

# IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 3, 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 Dave

**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: “We Have Come into His House”**

We have come into His house  
And gathered in His name to worship Him.  
We have come into His house  
and gathered in His name to worship Him.  
We have come into His house  
and gathered in His name to worship Christ the Lord.  
Worship Him, Christ the Lord.

Let’s forget about ourselves  
And magnify His name and worship Him.  
Let’s forget about ourselves and  
Magnify in His name and worship Him.  
Let’s forget about ourselves  
And magnify His name and worship Christ the Lord.  
Worship Him, Christ the Lord.

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### **Invocation**      *(Please rise)*

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

**People:**           **Amen.**

### **Confession and Absolution**

Pastor:            Lord help us to love each other, even those who trouble us in life.

**People:**           **“You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. (Matthew 5:43-45)**

Pastor:            Help us in the church to be about grace and not judgment

**People:**           **“Do not judge, or you too will be judged. For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you. “Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother’s eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? (Matthew 7:1-3)**

Pastor:            We ponder the grace of our Lord and our sin like Matthew the tax collector.  
*(Silent reflection)*

**People:**           **Lord forgive me. My mind and heart are often caught up with the things of this world like: money, fame, and worship of self. Forgive me and teach me the things of God.**

Pastor:            Last week we heard how 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 loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” *(Matthew 16:18-19)* By that power and that promise, your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

**People:**           **Amen.**

### **Children’s Message Song: “God is So Good”**

God is so good, God is so good,  
God is so good, He’s so good to me.

God loves me so, God loves me so,  
God loves me so, He’s so good to me.

God answers prayer, God answers prayer  
God answers prayer, He’s so good to me

**Children’s Message:** Pastor Dave

### **The First Reading – Jeremiah 15:15-21**

<sup>15</sup> O LORD, you know; remember me and visit me, and take vengeance for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance take me not away; know that for your sake I bear reproach.

<sup>16</sup> Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts.

<sup>17</sup> I did not sit in the company of revelers, nor did I rejoice; I sat alone, because your hand was upon me, for you had filled me with indignation.

<sup>18</sup> Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Will you be to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail?

<sup>19</sup> Therefore thus says the LORD: “If you return, I will restore you, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall be as my mouth. They shall turn to you, but you shall not turn to them.

<sup>20</sup> And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, declares the LORD.

<sup>21</sup> I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### **The Epistle Reading – Romans 12:9-21**

*(Living out our faith changes one’s actions.)*

<sup>9</sup> Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good.

<sup>10</sup> Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor.

<sup>11</sup> Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord.

<sup>12</sup> Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.

<sup>13</sup> Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

<sup>14</sup> Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.

<sup>15</sup> Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.

<sup>16</sup> Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight.

<sup>17</sup> Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all.

<sup>18</sup> If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

<sup>19</sup> Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.”

<sup>20</sup> To the contrary, “if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head.”

<sup>21</sup> Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **The Gospel**

**Pastor:** The Holy Gospel is written in the 16<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> From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.

<sup>22</sup> And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you."

<sup>23</sup> But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man."

<sup>24</sup> Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.

<sup>25</sup> For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

<sup>26</sup> For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul?

<sup>27</sup> For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done.

<sup>28</sup> Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

**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: "God Will Make a Way"**

God will make a way

Where there seems to be no way.

He works in ways we cannot see,

He will make a way for me;

He will be my guide,

Hold me closely to His side,

With love and strength for each new day,

He will make a way

He will make a way.

**Sermon – "The Things of God" Pastor Dave Matthew 16:21-28**

**Offerings are gathered**

**Prayers of the Church**

## The Prayers

Strength & comfort for all people affected by Hurricane Idalia and thanksgiving and praise that we were all safe in this area

*(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: #537 "Beautiful Savior"



1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion, Son of  
2 Fair are the mead - ows, Fair are the wood - lands, Robed in  
3 Fair is the sun - shine, Fair is the moon - light, Bright the  
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions, Son of



God and Son of Man! Tru - ly I'd love Thee, Tru - ly I'd  
flow'rs of bloom - ing spring; Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is  
spar - kling stars on high; Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines  
God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or, Praise, ad - o -



serve Thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.  
pur - er, He makes our sor - r'wing spir - it sing.  
pur - er Than all the an - gels in the sky.  
ra - tion Now and for - ev - er - more be Thine!

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*(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: #803 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore Thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!  
2 All Thy works with joy sur-round Thee, Earth and heav'n re - flect Thy rays,  
△ 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, Ev - er bless-ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore Thee, Prais-ing Thee, their sun a - bove.  
Stars and an-gels sing a-round Thee, Cen - ter of un - bro-ken praise.  
Well-spring of the joy of liv - ing, O - cean-depth of hap-py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, Drive the gloom of doubt a - way.  
Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, Flow - 'ry mead-ow, flash-ing sea,  
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it, Foun - tain - head of love di-vine:



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad-ness, Fill us with the light of day.  
Chant-ing bird, and flow - ing foun-tain Call us to re - joice in Thee.  
Joy - ful, we Thy heav'n in - her - it! Joy-ful, we by grace are Thine!

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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 Bill Anton's birthday.**

*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 Gene Doon, uncle of Marsha Doon

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

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

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**

Richard Steinbrueck  
Chris Hudacek, fiancé of Erika Trlak  
Stephanie Winn

**Battling with Cancer or Serious Illness**

David Leathers, friend of Cindy Szczesny  
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 Mountain Home AFB, Idaho  
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: Jerry & Jan Brockmeier  
Monday: Chuck & Jonelle Butler  
Tuesday: Don Case  
Wed: Diane Cherry  
Thurs: Mike & Jenny Childers  
Friday: Nancy Christianson  
Saturday: Ed & Carolyn Clarke, Veronica, Aliana, Ava

**PRAYERS FOR OUR SCHOOL STUDENTS & FAMILIES**

Sunday: Tianna Bennett  
Monday: Kaleb Black  
Tuesday: Joshua Bonese  
Wed: Presely Bowin  
Thurs: Rylie Bretton  
Friday: Lilah Briggs  
Saturday: Quinten Brooks