

# IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 8, 2023—10:15am

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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: "Holy Ground"

We are standing on holy ground  
And I know that there are angels all around  
Let us praise Jesus now,  
We are standing in His presence on holy ground

## THY WORD

*Refrain:*

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet  
And a light unto my path.  
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And a light unto my path.

When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way,  
Still you're there right beside me.  
Nothing will I fear as long as you are near.  
Please be near me to the end.

*Refrain*

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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:            Saul traveled to Damascus

**People:**            **And a bright light shown around him and Jesus spoke from heaven.**

Pastor:            Jesus said, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?"

**People:**            **"Who are you Lord," Saul replied**

Pastor:            Saul did not know this Jesus who spoke from heaven.

**People:**            **He thought he knew the teacher who claimed to be the Son of God.**

Pastor:            From that point on Paul wanted to know Jesus.

**People:**            **He wanted to know him and the power of the resurrection that enabled Him to speak from heaven.**

Pastor:            He wanted to know Jesus and the power of the cross which forgave him.

**People:**            **To some it is foolishness. To Paul it became the power of God.**

Pastor:            Sisters and brothers in Christ, as children of God, our hope is in the Lord, yet in life we often do not put Jesus first. We get trapped in our past and forget that He is the one who speaks from heaven and speaks to each of us. We forget the power of the cross and how it changes people. Help us Lord to make You our priority.

*(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 forget what it means to live by faith. We place things and people before You Lord. 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. As Paul saw the light of glory, may your Spirits rise in joy experiencing the grace of Jesus.

**Children's Message Song "Down in My Heart"**

I have the joy, joy, joy, joy,  
Down in my heart, down in my heart,  
Down in my heart.  
I have the joy, joy, joy, joy,  
Down in my heart, down in my heart to stay.

I have the love of Jesus, love of Jesus  
Down in my heart, down in my heart,  
Down in my heart  
I have the love of Jesus, love of Jesus,  
Down in my heart, down in my heart to stay.

**Children's Message:** Pastor Dave

**The Epistle Reading – Philippians 3:4-14** (*Paul's priority is knowing Jesus.*)

<sup>4</sup> though I myself have reasons for such confidence.

If someone else thinks they have reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup> circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup> as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for righteousness based on the law, faultless.

<sup>7</sup> But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ.

<sup>8</sup> What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup> and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith.

<sup>10</sup> I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup> and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.

<sup>12</sup> Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me.

<sup>13</sup> Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, <sup>14</sup> I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**The Gospel**

Pastor: The Holy Gospel is written in the 21<sup>st</sup> chapter of St. Matthew beginning at the 33<sup>rd</sup> verse. (*The parable of the Landowner and Vineyard*)

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

<sup>33</sup> “Listen to another parable: There was a landowner who planted a vineyard. He put a wall around it, dug a winepress in it and built a watchtower. Then he rented the vineyard to some farmers and moved to another place.

<sup>34</sup> When the harvest time approached, he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his fruit.

<sup>35</sup> “The tenants seized his servants; they beat one, killed another, and stoned a third.

<sup>36</sup> Then he sent other servants to them, more than the first time, and the tenants treated them the same way.

<sup>37</sup> Last of all, he sent his son to them. ‘They will respect my son,’ he said.

<sup>38</sup> “But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, ‘This is the heir. Come, let’s kill him and take his inheritance.’

<sup>39</sup> So they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him.

<sup>40</sup> “Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?”

<sup>41</sup> “He will bring those wretches to a wretched end,” they replied, “and he will rent the vineyard to other tenants, who will give him his share of the crop at harvest time.”

<sup>42</sup> Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures: “‘The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes’?”

<sup>43</sup> “Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.

<sup>44</sup> Anyone who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; anyone on whom it falls will be crushed.”

<sup>45</sup> When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard Jesus’ parables, they knew he was talking about them.

<sup>46</sup> They looked for a way to arrest him, but they were afraid of the crowd because the people held that he was a prophet.

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: #570 "Just As I am, Without One Plea" Verses 1-4



1 Just as I am, with - out one plea But that Thy  
2 Just as I am and wait - ing not To rid my  
3 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout With man - y a  
4 Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind; Sight, rich - es,



blood was shed for me And that Thou bidd'st me come to  
soul of one dark blot, To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each  
con - flict, man - y a doubt, Fight - ings and fears with - in, with -  
heal - ing of the mind, Yea, all I need, in Thee to



Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

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Sermon – "Everything Compared to Jesus" Pastor Dave *Philippians 3:4-14*

Offerings are gathered

Prayer of the Church

## The Prayers

Successful cancer treatment for Dan McSpadden, friend of Deb Haver

Successful surgery for baby Brooks, and strength & comfort for parents, great-nephew of Christine Garrett

Healing from stroke for Camilla Yost, friend of Jackie Hahn

Strength & comfort from broken shoulder for Marilyn Hayden, (in hospice) mother of Camilla Yost

*(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: "Give Thanks"

Give thanks with a grateful heart

Give thanks to the Holy One

Give thanks because He's given

Jesus Christ His Son

*Repeat*

And now let the weak say I am strong

Let the poor say I am rich

Because of what the Lord has done for us

And now let the weak say I am strong

Let the poor say I am rich

Because of what the Lord has done for us

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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 "Hallelujah! Praise Ye the Lord!"

Hallelu! Hallelu! Halelu! Hallelujah!

Praise ye the Lord!

Hallelu! Hallelu! Hallelu! Hallelujah!

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Praise ye the Lord!

English & Hebrew. Composed by Louis Lewandowski (1821-1894).

### 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 praise to God for life, health & faith by Peter & Sarah Haupt and in honor of the birthday of Isabel Haupt.**

*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 & 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 fills 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**

Taylor Winn

Chris Hudacek, fiancé of Erika Trlak

Stephanie Winn

Joan Crouse

### **Battling with Cancer or Serious Illness**

Walt Nea

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: James Ford  
Monday: Pastor Kent & Arlene Fuqua  
Tuesday: Bob & Christine Garrett  
Wed: Sandra Goode  
Thurs: Alecia Grever, Macayla, Noah, Matthew  
Friday: Patti & Scott Grice, Kaitlyn, Kaylee  
Saturday: Martha Guerra

**PRAYERS FOR OUR SCHOOL STUDENTS & FAMILIES**

Sunday Aiden Dunnigan  
Monday: John & Peter Ebsworth-Llavona  
Tuesday: Braxton Edwards  
Wed: Adrian & Ayana Ernay  
Thurs: Jonah Eschenfelder  
Friday: Eugenia & Martina Fernandez-Riveron  
Saturday: Anthony Ferrante