

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 16, 2023—10:15am

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

Sharing the Peace – Greet One Another with the Peace of the Lord

Please note that in the hymnal whenever we see a small triangle next to a hymn verse, that triangle means the Trinity is proclaimed in that verse and we are to stand for that verse.

The Invocation and Blessing *(Please rise)*

Pastor: Trusting in the Word of Life given in our baptism, we are gathered together today in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit!

People: Amen.

Call to Worship from Psalm 119

Pastor: How sweet are Your Words to my taste;

People: Sweeter than honey to my mouth!

Pastor: I gain understanding from Your precepts;

People: Therefore I hate every wrong path.

Pastor: Your Word is a lamp to my feet,

People: And a light from my path.

A Time for Praise *(Please rise as you are able)*

Hymn: "Thy Word"

Refrain:

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet

And a light unto my path.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet

And a light unto my path.

When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way,

Still you're there right beside me.

Nothing will I fear as long as you are near.

Please be near me to the end.

I will not forget your love for me, and yet
My heart forever is wandering.
Jesus, be my guide and hold me to your side.
And I will love You to the end.

Refrain

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“Lord I Need You”

Lord I come, I confess
Bowing here I find my rest
Without You I fall apart
You’re the one that guides my heart

Chorus

Lord I need You, oh I need You
Ev’ry hour I need You
My one defense, my righteousness
O God, how I need You

Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more
Where grace is found is where You are
Where You are, Lord I am free
Holiness is Christ in me

Chorus

Words & Music: Matt Maher, Christy Nockels, Daniel Carson, Jesse Reeves, Kristian Stanfill
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Pastor: *Let us pray.*
We thank You Lord for Your love, Your mercy and Your
grace. By Your life, Lord, You gained for us the
forgiveness of sins and the promise of eternal life.
Thank You for Your precious Word, that Good News of salvation, that through faith in You heaven is
ours. We pray today that the message of the Gospel would
always find fertile soil in us and that we grow in our faith and devotion to You. In Jesus’ name.

People: Amen.

Please be seated

Confession and Absolution

Pastor: Let us now confess our sins and shortcomings and receive God’s forgiveness

People: Lord, today I seek You and Your forgiving love for all my sins. Cleanse me inside and out, dear Savior, so that my longing may be for you; that my desires may conform to Your will and my faith in You strengthened.

Pastor: We pause for a quiet moment of private prayer and confession
Dear friends in Christ, the Good News is that in confessing your sins; through faith in Jesus, God forgives you all your sins. Jesus says, "Be of good cheer, your sins are forgiven, go and sin no more. So, in the precious name of Jesus, I declare to you that your sins are forgiven. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen. Thank You Jesus.

Children's Message Song: #588 "Jesus Loves me" Verses 1 & 2



1 Je - sus loves me! This I know, For the Bi - ble tells me so.
2 Je - sus loves me! He who died Heav-en's gates to o - pen wide.



Lit - tle ones to Him be-long; They are weak, but He is strong.
He has washed a - way my sin, Lets His lit - tle child come in.

Refrain



Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me!



Yes, Je - sus loves me! The Bi - ble tells me so.

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Children's Message: Pastor Dan

The First Reading – Isaiah 55:10-13

¹⁰“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, ¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

¹²“For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

¹³ Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall make a name for the LORD, an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Epistle Reading – Romans 8:12-17

¹² So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh.

¹³ For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.

¹⁵ For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!”

¹⁶ The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

Pastor: The Holy Gospel is written in the 13th chapter of St. Matthew beginning at the 1st verse

People: Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

¹ That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea.

² And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach.

³ And he told them many things in parables, saying: “A sower went out to sow.

⁴ And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them.

⁵ Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, ⁶ but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away.

⁷ Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them.

⁸ Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

⁹ He who has ears, let him hear.”

¹⁸ “Hear then the parable of the sower: ¹⁹ When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path.

²⁰ As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, ²¹ yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away.

²² As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful.

²³ As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

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: #808 "Listen God is Calling"



1 O sing to the Lord, O sing God a new song. O sing to the
2 For God is the Lord! And God has done won-ders. For God is the
3 So dance for our God And blow all the trum-pets. So dance for our
4 O shout to our God, Who gave us the Spir - it. O shout to our
5 For Je - sus is Lord! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia! For Je - sus is



Lord, O sing God a new song. O sing to the Lord, O
Lord! And God has done won-ders. For God is the Lord! And
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God, Who gave us the Spir - it. O shout to our God, Who
Lord! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia! For Je - sus is Lord! A -



sing God a new song. O sing to our God, O sing to our God.
God has done won-ders. O sing to our God, O sing to our God.
blow all the trum - pets. And sing to our God, And sing to our God.
gave us the Spir - it. O sing to our God, O sing to our God.
men! Al - le - lu - ia! O sing to our God, O sing to our God.

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Sermon – "The Right Attitude" *Matthew 13:3-9* *Pastor Dan*

Offerings are gathered

Prayers of the Church

The Prayers

Successful cancer surgery & Dr's guidance for the surgery for Bob Heinkel
Successful cancer treatment & healing for DeeAnn Cook, sister-in-law of Steve & Pat Cook
Successful treatments for pregnancy for Lauren Lopez
Healing from COVID for family friends of Denise Cranmer

(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 Lord's Supper is Celebrated

Pastor: The Consecration of the Bread and Wine

Distribution Hymn: “Lamb of God”

Your only Son no sin to hide,
But you have sent Him from your side
To walk upon this guilty sod
And to become the Lamb of God

Your gift of love they crucified
They laughed and scorned Him as He died.
The humble King they named a fraud
And sacrificed the Lamb of God

Chorus

O Lamb of God, Sweet lamb of God
I love the holy Lamb of God!
O wash me in His precious blood
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God

I was so lost I should have died,
But You have brought me to Your side
To be led by Your staff and rod
And to become a Lamb of God.

Chorus

(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.)

Welcome to the Table of the Lord

Post Communion Blessing

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

The Benediction

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

People: **Amen.**

The Closing Hymn: #922 "Go My Children" Verses 1-3



1 Go, My chil-dren, with My bless-ing, Nev-er a-lone.
2 Go, My chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, At peace and pure.
3 Go, My chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, Clos-er to Me;
4 I the Lord will bless and keep you And give you peace;



Wak-ing, sleep-ing, I am with you; You are My own. In My
Here you learned how much I love you, What I can cure. Here you
Grow in love and love by serv-ing, Joy-ful and free. Here My
I the Lord will smile up-on you And give you peace: I the



love's bap-tis-mal riv-er I have made you Mine for-ev-er.
heard My dear Son's sto-ry; Here you touched Him, saw His glo-ry.
Spir-it's pow-er filled you; Here His ten-der com-fort stilled you.
Lord will be your Fa-ther, Sav-ior, Com-fort-er, and Broth-er.



Go, My chil-dren, with My bless-ing— You are My own.
Go, My chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, At peace and pure.
Go, My chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, Joy-ful and free.
Go, My chil-dren; I will keep you And give you peace.

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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

Services will be live-streamed and a recording of service will be posted by the end of the day. You may watch these on Facebook, YouTube or go to website under Worship or scroll down on home page and find the latest services.

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

Safety for Madison, as she studies abroad in Spain, grand-daughter of Steve & Pat Cook
Strength & comfort for all the tornado victims
We pray to God our Lord for Pastor Miguel and our Hispanic Ministry in Immanuel
Employment for those struggling to find a job

Healing or Good Test Results

Battling with Cancer or Serious Illness

Christine Van Etten
Leslie Norman, cousin of Richard Seedroff
Pamela Guerrero, sister of Alejandro Guerrero
Phil, brother-in-law of Bill & Dona Trlak
2 ½ yr old Colin Martinson, great-nephew of Jerry & Kathy Begley
Lora Swarm, friend of Nancy Trathowen
Richard Seedroff
Cassandra, niece of Pat Cook
Carol Joyner, sister-in-law of Deb Haver
Bob Heinkel
Gene Doon, Uncle of Marsha Doon
Kathi Dillon, sister of Kim Blomquist
Andrew Hynick, father of Aaron Hynick
Chris DeVito, sister of Patty Shawver
Lou Mercaldo & family, as he is suffering with dementia, grandfather of Carolyn Clarke
Donald Crouse as he has dementia, brother-in-law of Joan Crouse
Kidney transplant for Charles, grandfather of Immanuel student
Don Monahan, brother-in-law of Cathy Wilson
David, son-in-law of Nancy Christianson
Nancy Schild, (non-Hodgkins Lymphoma) former teacher of ILS and member of ILC
Lee, father of Ashlee Garrett
Rich Richards
Barbara LaVere
Yvonne Lenzen, grandmother of Grace Sierra
Cathy Nichols with terminal cancer, mother of Cathy Wilson
David, brother of Larry Habeck
Don Swisher, step-father of Larry Habeck
Tracy, cousin of Jacquelyn Hahn
Lisa Steinbrueck, niece of the Steinbrueck’s
Tom Meyferth

PRAYERS FOR THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY

Safety for... and strength for families:

Kincaide Green, stationed at Sheppard AFB in Wichita Falls, TX
Robert Lowry
Joshua Littrel, stationed at Ft. Campbell, KY with the 101st Airborne/Air Assault Division, 3rd Brigade "Rakkasans
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
Samuel Drake, Captain stationed at Holloman AFB in Alamogordo, NM, son of Kerry Drake
Cpl. Xander Ritter, USMC, stationed at Camp Pendleton, CA
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: Hortense Shanklin
Monday: Janet Shaw
Tuesday: Ted & Lana Shield, Katarina, Kristina, Klarissa
Wed: GraceAnn Sierra, Christian, Benjamin, Daniel
Thurs: Ted & Angie Simon
Friday: Lynda Smith
Saturday: Tom & Trish Smith

PRAYERS FOR OUR SCHOOL STUDENTS & FAMILIES

Sunday Veronica Rueda
Monday: Isaac & Joseph Russum
Tuesday: Noah Santana
Wed: Derek & Yavier Santiago
Thurs: Ana Sarmianto
Friday: Katie Schneider
Saturday: Jaxson, Jayce Schreier

I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken. salm. 16:8

Dear heavenly Father,

Thank you for your abiding presence and all your trustworthy promises. As you led Paul by your Holy Spirit, lead us also in the way we should go, all for your glory, our good, and the furtherment of your kingdom. Through Christ your Son and our Savior, Amen.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR VBS!!

Dear God, thank You for going before us as we prepare for VBS. Help us meet any need of supplies and volunteers we may have.

Thank you for the opportunity to teach the love of God to all the beautiful children You give us for one week.

We pray above all else that You are glorified in Vacation Bible School this year.

In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Lord God, through Your Son's humility You have revealed Your salvation to us. Because sin burdens us and the troubles of the day weigh upon us, give us the rest You promised through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.