

# IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 20, 2023—10:15am

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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

**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 *(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 112

**Pastor:** Praise the Lord!

**People:** Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who finds great delight in His commands

**Pastor:** Surely he will never be shaken

**People:** A righteousness man will be remembered forever.

**Pastor:** He will have no fear of bad news

**People:** His heart is steadfast trusting in the Lord

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

**Hymn: "Our God is an Awesome God"**

Refrain:

Our God is an Awesome God.  
He reigns from heaven above  
In wisdom, power and love,  
Our God is an Awesome God. (repeat)

When He rolled up His sleeves He wasn't just puttin' on the Ritz  
Our God is an awesome God  
There is thunder in His footsteps and lightning in His fists  
Our God is an awesome God.  
And the Lord, He wasn't jokin' when He kicked 'em out of Eden  
It wasn't for no reason that He shed His blood  
His return is very close so you'd better start believin'

*Refrain*

The sky was starless in the void of the night  
Our God is an Awesome God.  
He spoke into the darkness and created all the light  
Our God is an Awesome God.  
Judgment and wrath He poured out on Sodom  
Mercy and Grace He gave us at the cross  
I hope that we have not too quickly forgotten  
That our God is an Awesome God.

*Refrain*

**"You are My All in All"**

You are my strength when I am weak.  
You are the Treasure that I seek.  
You are my All in All.  
Seeking You as a precious jewel,  
Lord, to give up I'd be a fool.  
You are my All in All.

Refrain:            Jesus, Lamb of God,  
                          Worthy is Your name.  
                          Jesus, Lamb of God,  
                          Worthy is Your name.

Taking my sin, my cross, my shame,  
Rising again, I bless Your name.  
You are my All in All.  
When I fall down you pick me up,  
When I am dry you fill my cup.  
You are my All in All.            *Refrain*

By Bernard Kyamanywa, Howard S. Olsen, Public Doman

Pastor: *Let us pray.*  
We thank You Lord for Your love, Your mercy and Your grace. By Your life and death, Lord, You gained for us forgiveness and eternal life. Thank You for the gift of salvation which we receive by faith. Today Lord by the power of the Holy Spirit grow our faith to always trust You in all things and look to You to guide us in living out our faith by sharing it with those around us. In Your precious name.

**People: Amen.**

*Please be seated*

### **Confession and Absolution**

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

**All: 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 confirm 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

**All: Amen, thank you Jesus.**

### **Children's Message Song: "Come, Let Us Worship"**

*Only the children will sing the first time – 2<sup>nd</sup> time Congregation joins in*

Come, let us worship the Lord together,

Let us sing His praise forevermore.

When the family of God comes together,

We love to sing His praise forevermore.

Alleluia, alleluia

Alleluia, hosanna to the King!

Alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia, hosanna to the King!

Repeat

**Children's Message:** Pastor Dan

### **The First Reading – Isaiah 56:1, 6-8**

<sup>1</sup> Thus says the LORD: "Keep justice, and do righteousness, for soon my salvation will come, and my righteousness be revealed.

<sup>6</sup> "And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants,

everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it, and holds fast my covenant—<sup>7</sup> these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples."

<sup>8</sup> The Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares, "I will gather yet others to him besides those already gathered."

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### **The Epistle Reading – Romans 11:1-2, 13-15**

<sup>1</sup> I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin.

<sup>2</sup> God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. Do you not know what the Scripture says of Elijah, how he appeals to God against Israel?

<sup>13</sup> Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry <sup>14</sup> in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them.

<sup>15</sup> For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead?

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### **The Gospel**

Pastor: The Holy Gospel is written in the 15<sup>th</sup> chapter of St. Matthew beginning at the 21<sup>st</sup> verse

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

<sup>21</sup> And Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon.

<sup>22</sup> And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon."

<sup>23</sup> But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying out after us."

<sup>24</sup> He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."

<sup>25</sup> But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me."

<sup>26</sup> And he answered, "It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs."

<sup>27</sup> She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table."

<sup>28</sup> Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

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: "Give Me Jesus"**

In the morning when I rise,  
In the morning when I rise,  
In the morning when I rise,  
Give me Jesus

### **Chorus**

Give me Jesus, give me Jesus  
You can have all this world  
But give me Jesus

When I am alone,  
Oh, and when I am alone  
And when I am alone  
Give me Jesus

*Chorus*

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**Sermon** – “What a Friend We have in Jesus” *Pastor Dan*

**Offerings are gathered**

**Prayers of the Church**

**The Prayers**

Healing for Jezabell Noria

Healing and relief from pain for Richard Steinbrueck

*(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”**

The Lamb, the Lamb.

O Father where’s the sacrifice

Faith sees, believes God will

Provide the Lamb of price!

Chorus:

Worthy is the Lamb

Whose death makes me His own!

The Lamb is reigning on His throne!

The Lamb, the Lamb

One perfect final offering.

The Lamb, the Lamb,

Let earth join heav’n His praise to sing

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: "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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#### **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 and in honor of the 52<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of Ron & Judy Black and in honor of Stephanie Winn's birthday by Barbara Bader.**

*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 Stacey Chamberlain, friend of Kim Blomquist

Strength, comfort & peace for all those affected by the fires in Hawaii

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

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**

Chris Hudacek, fiancé of Erika Trlak  
Pat Harmon, father of Katie Wilcox  
Stephanie Winn, from a car accident  
Becky Johnson

### **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: Dessyrredt Araque  
Monday: Jonathan & Stephanie Ayala, Devin  
Tuesday: Barbara Bader  
Wed: Daniel Bader, Ashley, Logan, Laura  
Thurs: Dave Becker  
Friday: Jerry & Kathy Begley  
Saturday: Karen Bergmann

**PRAYERS FOR OUR SCHOOL STUDENTS & FAMILIES**

Sunday Tessa Wilcox  
Monday: Maya Wimberly  
Tuesday: Taylor Winn  
Wed: Jillian Woodwsard  
Thurs: Mia Wyckoff  
Friday: Nathaly, Nallaly, Nallely Zaldivar  
Saturday: Gabriel & Sebastian Zaldivar

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*