

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

"God With Us"



Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 23rd, 2023

*To God be glory for 145 years of His grace at Immanuel and
73 years of proclaiming Jesus on our radio broadcast!*

Prelude
Ringing of Bells
Welcome

Confession and Absolution

Hymn of Invocation #LSB 794

The Lord, My God, Be Praised

Stand

The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

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

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 86:11–15; antiphon: v. 6

Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer;

listen to my plea for grace.

Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in your truth;

unite my heart to fear your name.

I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,

and I will glorify your name forever.

For great is your steadfast love toward me;

you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.

O God, insolent men have risen up against me; a band of ruthless men seek my life,

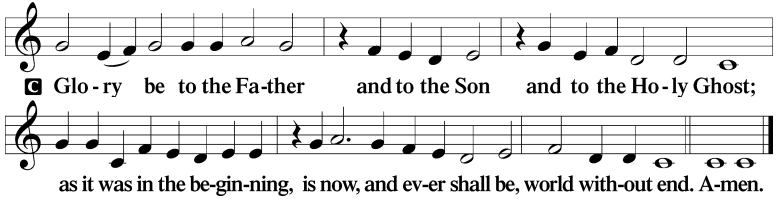
and they do not set you before them.

But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious,

slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

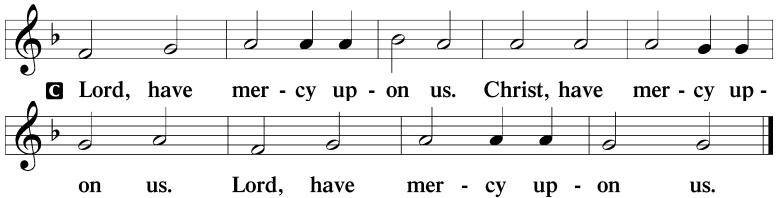
Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer;

listen to my plea for grace.



Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

Kyrie



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis



Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-
on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. A-men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your final judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of living here and dwell with You in perfect joy hereafter; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 44:6–8

⁶Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel
and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:

“I am the first and I am the last;
besides me there is no god.

⁷Who is like me? Let him proclaim it.

Let him declare and set it before me,
since I appointed an ancient people.

Let them declare what is to come, and what will happen.

⁸Fear not, nor be afraid;

have I not told you from of old and declared it?

And you are my witnesses!

Is there a God besides me?

There is no Rock; I know not any.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Romans 8:18–27

¹⁸For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. ²³And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia



C Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43

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

C Glory be to you, O Lord.

²⁴[Jesus] put another parable before them, saying, “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, ²⁵but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. ²⁶So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. ²⁷And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?’ ²⁸He said to them, ‘An enemy has done this.’ So the servants said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ ²⁹But he said, ‘No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. ³⁰Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time

I will tell the reapers, Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.” . . .

³⁶Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” ³⁷He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. ³⁸The field is the world, and the good seed is the children of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, ³⁹and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the close of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the close of the age. ⁴¹The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, ⁴²and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

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.

Sit

Hymn #LSB 605 vv.1

Father Welcomes

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day #LSB 728

How Firm a Foundation

Sermon

Title: Saved in Hope

Scripture: Romans 8:18–27

Reflection Hymn #LSB 576

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

Offertory

C Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
 new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
 way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
 tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

Offering

Prayers of the Church

Lord's Prayer

Benediction

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
 The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

Hymn to Depart #LSB 700

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

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The Lord's Week

Sun.	9:00am 10:15am 5-8pm	Divine Service on KMMO AM 1300 SS/BC VBS-"Diving into the Ten Commandments"
Mon.	8:30am 1:00pm 5-8pm	Royal Oak Bible Study Finance Board VBS-"Diving into the Ten Commandments"
Tues.	5-8pm 7:00pm	VBS-"Diving into the Ten Commandments" Elders
Wed.	5-8pm	VBS-"Diving into the Ten Commandments"
Thurs.	5-8pm	VBS-"Diving into the Ten Commandments"
Sun.	9:00am 10:15am 12:00-4:00pm	Holy Communion Service on KMMO AM 1300 SS/BC Griffitt family reunion in Fellowship[Hall



VBS at Immanuel Lutheran, Sweet Springs, is July 23- 27 (Sunday-Thursday) from 5-8 for pre-k-6th grade. **Sign-up sheets** are available on the table in the Narthex, in the office, or online at www.immanuelssweetsprings.com. If you have questions or would like to volunteer please contact Courtney Gieselman at 660-815-4080.

The Lutheran Hour Ministries/Lutheran Laymen's League booth at the Missouri State Fair is needing volunteers to work during the State fair to help man the booth. The State Fair this year runs from Aug 10-20 in Sedalia. There are three shifts each day: 9am-1pm, 1pm-5pm, and 5pm-8 or 9pm (depending on the day). Volunteers keep materials stocked on the table and rack and to offer them to visitors. Email me with dates/shift that might work for you, and I will let you know asap if it is still available--
dshutch7@hotmail.com. I check my email on a frequent basis so should be able to respond within the day. (If you do not hear from me quickly, it could be because my email is being uncooperative, so please give me a call. You could also text/call me at 660-287-4851 or call 660-826-0141 if you have questions or to schedule a shift.

Thank you for considering this opportunity and for sharing the Gospel with others. God's blessings as you live for Him today. -----Sharon Hutcheson

Those Serving

Musician.....	Ron Baker
Acolyte:	Ty Higgins
Radio and Sound.....	Steve Vickrey, Ron Meyer, Pete Melies
Video.....	Andrea Renken, Dana Melies, Debbie Vickrey & others
Ushers:.....	Curtis Kirchoff, Allan Koch,
Church Secretary.....	Judy Teufel
Pastor.....	Pastor Alan Mueller

thanks

Judy and I want to thank our church family and friends for the cards, calls, visits, and prayers prior to and following my recent surgery. It means so much to us to know that you care!

God's Blessings to each of you, Don Vogelsmeier

It's a BOY! *The Ladies of the Congregation invite you to a baby shower in honor of Pastor, Maria, and Baby Mueller.* We will honor them with a carry-in dinner and baby shower on August 6, 2023, in the church basement. The link to the registry is www.babylist.com/list/maria-mueller-registry or scan the QR code.



The Concordia Senior Center is looking for individuals to help us deliver meals to our homebound clients. We deliver Tuesday and Thursday in Concordia and Wednesday and Friday to Sweet Springs. It takes between an hour to an hour and a half of your time starting around 10:30 in the morning. You can deliver as much or as little as you have time to do. Call us at 660-463-7393 or stop by the Concordia Senior Center at 710 Main for more detailed information. -----Linda Duensing, Coordinator

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR MINISTRY AT ZOE'S HOME. WE HOPE THAT YOU ARE BLESSED BEYOND MEASURE!—

Emily Stockney, Zoe's Home

PRAYER

Members of Immanuel: Randy Brandt, Cora Lee Fuchs, Louise Harms, Kenny Krause, and Mary Opfer

Family and Friends of Immanuel: Cindy Bernard, Michelle Boland, Gloria Burrow, Sarah Griggs, Linder Hoffman, Jacob Neel, Gary Rapp, Tracy Schultz, Dana Sleeper, Vernon Sylvester, Byron Tretter, and Debbie Wulser.

Shut-ins and Nursing Home Residents: Dolores Fischer, Louise Harms, & Martha Jane Vogelsmeier (LGSNH) Dorothy Krause (The Villa); Thelma Nienhueser (The Essex of Concordia)

Mission Workers: Josh, Coco, John, and Sophia Lange (China); Rev. Peter & Kristie Kolb (Thailand), Jim & Claudia Dahlke (Mission of Christ Network), those serving POBLO.

Military: Jeffrey Abel, Owen Dobbins, and MaKenna Eckhoff



We are looking for someone we know and trust to watch Mailey in the mornings and take her to school in Sweet Springs for us.

We will pay and provide breakfast items for her as well as a car seat for your vehicle. Kimberly Eckhoff Nowland will pick her up so it would only be dropping off in the mornings. We would need to drop her off around 5:30. Please reach out if you are interested at 660-233-3641 (Allyson's cell). Thank you. Cole & Allyson Nowland

NEW JOB OPPORTUNITY: Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Marshall, MO and Trinity Lutheran School in Alma, MO is seeking nominations for a new position. This LCMS rostered worker will meet the needs of part-time positions at both churches. At Our Redeemer Lutheran Church: The Family and Youth Ministry Coordinator will help bridge all ages while developing and administering aspects of ORLC's ministry. At Trinity Lutheran School: This teacher will be responsible for instruction of middle school Language Arts (spelling, reading, English) grades 6, 7, & 8th. Please return the nomination form to either one of the church/school offices or email the form to amberclemens99@yahoo.com by July 31.

Whether you are a lifelong member or visiting for the first time we are honored to have you here this morning. Please feel free to contact the office regarding questions of membership or of a spiritual or personal matter. *You may contact the office at: 660-335-4141.*

If you get a chance check us out online at:

www.immanuelssweetsprings.com.

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