IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Divine Setting Service Three

September 24, 2023—8am

We celebrate the Lord's Supper today! Please prepare yourselves using these questions as a guide:

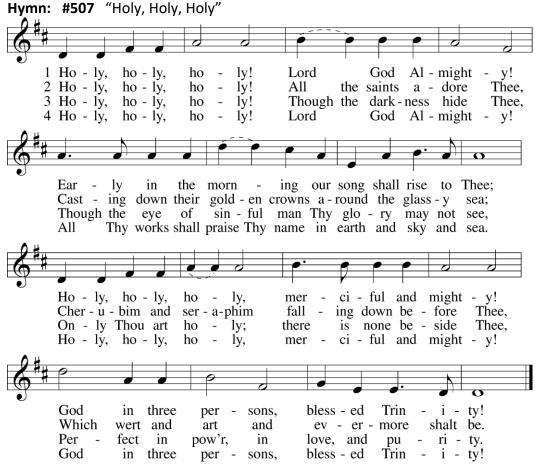
- Have I been baptized in the Name of the Triune God, Father, Son & Holy Spirit?
- Do I believe that I am a sinful being without hope for eternal life except in mercy of Jesus Christ?
- Do I believe in Jesus as My Savior?
- Do I believe that Jesus Christ is personally present in communion with His body 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.



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The 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: The eyes of the Lord are on those who fear Him **People:** On those whose hope is in His unfailing love,"

Psalm 33:18

Pastor: "Why are you downcast, O my Soul? Why so disturbed within me?"

People: Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise Him, my Savior and my God." Psalm 42:5-6

Pastor: "Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord;"

People: O Lord, hear my voice. Let Your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy. Psalm 130:1-2

Pastor: I wait for the Lord, my soul waits and in His word I put my hope.

People: My soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning. Psalm 130:5-6

Pastor: Sisters and brothers in Christ, as children of God our hope is in the Lord. Yet in the weakness of our

sinful flesh, we turn away from the Lord and put our hope in ourselves and in the things of this world. Let us think about the false hopes to which we sometimes cling, and confess our sins to our heavenly

Father.

(Silence for reflection and personal confession)

Pastor: Most merciful God.

People: We confess that we have turned away from You, and sinned against You in our thoughts, in our

words, and in our actions. We have trusted in ourselves, in the things of this world which have not true value, and we have trusted other people whose sin makes them untrustworthy. Forgive our sins, we pray, for the sake of Jesus Christ. Restore to us the joy of Your salvation, and create clean

hearts within us.

Pastor: With the Lord there is forgiveness! As your pastor, and at the command and promise of our Lord

Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Introit

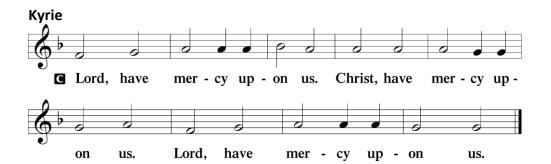
Pastor: I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call on the name of the Lord. What shall I render

to the Lord for all his benefits to me? I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord, Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints. O Lord, I am Your servant; I am Your

servant, the son of Your maidservant. You have loosed my bonds.

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.





The Salutation

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

The Collect for The Day

Pastor: Let us pray:

People: Lord God, heavenly Father, since we cannot stand before You relying on anything we have done,

help us trust in Your abiding grace and live according to Your Word; 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 – Isaiah 55:6-9 (God's ways are different than our ways)

⁶ "Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; ⁷ let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

⁸ For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. ⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Special Music: "Beautiful Savior" Hand Bells

The Epistle Reading – Philippians 1:3-11 (Our partnership in the Gospel)

³ I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, ⁴ always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, ⁵ because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.

⁶ And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

⁷ It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel.

⁸ For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus.

⁹ And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, ¹⁰ so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, ¹¹ filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.





Children's Sermon: Pastor Dave

The Gospel

Pastor: The Holy Gospel is written in the 20th chapter of St. Matthew beginning at the 1st verse.

(God is more generous than we realize)

People: Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

¹"For the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard.

² After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard.

³ And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴ and to them he said, 'You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.'

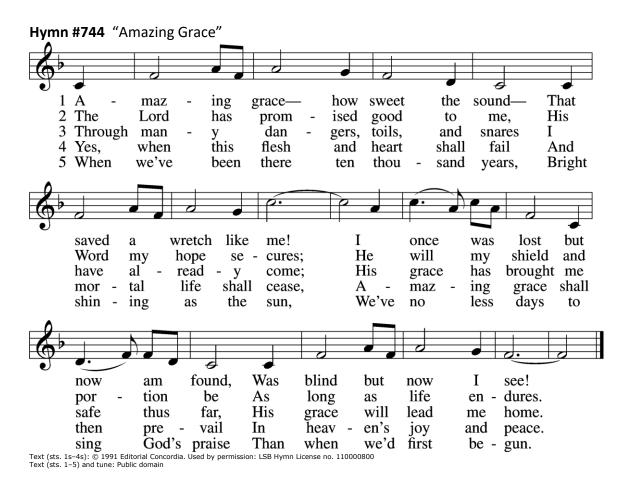
- ⁵So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same.
- ⁶ And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?'
 - ⁷They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You go into the vineyard too.'
- ⁸ And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.'
 - ⁹ And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius.
- ¹⁰ Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius.
 - ¹¹ And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house,
- ¹² saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.'
- ¹³ But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius?
 - ¹⁴ Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you.
 - ¹⁵ Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?'
 - ¹⁶ So the last will be first, and the first last."

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.



Sermon: "Good, Better, Best" Philippians 1:10 Pastor Haara

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 Richard Seedroff
Peace & comfort for the family of Mike Stroud, brother of Robert Stroud
Peace & comfort for the family of David Leathers, friend of Cindy Szczesny
Successful cancer treatment for Walt Nea
Successful cancer treatment for Barfolome
Successful treatments & healing for Adam, nephew of the Kelp's
Healing for Julie Granzin, friend of Deb Haver
Successful surgery & healing for Taylor Winn

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.

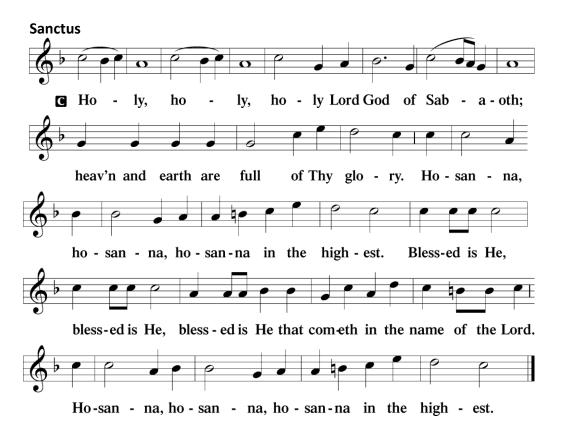
Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You holy

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:



The Words of Institution

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was

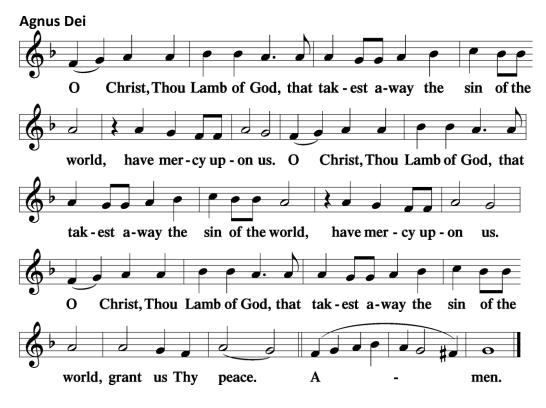
betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink 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



Distribution



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.



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 and in honor of the birthdays of Bob Garrett and Irene Davis

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.

<u>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.</u>

Continued Prayers

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

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

Ashley Lakes, friend of the Hynick family

Candy Hartley, friend and mother of Kathy Begley's son-in-law.

Richard Steinbrueck

Chris Hudacek, fiancé of Erika Trlak

Stephanie Winn

Joan Crouse

Battling with Cancer or Serious Illness

Ricardo Gonzalez, friend of the Hynick family

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: Kerry & Heather Drake, Nicole

Monday: Taryn Drucker, Josh, Vera, Miles & Luke

Tuesday: Mario Duenas Wed: Neoda Dumke

Thurs: Felton & Carol Dunnehoo Friday: Col Irv & Franci Dupre

Saturday: David Ervast

PRAYERS FOR OUR SCHOOL STUDENTS & FAMILIES

Sunday Vernonica, Aliana, Ava Clarke

Monday: Kalib Connell

Tuesday: Carolina, Ezekiel, Janelle, Natalia & Sophia Cordova Wed: Ariella, Aaliyah, Emanuel & Josiah Cordova

Thurs: Allison & Alliya Cottrell

Friday: Liberty & Emmett Coughlin

Saturday: Gabriel Cox