

# IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

## The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10am Family Worship Service

September 18, 2022—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.

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

### Prelude

**Welcome:** Pastor David Haara

### The Call to Worship: Psalm 118 vs. 22-25

**Pastor:** We make our beginning in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**All:** Amen

**Pastor:** The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone.

**All:** This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

**Pastor:** This is the day the Lord has made;

**All:** Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**Pastor:** Save us, we pray O Lord!

**All:** O Lord we pray, give us success

### Sing: "Open Our Eyes Lord"

Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus,  
To reach out and touch Him and say that we love Him.  
Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen.  
Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.

Soften my heart, Lord, melt me and mold me,  
Make me a vessel to pour out Your Spirit,  
To bring joy and gladness to those who have sorrow.  
Open our eyes, Lord, I want to see Jesus.

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## “Jesus Name Above All Names”

Jesus, name above all names  
Beautiful Savior, glorious Lord  
Emmanuel, God is with us,  
Blessed Redeemer living Word.

### *Repeat*

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Pastor: Let us pray:

Gracious heavenly Father, as we gather for worship this morning, we praise thank You for Your goodness towards us in Jesus Christ. We thank You for Your grace and mercy towards us and ask you to be with us to bless this time that we have with You through the Word and Sacrament. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

*(Please be seated)*

## Confession and Absolution

Pastor: Let us now confess our sins and receive God's forgiveness.

**All: O Lord, unless You are Lord of my life, I will get in the way of You being Lord of the Church. My own desires, self-ideas, personal theologies tear down what You build up. Forgive me and give me a new vision for Your Kingdom. May I become a loving sanctuary of Your love, my heart a living altar for You, that the Church may grow and Your Kingdom come.**

Pastor: The Lord hears the prayers of our hearts and he says to you and me this morning. “I will remove your sin as far as the East is from the West and I will remember it no more.” We praise God for His mercy and grace given to us through His Son Jesus Christ. In the name of Jesus, I declare to you that your sins are forgiven. Amen.

## Children's Message Song: “Jesus Loves Me This I Know”

Jesus loves me, this I know,  
For the Bible tells me so.  
Little ones to Him belong:  
They are weak, but He is strong.

### *Chorus*

Yes, Jesus loves me, Yes, Jesus Loves, me,  
Yes, Jesus loves me, The Bible tells me so

Jesus loves me, he who died,  
Heavn's gates to open wide;  
He will wash away my sin,  
Let His little child come in.

### *Chorus*

**Children's Message:** Scott Wilcox

### **The Epistle Reading – 1 Timothy 6:6-10, 17-19**

<sup>6</sup>But godliness with contentment is great gain, <sup>7</sup>for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world.

<sup>8</sup>But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content.

<sup>9</sup>But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction.

<sup>10</sup>For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.

<sup>17</sup>As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy.

<sup>18</sup>They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, <sup>19</sup>thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.

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 16<sup>th</sup> chapter of St. Luke beginning at the 1<sup>st</sup> verse.

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

<sup>1</sup> He also said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions.

<sup>2</sup>And he called him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.'

<sup>3</sup>And the manager said to himself, 'What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg.

<sup>4</sup>I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.'

<sup>5</sup>So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he said to the first, 'How much do you owe my master?'

<sup>6</sup>He said, 'A hundred measures of oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.'

<sup>7</sup>Then he said to another, 'And how much do you owe?' He said, 'A hundred measures of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, and write eighty.'

<sup>8</sup>The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light.

<sup>9</sup>And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings.

<sup>10</sup>"One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much.

<sup>11</sup>If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches?

<sup>12</sup>And if you have not been faithful in that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own?

<sup>13</sup>No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money."

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: "Better is One Day"

1. How lovely is Your dwelling place  
O Lord Almighty  
For my soul longs and even faints for You  
For here my heart is satisfied  
Within Your presence  
I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings

### **Chorus:**

Better is one day in Your courts  
Better is one day in Your house  
Better is one day in Your courts  
Than thousands elsewhere

2. One thing I ask and I would seek  
To see Your beauty  
To find You in the place  
Your glory dwells  
*Chorus*

My heart and flesh cry out for You,  
The living God. Your Spirit's water to my soul  
I've tasted and I've seen, come once again to me.  
I will draw near to You, I Will draw near to You, to You.  
Better is one day, better is one day,  
Better is one day—than thousands elsewhere.  
Better is one day, better is one day,  
better is one day—than thousands

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**Sermon** – "Thinking Outside the Box" Luke 16:1-13 Pastor Haara

### **Sing: "You Are My King"**

I'm forgiven because You were forsaken.  
I'm accepted. You were condemned.  
I'm alive and well. Your Spirit is within me  
Because You died and rose again.

### **Chorus**

Amazing love: how can it be  
That You, my King, would die for me?  
Amazing love: I know it's true  
It's my joy to honor You.  
In all I do I honor You.

You are my King.  
You are my King.  
Jesus, You are my King.  
Jesus, You are my King.

### **Chorus**

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### **Offerings are gathered**

### **The Prayers**

Peace & comfort for the family of Jennifer's mother, friend of Sue Hague  
Strength & comfort for Debra's son-in-law, just diagnosed with fatal brain tumor, friend of Sue Hague  
Strength and wisdom for family of Donald Crouse as he has dementia, brother-in-law of Joan Crouse  
Successful cancer treatment for Wally, friend of Sue Hague  
Healing for Rick, with aortic arch aneurysm, friend of Sue Hague  
Thanksgiving for the 51<sup>st</sup> anniversary of Jerry & Jan Brockmeier

*(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: "Glorify Thy Name"**

Father, I love you, I praise you, I adore you,  
Glorify Thy name in all the earth.  
Glorify Thy name, glorify Thy name,  
Glorify Thy name in all the earth

Jesus, I love you.....

Spirit, I love you.....  
*Please be seated*

*(Distribution is continuous style. Please come to the communion rail and kneel or stand. As a place at the communion rail becomes open, please come forward and take that spot. After receiving the bread and the wine and you feel comfortable, please dismiss yourself to return to your seat; the post communion blessing will be given to all at the end. There are baskets available for the empty communion cups.)*

Pastor: Welcome to the Table of the Lord.

## **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.

## **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:**

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**

**Altar flowers are placed to the glory of God and in honor of the 51<sup>st</sup> anniversary of Jerry & Jan Brockmeier**

*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**

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

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**

Brooks, great-grandson of Barbara LaVere

Nefer Bermudez, friend of Irene Davis

Dona Trlak

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

Karen, with pulmonary Fibrosis, neighbor of Pat Cook

Linda Sacheli, friend of Carolyn Clarke

Rusty Cotterman, distinguished soldier, friend of the Clarke's

Kim, friend of Sandy Goode

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

Diane, friend of Sandy Goode

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: Don Case  
Monday: Diane Cherry  
Tuesday: Mike & Jenny Childers  
Wed: Nancy Christianson  
Thursday: Ed & Carolyn Clarke, Veronica, Aliana, Ava  
Friday: Jeff & Lori Cole  
Saturday: Connie Collins

**PRAYERS FOR OUR SCHOOL STUDENTS & FAMILIES**

Sunday Jaidyn, Kamryn, Shaniya Campbell  
Monday: Sebastian Cancio  
Tuesday: Cameron Carpenter  
Wed: Aaden Carranza  
Thurs: Kaydence Carter  
Friday: Isabella & Maxwell Castro  
Saturday: Aarnika Chaluvadi

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.*