

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Divine Setting Service Three

September 10, 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

Welcome: Pastor Dave / Pastor Miguel

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.

Hymn: #901 "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"



1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty; Zi - on, let me
2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore Thee; Come Thou al - so
3 Here Thy praise is glad - ly chant - ed; Here Thy seed is
4 Thou my faith in - crease and quick - en; Let me keep Thy
5 Speak, O God, and I will hear Thee; Let Thy will be



en - ter there, Where my soul in joy - ful du - ty
un - to me. Where we find Thee and a - dore Thee,
du - ly sown. Let my soul, where it is plant - ed,
gift di - vine. How - so - e'er temp - ta - tions thick - en;
done in - deed. May I un - dis - turbed draw near Thee



Waits for Him who an - swers prayer. Oh, how bless - ed
There a heav'n on earth must be. To my heart, O
Bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - lone, So that all I
May Thy Word still o'er me shine As my guid - ing
While Thou dost Thy peo - ple feed. Here of life the



is this place, Filled with sol - ace, light, and grace!
en - ter Thou; Let it be Thy tem - ple now!
hear may be Fruit - ful un - to life in me.
star through life, As my com - fort in all strife.
foun - tain flows; Here is balm for all our woes.

The Invocation *(Please rise)*

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

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: We come together today into the presence of God, "For where two or three come together in My name, there am I with them." *(Matthew 18:20)*

People: **God Himself is present, as His Word promises.**

Confession and Absolution

Pastor: Standing in the presence of Almighty God we confess our sin.

People: **Almighty God, we confess to You, that we are sinful, and that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. We confess that we strive for greatness and for ourselves to be famous, while we forget your passion is for us and especially for those who are lost. We confess the divisions we have in the church and within our relationships. Bring forgiveness and healing to our lives. Forgive us our sin and make us whole again through the blood and righteousness of Christ.**

Pastor: By God's design, Jesus compassionately acted to save us, giving His very life on the tree—the cross of Calvary. Jesus' sacrifice secures our eternal life. Therefore. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, I announce the grace of God unto you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Introit

Pastor: How great are Your works, O Lord! Your thoughts are very deep! It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Your name, O Most High; to declare Your steadfast love in the morning, and Your faithfulness by night, to the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre. For You, O Lord, have made me glad by Your work; at the works of Your hands I sing for joy.

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.**

Kyrie

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis

Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,

we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-

on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

The Salutation

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

The Collect for The Day

Pastor: Let us pray:

People: O God, from whom all good proceeds, grant to us, Your humble servants, Your holy inspiration, that we may set our minds on the things that are right and, by Your merciful guiding, accomplish them; 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 – Ezekiel 33:7-9 *(The prophet is to warn people of their sin)*

⁷ “So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me.

⁸ If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand.

⁹ But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Epistle Reading – Romans 13:1-10 *(St. Paul speaks of our responsibilities to our government and to others.)*

¹ Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God.

² Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment.

³ For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval.

⁴ for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer.

⁵ Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience.

⁶ For because of this you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing.

⁷ Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.

⁸ Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.

⁹ For the commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

¹⁰ Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia and Verse *(Please rise)*



The Gospel

Pastor: The Holy Gospel is written in the 18th chapter of St. Matthew beginning at the 1st verse. *(Jesus tells us how to be reconciled to our brothers and sisters)*

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

¹ At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?”

² And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them ³ and said, “Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

⁵ “Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, ⁶ but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.

⁷ “Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes!

⁸ And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire.

⁹ And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire.

¹⁰ "See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven.

¹² What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray?

¹³ And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray.

¹⁴ So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

¹⁵ "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother.

¹⁶ But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses.

¹⁷ If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.

¹⁸ Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

¹⁹ Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven.

²⁰ For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

People: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

The Nicene Creed

All: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible and in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven and sits on the right hand of the Father; and He will come again with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose Kingdom shall have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the Prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn #783 "Take My Life and Let It Be"



1 Take my life and let it be Con-se - crat - ed, Lord, to Thee;
2 Take my hands and let them move At the im - pulse of Thy love;
3 Take my voice and let me sing Al-ways, on - ly for my King;
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, Not a mite would I with - hold;



Take my mo - ments and my days, Let them flow in cease - less praise.
Take my feet and let them be Swift and beau - ti - ful for Thee.
Take my lips and let them be Filled with mes - sag - es from Thee.
Take my in - tel - lect and use Ev - 'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it Thine,
It shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart, it is Thine own,
It shall be Thy royal throne.

6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee.

Text and tune: Public domain

Sermon: Pastor Haara Matthew 18:1-20

Offertory

#956 "Create in Me"

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence:
And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy Salvation;
And uphold me with Thy free spirit.
Amen.

Text: Psalm 51:10-12 Tune: Johann Georg Winer, 1583-1651, adapt; setting: The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941

Offerings are gathered

The Prayers

Peace & comfort for the family of Pastor Elsner of St. Matthew Lutheran Church, friend of Nell Yates

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.

People: **And with my spirit.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

People: **It is meet and right so to do.**

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 ascended above the heavens and, sitting at Your right hand, poured out on this day the promised Holy Spirit on His chosen disciples. For all this the whole earth rejoices with exceeding joy. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,



bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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: **And also with you.**

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

Agnus Dei

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Distribution

Distribution Hymn: #814 "O Bless the Lord, My Soul"

1 O bless the Lord, my soul! Let all with - in me join
2 O bless the Lord, my soul, Nor let His mer - cies lie
3 'Tis He for - gives thy sins; 'Tis He re - lieves thy pain;
4 He crowns thy life with love When ran - somed from the grave;
And aid my tongue to bless His name Whose fa - vors are di - vine.
For - got - ten in un - thank - ful - ness And with - out prais - es die!
'Tis He that heals thy sick - ness - es And makes thee young a - gain.
He that re - deemed my soul from hell Hath sov - 'reign pow'r to save.

- 5 He fills the poor with good;
He gives the suff'ers rest.
The Lord hath judgments for the proud
And justice for th'oppressed.
- 6 His wondrous works and ways
He made by Moses known,
But sent the world His truth and grace
By His belovèd Son.

Nunc Dimittis *(Please stand)*

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-
cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

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.

Benediction

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

People: Amen, amen, amen.

INSTALLATION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

Closing Hymn: #785 "We Praise You, O God"



1 We praise You, O God, our Re - deem - er, Cre - a - tor;
2 We wor - ship You, God of our fa - thers, we bless You;
3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer

In grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.
Through tri - al and tem - pest our guide You have been.
And glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.

We lay it be - fore You, we kneel and a - dore You;
When per - ils o'er - take us, You will not for - sake us,
With You, Lord, be - side us, Your strong arm will guide us.

We bless Your ho - ly name, glad prais - es we sing.
And with Your help, O Lord, our strug - gles we win.
To You, our great Re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

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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.

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

ALSO, FOR ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND FIRST RESPONDERS

PRAYERS FOR OUR FAMILIES

Sunday: Jeff & Lori Cole, Andrew

Monday: Tommy & Elizabeth Combs, Ainsley, Asher

Tuesday: Steve & Pat Cook

Wed: Denise Cranmer, Ted

Thurs: Joan Crouse

Friday: Tom & Tanya Cvetan

Saturday: Tracy Cvetan

PRAYERS FOR OUR SCHOOL STUDENTS & FAMILIES

Sunday Alayah & Braylen Brown

Monday: Blu'Jae Brown

Tuesday: Kiara Brummels

Wed: Tavaris Buggs

Thurs: Jacob Byrne

Friday: Giselle Caminada

Saturday: Nicholas & Sebastian Cancio