



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
WATERLOO, ILLINOIS

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Third Grade Celebration



Saturday, September 17, 2022 – 5:30 pm
Sunday, September 18, 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.

Divine Service, Setting One

(Lutheran Service Book, pg. 151)

Preservice Music

Bells

Welcome (5:30 pm – Welcome New Member, Judy Knox-Myer)

Opening Hymn, *LSB* 825, “Rise, Shine, You People”

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 119:137-140, 142; antiphon: v.144)

Your testimonies are righteous forever;

give me understanding that I may live.

Righteous are you, O LORD,

and right are your just decrees.

You have appointed your testimonies in righteousness

and in all faithfulness.

My zeal consumes me,

because my foes forget your words.

Your promise is well tried,

and your servant loves it.

Your righteousness is righteous forever,

and your law is true.

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.

Your testimonies are righteous forever;

give me understanding that I may live.

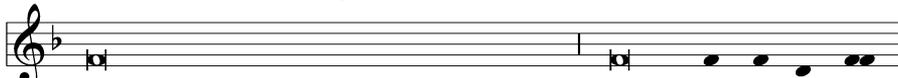
Kyrie



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



G Lord, have mer - cy.



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



G Lord, have mer - cy.



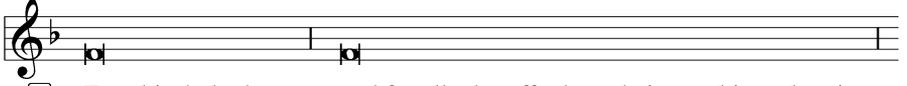
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



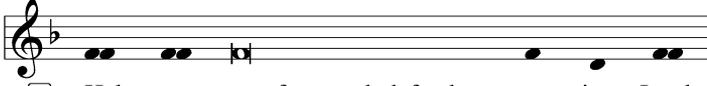
C Lord, have mer - cy.



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.

This Is the Feast

Refrain



C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



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



- 1 — Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
- 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
- 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
- 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
- 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



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

Collect of the Day

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

All: **O Lord, keep Your Church in Your perpetual mercy; and because without You we cannot but fall, preserve us from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; 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

Old Testament Reading, Amos 8:4-7

⁴Hear this, you who trample on the needy and bring the poor of the land to an end, ⁵saying, “When will the new moon be over, that we may sell grain? And the Sabbath, that we may offer wheat for sale, that we may make the ephah small and the shekel great and deal deceitfully with false balances, ⁶that we may buy the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals and sell the chaff of the wheat?” ⁷The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: “Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.”

- L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle, 1 Timothy 2:1-15

¹First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. ³This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, ⁶who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time. ⁷For this I was appointed a preacher and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth. ⁸I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or quarreling; ⁹likewise also that women should adorn themselves in respectable apparel, with modesty and self-control, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly attire, ¹⁰but with what is proper for women who profess godliness—with good works. ¹¹Let a woman learn quietly with all submissiveness. ¹²I do not permit a woman to teach or to exercise authority over a man; rather, she is to remain quiet. ¹³For Adam was formed first, then Eve; ¹⁴and Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived and became a transgressor. ¹⁵Yet she will be saved through childbearing—if they continue in faith and love and holiness, with self-control.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand

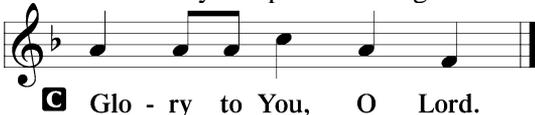
Alleluia and Verse



C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel, Luke 16:1-15

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 16th chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹[Jesus] also said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. ²And he called him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.’ ³And the

manager said to himself, ‘What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.’ ⁵So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he said to the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ ⁶He said, ‘A hundred measures of oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.’ ⁷Then he said to another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He said, ‘A hundred measures of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and write eighty.’ ⁸The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. ⁹And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings. ¹⁰“One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. ¹¹If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹²And if you have not been faithful in that which is another’s, who will give you that which is your own? ¹³No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.” ¹⁴The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all these things, and they ridiculed him. ¹⁵And he said to them, “You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Please be seated

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

Hymn of the Day, LSB 557, “Seek Where You May to Find a Way”

Sermon, Luke 16:1-15, “It’s Not About Money”

(10:15am only) **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.

Hymn, LSB 973 v. 1, “Thy Word Is a Lamp”

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

- 1** When I feel afraid, think I’ve lost my way,
Still You’re there right beside me.
And nothing will I fear as long as You are near.
Please be near me to the end. *Refrain*

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.

Hymn, *LSB* 973 v. 2, “Thy Word Is a Lamp”

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

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

2 I will not forget Your love for me, and yet
My heart forever is wandering.
Jesus, be my guide and hold me to Your side;
And I will love You to the end. *Refrain*

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.

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

C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

✠ 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)

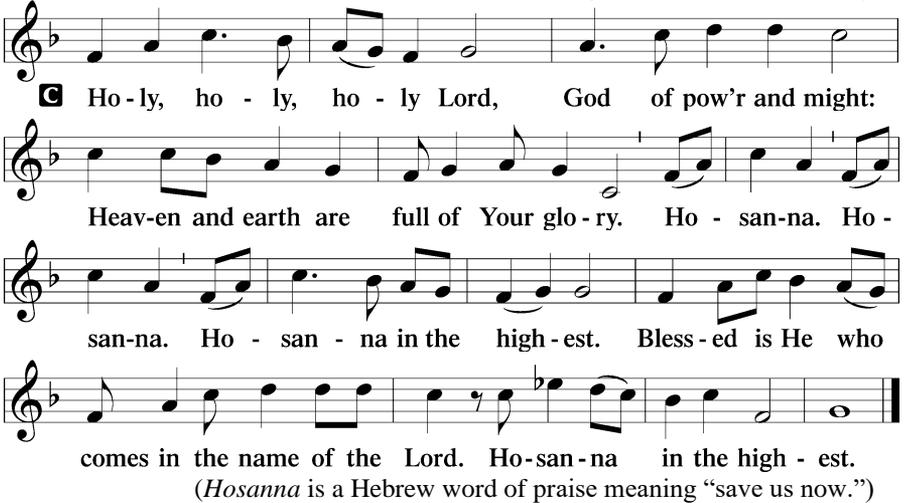
C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

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, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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)

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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



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



sin of the world; grant us peace.

Please be seated

Distribution

LSB 851, "Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us"

LSB 643, "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

Please stand

Dismissal

P Now may this... Go in peace.

C Amen.

Nunc-Dimittis



C Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been ful-



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which You have pre -



pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re -



veal You to the na - tions and the glo - ry of Your peo - ple Is - ra - el.



Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

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.



Closing Hymn, LSB 663, “Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Play”

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 17, 2022 - 5:30 pm

Preacher - Rev. Merritt Demski
Server - Greg Wiegand
Media - Melissa Wiegand

Organist - Joan Ruwald
Acolyte - Gwen Wiegand
Altar Guild - Dinah Pflasterer

Sunday, September 18, 2022 - 7:45 am

Preacher - Rev. Merritt Demski
Server/Lector - Rodney Clamors

Celebrant - Rev. Dr. Tony Troup
Music Director - Ann Frank

Acolytes - Danny & Zachary Bundenthal

Altar Guild - Barbara Altes & Deb Bergman

Ushers - Roy Unterseh, Jim Stueve, Ed Arras, Lilly Prather

Media - Lisa Clamors

Sunday, September 18, 2022 - 10:15 am

Preacher - Rev. Merritt Demski
Music Director - Ann Frank

Liturgist - Rev. Dr. Tony Troup
Lector - Daniel Niemeyer

Acolytes - Kaden & Keaton Roberts

Altar Guild - Carol Kassel

Ushers - Elden Niemeyer, Wayne Hargrave, Warren Frank, Daniel Niemeyer

Media/Facebook Live - Adrianna Whelan

Ushers - Sunday, September 25, 2022

7:45 am - Chuck Keller, Craig Mehner, Larry Taake, Dawn Rubemeyer

10:15 am - Rodney Clamors, Jenna & Nicholas Hoeffken, Wyatt & Masson Fink

Acolytes - Sunday, September 25, 2022

Lectors - Sunday, Sept. 25, 2022

Saturday 5:30 pm - S. Kuergeleis & J. Collmeyer

Saturday 5:30 pm - n/a

Sunday 7:45 am - Carson Filipiak & Liam Garner

Sunday 7:45 am - Warren Frank

Sunday 10:15 am - Brielle & Jeriah Fink

Sunday 10:15 am - Rodney Clamors

Servers - Sunday, September 25, 2022

Altar Guild - Sunday, Sept. 25, 2022

Saturday 5:30 pm - Bob Polansky

Saturday 5:30 pm - Susan Starbuck

Sunday 7:45 am - Warren Frank

Sunday 7:45 am - Debbie Conover

Sunday 10:15 am - n/a

Sunday 10:15 am - Linda Gutknecht

Media - Sunday, September 25, 2022

Saturday 5:30 pm - Cathy Whelan

Sunday 7:45 am - Kelley Keller

Sunday 10:15 am - Greg Hoeffken

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- Pork Sausage
- Liver Sausage
- Old Tyme Summer Sausage
- Ribs
- Pork Patties
- Bacon

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11:30am - 2:00pm

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Pork Sausage, Sauerkraut, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Green Beans, Applesauce & Homemade Pie

\$15 for Adults

\$8 for Children 6-12

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