

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Back to Church Sunday

10am Family Worship Service

September 11, 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.

White grape juice is now available in the center of the communion tray for those who cannot partake of alcohol.

Prelude

Welcome: Pastor Dan

The Call to Worship: Psalm 118

Pastor: This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.

All: We bless You from the house of the Lord

Pastor: You are my God, and I will give thanks to You;

All: You are my God and I will extol You.

Pastor: O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;

All: For His steadfast love endures forever.

Pastor: We begin in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: As you are able, let us stand and praise the Lord:

Sing: "God of Wonders"

Lord of all creation

Of water earth and sky

The heavens are Your tabernacle

Glory to the Lord on high

God of wonders beyond our galaxy

You are holy holy

The universe declares Your majesty

You are holy holy

Lord of heaven and earth

Lord of heaven and earth

Early in the morning
I will celebrate the light
When I stumble in the darkness
I will call Your name by night

God of wonders beyond our galaxy
You are holy holy
The universe declares Your majesty
You are holy holy
Lord of heaven and earth
Lord of heaven and earth
Hallelujah Hallelujah

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“This is the Air I 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
Repeat

Pastor: Lord, we are Your creation, yet we all have fallen short of the mark; we are weak and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words and deeds. We are desperate for You Lord.

All: Dear Jesus, we come before You this morning and ask for Your forgiveness; forgive us all our sins and shortcomings, our doubts and fears. Create in me a clean heart O God and renew a right spirit within me.

Pastor: The Lord hears our confession and the prayers of our hearts; for Jesus’ sake He mercifully forgives us all our sins. In the powerful name of Jesus, I declare to you that Your sins are forgiven, go and sin no more.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.
(please be seated)

Children’s Message Song: “Jesus Loves the Little Children”

Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world
Every color, every race, all are covered by His grace
Jesus loves the little children of the world

Jesus died for all the children, all the children of the world
Every color, every race, all are covered by His grace
Jesus died for all the children of the world

Jesus rose for all the children, all the children of the world
Every color, every race, all are covered by His grace
Jesus rose for all the children of the world

Children's Message: Pastor Dan

Recognition of Acolytes

The Epistle Reading – 1 Timothy 1:12-27

¹² I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service, ¹³ though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, ¹⁴ and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

¹⁵ The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost.

¹⁶ But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life.

¹⁷ To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please rise for the reading of the Gospel)

The Gospel

Pastor: The Holy Gospel is written in the 15th chapter of St. Luke beginning at the 1st verse.

People: **Glory be to Thee O Lord**

¹ Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him.

² And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them."

³ So he told them this parable: ⁴ "What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it?

⁵ And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing.

⁶ And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.'

⁷ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

⁸ "Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it?

⁹ And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.'

¹⁰ Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

People: **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

Pastor: Let us confess our Christian faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

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.

(Please be seated)

Hymn: “We Have Come into His House”

We have come into His house

and gathered in His name to worship Him

We have come into His house and

gathered in His name to worship Him

We have come into His house and gathered in His name to worship Christ the Lord. Worship Him, Christ the Lord.

Let’s forget about ourselves

and magnify His name and worship Him.

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Sermon – “Welcome Home!” *1 Timothy 1:12-17* *Pastor Dan*

Offerings are gathered

The Prayers

Successful cancer treatment for Linda Sacheli, friend of Carolyn Clarke

Successful cancer treatment for Rusty Cotterman, distinguished soldier, friend of the Clarke’s

Successful cancer treatment for Kim, friend of Sandy Goode

Strength & comfort for Lou Mercaldo & family, as he is suffering with dementia, grandfather of Carolyn Clarke

Healing for Brooks, great-grandson of Barbara LaVere

Healing for Nefer Bermudez, friend of Irene Davis

(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.

The Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

Pastor: This morning Jesus stands before us and we’ll hear Him say: “Take and eat, this is MY body, take and drink this My blood. In this holy meal we see again the hand of God at work; calling us in faith and not to stumble over what seems foolish in our human minds. In Jesus we are truly assured that He is present in this meal to forgive and renew; His Word is sure.

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."

Song: "Seek ye First"

Seek ye first the kingdom of God
And His righteousness
And all these things shall be added unto you!
Allelu, alleluia!

Ask and it shall be given unto you,
Seek and ye shall find,
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you,
Allelu, alleluia!

Man does not live by bread alone,
But by ev'ry word
That proceeds from the mouth of the Lord,
Allelu, alleluia!
Please be seated

Pastor: Welcome to the Table of the Lord

(In this service we practice continuous distribution. Please come forward to kneel or stand at the communion rail and receive the bread and the wine; after receiving Christ's body and blood and you feel comfortable, please dismiss yourself and return to your seat so someone else may have your spot. The post communion blessings will be given to all at the end.)

Sung During Communion: "Oceans" (Where Feet May Fail)

You call me out upon the waters
The great unknown where feet may fail
And there I find You in the mystery
In oceans deep my faith will stand

And I will call upon Your name
And keep my eyes above the waves
When oceans rise
My soul will rest in Your embrace
For I am Yours and You are mine

Your grace abounds in deepest waters
Your sov'reign hand will be my guide
Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me
You've never failed and You won't start now.

So I will call upon Your name
And keep my eyes above the waves
When oceans rise My soul will rest in Your embrace
For I am Yours and You are mine

Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders
Let me walk upon the waters
Wherever You would call me
Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander

And my faith will be made stronger
in the presence of my Savior
I will call upon Your name
Keep my eyes above the waves
My soul will rest in Your embrace
I am Yours and You are mine.

Post Communion Collect

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart in peace.
Please rise for the benediction.

INSTALLATION OF RE-ELECTED AND NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS AND ELDERS

(All who are being installed please come forward at this time)

See page 14 for list of boards & members

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: "God Bless America"

God Bless America, Land that I love
Stand beside her and guide her
Thru the night with a light from above
From the mountains to the prairies
To the oceans white with foam

God Bless America My home sweet home
God Bless America My home sweet home.

Our Vision:

Pastor: As a reminder of the reason why we exist as a church let us speak our vision statement together.

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

This Day in History

On September 11, 2001, 19 militant Islamic extremists hijacked four airplanes and carried out suicide attacks against targets against the United States. Two of the planes were flown into the twin Towers of the World Trade Center in New York City, a third plane hit the Pentagon in Washington D.C. and a fourth plane crashed in a field in Shanksville, PA. Almost 3,000 people were killed during the 9/11 terrorist attacks. Today we pause to remember that tragic event and thank God for our nation and the freedoms we enjoy as Americans.

Altar flowers are placed to the glory of God 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 Frankie Stallings

Peace & comfort for the family of Nancy Stuckey, mother of Bryant Stuckey

Peace & comfort for the family of Kelly Michael

Peace & comfort for the family of Maria Manzano, grandmother of an ILS student

Safe travels for Joe & Susan Tumlin

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

Karen, with pulmonary Fibrosis, neighbor of Pat Cook

Dona Trlak

Battling with Cancer or Serious Illness

Kidney transplant for Charles, grandfather of Immanuel student

Don Monahan, brother-in-law of Cathy Wilson

Michael Morrow

David, son-in-law of Nancy Christianson

Nancy Schild, (non-Hodgkins Lymphoma) former teacher of ILS and member of Immanuel

Doug Woodward, father of Jennifer Woodward, friend of Beth (Harmon) DeKnoblough

Richard Seedroff

Victoria Hage, friend of Cindy Szczesny

Lee, father of Ashlee Garrett

Rich Richards

Barbara LaVere

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

David, brother of Larry Habeck

Don Swisher, step-father of Larry Habeck

Art Carroll, friend of the Habeck's

Tracy, cousin of Jacquelyn Hahn

Lisa Steinbrueck, niece of the Steinbrueck's

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 at Camp Pendleton in CA, son of Jerry and Janice Brockmeier

ALSO, FOR ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND FIRST RESPONDERS

PRAYERS FOR OUR FAMILIES

Sunday: Kim Blomquist, John
Monday: Bob Boetger
Tuesday: Scott Briggs, Farrah, Lilah
Wed: Jerry & Jan Brockmeier
Thursday: Kristine Brown
Friday: Chuck & Jonelle Butler
Saturday: Gene & Lynda Cagle

PRAYERS FOR OUR SCHOOL STUDENTS & FAMILIES

Sunday Alayah & Braylen Brown
Monday: Blu'Jae Brown
Tuesday: Kiara Brummels
Wed: Bellah & Lailah Brutus
Thurs: Tavaris Buggs
Friday: Julian Burgos
Saturday: Jacob Byrne

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

Pray without ceasing...1 Thessalonians 5:17

Lord God, our Heavenly Father, we thank you for the powerful gift of prayer. We come to you now and ask Your guidance for our District President as he will be reviewing the names for potential Senior Pastors that we have submitted. We pray the Holy Spirit will give President Rockey wisdom in removing and/or adding any other names to that list. We pray for peace as we wait, trusting You for the blessing of the Pastor You have already chosen to shepherd our Immanuel family.

In Jesus' precious, holy name. Amen.

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