

# IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Back to Church Sunday

September 12, 2021—10am

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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

Hymn: #556 "Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice"

Verses 1-3, 9, 10



1 Dear Chris-tians, one and all, re - joice, With ex - ul - ta - tion  
2 Fast bound in Sa - tan's chains I lay; Death brood - ed dark - ly  
3 My own good works all came to naught, No grace or mer - it  
4 But God had seen my wretch - ed state Be - fore the world's foun -



spring - ing, And with u - nit - ed heart and voice And ho - ly  
o'er me. Sin was my tor - ment night and day; In sin my  
gain - ing; Free will a - gainst God's judg - ment fought, Dead to all  
da - tion, And mind - ful of His mer - cies great, He planned for



rap - ture sing - ing, Pro - claim the won - ders God has done, How  
moth - er bore me. But dai - ly deep - er still I fell; My  
good re - main - ing. My fears in - creased till sheer de - spair Left  
my sal - va - tion. He turned to me a fa - ther's heart; He



His right arm the vic - t'ry won. What price our ran - som cost Him!  
life be - came a liv - ing hell, So firm - ly sin pos - sessed me.  
on - ly death to be my share; The pangs of hell I suf - fered.  
did not choose the eas - y part But gave His dear - est trea - sure.

9 “Now to My Father I depart,  
From earth to heav’n ascending,  
And, heav’nly wisdom to impart,  
The Holy Spirit sending;  
In trouble He will comfort you  
And teach you always to be true  
And into truth shall guide you.

10 “What I on earth have done and taught  
Guide all your life and teaching;  
So shall the kingdom’s work be wrought  
And honored in your preaching.  
But watch lest foes with base alloy  
The heav’nly treasure should destroy;  
This final word I leave you.”

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### **The Invocation**

**Matthew 28:19**

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

♪ People: **Amen.**

### **The Confession of Sins**

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

**C: Who made heaven and earth.**

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

**C: And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

**All: I, a poor miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserve Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter, sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being**

### **The Word of Absolution**

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

### **Introit**

P: Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the Lord! But I trust in You, O Lord; I say, “You are my God.” My times are in Your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from my persecutors! Make Your face shine on Your servant; save me in Your steadfast love!

**All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

## The Kyrie

**C:** Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

## The Gloria in Excelsis

**P:** Glory be to God on high:

**C:** And on earth peace, good will toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, The only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## The Salutation

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And with Thy Spirit.

## The Collect for The Day

**Pastor:** Let us pray:

**People:** Lord Jesus Christ, our support and defense in every need, continue to preserve Your Church in safety, govern her by Your goodness, and bless her with Your peace; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** Amen.

## The Old Testament Reading – Isaiah 50:4-10

<sup>4</sup>The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary. Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught.

<sup>5</sup>The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward.

<sup>6</sup>I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting.

<sup>7</sup>But the Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame.

<sup>8</sup>He who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who is my adversary? Let him come near to me.

<sup>9</sup>Behold, the Lord GOD helps me; who will declare me guilty? Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

<sup>10</sup>Who among you fears the LORD and obeys the voice of his servant? Let him who walks in darkness and has no light trust in the name of the LORD and rely on his God.

**Pastor:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

## The Gradual

**All:** Fear the Lord, you His saints, for those who fear Him lack nothing! Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivers him out of them all.

## Epistle Reading – James 3:1-12

<sup>1</sup>Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness.

<sup>2</sup>For we all stumble in many ways. And if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body.

<sup>3</sup>If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well.

<sup>4</sup>Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs.

<sup>5</sup>So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things. How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire!

<sup>6</sup>And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell.

<sup>7</sup>For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind,<sup>8</sup> but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.

<sup>9</sup>With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God.

<sup>10</sup>From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so.

<sup>11</sup>Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water?

<sup>12</sup>Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## Alleluia and Verse

All: Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

**Special Music:** "Sharing the Love, Joy and Peace of Jesus"

*Choir*

## The Gospel

Pastor: The Holy Gospel is written in the 9<sup>th</sup> chapter of St. Mark beginning at the 14<sup>th</sup> verse.

♪ **People: Glory be to Thee, O Lord!**

<sup>14</sup>And when they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and scribes arguing with them.

<sup>15</sup>And immediately all the crowd, when they saw him, were greatly amazed and ran up to him and greeted him.

<sup>16</sup>And he asked them, "What are you arguing about with them?"

<sup>17</sup>And someone from the crowd answered him, "Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a spirit that makes him mute.

<sup>18</sup>And whenever it seizes him, it throws him down, and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid. So I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able."

<sup>19</sup>And he answered them, "O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me."

<sup>20</sup>And they brought the boy to him. And when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth.

<sup>21</sup> And Jesus asked his father, “How long has this been happening to him?” And he said, “From childhood.

<sup>22</sup> And it has often cast him into fire and into water, to destroy him. But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us.”

<sup>23</sup> And Jesus said to him, “‘If you can’! All things are possible for one who believes.”

<sup>24</sup> Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, “I believe; help my unbelief!”

<sup>25</sup> And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, “You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him and never enter him again.”

<sup>26</sup> And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, “He is dead.”

<sup>27</sup> But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose.

<sup>28</sup> And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, “Why could we not cast it out?”

<sup>29</sup> And he said to them, “This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

♪ **People:** Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

### **The Nicene Creed**

**All:** I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## Hymn #686 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"



1 Come, Thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Tune my heart to  
2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer, Hith - er by Thy  
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or Dai - ly I'm con -  
4 Oh, that day when freed from sin - ning, I shall see Thy



sing Thy grace; Streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing,  
help I've come; And I hope, by Thy good plea - sure,  
strained to be; Let that grace now like a fet - ter  
love - ly face; Clothed then in the blood - washed lin - en,



Call for songs of loud - est praise. While the hope of end - less  
Safe - ly to ar - rive at home. Je - sus sought me when a  
Bind my wan - d'ring heart to Thee: Prone to wan - der, Lord, I  
How I'll sing Thy won - drous grace! Come, my Lord, no long - er



glo - ry Fills my heart with joy and love, Teach me  
strang - er, Wan - d'ring from the fold of God; He, to  
feel it; Prone to leave the God I love. Here's my  
tar - ry; Take my ran - som'd soul a - way; Send Thine



ev - er to a - dore Thee; May I still Thy good - ness prove.  
res - cue me from dan - ger, In - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.  
heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts a - bove.  
an - gels soon to car - ry Me to realms of end - less day.

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## Sermon – "Turning to Faith in Tough Times" Mark 9:14-29

### The Prayers

Peace & comfort for the family of Fran French, mother of Pastor French, friend of the Farnsworth's

Peace & comfort for the family of Pastor Jose Enrique Perez, friend of Jacquelyn Hahn

Successful cancer treatment for Amber, mother of Emma Bieske

Healing for Larry & Collin, from Covid, friends of the Proeschel's

Safe travels for Ken & Ellen Reikowski

Safe travels & good health for Pat Cook and family

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

God's protection & blessings for Emma Tumlin as she moves to Champaign, IL to start her career

*(Please help us keep our attendance numbers accurate by filling out the attendance cards and putting in basket on the way out.)*

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**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 Words of Institution**

*Matthew 26:26-28*

**P:** 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:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: Amen.**

### **Pax Domini**

**P:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: Amen.**

### **Agnus Dei**

**C: O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

### **Distribution**

**Distribution Hymn: #617 "O Lord, We Praise Thee"**



1 O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and a - dore Thee,  
 2 Thy ho - ly bod - y in - to death was giv - en,  
 3 May God be - stow on us His grace and fa - vor



In thanks - giv - ing bow be - fore Thee. Thou with Thy  
 Life to win for us in heav - en. No great - er  
 That we fol - low Christ our Sav - ior And live to -



bod - y and Thy blood didst nour - ish Our weak souls that  
 love than this to Thee could bind us; May this feast there -  
 geth - er here in love and u - nion Nor de - spise this



they may flour - ish: O Lord, have mer - cy!  
 of re - mind us! O Lord, have mer - cy!  
 blest Com - mu - nion! O Lord, have mer - cy!



May Thy bod - y, Lord, born of Mar - y, That our  
 Lord, Thy kind - ness did so con - strain Thee That Thy  
 Let not Thy good Spir - it for - sake us; Grant that



sins and sor - rows did car - ry, And Thy blood for us plead  
 blood should bless and sus - tain me. All our debt Thou hast paid;  
 heav'n - ly - mind - ed He make us; Give Thy Church, Lord, to see



In all tri - al, fear, and need: O Lord, have mer - cy!  
 Peace with God once more is made: O Lord, have mer - cy!  
 Days of peace and u - ni - ty: O Lord, have mer - cy!

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**Nunc Dimittis**

**C: Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen**

## Thanksgiving

P: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

C: **and His mercy endureth forever.**

P: 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.

C: **Amen.**

## Salutation and Benedicamus

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And with thy spirit.**

P: Bless we the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## The Benediction

P: 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.

C: **Amen, Amen, Amen!**

## *Offerings will be taken on your way out*

## The Closing Hymn #660 "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"



1 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, Ye sol - diers of the cross.  
2 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus; The trum - pet call o - bey;  
3 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus; Stand in His strength a - lone.  
4 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus; The strife will not be long;



Lift high His roy - al ban - ner; It must not suf - fer loss.  
Stand forth in might - y con - flict In this His glo - rious day.  
The arm of flesh will fail you, Ye dare not trust your own.  
This day the din of bat - tle, The next the vic - tor's song.



From vic - t'ry un - to vic - t'ry His ar - my He shall lead  
Let all His faith - ful serve Him A - gainst un - num - bered foes;  
Put on the Gos - pel ar - mor; Each piece put on with prayer.  
The sol - diers, o - ver - com - ing, Their crown of life shall see



Till ev - 'ry foe is van - quished, And Christ is Lord in - deed.  
Let cour - age rise with dan - ger And strength to strength op - pose.  
Where du - ty calls or dan - ger, Be nev - er want - ing there.  
And with the King of Glo - ry Shall reign e - ter - nal - ly.

**Altar flowers are placed to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for Tom & Betsy Proeschel at being empty nesters and in loving memory of Duane Crouse, by Joan Crouse**

*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**

Peace & comfort for the family of Alan Krah, father of Kym Cancela  
Peace & comfort for the family of James Nichols, father of Cathy Wilson  
Peace & comfort for the families of service men killed in Afghanistan  
Peace & comfort for the family of Rev. Dr. Gerald N. Schultz of Groveland, FL  
For the victims of Hurricane Ida  
Safe travel for Duane Zellmer  
For all the people of Haiti affected by the earthquake and flood  
For the people of Cuba and Afghanistan  
Employment for those struggling to find a job

### **Healing**

Jeff Elliott  
Jennifer & Kiara Springer, niece & great-niece of Bev Lowe  
Craig Springer, brother-in-law of Bev Lowe

### **Battling with Cancer or Serious Illness**

Yvonne Lenzen, grandmother of Grace Sierra  
Gloria McNail, aunt of Susan Tumlin  
Cheryl Ford  
Marie Walser, cousin of Cathy Wilson  
Pat, suffering with dementia, Aunt of Beth Hutches  
Joann, friend of Beth Hutches  
Anona, friend of Susan Tumlin  
Carol, sister of Trish Smith  
Chad Pry, boyfriend of Cheryl, daughter of Joan Crouse  
Cathy Nichols with terminal cancer, mother of Cathy Wilson  
Raymond, brother of Barbara LaVere  
David, brother of Larry Habeck  
Barbara LaVere  
Tracy, cousin of Jacquelyn Hahn  
Lisa Steinbrueck, niece of the Steinbrueck's  
Kathy, daughter of Walt Braudis  
Keith Stallings  
Alan Sparks  
Don Swisher, step-father of Larry Habeck  
Paul Braudis, brother of Walt  
Bill, (w/brain cancer) uncle of Brian Littrel  
David Parkinson, brother of Betty Loraamm  
Tom Meyferth

**PRAYERS FOR THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY**

**Safety for... and strength for families:**

Logan Crouse, US Army, great-nephew of Joan Crouse, deployed to Afghanistan  
Zach, son of friend of Beth Hutches, deployed to Afghanistan  
Samuel Drake, Captain stationed at Holloman AFB in Alamogordo, NM, son of Kerry Drake  
Xander Ritter stationed at Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, CA, (USMC)  
Matthew Albers, Major in USAF and in command in Sacramento, CA, son of Deb Albers  
Carson Crouse, (army) great-nephew of Joan Crouse, stationed in Georgia  
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

**PRAYERS FOR OUR FAMILIES**

Sunday: Jerry & Kathy Begley  
Monday: Karen Bergmann  
Tuesday: Robert & Linda Beutel  
Wed: Thomas Bieske, Emma  
Thursday: Judy Black  
Friday: Thomas Blair  
Saturday: Kim Blomquist, John

**PRAYERS FOR OUR SCHOOL STUDENTS & FAMILIES**

Sunday Lauren Torres-Diaz  
Monday: Richard Toussaint  
Tuesday: James Turner  
Wed: Genesis Vargas  
Thurs: Peyton Vasilakos  
Friday: Valeria & Vanessa Vigoa  
Saturday John Luke Visnovec

### **PRAYER FOR BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY**

*Pray for our weary, broken world.*

*Pray for those who are hurt, grieving and scared.*

*Pray for believers all over the world to be bold in their faith, to show the love of Jesus in word and deed, and to be obedient to God's call in our lives.*

*And pray for the Church - our churches - to lean on God's wisdom, to stay on mission, to remain humble as Christ in the midst of our boldness for Christ, to overcome, to emerge stronger and more unified, all for God's glory. Amen.*

### **PRAYER FOR SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

*God of compassion, Your Son, Jesus, came to the suffering, the infirm, and the dying, and by His Word of authority He set them free. Bless the ministry of Your Church that it may continue to speak a Word of deliverance to all those in need; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*