

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 10, 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 Dave

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: 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.

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

Hymn: "Praise the Name of Jesus"

Praise the name of Jesus
Praise the name of Jesus
He's my Rock, He's my Fortress
He's my deliverer, in Him will I trust
Praise the of Jesus

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"Shine, Jesus, Shine"

Lord, the light of Your love is shining,
In the midst of the darkness, shining:
Jesus Light of the world, shine upon us;
Set us free by the truth You now bring us;
Shine on me. Shine on me.

CHORUS: Shine, Jesus, shine,
Fill this land with the Father's glory;
Blaze, Spirit, blaze,
Set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow,
Flood the nations with grace and mercy,
Send forth Your Word,
Lord, and let there be light.

Lord, I come to Your awesome presence,
From the shadows into Your radiance;
By Your blood I may enter Your brightness:
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness;
Shine on me. Shine on me.

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Pastor: *Let us pray.*

We thank You Lord for Your love, Your mercy and Your grace. By Your life, Lord, You gained for us the forgiveness of sins and the promise of eternal life. Thank You for Your precious Word, that Good News of salvation, that through faith in You heaven is ours. We pray today that the message of the Gospel would always find fertile soil in us and that we grow in our faith and devotion to You. In Jesus' name.

People: Amen. *Please be seated*

Children's Message Song: "My God is So Great"

My God is so great, so strong and so mighty!
There's nothing my God cannot do!

Repeat

The mountains are His, the rivers are His,
The stars are His handiwork too,
My God is so great, so strong and so mighty!
There's nothing my God cannot do!
For you!

Children's Message: Pastor Dave

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.

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.

¹At 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 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: “Lord Fill My Life”

Lord fill my life with You alone.

Empty myself of all that’s my own.

Lord fill my life with you alone.

Jesus keep my eyes on you.

Help me stand. Help me stand for what’s right.

Help me walk, Help me walk in the light.

Help me run. Help me run for the prize.

Jesus keep my eyes on you.

Jesus keep my eyes on you.

Lord keep my eyes on you.

Lord fill my life with You alone.

Empty myself of all that’s my own.

Lord fill my life with you alone.

Jesus keep my eyes on you.

Sermon – *Pastor Dave Matthew 18:1-20*

Offerings are gathered

Prayers of the Church

The Prayers

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

(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

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

Distribution Hymn: "Open Our Eyes Lord"

Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus,
To reach out and touch Him and say that we love Him.
Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen.
Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.

Open our hearts, Lord, we want to feel Jesus
To feel His love growing, healing, forgiving
Open our lives, Lord, and help us in mission
Open our eyes, Lord, I want to see Jesus.

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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: "Great is the Lord"

Chorus

Great is the Lord, He is holy and just,
By His power we trust in His love.
Great is the Lord, He is faithful and true
By His mercy He proves He is love.

Great is the Lord, and worthy of glory,
Great is the Lord, and worthy of praise.
Great is the Lord, Now lift up your voice,
Now lift up your voice: Great is the Lord
Chorus

Great are You, Lord, and worthy of glory,
Great are You, Lord, and worthy of praise.
Great are You, Lord, I lift up my voice,
I lift up my voice; Great are You, Lord
Chorus

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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.

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

**PRAYER FOR THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST**

Almighty God, Your Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption. Grant us courage to take up our cross and follow Him wherever He leads, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.