

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 24, 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.

A Time for Praise

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

Hymn: "Here I Am To Worship"

Light of the world

You stepped down into darkness

Opened my eyes let me see

Beauty that made

This heart adore You

Hope of a life spent with You

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So here I am to worship

Here I am to bow down

Here I am to say that You're my God

And You're altogether lovely

Altogether worthy

Altogether wonderful to me

King of all days
Oh so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly You came
To the earth You created
All for love's sake became poor

CHORUS

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Jesus, Name Above All Names

Jesus, name above all names
Beautiful Savior, glorious Lord
Emmanuel, God is with us,
Blessed Redeemer living Word. *Repeat*

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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.

Children’s Message Song: “This Little Gospel Light of Mine”

This little Gospel light of mine,
I’m going to let it shine;
This little Gospel light of mine,
I’m going to let it shine;
This little Gospel light of mine,
I’m going to let it shine,
Let it shine all the time,
Let it shine

All around the neighborhood
I’m going to let it shine;
All around the neighborhood
I’m going to let it shine;
All around the neighborhood
I’m going to let it shine,
Let it shine all the time,
Let it shine.

Children’s Message: Pastor Dave

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.**

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.’

⁵ So 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.'

⁸And 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.'

⁹And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius.

¹⁰Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius.

¹¹And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house,

¹²saying, '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.'

¹³But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius?'

¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you.

¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?'

¹⁶So 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 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: #744 "Amazing Grace"

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

Offerings are gathered

Prayer of the Church

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

(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: Seek Ye First

Seek ye first the kingdom of God,
And His righteousness;
And all these things shall be added unto you,
Allelu, alleluia.

Ask and it shall be given unto you,
Seek and ye shall find,
knock and the door shall be opened unto you,
Allelu, alleluia.

Man does not live by bread alone,
But by every word,
That proceeds from the mouth of the Lord.
Allelu, alleluia.

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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 “All The People Said Amen”

Chorus:

And all the people said amen whoa
And all the people said amen
Give thanks to the Lord for His love never ends
And all the people said amen

Verse:

You are not alone if you are lonely
When you feel afraid you're not the only
We are all the same in need of mercy
To be forgiven and be free
It's all you got to lean on
But thank God it's all you need

Chorus

And all the people said amen

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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 the birthdays of Bob Garrett and Irene Davis

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
 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: Veronica, 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