

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 15, 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

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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“God Will Make a Way”

God will make a way
Where there seems to be no way
He works in ways we cannot see
He will make a way for me
He will be my guide
Hold me closely to His side
With love and strength
For each new day
He will make a way
He will make a way

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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 Song: "Jesus Loves Me"

Jesus Loves me, this I know,
For the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong:
They are weak, but He is strong.

Chorus

Yes, Jesus loves me, Yes, Jesus Loves, me,
Yes, Jesus loves me, The Bible tells me so

Jesus loves me he who died,
Heavn's gates to open wide;
He will wash away my sin,
Let His little child come in.

Chorus

Children's Message: Pastor Kent

The Old Testament Reading – Isaiah 25:6-9

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.

⁷And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations.

⁸ He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken.

⁹It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the LORD; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

Pastor: The Holy Gospel is written in the 22nd chapter of St. Matthew beginning at the 1st verse

People: Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

¹And again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, ²"The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, ³and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come.

⁴Again he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, "See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.'"

⁵But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them.

⁷The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city.

⁸Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy.

⁹Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.'

¹⁰And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹"But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment.

¹²And he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless.

¹³Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen.”

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: “Days of Elijah”

These are the days of Elijah
Declaring the Word of the Lord
And these are the days
Of Your servant Moses
Righteousness being restored
And though these are days
Of great trials
Of famine and darkness and sword
Still we are the voice
In the desert crying
Prepare ye the way of the Lord

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Behold He comes
Riding on the clouds
Shining like the sun
At the trumpet call
So lift your voice
It's the year of Jubilee
And out of Zion's hill
Salvation comes

And these are the days of Ezekiel
The dry bones becoming as flesh
And these are the days
Of Your servant David
Rebuilding a temple of praise
And these are the days of the harvest
The fields are as white in the world
And we are the labourers
In Your vineyard
Declaring the Word of the Lord

CHORUS

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Offerings are gathered

Prayer of the Church

The Prayers

Peace & comfort for the family of Marilyn Hayden, mother of friend of Jacquelyn Hahn

Successful cancer treatment for Beleja Rangel, friend of Kathy Sanabria

Strength & healing for Jack Proeschel, father of Tom Proeschel

Healing for Shirlee Glass, mother of Lise Seedroff

(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: “Eat This Bread”

Eat this bread, drink this cup,

Come to Me and never be hungry.

Eat this bread, drink this cup,

trust in Me and you will not thirst

Repeat

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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 “10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)”

Chorus

Bless the Lord O my soul

O my soul

Worship His holy name

Sing like never before

O my soul

I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning

It's time to sing Your song again

Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me

Let me be singing when the evening comes

Chorus

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger

Your name is great and Your heart is kind

For all Your goodness I will keep on singing

Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

Chorus

And on that day when my strength is failing

The end draws near and my time has come

Still my soul will sing Your praise unending

Ten thousand years and then forevermore

Chorus

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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 memory of Vera, Walt & Peggy Nea, by Walt Nea, Jr.

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

Strength, comfort & peace for all those affected by the fires in Hawaii

For Pastor Dave, 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

Megan, friend of Matt Murphy
Baby Brooks, and strength & comfort for parents, great-nephew of Christine Garrett
Camilla Yost, friend of Jackie Hahn
Taylor Winn
Chris Hudacek, fiancé of Erika Trlak
Stephanie Winn
Joan Crouse

Battling with Cancer or Serious Illness

Dan McSpadden, friend of Deb Haver
Walt Nea
Barfolome
Ricardo Gonzalez, friend of the Hynick family
DeeAnn Cook, sister-in-law of Steve & Pat Cook
Christine Van Etten
Rich Richards
Barbara LaVere
Cathy Nichols with terminal cancer, mother of Cathy Wilson
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: Cathy Gustavus
Monday: Ian Habeck
Tuesday: Larry & Gala Habeck
Wed: Sue Hague
Thurs: Jacquelyn Hahn
Friday: Ciera Hall, Ryan
Saturday: Donna Hall

PRAYERS FOR OUR SCHOOL STUDENTS & FAMILIES

Sunday Nyah Flemister
Monday: Amir & Asiel Flores
Tuesday: Willie & Myles Folks
Wed: Peyton & Wesley Gadson
Thurs: Aamirah Gamble
Friday: Julian Garcia
Saturday: Sebastian Garcia

The Call Committee thanks everyone that took part in Pastor Andy's visit this past Tuesday and Wednesday. Pastor Andy had the opportunity to meet with church and school staff, tour the church and school campuses and spend time with some of our key personnel. The finale - the potluck dinner was amazing! Close to 100 of our Immanuel family attended and Pastor Andy made it a point to speak to nearly each one. We continue to lift Pastor Andy and his family in prayer as they prayerfully consider our call.

Your Call Committee,

Pat Cook, Kerry Drake, Alecia Grever, Jackie Hahn, Jose Lopez, Pastor Miguel, Lynda Smith, Judy Steinbrueck, Susan Tumlin.

Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord. Psalm 27:14

Triune God, we thank You for the many blessings and mercies You have bestowed on this congregation during the Call Process. Through the Holy Spirit we have grown in Your Word and been drawn closer as brothers and sisters in Christ. We humbly ask for You to come near Pastor Andy and his family as they pray for Your will to be done and for You to receive all the Glory. We patiently await an answer to our prayers in accordance with Your perfect timing. Reveal what is in our hearts and make us ready to receive Your answer to our call when it comes. We pray these things in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen