



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
WATERLOO, ILLINOIS

Fourteen Sunday after Pentecost
Crown of Silver Recognition



Saturday, September 10, 2022 – 5:30 pm
Sunday, September 11, 2022 – 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.

Preservice Music / Bells / Welcome

Opening Hymn, *LSB* 506, “Glory Be to God the Father”

(5:30 pm) **Baptism**, Bryce Steven Eschmann [*LSB* pg. 268]

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])

Opening Sentences

(Psalm 119:57-60, 63-64)

- P** The LORD is my portion; I promise to keep Your words.
C **I entreat Your favor with all my heart; be gracious to me according to Your promise.**
P When I think on my ways, I turn my feet to Your testimonies;
C **I hasten and do not delay to keep Your commandments.**
P I am a companion of all who fear You, of those who keep Your precepts.
C **The earth, O LORD, is full of Your steadfast love; teach me Your statutes!**

Confession and Absolution

- P** Let us now confess our sin to God, our merciful Father.
C **Gracious God, we admit and confess our sinfulness. We are by nature sinful and unclean. Daily we fail to live as you desire us to live. We justly deserve Your punishment in this life and for eternity. Trusting in Your mercy, we come to You for forgiveness. Our trust is in the merits of Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Grant us remission of all our sins and lead us to renewed lives that reflect Your goodness and love.**
P God is gracious and merciful. He hears our supplications and joyfully restores us to His fold. By the command of our Lord and as His called and ordained servant, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

Introit of the Day

(Psalm 30:2-5; antiphon: vv. 11a, 12b)

- P** You have turned for me my mourning into dancing; O LORD my God, I will give thanks to You forever!

- C** O LORD my God, I cried to You for help, and You have healed me.
- P** O LORD, You have brought up my soul from Sheol; You restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.
- C** Sing praises to the LORD, O you His saints, and give thanks to His holy name.
- P** For His anger is but for a moment, and His favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.
- C** 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.
- P** You have turned for me my mourning into dancing; O LORD my God, I will give thanks to You forever!
- C** O LORD my God, I cried to You for help, and You have healed me.

Hymn of Praise, LSB 895 v. 1 & 3, “Now Thank We All Our God”

Text: Martin Rinckart, 1586–1649; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt. Text: Public domain

- 1** Now thank we all our God
 With hearts and hands and voices,
 Who wondrous things has done,
 In whom His world rejoices;
 Who from our mothers’ arms
 Has blest us on our way
 With countless gifts of love
 And still is ours today.
- △ **3** All praise and thanks to God
 The Father now be given,
 The Son, and Him who reigns
 With them in highest heaven,
 The one eternal God,
 Whom earth and heav’n adore;
 For thus it was, is now,
 And shall be evermore.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you. (2 Timothy 4:22)
- C** And also with you!
- P** Let us pray...

C Lord Jesus, You are the Good Shepherd, without whom nothing is secure. Rescue and preserve us that we may not be lost forever but follow You, rejoicing in the way that leads to eternal life; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated

Old Testament Reading, Ezekiel 34:11-24

¹¹“For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. ¹²As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. ¹⁴I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. ¹⁶I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice. ¹⁷“As for you, my flock, thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and male goats. ¹⁸Is it not enough for you to feed on the good pasture, that you must tread down with your feet the rest of your pasture; and to drink of clear water, that you must muddy the rest of the water with your feet? ¹⁹And must my sheep eat what you have trodden with your feet, and drink what you have muddied with your feet? ²⁰“Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, ²²I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. ²³And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the LORD; I have spoken.”

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle, 1 Timothy 1:12-17

¹²I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service, ¹³though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, ¹⁴and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵The saying is trustworthy and deserving

of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. ¹⁷To the King of ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

Holy Gospel, Luke 15:1-10

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 15th chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear [Jesus]. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.” ³So he told them this parable: ⁴“What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? ⁵And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. ⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ ⁷Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. ⁸“Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? ⁹And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ ¹⁰Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

After the reading:

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

(7:45 am & 10:15 am) **Apostles’ Creed**

C **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.

Please be seated

Children’s Message (Parents of young children are welcome to come up with their children.)

Hymn of the Day, *LSB* 611, “Chief of Sinners Though I Be”

Sermon, 1 Timothy 1:12-17, esp. v. 15, “Number One!”

(10:15 am) **Crown of Silver Recognition** [Lois Heise]

Please stand

Prayer of the Church

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

We pray for the Church, that God’s people may live confidently and joyfully share the message of salvation in word and deed. We pray for the nations of the world, that the presence of Christ be experienced everywhere around the globe and that the Gospel have free course in every land. And let us pray for the gift of peace in the world and in our communities. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P We pray for our families and for those who share in our Christian fellowship and join with us in worship. Grant that we never take them for granted but rather that we encourage all to share joyfully in our work together to the glory of God. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Let us pray for those with special concerns and needs this day including those who are hospitalized or in care facilities, those who are grieving at this time, the unemployed and underemployed, the chronically ill and shut-in and all those whose needs are known to us, [*especially...*]. Grant that we bring Your blessing to situations of need in all places. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

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

C **hear our prayer.**

P God of the ages, we thank You for all those faithful people whose words and actions have guided us in the past, especially

remembering those no longer with us on earth, who now share in Your eternal presence. By the working of Your Holy Spirit, direct us to follow the leading of Jesus, our Great Shepherd, throughout our lives until that day when we stand in Your glorious presence in heaven.



Amen.

Please be seated

Offering (*During our Saturday evening service, please feel free to place your offerings and attendance cards in the plate in the narthex.*)

Please stand

Offertory, *LSB* 686 v. 1 & 3, “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Text: Robert Robinson, 1735–90, alt. Text: Public domain

- 1 **Come, Thou Fount of ev’ry blessing,
 Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
 Call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory
 Fills my heart with joy and love,
Teach me ever to adore Thee;
 May I still Thy goodness prove.**

- 3 **Oh, to grace how great a debtor
 Daily I’m constrained to be;
Let that grace now like a fetter
 Bind my wand’ring heart to Thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it;
 Prone to leave the God I love.
Here’s my heart, O take and seal it,
 Seal it for Thy courts above.**

+ 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.

Please stand

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, Lord our God, for You have called us as Your people and have shown us Your kindness. Confident of Your love and assured of Your mercy, we come before You, asking that we receive Your blessings with heartfelt thanksgiving. Pour out upon us the gift of Your Holy Spirit and grant that we may receive the body and blood of our Lord as a guarantee of our salvation and a foretaste of the feast to come in Your eternal kingdom. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and praise, together with the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. 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

- C** **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might: heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the Highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the Highest.** (Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9)

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)

The Peace of the Lord

P The peace of the Lord be with you always. (John 20:19)

C Amen.

Please be seated

Distribution

LSB 547, “The Lamb”

LSB 618, “I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table”

Please stand

Dismissal

P Now...Go in peace.

C Amen.

Post-Communion Thanksgiving

P Let us pray.

Grant, O Lord, that what we have received with our lips we may keep with pure hearts and that through the gift imparted to us in this present life we may hereafter receive life everlasting; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

C Amen.

Benediction

P The LORD bless thee and keep thee. (Numbers 6:24-26)

The Lord make his face shine upon thee and be gracious unto thee.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee and give thee peace.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn, LSB 801, “How Great Thou Art”

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 10, 2022 - 5:30 pm

Preacher - Rev. Dr. Tony Troup

Server - Chuck Keller

Altar Guild - Diana Heins

Organist - Joan Ruwald

Acolyte - Lorelei Griffin

Media - Kelley Keller

Sunday, September 11, 2022 - 7:45 am

Preacher - Rev. Dr. Tony Troup

Lector - Don Birrittier

Acolyte - Ayda Eggemeyer

Ushers - Lee Eggemeyer, Adam Eggemeyer

Liturgist - Rev. Merritt Demski

Music Director - Ann Frank

Altar Guild - Sandy Thompson

Media - Don Birrittier

Sunday, September 11, 2022 - 10:15 am

Preacher - Rev. Dr. Tony Troup

Music Director - Ann Frank

Acolytes - Trinity Drewes & Ava Hemmer

Ushers - Cal Neeman, Dean Harbison

Celebrant - Rev. Merritt Demski

Server/Lector - Bob Polansky

Altar Guild - Susan Hargrave

Media/Facebook Live - Lisa Clamors

Ushers - Sunday, September 18, 2022

7:45 am - Roy Unterseh, Jim Stueve, Ed Arras, Lilly Prather

10:15 am - Elden Niemeyer, Wayne Hargrave, Warren Frank, Daniel Niemeyer

Acolytes - Sunday, September 18, 2022

Saturday 5:30 pm - Gwen Wiegand

Sunday 7:45 am - Danny & Zachary Bundenthal

Sunday 10:15 am - Kaden & Keaton Roberts

Lectors - Sunday, September 18, 2022

Saturday 5:30 pm - n/a

Sunday 7:45 am - Rodney Clamors

Sunday 10:15 am - Daniel Niemeyer

Servers - Sunday, September 18, 2022

Saturday 5:30 pm - Greg Wiegand

Sunday 7:45 am - Rodney Clamors

Sunday 10:15 am - n/a

Altar Guild - Sunday, September 18, 2022

Saturday 5:30 pm - Dinah Pflasterer

Sunday 7:45 am - Barbara & Deb

Sunday 10:15 am - Carol Kassel

Media - Sunday, September 18, 2022

Saturday 5:30 pm - Melissa Wiegand

Sunday 7:45 am - Adrianna Whelan

Sunday 10:15 am - Lisa Clamors

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SERMON OUTLINE
1 TIMOTHY 1:12-17, ESP. V. 15
“NUMBER ONE!”

1. Paul said that he was the foremost, the chief, the _____ in line when it came to sin. Translated literally, Paul said, “Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the _____.”
2. You know, as you grow in faith you become even more _____ of your sins. You fight against your sins and you see a lot of victories, but you’re very much _____ of your sinful impulses.
3. And so when the Holy Spirit enlightens us to see that the _____ apply to us, it’s a _____. When we can say candidly, “Yes, when I compare my life to God and God’s love, I am a number one sinner” --that’s a _____.
4. Do you feel the force of Paul’s words here? He says this is a _____ statement, this needs to be accepted fully, you need to _____ on to this and treasure it –Jesus came into the world to save you.
5. And because he did, those who trust in Jesus for life and salvation are number _____. We’re number _____ with God. We’re number _____ receivers of God’s grace and favor, his power and his love.
6. Paul was just a plain, plodding, unpretentious, old man. But you know what? God used him. God used him to do great things. Working through Paul, the Holy Spirit brought _____ of people to Christ. If you consider the influence of Paul’s writings, he brought _____ of people to Christ.