

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

The Third Sunday after Pentecost

10am Family Worship Service

June 26, 2022—10am

We celebrate the Lord's Supper today! Please prepare yourselves using these questions as a guide:

- Have I been baptized in the Name of the Triune God, Father, Son & Holy Spirit?
- Do I believe that I am a sinful being without hope for eternal life except in mercy of Jesus Christ?
- Do I believe in Jesus as My Savior?
- Do I believe that Jesus Christ is personally present in communion with His body and blood to forgive my sins, as the Bible teaches?
- Do I desire and strive by the power of the Holy Spirit to live a God-pleasing life?

As you come to the Lord's Supper you are affirming with each communicant that Jesus is your Lord and Savior, and that the Lutheran Church's confession of Jesus Christ and His Supper is your confession as well.

Prelude

Welcome: Pastor Dan

Opening Song: "Father, I Adore You"

Father, I adore You,
Lay my life before You,
How I love You

Jesus, I adore You,
Lay my life before You,
How I love You

Spirit, I adore You,
Lay my life before You,
How I love You

The Call to Worship: Psalm 126

Pastor: We rejoice, for the Lord has done great things for us!

All: His love and concern for us have set us free from captivity.

Pastor: Our mouths can now be filled with laughter, and songs of joy can be sung from our lips.

All: Let us put on the garment of praise, for He has turned our tears into laughter and our sorrows into songs of joy.

Pastor: Let us rejoice and give praise to our Mighty God; the great I AM

All: for He has forgiven us and set us free

Pastor: In the name of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

A Time of Praise *(please rise)*

Sing: Breathe

This is the air I breathe,
This is the air I breathe:
Your Holy presence living in me.
This is my daily bread,
This is my daily bread:
Your very Word spoken to me.
And I, I'm desp'rate for You.
And I, I'm lost without You

As the Deer

As the deer panteth for the water,
So my soul longeth after Thee.
You alone are my heart's desire,
And I long to worship Thee.
You alone are my strength, my shield;
To You alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire,
And I long to worship Thee.

You're my friend and You are my brother
Even though You are a King
I love You more than any other,
So much more than anything.
You alone are my strength, my shield;
To You alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire,
And I long to worship Thee.

A Time for Prayer

Children's Message Song: "My God is so Great"

My God is so great, so strong and so mighty!
There's nothing my God cannot do!
The mountains are His, the rivers are His,
The stars are His handiwork, too.
My God is so great, so strong and so mighty!
There's nothing my God cannot do! For You!
Repeat

Children's Message: Pastor Dan

The First Reading – 2 Corinthians 9:6-11

⁶The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.

⁷Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

⁸ And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.

⁹ As it is written, "He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever."

¹⁰ He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness.

¹¹ You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

The Gospel

Pastor: The Holy Gospel is written in the 19th chapter of St. Matthew beginning at the 16th verse.

¹⁶ And behold, a man came up to him, saying, "Teacher, what good deed must I do to have eternal life?"

¹⁷ And he said to him, "Why do you ask me about what is good? There is only one who is good. If you would enter life, keep the commandments."

¹⁸ He said to him, "Which ones?" And Jesus said, "You shall not murder, You shall not commit adultery, You shall not steal, You shall not bear false witness, ¹⁹ Honor your father and mother, and, You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

²⁰ The young man said to him, "All these I have kept. What do I still lack?"

²¹ Jesus said to him, "If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me."

²² When the young man heard this he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

²³ And Jesus said to his disciples, "Truly, I say to you, only with difficulty will a rich person enter the kingdom of heaven:

²⁴ Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

People: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

The Apostles Creed

All: 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 life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn: "Freely, Freely"

God forgave my sin in Jesus' name,
I've been born again in Jesus' name;
And in Jesus' name I come to you to share
His love as He told me to:

Chorus

He said, "Freely, freely you have received
Feely, freely give;
Go in My name and because you believe,
Others will know that I live.

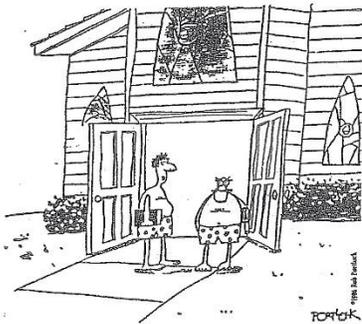
All pow'r is giv'n in Jesus' name,
In earth and heav'n in Jesus' name;
And in Jesus' name I come to you to share
His pow'r as He told me to:

Chorus

Sermon – "What Does the Bible Say About Giving?"

FOR REFLECTION AND/OR DISCUSSION

1. WHICH OF THE 7 TRUTHS IS MOST CHALLENGING FOR YOU RIGHT NOW AS YOU CONSIDER YOUR CHRISTIAN GIVING?
2. HOW MIGHT WE MAKE OUR SUNDAY OFFERING MORE LIKE AN ACT OF WORSHIP? (ANYONE BRAVE ENOUGH TO SUGGEST IT TO THE PASTOR?)
3. WHAT MAKES YOU HAPPY ABOUT GIVING?
4. ARE THERE ANY CHURCH PRACTICES CONCERNING GIVING WHICH "CHEAPEN" THE GRACE OF GOD IN CHRIST?
5. WHAT MEASURABLE CHANGE IN YOUR GIVING MOTIVATION, PROCESS, AND PRACTICE WILL YOU MAKE IN RESPONSE TO THIS BIBLE STUDY?



"That was the best sermon on giving I've ever heard."

What the Bible Says About Giving

1. Giving is to be _____
Do what I told the Galatian churches to do. On the first day of the week, each of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income, saving it up, so that when I come no collections will have to be made. (1 Cor. 16:1b-2)
2. Giving is an act of _____
*No man should appear before the Lord empty-handed. (Deut. 16:16b)
Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering and come before him; worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness. (1 Chronicles 16:29)*
3. Giving is to be _____ to blessings received.
Each of you must bring a gift in proportion to the blessings the Lord your God has given you. (Deut. 16:17)
4. Giving is to be a _____ offering.
*Bring the best of the firstfruits of your soil to the house of the Lord your God. (Exodus 23:19)
"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the Lord God Almighty. (Mal. 3:10)*
5. Giving is to be _____
For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. (2 Cor. 8:3)
6. Giving is to be a _____ and _____ act.
Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. (2 Cor. 9:7)
7. Giving is to be a response to God's _____, especially as we have come to know it in Jesus Christ.
For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for our sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich. (II Cor. 8:9)

Offerings are gathered

The Prayers

Strength & comfort for Rich Richards and family

Successful cancer treatments and strength for Victoria Hage, friend of Cindy Szczesny

Successful surgery for Richard Seedroff

Healing for Jim Hogue, husband of Kathy Hogue

Wisdom for Dr's and healing for Dona Trlak

Wisdom for Dr's & healing for David Fortner, son-in-law of Bob & Ann Heinkel

(Please help us keep our attendance numbers accurate by filling out the attendance cards and giving to Ushers at communion.)

The Lord's Prayer *(Please rise)*

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.

Pastor: This morning Jesus stands before us and we'll hear, "Take and eat, this is My body and drink, this is My blood." How can bread be flesh and wine be blood? Here too, we see the hand of God at work, calling us in faith not to stumble over what seems foolish to our human minds. In Jesus we are truly assured that He is present in this meal to forgive and renew. His Word is sure.

All: Lord, we are weak and have sinned against You in our thoughts, our words and our deeds. Forgive us Lord of all our sins, our doubts about You and Your ways for the sake of Jesus.

Pastor: Be assured that because of Jesus' death upon the cross, your sins, stumbling's and doubts are forgiven. Know the wisdom and power of God through Jesus Christ in whose name I joyfully announce onto you that your sins are forgiven. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Pastor: The Consecration of the Bread and Wine

Change My heart O God

Chorus

Change my heart, O God,

Make it ever true,

Change my heart, O God,

May I be like You

You are the potter,

I am the clay,

Mold me and make me,

This is what I pray

Chorus

Welcome to the Table of the Lord

The Words of Institution

Pastor: 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."

(Distribution is continuous style—Please come forward and kneel or stand to receive the body and blood of Christ given in, with and under the bread and the wine. Once you have been communed excuse yourself and return to your seat. The blessing will be given to all at the end.)

Post Communion Collect

Pastor: Let us pray

People: 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.

The Benediction

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

People: Amen, Amen, Amen!

The Closing Hymn: "I Love You Lord"

I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice

To worship you, O my soul, rejoice!

Take joy, my King, in what you hear:

May it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.

Repeat

Our Vision:

All: Through Word and Sacrament ministry, we share the love, joy and peace of Jesus Christ among ourselves and with those around us.

Pastor: Our worship has ended, our service now begins. Let us go in peace.

All: And serve the Lord

Altar flowers are placed to the glory of God.

The Hispanic Congregation is growing! Thanks for your love, support and prayers.

Thank you, Immanuel family, for your continued support and prayers for VBS-2022.

Services will be live-streamed and a recording of service will be posted by the end of the day.

Please keep the church office updated on prayers that have been asked to be kept on indefinitely, military and ones for continued healing or cancer treatments.

Continued Prayers

Safe travels for the Clarke family of 5, driving to California

We pray to God our Lord for the new Hispanic Mission in Immanuel and that through the Holy Spirit he will give us guidance to share the Gospel with new families.

Employment for those struggling to find a job

Healing

Michael (5yr old), neighbor of sister of Marsha Doon

Karen, neighbor of Pat Cook

Tammy & daughter, Shelby, friends of Pat Cook

Battling with Cancer or Serious Illness

Lee, father of Ashlee Garrett

Rich Richards

Barbara LaVere

Dr. Khalid Mahmood, father of Farrah Briggs

Richard Seedroff

Barbara Knott

Yvonne Lenzen, grandmother of Grace Sierra

Pat, suffering with dementia, Aunt of Beth Hutches

Cathy Nichols with terminal cancer, mother of Cathy Wilson

Raymond, brother of Barbara LaVere

David, brother of Larry Habeck

Tracy, cousin of Jacquelyn Hahn

Lisa Steinbrueck, niece of the Steinbrueck's

Alan Sparks

Don Swisher, step-father of Larry Habeck

Bill, (w/brain cancer) uncle of Brian Littrel

Tom Meyferth

PRAYERS FOR THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY

Safety for... and strength for families:

Luke Buchholz, Navy, grandson of Ann Donahue, stationed at Norfolk, VA

Matthew Reikowski as he is deployed on the Carl S. Vinson

Logan Crouse, US Army, great-nephew of Joan Crouse, stationed at Ft. Campbell in NC

Carson Crouse, US Army, great-nephew of Joan Crouse, stationed at Ft. Bragg

Samuel Drake, Captain stationed at Holloman AFB in Alamogordo, NM, son of Kerry Drake

Cpl. Xander Ritter, USMC, stationed at Camp Pendleton, CA

Matthew Albers, Major in USAF and in command in Sacramento, CA, son of Deb Albers

Gavin Mattson, para-rescue man, stationed in the Panhandle of FL, grandson of Edith Mattson

Jeremy Brockmeier (USMC) & family, stationed in South Korea, son of Jerry and Janice Brockmeier

ALSO, FOR ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND FIRST RESPONDERS

PRAYERS FOR OUR FAMILIES

Sunday: Beverly Mackey, Fran

Monday: Pam Murphy, Bill, Matthew, Joshua

Tuesday: Walt Nea, Jr.

Wed: Krista Noda, Jose, Akeelah

Thursday: John & Debbie O'Neil

Friday: Bonnie Petersen

Saturday: Robert Petrosky

PRAYERS FOR OUR SCHOOL STUDENTS & FAMILIES

Sunday Micah Mayer
Monday: Logan & Sophina McCallum
Tuesday: Akeelah McFarlane
Wed: Alyssa & Matthew Medina
Thurs: Christina Molina
Friday: Mia Morales
Saturday: Amira & Angelina Nelson

Please take this scripture and prayer that the Call Committee has prepared and place it on your refrigerator or in a spot where you can see it often. We would encourage all of our Immanuel family to memorize the scripture verse each week and to daily lift each other, the Committee and our Vacancy Pastor, Pastor Dan, in prayer

Do not be frightened and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you...

Joshua 1:9

Lord God, as we continue to navigate this road in calling our next Senior Pastor, we ask Your guidance for the Call Committee. We also ask Your blessing of patience, strength and courage for all of us to continue to live as Your people, encouraging each other in our faith, and taking Your Gospel message to our community. In the strong and precious name of Jesus, Amen.