

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 27, 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 *(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 138

Pastor: I will praise, O Lord, with all my heart;

People: Before the "gods" I will sing Your praise.

Pastor: I will bow down toward Your holy temple and will praise Your name of r Your love and Your faithfulness!

People: For You have exalted above all things Your name and Your Word.

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

Hymn: "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"

Lord, I lift Your name on high;

Lord, I love to sing Your praises.

I'm so glad You're in my life;

I'm so glad you came to save us.

You came from heaven to earth to show the way,

From the earth to the cross,

My debt to pay.

From the cross to the grave,

From the grave to the sky;

Lord, I lift Your name on high!

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“Glorify Thy Name”

Father, we love You, we worship and adore You.

Refrain

Glorify Thy name in all the earth.

Glorify Thy name, Glorify Thy name,

Glorify Thy name in all the earth.

Jesus, we love You, we worship and adore You

Refrain

Spirit, we love You, we worship and adore You

Refrain

Text and Music: Donna Adkins

Pastor: *Let us pray.*

We thank You Lord for Your love, mercy and 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 know You in all things; that You are the Christ 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: “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 cares for all the children,

All the children of the world.

Every color, every race,

All are covered by His grace

Jesus cares for all the children of the world.

Children’s Message: Pastor Dan

The First Reading – Isaiah 51:1-6

¹ “Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness, you who seek the LORD: look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug.

² Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, that I might bless him and multiply him.

³ For the LORD comforts Zion; he comforts all her waste places and makes her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song.

⁴ “Give attention to me, my people, and give ear to me, my nation; for a law will go out from me, and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples.

⁵ My righteousness draws near, my salvation has gone out, and my arms will judge the peoples; the coastlands hope for me, and for my arm they wait.

⁶ Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and they who dwell in it will die in like manner; but my salvation will be forever, and my righteousness will never be dismayed.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Epistle Reading – Romans 11:33-12:8

³³ Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

³⁴ “For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?”

³⁵ “Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?”

³⁶ For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

^{12:1} I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

² Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.

⁴ For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, ⁵ so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

⁶ Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; ⁷ if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; ⁸ the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

Pastor: The Holy Gospel is written in the 16th chapter of St. Matthew beginning at the 13th verse

People: Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?”

¹⁴ And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”

¹⁵ He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?”

¹⁶ Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven.

¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”

²⁰ Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

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: “How Majestic Is Your Name”

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth

O Lord, we praise Your name.

O Lord, we magnify Your name:

Prince of Peace, mighty God;

O Lord God Almighty.

Sermon – “You are the Christ” *Matthew 16:13-20* Pastor Dan

Offerings are gathered

Prayers of the Church

The Prayers

Peace & comfort for the family of Gene Doon, uncle of Marsha Doon

Peace & comfort for the family of Cindy Nollinger, Aunt of Marsha Doon

Successful pancreatic cancer treatment for David Leathers, friend of Cindy Szczesny

Thanksgiving & praise for the birth of Malia Lopez to Reynald & Lauren Lopez

(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: “Eat This Bread

Eat this bread, drink this cup,
Come to Me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup,
trust in Me and you will not thirst
Repeat

(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: “I Will Call Upon the Lord”

I will call upon the Lord
Who is worthy to be praised;
So shall I be saved from my enemies.
I will call upon the Lord
Repeat

The Lord liveth and blessed be the rock
and let the God of my salvation be exalted.
The Lord liveth and blessed be the rock,
And let the God of my salvation be exalted.
Repeat

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

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

Jezabell Noria

Richard Steinbrueck

Chris Hudacek, fiancé of Erika Trlak

Stephanie Winn, from a car accident

Battling with Cancer or Serious Illness

Richard Seedroff

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: Robert & Linda Beutel

Monday: Thomas Bieske, Emma

Tuesday: Judy Black, Ron

Wed: Thomas Blair, Dena, Thomas

Thurs: Kim Blomquist, John

Friday: Frank & Karen Brady

Saturday: Scott Briggs, Farrah, Lilah

PRAYERS FOR OUR SCHOOL STUDENTS & FAMILIES

Sunday Dakota Zocchi

Monday: Eddie Alford

Tuesday: Mia Aranguren

Wed: Annalyse Ayala

Thurs: Dylan & Sebastian Ayala

Friday: Kaylee Baracsckay

Saturday: Ava Barrow

PRAYER FOR THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Our Lord Jesus, You have endured the foolish questions and demands of every generation. Forgive us for trying to judge You, and help us likewise to accept all people as our brothers and sisters. You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.