



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
WATERLOO, ILLINOIS

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Third Grade Celebration



Saturday, September 19, 2020 – 5:30 pm
Sunday, September 20, 2020 – 7:45 am & 10:15 am

“Making more and stronger disciples of Jesus Christ
through the power of the Holy Spirit.”

Welcome to Immanuel!

Please turn off your cell phones and/or paging devices. Thank you!

If you are a guest, please fill out a guests' card located in the cardholder on the back of each pew and then place it in the offering plate. We look forward to meeting you!

Members, please help us love and care for one another by filling out an attendance card. Remember to include all the members of your family who are present in worship today. If you are communing, please check in the appropriate place. Thank you for filling out an Attendance-Communion card every time you attend Church.

We celebrate Holy Communion today! In this Supper of our Lord we receive the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the earthly forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith. This Holy Communion is also a sign of our shared confession of the Christian faith. If you have not communed with us before, please speak with one of our pastors before doing so.

During the communion service: If you're not able to drink wine, the lighter colored glasses in the center of the tray of individual cups contain water with a drop of wine. These special glasses allow communicants to celebrate the Lord's Supper according to Christ's institution, but have a very small amount of alcohol.

Worship at Immanuel is...

Christ Centered. We believe that at the heart of worship is the Good News that God has rescued us from our sins through Jesus' death on the cross and rising to life again.

Trinitarian. We believe that the object of worship is the only true God—The Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Multigenerational. We believe that it is a great blessing for family members to worship together. Taking seriously Jesus' words, "Let the little children come to me and so not forbid them" (Mark 10:14), we encourage children to worship with their parents and grandparents and provide resources such as children's bulletins and children's sermons.

Eclectic. Eclectic means, "selecting what seems best of various sources." We believe that we should strive to use the best hymns and practices that the church has to offer. Our worship may include hymns written 500 years ago as well as pieces written 5 months ago.

In preparation for worship we ask that you silence your cell phones and/or paging devices. Thank you. The time before service begins can be a good time to pray and prepare your heart and mind for worship. You will find helpful prayers on the inside cover of the hymnal located in the pew in front of you.

Divine Service, Setting One

(Lutheran Service Book, pg. 151)

Preservice Music [10:15 am – Agape Ringers, “What a Friend We Have in Jesus,” arr. by P.S. Cota and “Simple Gifts,” arr. by P. S. Cota]

Bells / Welcome

Opening Hymn, LSB 557, “Seek Where You May to Find a Way”

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- 1 Seek where you may
To find a way
That leads to your salvation.
My heart is stilled,
On Christ I build,
He is the one foundation.
His Word is sure,
His works endure;
He overthrows
All evil foes;
Through Him I more than conquer.**

- 2 Seek whom you may
To be your stay,
None can redeem his brother.
All helpers failed;
This man prevailed,
The God-man and none other,
Our Servant-King
Of whom we sing.
We're justified
Because He died,
The guilty being guiltless.**

- 3 **Seek Him alone
Who did atone,
 Who did your souls deliver.
O seek Him first,
All you who thirst
 For grace that fails you never.
In ev'ry need
Seek Him indeed;
 To ev'ry heart
 He will impart
His blessings without measure.**
- 4 **My heart's delight,
My crown most bright,
 O Christ, my joy forever.
Not wealth nor pride
Nor fortune's tide
 Our bonds of love shall sever.
You are my Lord;
Your precious Word
 Shall guide my way
 And help me stay
Forever in Your presence.**

Please stand

Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.** (Matthew 28:19b; [18:20])

Confession and Absolution

(1 John 1:8-9)

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left**

undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. (John 20:19-23)

C Amen.

+ Service of the Word +

Introit of the Day (Psalm 116:12-13, 15-16; antiphon: v. 17)

I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call on the name of the LORD.

What shall I render to the LORD
for all his benefits to me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the LORD.

Precious in the sight of the LORD
is the death of his saints.

O LORD, I am your servant;
I am your servant, the son of your maidservant. You have loosed my bonds.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call on the name of the LORD.

(Sunday only) **Kyrie**



A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



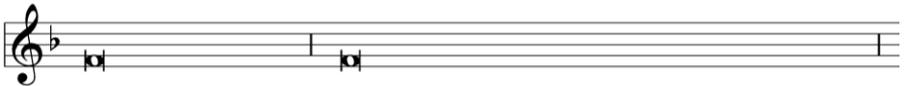
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

(Sunday only) **Gloria in Excelsis**



A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



C Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:

We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.
 Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:
 You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.
 You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.
 For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,
 You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,
 in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you. (2 Timothy 4:22)

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

All: Lord God, heavenly Father, since we cannot stand before You relying on anything we have done, help us trust in Your abiding grace and live according to Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated

(10:15 am) **Agape Ringers**, “For the Beauty of the Earth,” arr. by P. S. Cota

Old Testament Reading, Isaiah 55:6-9

⁶“Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; ⁷let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. ⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. ⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading, Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30

¹²I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, ¹³so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. ¹⁴And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear. . . . ¹⁹for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, ²⁰as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. ²¹For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. ²³I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. ²⁴But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. ²⁵Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, ²⁶so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again. ²⁷Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. ²⁹For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, ³⁰engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Holy Gospel, Matthew 20:1-16

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 20th chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ ⁵So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. ⁶And 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.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Please be seated

Children’s Message (Parents of very young children may also come forward with their children.)

Hymn of the Day, *LSB* 827, “Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling”

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- 1 **Hark, the voice of Jesus calling,
“Who will go and work today?
Fields are white and harvests waiting—
Who will bear the sheaves away?”
Loud and long the Master calleth;
Rich reward He offers thee.
Who will answer, gladly saying,
“Here am I, send me, send me”?**

- 2 **Some take up His task in morning,
To their Lord responding soon;
Some are called in heat of midday,
Others late in afternoon;
Even as the sun is setting,
Some are sent into the fields,
There to gather in the bounty
That God’s Word so richly yields.**

- 3 **For as rain and snow from heaven
Water seeds in dusty soil,
Causing them to bud and flower,
Giving bread to those who toil;
So the Lord sends forth His promise,
Words of life and joy and peace—
Never void to Him returning,
Bearing fruit with great increase.**

- 4 **Hearken to the Lord whose coming
Marks the time when grace shall end,
When with His angelic reapers
He in glory shall descend.
Soon the night, the final harvest;
Soon the time for work shall cease.
Then the souls His grace has garnered
Shall enjoy His Sabbath peace.**

Sermon, Matthew 20:1-16, “Scandalous Grace”

Third Grade Celebration

The Third Grade students and their parents will gather at the front of the church around the Pastor as the congregation sings the hymn below.

LSB #973, “Thy Word Is a Lamp”

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Refrain



Thy Word is a lamp un-to my feet And a light un-to my path.



1 When I feel a - fraid, think I've lost my way,
2 I will not for - get Your love for me, and yet My



Still You're there right be - side me. And
heart for - ev - er is wan - der - ing.



noth - ing will I fear as long as You are near.
Je - sus, be my guide and hold me to Your side; *And Refrain*



Please be near me to the end. _____
I will love You to the end. _____

P Dear Parents, when you brought your children to be baptized, you and the children’s sponsors promised before God that you would bring them up in the Christian faith and that, when they increased in years, you would place into their hands the Holy Scriptures. This morning you have gathered before the assembled congregation to celebrate your child’s reception of a copy of Holy Scripture. Rejoice with me, therefore, as we witness this milestone in your child’s spiritual development. Children, when you were baptized, a white garment was given to you as a symbol of the righteousness of Christ, and a burning candle was given to you as a symbol of the light of Christ in your life. Now that you have learned to read, this is the time for you to receive your own copy of the Bible, God’s Word, so that you can continue to grow in Christ. Always read it and take it to

heart for what it is, God's Word of truth and promise.

(Here each third grade child present is given a copy of God's Word for themselves.)

P Parents will you help your children to read the Bible and understand it as much as God gives you the ability? Will you bring them faithfully to worship and help them participate in the educational programs of Immanuel that they may continue to grow in Christ?

Parents: We will, knowing that God will help us.

P Students, will you keep on growing in God's Word and always look to the Bible for answers to the questions you have about God and life?

Children: We will, knowing that God will help us.

P Members and friends of Immanuel Lutheran Church, will you support these parents and children, Bible students all, through your prayers and encouragement?

C **We will, even also as we pray to be faithful students of the Bible.**

P Then let us together learn more about our Savior so that we can tell this generation and the next what God has done for us. If that is your intention, let us all, parents, children and people alike, say "Amen!"

C **Amen.**

Please stand

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 the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

(1 Timothy 2:1-4)

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

P (*Special petitions...*) Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Into Your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

Offering (*You can place your offering in the plate in the narthex or mail it to the church anytime.*)

+ Service of the Sacrament +

In this Supper of our Lord we receive the true body and blood of Jesus Christ under the earthly forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith. Since this Holy Communion is also a sign of how we commonly confess the Christian faith, we welcome to the Lord's Table those who are confirmed members of congregations of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

Preface

P The Lord be with you. (2 Timothy 4:22)

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts. (Colossians 3:1)

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. (Psalm 136)

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Proper Preface

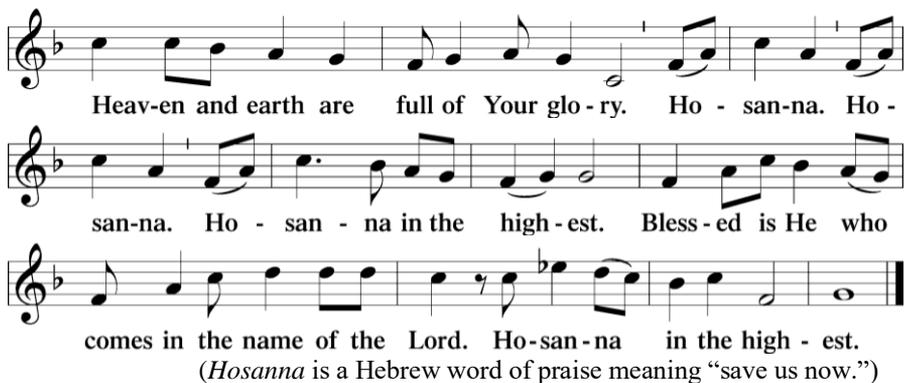
P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

(Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9)



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.
(Hosanna is a Hebrew word of praise meaning "save us now.")

The Lord's Prayer

(Matthew 6:9-13)

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.

Words of Our Lord (Matt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1 Cor 11:23-25)

Pax Domini

(John 20:19)

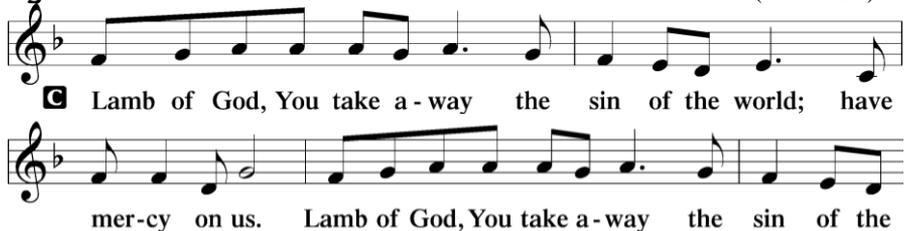
P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



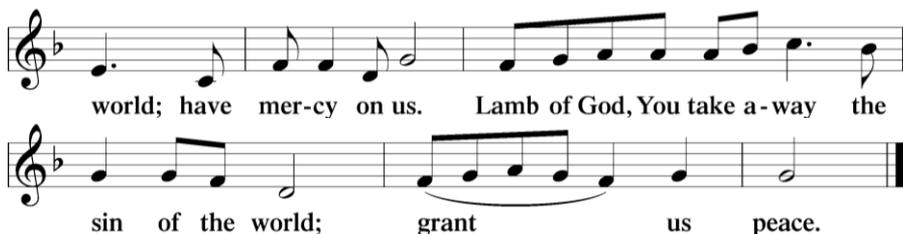
C A - men.

Agnus Dei

(John 1:29)



C Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the



Please be seated

Distribution Hymns

LSB 742, "For Me to Live Is Jesus"

- 1** For me to live is Jesus,
To die is gain for me;
So when my Savior pleases,
I meet death willingly.
- 2** For Christ, my Lord, my brother,
I leave this world so dim
And gladly seek another,
Where I shall be with Him.
- 3** My woes are nearly over,
Though long and dark the road;
My sin His merits cover,
And I have peace with God.
- 4** Lord, when my pow'rs are failing,
My breath comes heavily,
And words are unavailing,
O hear my sighs to Thee.
- 5** In my last hour, O grant me
A slumber soft and still,
No doubts to vex or haunt me,
Safe anchored in Thy will;
- 6** And so to Thee still cleaving
When death shall come to me,
I fall asleep believing
And wake in heav'n with Thee

LSB 617, "O Lord, We Praise Thee"

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- 1 O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and adore Thee,
In thanksgiving bow before Thee.
Thou with Thy body and Thy blood didst nourish
Our weak souls that they may flourish:
O Lord, have mercy!
May Thy body, Lord, born of Mary,
That our sins and sorrows did carry,
And Thy blood for us plead
In all trial, fear, and need:
O Lord, have mercy!**
- 2 Thy holy body into death was given,
Life to win for us in heaven.
No greater love than this to Thee could bind us;
May this feast thereof remind us!
O Lord, have mercy!
Lord, Thy kindness did so constrain Thee
That Thy blood should bless and sustain me.
All our debt Thou hast paid;
Peace with God once more is made:
O Lord, have mercy!**
- 3 May God bestow on us His grace and favor
That we follow Christ our Savior
And live together here in love and union
Nor despise this blest Communion!
O Lord, have mercy!
Let not Thy good Spirit forsake us;
Grant that heav'nly-minded He make us;
Give Thy Church, Lord, to see
Days of peace and unity:
O Lord, have mercy!**

Please stand

Dismissal

P Now may this... Go in peace.

C Amen.

Post-Communion Collect

P We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - - men.

Benediction

(Numbers 6:24-26)

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 A - - men.

Closing Hymn, *LSB* 738, “Lord of All Hopefulness”

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- 1 Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy:
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.**
- 2 Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
Be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.**
- 3 Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome, Your arms to embrace:
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.**
- 4 Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm:
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.**

Bells / Postlude

We invite you to take the service folder and announcements home with you as you leave today so you can see what's happening this week as well as meditate on the Scriptures, prayers, and hymns from today's service as you go through the week. You can also find helpful information on our church website: immanuelwaterloo.org.

Worship Helpers

Saturday, September 19, 2020 - 5:30 pm

Preacher - Rev. Merritt Demski
Server - Chuck Keller
Media - Kelley Keller

Pianist - Ron Jones
Acolyte - Charli Major

Sunday, September 20, 2020 - 7:45 am

Preacher - Rev. Merritt Demski
Server/Lector - Warren Frank
Acolytes - Autumn Whelan & Hunter Kettler
Ushers - Bill Stueve, Charles Lloyd, Kevin & Alex Whelan

Celebrant - Rev. Dr. Tony Troup
Music Director - Ann Frank
Media - Cathy Whelan

Sunday, September 20, 2020 - 10:15 am

Preacher - Rev. Merritt Demski
Music Director - Ann Frank
Acolytes - Addie & Ben Janssen
Lector - Jen Janssen
Ushers - Rodney Clamors, Paul & Jenna Hoeffken, Evan & Wyatt Fink

Celebrant - Rev. Dr. Tony Troup
Server - Howard Shive
Media & Facebook Live - Greg Hoeffken

Ushers - Sunday, September 27, 2020

7:45 am - Jason & Nick Valerius, Tyler Cooley
10:15 am - Alan Stumpf, Ian Schrader, Paul Broske Sr., Tom McDaniel

Acolytes - Sunday, September 27, 2020

Saturday 5:30 pm - Kaden Roberts
Sunday 7:45 am - Masson Fink & Nicholas Hoeffken
Sunday 10:15 am - Lauren Patterson & Reagan Wilhelm

Lectors - Sunday, Sept 27, 2020

Saturday 5:30 pm - n/a
Sunday 7:45 am - Ollney Mueller, Jr.
Sunday 10:15 am - Rodney Clamors

Servers - Sunday, September 27, 2020

Saturday 5:30 pm - Greg Wiegand
Sunday 7:45 am - Dean Harbison
Sunday 10:15 am - Rodney Clamors

Altar Guild - Sunday, Sept 27, 2020

Saturday 5:30 pm - Susan Starbuck
Sunday 7:45 am - Barbara & Deb
Sunday 10:15 am - Linda Gutknecht

Media - Sunday, September 27, 2020

Saturday 5:30 pm - Cathy Whelan
Sunday 7:45 am - Pam Nagel
Sunday 10:15 am - Tim Scheibe (Facebook Live)

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