

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 17, 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 Kent Fuqua

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.

Call to Worship from Psalm 118

Pastor: O give thanks to the Lord; for He is good;

People: **For His steadfast love endures forever!**

Pastor: This is the day the Lord has made;

People: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Pastor: The Lord is God,

People: **He has made his light to shine upon us**

Pastor: You are my God and I will give thanks to You;

People: **You are my God and I will extol You.**

Pastor: Trusting in the Word of life given in our Baptism, we are gathered here this morning in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

A Time for Praise

Pastor: As you are able let us stand and praise the Lord

Hymn: "Come Let Us Worship And Bow Down" "

Come let us worship and bow down

Let us kneel before the Lord

Our God our Maker

Come let us worship and bow down

Let us kneel before the Lord

Our God our Maker

For He is our God

And we are the people of His pasture

And the sheep of His hand

Just the sheep of His hand

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We Will Glorify

We will glorify the King of Kings.
We will glorify the Lamb.
We will glorify the Lord of Lords,
Who is the great I am.

Lord Jehovah reigns in majesty.
We will bow before His throne;
We will worship Him in righteousness.
We will worship Him alone.

Hallelujah to the King of Kings,
Hallelujah to the Lamb;
Hallelujah to the Lord of Lords,
Who is the great I Am.

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Pastor: Lord, how wonderful it is that we can gather together to worship and praise You for all that You have done of us and our salvation. Continue to walk with us by faith and help us to share You with others that Your Kingdom may grow. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Please be seated

Pastor: Let us confess our sins and shortcomings and receive God's forgiveness
People: **Lord, today I confess that I have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. I seek Your loving forgiveness for all my sins; cleanse me inside and out that my longing may be for You; that my desires conform to Your will and my faith strengthened.**
Pastor: Dear friends in Christ, the Good News is that in confessing our sins; through faith in Jesus, God graciously forgives us all our sins. Jesus says, "Be of good cheer, your sins are forgiven, go and sin no more." In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: **Amen.**

Children's Message Song: "I Am Jesus' Little Lamb"

I am Jesus' little lamb,
Ever glad at heart I am;
For my Shepherd gently guides me.
Knows my need and well provides me,
Loves me ev'ry day the same
Even calls me by my name.

Day by day, at home, away,
Jesus is my staff and stay.
When I hunger, Jesus feeds me,
Into pleasant pastures leads me;
When I thirst, He bids me go
Where the quiet waters flow.

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Children's Message: Pastor Kent

The First Reading – Genesis 50:15-21

¹⁵ When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him."

¹⁶ So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died: ¹⁷ 'Say to Joseph, "Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.'" And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him.

¹⁸ His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants."

¹⁹ But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God?"

²⁰ As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today.

²¹ So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

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 21st verse.

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

²¹ Then Peter came up and said to him, "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?"

²² Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times.

²³ "Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants.

²⁴ When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents.

²⁵ And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made.

²⁶ So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.'

²⁷ And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt.

²⁸ But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.'

²⁹ So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.'

³⁰ He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt.

³¹ When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place.

³² Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me.

³³ And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?'

³⁴ And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt.

³⁵ So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

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, I Need You"

Lord, I come, I confess

Bowing here I find my rest.

Without You I fall apart

You're the one who guides my heart

Chorus

Lord, I need You, O I need You

Every hour I need You

My one defense, My righteousness

Oh God, how I need You

Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more

Where grace is found is where You are

Where You are, Lord I am free

Holiness is Christ in me.

Chorus

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Sermon – "Cursed, Complaining, Grandiose Giving *Pastor Kent*

Offerings are gathered

Prayer of the Church

The Prayers

Peace & comfort for the family of Mary Ellen Graham, cousin of Kathy Begley

Successful cancer treatment for Ricardo Gonzalez, friend of the Hynick family

Healing from serious illness for Ashley Lakes, friend of the Hynick family

Successful heart surgery & healing for Candy Hartley, friend and mother of Kathy Begley's son-in-law.

(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: “Make Me a Servant”

Make me a servant, humble and meek
Lord, let me lift up those who are weak.
And may the prayer of my heart always be;
Make me a servant, make me a servant,
Make me a servant today.

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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 “The Trees of the Field

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;
The mountains and the hills will break forth before you.
There’ll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field
Will clap, will clap their hands.
And all the trees of the field will clap their hands,
The trees of the field will clap their hands.
The trees of the field will clap their hands
While you go out with joy.

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.

Continued Prayers

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

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

Joan Crouse

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: Irene Davis

Monday: Heather DeBrocke, Benjamin, Derek, Drew

Tuesday: Linda Dempsey

Wed: Michael & Jeannine DePaola

Thurs: Michael & Haley Dignan, Liam, Jackson

Friday: Ana Donahue

Saturday: Marsha Doon, Jacob

PRAYERS FOR OUR SCHOOL STUDENTS & FAMILIES

Sunday: Cameron Carpenter

Monday: Isabella Castro

Tuesday: Arturo & Joe Cepeda

Wed: Josiah & Kailey Charles

Thurs: Etien Charron

Friday: Gracelyn Clarito

Saturday: Ludger Clerge