

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost – LWML Sunday
October 1, 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: Come, Now Is the Time to Worship

Chorus

Come, now is the time to worship

Come, now is the time to give your heart.

Come, just as you are to worship

Come, just as you are before your God, Come

One day, ev'ry tongue will confess You are God

One day, ev'ry knee will bow.

Still, the greatest treasure remains

for those who gladly choose You now.

Chorus

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"Lord, I Lift Your Name"

Lord I lift Your name on high

Lord I love to sing Your praises

I'm so glad You're in my life

I'm so glad You came to save us.

You came from heaven to earth
To show the way
From the earth to the cross
My debt to pay
From the cross to the grave
From the grave to the sky
Lord I lift Your name on high

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Confession and Absolution

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord

People: who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

People: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore, You are feared.

Pastor: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: god, be merciful to me, a sinner.

(Silent reflection)

People: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

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 – 1 Peter 2:4-10

⁴As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, ⁵you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

⁶For it stands in Scripture: "Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

⁷So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone," ⁸and "A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense."

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

Pastor: The Holy Gospel is written in the 11th chapter of St. Matthew beginning at the 25th verse.

People: Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

²⁵At that time Jesus declared, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will.

²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

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

Chorus

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.

Chorus

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Sermon – Pastor Haara

Offerings are gathered

Prayer of the Church

The Prayers

Peace & comfort for the family of Charles Short, previous Organist for Immanuel

Peace & comfort for the family of Barbara Damron, mother of Karen Roberts

Healing for Nancy Christianson

(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: Change My Heart Oh God

Chorus

Change my heart oh God

Make it ever true

Change my heart oh God

May I be like You

You are the potter

I am the clay

Mold me and make me

This is what I pray

Chorus

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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 "Awesome God

Refrain

OUR GOD IS AN AWESOME GOD.
HE REIGNS FROM HEAVEN ABOVE
WITH WISDOM, POWER, AND LOVE
OUR GOD IS AN AWESOME GOD.

Oh, when He rolls up His sleeves
He ain't just puttin' on the Ritz.
OUR GOD IS AN AWESOME GOD.
There's thunder in His footsteps
And lightning in His fists
OUR GOD IS AN AWESOME GOD.
And the Lord He wasn't jokin'
When He kicked 'em out of Eden.
It wasn't for no reason that He shed His blood.
His return is very close and so you better be believin' that
OUR GOD IS AN AWESOME GOD.

Refrain

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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 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

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

Adam, nephew of the Kelp's

Julie Granzin, friend of Deb Haver

Taylor Winn

Chris Hudacek, fiancé of Erika Trlak

Stephanie Winn

Joan Crouse

Battling with Cancer or Serious Illness

Walt Nea
Barfolome
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: Ray Eydmann
Monday: Jeff & Jan Fabry, Brittany
Tuesday: Tammie Farnsworth, Michaela
Wed: Michael & Danielle Farnsworth,
Jacob, Nicholas, Emma
Thurs: Doug Felton
Friday: Tom Finger
Saturday: Austin & Helena Flynn, Jane

PRAYERS FOR OUR SCHOOL STUDENTS & FAMILIES

Sunday Natalie & Sadie Craig
Monday: Rebecca & Robert Crosby
Tuesday: Tien Cueto
Wed: Chloey Davis
Thurs: Adelynn & Jayden DeLuna
Friday: Zamora, Zia' Myda, Zoie Downes
Saturday: Riley Duink