IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

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August 13, 2023—8am

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

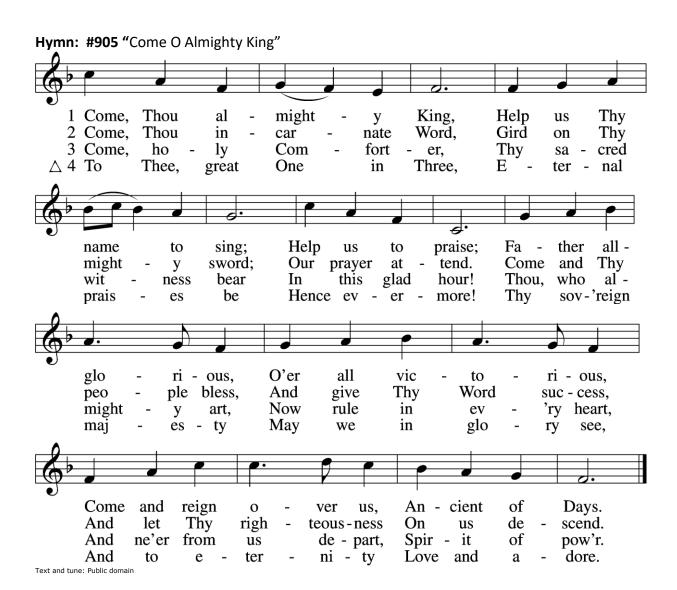
As We Gather

"Keep your eyes on the ball!" Is there a more common refrain from coaches teaching baseball, football, tennis or some other sport involving a ball? Yet for all the times this instruction is given, the eyes are so easily distracted. In Today's Gospel lesson, Jesus gave Peter the command to "come." Peter climbed out of the boat and he did it! He walked on water! But then Peter took his eyes off the Lord and looked at the wind and the waves. Immediately, Peter began to sink. Christians today also allow themselves to be distracted by the world around us. Thanks be to God, Jesus has reached out His hand and rescued us! He keeps His eye on us!

Welcome: Pastor Dave / Pastor Miguel

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

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

People: Amen.

Pastor: I lift up my eyes to You, to You whose throne is in heaven.

People: You have been my helper. Do not reject me or forsake me, O God my Savior. Psalm 27:9

Pastor: Lord, teach us to live by faith.

People: And to keep our eyes upon Jesus in the midst of this world's troubles and evil.

(Please rise)

Pastor: Lord, help us, for we are often afraid.

People: We are like Peter who took his eyes off of You and focused instead upon the waves.

Pastor: Lord help us to trust you

People: Job asked the question why? But in asking that question he was beginning to doubt. Help us

in our faith.

Pastor: So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed for I am your God.

People: I will strengthen you and help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. (Isaiah 41:10)

Pastor: Help us in the church to be about grace. Paul reminds us that how beautiful are the feet of

those who bring good news.

People: may we in this church bring the good news of Jesus to every place in our communities.

Pastor: We ponder the grace of our Lord and our sin when we doubt, when we fail to share the good

news of Jesus, and try to build our lives on ourselves rather than on the one certain foundation,

Jesus our Rock.

(silent confession)

Pastor:

Jesus gave the power to forgive to His church, as He said. "And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hades will not overcome it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you lose on earth will be loosed in heaven." (Matthew 16:18-19) Your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father, the son and the Holy Spirit.

Prayer

All:

O God, gather me to be with You as You are with me. Keep me in touch with myself, with my fears, my anxieties, my angers, my pains, that I may claim them as my own rather than blame them on someone else. O Lord, deepen my wounds into wisdom; shape my weaknesses into compassion; gentle my envy into enjoyment, my fear into trust, my guilt into honesty. Lord gather me to be with You as You are with me. (Ted Loeder, Guerrillas of Grace)

Introit

Pastor:

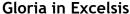
I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth. I sought the Lord, and He answered me and delivered me from all my fears. Those who look to Him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed. This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him and saved him out of all His troubles. The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear Him, and delivers them. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!

People:

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.



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.





You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King. Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high-God the Fa-ther's glo-ry. "A-men!" our glad re-ply.

The Salutation

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

The Collect for The Day

Pastor: Let us pray:

People: Almighty and most merciful God, preserve us from all harm and danger that we, being ready in

both body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish what You want done; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen. (Please be seated)

The First Reading – Job 38:1-18 (God answers Job from Heaven...)

¹Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind and said: ² "Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

- ³ Dress for action like a man; I will question you, and you make it known to me.
- ⁴ "Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding.
- ⁵Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it?
- ⁶On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone,

⁷ when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

⁸ "Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb, ⁹ when I made clouds its garment and thick darkness its swaddling band, ¹⁰ and prescribed limits for it and set bars and doors, ¹¹ and said, 'Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stayed'?

¹² "Have you commanded the morning since your days began, and caused the dawn to know its place, ¹³ that it might take hold of the skirts of the earth, and the wicked be shaken out of it?

¹⁴ It is changed like clay under the seal, and its features stand out like a garment.

¹⁵ From the wicked their light is withheld, and their uplifted arm is broken.

16 "Have you entered into the springs of the sea, or walked in the recesses of the deep?

¹⁷ Have the gates of death been revealed to you, or have you seen the gates of deep darkness?

¹⁸ Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth? Declare, if you know all this.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Epistle Reading – Romans 10:5-17 (God blesses all who believe)

⁵ For Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them.

⁶ But the righteousness based on faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷ "or 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead).

⁸ But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹ because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

¹⁰ For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.

- 11 For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame."
- ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him.
 - ¹³ For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

¹⁴ How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching?

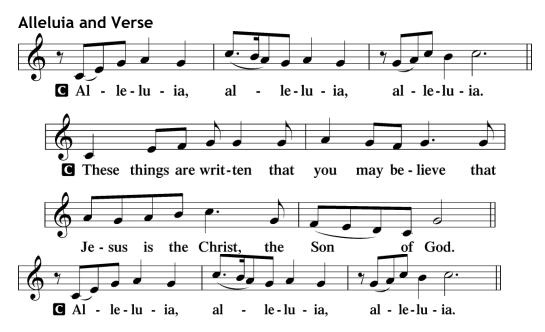
¹⁵ And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!"

¹⁶ But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?"

¹⁷ So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.



The Gospel

Pastor: The Holy Gospel is written in the 14th chapter of St. Matthew beginning at the 22nd verse.

(Jesus saves Peter from the water and doubt)

People: Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

²² Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds.

²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray.

When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴ but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them.

- ²⁵ And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea.
- ²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, "It is a ghost!" and they cried out in fear.
 - ²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid."
 - ²⁸ And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water."
 - ²⁹ He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus.
 - ³⁰ But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me."
- ³¹Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?"
 - ³² And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased.
 - 33 And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

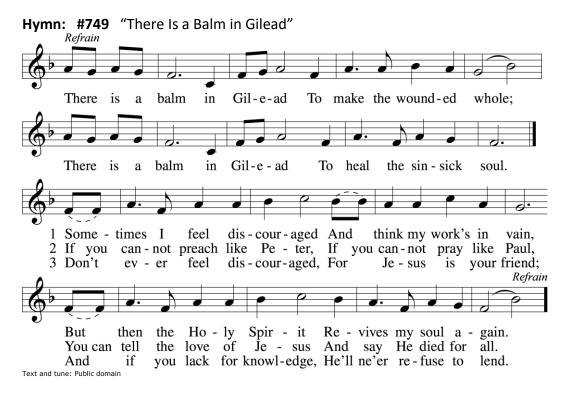
People: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

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



Sermon: "Keep Your Eyes Upon Jesus" Pastor Haara

Offertory

#781 "We Give Thee But Thine Own" Verses 1 & 2

- 1 We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be; All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.
- 2 May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our firstfruits give!

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Offerings are gathered

The Prayers

Peace & comfort for the family of Stacey Chamberlain, friend of Kim Blomquist Strength, comfort & peace for all those affected by the fires in Hawaii

The Lord's Prayer (Please stand)

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.

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

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Preface

Pastor: The Lord be with you. And with thy spirit. People: Lift up your hearts. Pastor:

People: We lift them up unto the Lord.

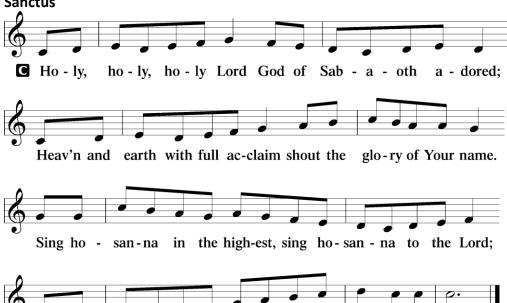
Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God. Pastor: People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is truly good, right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You,

> holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud

and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:





blest is He who comes

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Tru - ly

Pastor: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

in the name of the Lord!

The Words of Institution

Pastor:

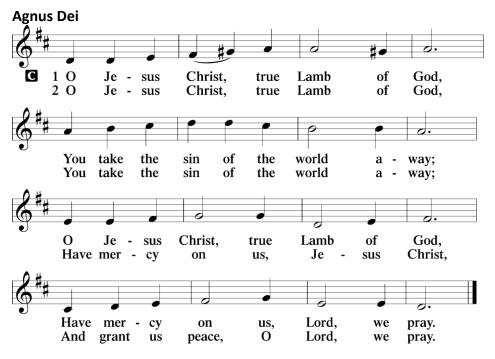
Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was

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."

Pax Domini

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.



Distribution



Post-Communion Collect

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

The Benedicamus and Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto Pastor:

you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

People: Amen.

Closing Hymn: #722 "Lord Take My Hand and Lead me"



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 memory of Betty Becker on her birthday, by David Becker 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

Peace & comfort for the family of David Habeck, brother of Larry Habeck

For Pastor Haara, for wisdom, insight and the energy to fulfill the many duties as he takes on the role of Vacancy Sr. Pastor here at Immanuel

Thanks be to God for Madison's safety while 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

Jan Brockmeier

Destiny, friend of the Mattson family

Stephanie Winn, from a car accident

Becky Johnson

Joan Crouse

Diego Castaneda and family

Battling with Cancer or Serious Illness

Richard Seedroff

Gene Doon, Uncle of Marsha Doon

DeeAnn Cook, sister-in-law of Steve & Pat Cook

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

Cassandra, niece of Pat Cook

Carol Joyner, sister-in-law of Deb Haver

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: Duane Zellmer Monday: Del Zimmerman

Tuesday: Joseph & Marina Abiera

Wed: Megan Ackroyd, Josef, Madison, Johanna, Isabella

Thurs: Cody Adam-Forsong Friday: Thomas Anderson Saturday: Bill & Jackie Anton

PRAYERS FOR OUR SCHOOL STUDENTS & FAMILIES

Sunday Valeria & Vanessa Vigoa Monday: John-Luke Visnovec Tuesday: Jha'Barri Wainwright Wed: Timothy Wallace Thurs: Catalina & Phoenix Webb Friday: Saviyon Welocme Saturday: Rylee & Rhett Whidden

Lord, I recognize that prayer for teachers and principals is essential. Please help Immanuel Lutheran School's teachers and principal have strength and perseverance this upcoming school year. I ask that You would also give clarity so that he/she can focus on academics and imparting knowledge and wisdom on the children. Please help the school year to move smoothly for everyone this year. In Jesus name, Amen.

More than ever, teachers need support and encouragement. They give so much every single day in an effort to not only educate but to leave an impression on their students. Praying for and supporting teachers you know can make a difference in their lives and help them not feel so alone in the day-to-day journey. Make it a point to ask specifically how you can lift up your teacher friends, and offer words of encouragement to them as well. They make the world a better place, helping the next generation grow up well.

We encourage everyone to place this scripture and prayer where you can see it every day. Commit the scripture to memory and pray fervently for direction from the Holy Spirit for the call committee and for all of our Immanuel family as we continue our search for our next Senior Pastor.

God's blessings, and His peace,

Your Call Committee

Pat Cook, Kerry Drake, Alecia Grever, Jackie Hahn, Jose Lopez, Lynda Smith, Judy Steinbrueck, Susan Tumlin.

Pastor Miguel Sanabria

The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged."

Deuteronomy 31:8

Dear Heavenly Father, we pray that you will guide us in all that we do during this time of searching for Immanuel's Senior Pastor. Help us to always seek your will in all things. We have faith in your promises that you will always go before us and be with us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen