

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

(Divine Setting Four)

August 29, 2021—10am

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

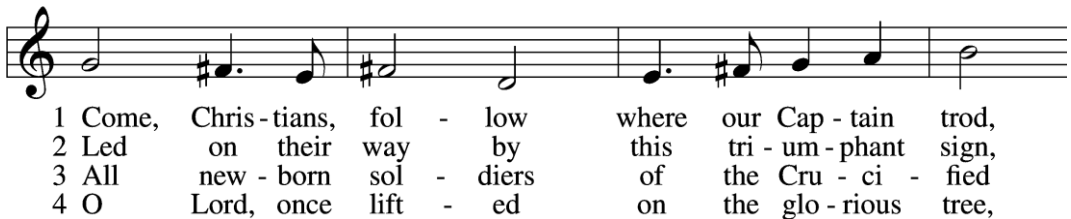
- Have I been baptized in the Name of the Triune God, Father, Son & Holy Spirit?
- Do I believe that I am a sinful being without hope for eternal life except in mercy of Jesus Christ?
- Do I believe in Jesus as My Savior?
- Do I believe that Jesus Christ is personally present in communion with His body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

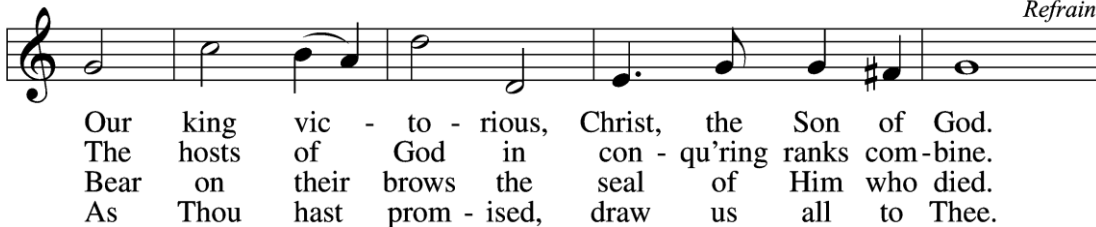
Prelude

Hymn: # 837 Lift High the Cross

Refrain



Refrain



5 Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. Refrain

6 So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory! Refrain

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The Invocation

Matthew 28:19

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

♪ People: Amen.

The Confession of Sins

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 in 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.

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

The Word of Absolution

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. (Please be seated.)**

Introit

P: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

All: 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.

Kyrie



☐ Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

The Gloria in Excelsis



- 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro- claimed at Je-sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa-ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

The Salutation

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

The Collect for The Day

Pastor: Let us pray:

People: **O God, the source of all that is just and good, nourish in us every virtue and bring to completion every good intent that we may grow in grace and bring forth the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

People: **Amen.**

The Old Testament Reading – Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

¹ "And now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the rules that I am teaching you, and do them, that you may live, and go in and take possession of the land that the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving you.

² You shall not add to the word that I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you.

⁶ Keep them and do them, for that will be your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.'

⁷ For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is to us, whenever we call upon him?

⁸ And what great nation is there, that has statutes and rules so righteous as all this law that I set before you today?

⁹“Only take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things that your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. Make them known to your children and your children's children—

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Gradual

All: Fear the Lord, you His saints, for those who fear Him lack nothing! Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivers him out of them all.

Epistle Reading – Ephesians 6:10-20

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might.

¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.

¹² For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

¹³ Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.

¹⁴ Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵ and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace.

¹⁶ In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; ¹⁷ and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, ¹⁸ praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, ¹⁹ and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia and Verse



☐ Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



☐ These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



☐ Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Gospel

Pastor: The Holy Gospel is written in the 7th chapter of St. Mark beginning at the 14th verse.

♪ **People: Glory be to Thee, O Lord!**

¹⁴And he called the people to him again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵There is nothing outside a person that by going into him can defile him, but the things that come out of a person are what defile him."

¹⁷And when he had entered the house and left the people, his disciples asked him about the parable.

¹⁸And he said to them, "Then are you also without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile him, ¹⁹since it enters not his heart but his stomach, and is expelled?" (Thus, he declared all foods clean.)

²⁰And he said, "What comes out of a person is what defiles him.

²¹For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, ²²coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness.

²³All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

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 at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And 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.

Hymn #828 We Are Called to Stand Together



1 We are called to stand to - geth - er With the saints of
2 Those whom Je - sus called a - pos - tles Jour - neyed with Him
3 Through the in - ter - ven - ing a - ges Round the world the
4 Now in man - y tongues and cul - tures Songs of cel - e -
5 To each com - ing gen - er - a - tion Tell the truth, per -



a - ges past, With the pa - tri - archs and proph - ets
side by side, Heard His teach - ing, felt His pow - er,
Gos - pel spread: Faith - ful her - als took the mes - sage,
bra - tion ring; Mil - lions who con - fess our Sav - ior
suade, ex - plain, Till the time when time is end - ed,



In the faith they once held fast; Prom - is - es and
Saw the way He lived and died; Then the news of
Guid - ed where the Spir - it led; So the bod - y
Hon - or Him as Lord and King And, for cour - age,
Till the Sav - ior comes a - gain— Till the saints are



hopes they trea - sured Now we find ful - filled at last!
res - ur - rec - tion They de - liv - ered far and wide.
grew in stat - ure, Serv - ing Christ, the liv - ing head.
grace and guid - ance Ev - 'ry day their prayers they bring,
all u - nit - ed Un - der Christ's e - ter - nal reign!

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Sermon – THE CORPORATE NATURE OF THE CHURCH--SERMON SERIES:

Week 1: What is the Church?

Week 2: What is the Corporate Nature of the Church?

I. What have we learned through the Covid epidemic? (Todd Peperkorn)

- There is no substitute for being there.
- We have to act with charity toward our fellow congregations. “Harmony in the church cannot last unless Pastor’s and churches mutually overlook and pardon many things.” (Melanchthon)
- Unity is more important than getting your way in matters of adiaphora.
- Being clear and straightforward matters.
- Do what you can to connect however is possible.

II. Why is worshipping together (Corporate) so important?

- Biblical witness to Corporate nature of church. – a physical. Not imaginary gathering of God’s people. Hebrews “lettuce passages”

4:14 Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.

4:16 “Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.”

10:21 and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²² let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

13:15 “Through Him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge His name.

Revelation 19:7 "Let us rejoice and exult and give Him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His Bride has made herself ready;"

B. Specific biblical descriptions of the church

Acts 2:43-47 ⁴³ And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴ And all who believed were together and had all things in common. ⁴⁵ And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶ And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

Colossians 3:12-17 ¹² Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, ¹³ bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴ And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

C. Highest form of fellowship in the church

The Prayers

Peace & comfort for the family of Joanne Stange, friend of Pastor and Tammie Farnsworth

Peace & comfort for the family of Barbara Graverson, sister of Scott Graverson

Peace & comfort for the families of service men killed in Afghanistan

Healing for Ruel McMullen, father of Pat McMullen

Healing for Andrew Habeck

Continued healing for Sara Plumb

Safe travel for Duane Zellmer

(Please help us keep our attendance numbers accurate by filling out the attendance cards and putting in basket on the way out.)

The Lord's Prayer

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 Words of Institution

Matthew 26:26-28

P: 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."

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

The Benedicamus and Benediction

P: Let us bless the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

P: 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.

C: **Amen.**

Wait for Ushers to excuse you. Please leave nothing in the pews. Place pencils, attendance card and offering in the basket in front of the Baptismal Font. Please quietly return to your cars.

Communion Distribution (during final hymn)

The Closing Hymn #924 Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing



1 Lord, dis - miss us with Your bless - ing, Fill our hearts with
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion For Your Gos - pel's
3 Sav - ior, when Your love shall call us From our strug - gling



joy and peace; Let us each, Your love pos - sess - ing,
joy - ful sound. May the fruits of Your sal - va - tion
pil - grim way, Let not fear of death ap - pall us,



Tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace. O re - fresh us;
In our hearts and lives a - bound. Ev - er faith - ful,
Glad Your sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,



O re - fresh us, Trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.
ev - er faith - ful To Your truth may we be found.
may we ev - er Reign with You in end - less day.

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Altar flowers are placed to the glory of God

Services will be live-streamed and a recording of service will be posted by the end of the day.

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

Peace & comfort for the family of Daryl Valent, friend of Seth Hardesty

Peace & comfort for the family of Betty Zurawski, cousin of Pastor Farnsworth

Peace & comfort for the family of Rev. Martin Platzer of Hartwell, GA

For all the people of Haiti affected by the earthquake and flood

For all our service men deployed to Afghanistan

Thanksgiving for the birth of baby to Erica, niece of Pastor Farnsworth

For the people of Cuba and Afghanistan

Employment for those struggling to find a job

Healing

Carl Crouse, brother-in-law of Joan Crouse
Jeff St. Amant, former neighbor of Rob Ritter
Craig Springer, brother-in-law of Bev Lowe
Chris, husband of Cathy Wilson

Battling with Cancer or Serious Illness

Julie, friend of Bryan & Judy Becknel
Farmer (Bobby) Session, friend of Lherif Loraamm
Betty, friend of Bryan & Judy Becknel
Yvonne Lenzen, grandmother of Grace Sierra
Gloria McNail, aunt of Susan Tumlin
Cheryl Ford
Marie Walser, cousin of Cathy Wilson
Pat, suffering with dementia, Aunt of Beth Hutches
Joann, friend of Beth Hutches
Anona, friend of Susan Tumlin
Jim Nichols, father of Cathy Wilson
Carol, sister of Trish Smith
Chad Pry, boyfriend of Cheryl, daughter of Joan Crouse
Cathy Nichols with terminal cancer, mother of Cathy Wilson
Raymond, brother of Barbara LaVere
David, brother of Larry Habeck
Barbara LaVere
Tracy, cousin of Jacquelyn Hahn
Lisa Steinbrueck, niece of the Steinbrueck's
Kathy, daughter of Walt Braudis
Keith Stallings
Alan Sparks
Don Swisher, step-father of Larry Habeck
Paul Braudis, brother of Walt
Bill, (w/brain cancer) uncle of Brian Littrel
David Parkinson, brother of Betty Loraamm
Tom Meyferth

PRAYERS FOR THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY

Safety for... and strength for families:

Logan Crouse, US Army, great-nephew of Joan Crouse, deployed to Afghanistan
Zach, son of friend of Beth Hutches, deployed to Afghanistan
Josh Murphy at Army camp
Samuel Drake, Captain stationed at Holloman AFB in Alamogordo, NM, son of Kerry Drake
Xander Ritter stationed at Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, CA, (USMC)
Matthew Albers, Major in USAF and in command in Sacramento, CA, son of Deb Albers
Carson Crouse, (army) great-nephew of Joan Crouse, stationed in Georgia
Gavin Mattson, para-rescue man, stationed in the Panhandle of FL, grandson of Edith Mattson
Jeremy Brockmeier (USMC) & family, stationed in South Korea, son of Jerry and Janice Brockmeier

PRAYERS FOR OUR FAMILIES

Sunday: Troy & Stephanie Winn, Troy Jr., Thomas, Tyler, Taylor
Monday: Blaine Zellmer
Tuesday: Duane Zellmer
Wed: Del Zimmerman
Thursday: Jackie Abbate
Friday: Donna Ackerson
Saturday: Megan Ackroyd, Josef, Madison, Johanna, Isabella

PRAYERS FOR OUR SCHOOL STUDENTS & FAMILIES

Sunday Jaxson & Jayce Schreier
Monday: Leah & Stephen Schultz
Tuesday: Aniah & Kyla Shannon
Wed: Kailou & Lewis Sherman
Thurs: Benjamin Sierra
Friday: Blake & Gavin Simmons
Saturday MyeShawn Singfield

**PRAYER FOR THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST**

Gracious God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, in Him You have given us the words of eternal life. Increase our desire for His companionship and make us bold to confess Him as the Holy One of God; for He lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.