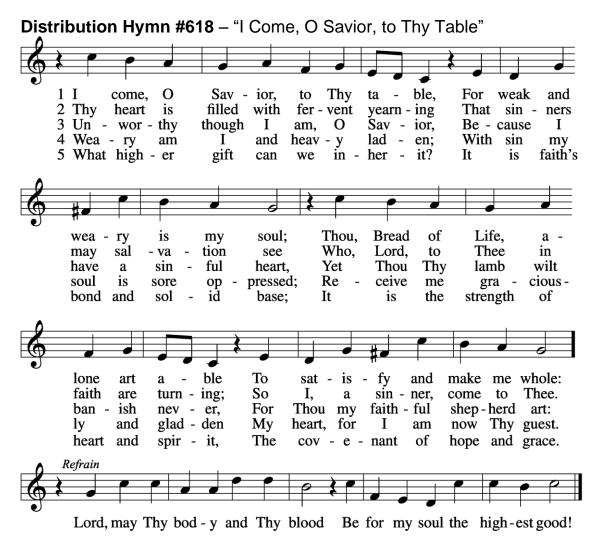


Exchange of Peace



Sit

Distribution



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Stand

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 - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



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

Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



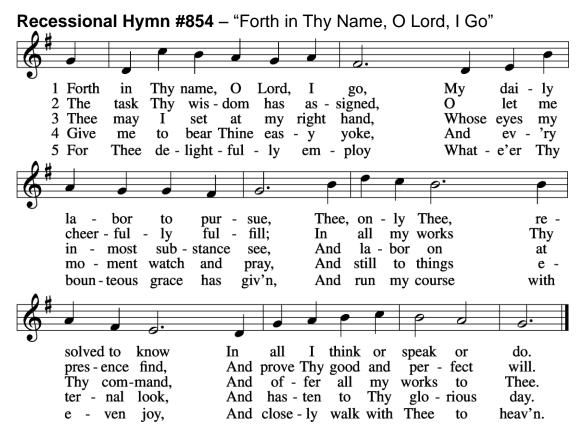
Announcements

Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.





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Organ Postlude – "Wen nur den Lieben Gott läßt walten" / BWV 750

If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee – in our hymnals at LSB #750

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Those Serving Today:

Pastor Pastor Minetree

Officiant

Lay Reader Rick Kruelle
Director of Music Muriel Hopkins

Altar Guild Sheila Gordon/Laura Pickering

Birthdays This Week:

2 Filleseta James

5 Iris Anunihu

This Week at Immanuel:

Sunday	October 1	9 am	Adult Bible Study Sunday school, ages 3-12 Worship & Holy Communion
		10 am	
Monday	October 2	6:30 pm	Book of Revelation Bible class
Thursday	October 5	6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Basics of the Christian Faith Choir practice

Flowers were given to the Glory of God today in remembrance of our mother, Ruth, who left this world wrapped in Jesus' arms and gained her glory in heaven five years ago.

Gary, Denise, and the Waicker family

Ministry Notes

Sunday Morning Bible Class

The pastor began a new Bible class on the Psalms. The class will meet from 9 AM to 9:45 am. Anyone is welcome to join any of the classes. The classes will meet in pastor's office, space permitting.

Bible Study on the Book of James.

The lunchtime bible class on James continues in September. This class meets twice per month on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays. We will meet in the conference room and begin at noon. Bring your own lunch and drink and join us for this time of fellowship and study. You may join this class at any time. See Pastor Minetree for the study sheets. **Next class is Wednesday, October 11**th.

Like to Sing? Sing with us!

Please join us THURSDAY evenings
starting September 7
from 7:00 pm to 8:00pm
in the Sanctuary.
You do not need to be able to read music,
just blend your voices with ours!
Please see Muriel Hopkins after Church or
call her anytime at 410-207-0831.



(Sept - Dec)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 9 am to 1 pm IMMANUEL LUTHERAN FLEA MARKET. Set up 8 am. Spots (10 x 10 ft) \$10; table \$10. Reservation forms available in Church office.

Reservation deadline Thursday, October 12th. More information call church office 410-435-6861.

Tuesday, October 31st is Trunk or Treat at Immanuel. Join us by decorating your car trunk in a (not too scary) Halloween theme. Bring candy or another handout for the children who will stop by. This gives kids a safe place to trick or treat. It gives us an opportunity to meet folks in our community. The event will be 6 pm to 8 pm in our rear parking lot. If you cannot attend but wish to help you may donate candy or other handouts. See Pastor Minetree for details.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH. Shrimp Feast/Bull Roast to benefit Immanuel Lutheran *Til All Have Heard Miss*ion. 1-5 p.m., Rosedale Gardens, 8037 Philadelphia Road. Music provided by the *Reputations*. Raffle tickets available (winner *does* not need to be present to win). Tickets \$45/person; call Denise Waicker 443-981-0019 or Gary Stratemeyer 443-827-6958 for tickets.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- -Heavenly Father, we pray that You be glorified through the effort of our 'Til All Have Heard Ministry. Guide us and Pastor Witt as we seek and pursue avenues to declare that Your Kingdom is coming clearly and powerfully. Give us the opportunity to plant, water, and harvest for Your Kingdom according to Your will, and grant patience to wait on Your timing and purposes. Lord, in Your mercy/Let us pray to the Lord
- -For peace in Ukraine
- -Dottie Friant who is at Good Samaritan Hospital rehab unit
- -Robert Sigler, Rita Alcarese's daughter's father-in-law, diagnosed with cancer
- -Ryan Schwartz, who broke his neck in a diving accident
- -April as she does her job search to get closer to home
- -Kay Lietzau recovering from TIA
- -Elaine Schwab, who had foot surgery on September 5
- -Ray Ward recovering from knee surgery
- -Harry Bortner who has cancer
- -April's dad, for continued good health. The doctor's found left over cancer cells.
- -Bradley Will, son of Ray, who is losing his battle with cancer
- -Naomi for health issues and John Kruelle battling cancer
- -Diana, friend of Denise Waicker, who has been diagnosed with cancer
- -Rosemarie Wilson, the daughter of Filleseta James, for return of strength in her left leg
- -Bill Hermann
- -Joseph Woah-tee missing, and whereabouts unknown