

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

"God With Us"



Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

July 30th, 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 851 *Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us
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 Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore, You are feared.**

P 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.

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. 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.

C Amen.

Service of the Word

Psalm

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;

make known his deeds among the peoples!

Sing to him, sing praises to him;

tell of all his wondrous works!

Glory in his holy name;

let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

Seek the LORD and his strength;

seek his presence continually!

Remember the wondrous works that he has done,
his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,
**O offspring of Abraham, his servant,
children of Jacob, his chosen ones!**

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples!

**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.**

Kyrie



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

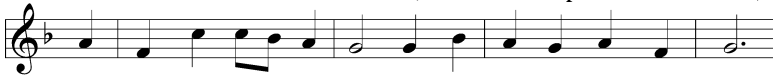
Gloria in Excelsis



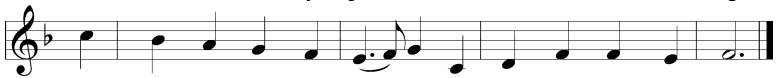
C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



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.

Collect of the Day

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love, that, receiving what You have promised, we may love what You have commanded; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

First Reading

Deuteronomy 7:6–9

⁶“You are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. ⁷It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, ⁸but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. ⁹Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Romans 8:28–39

²⁸We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. ³⁰And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

³¹What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³²He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ³³Who shall bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. ³⁵Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶As it is written,

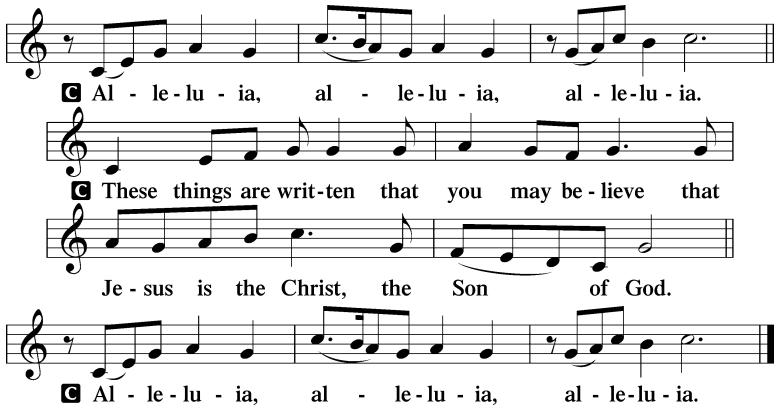
“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C 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.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 13:44-52

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

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

⁴⁴[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, ⁴⁶who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁴⁷“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. ⁴⁸When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. ⁴⁹So it will be at the close of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹“Have you understood all these things?” They said to him, “Yes.” ⁵²And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

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 of the Day #LSB 657 *sts. 1-4 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

Sermon

Title: A Treasure in the Field

Scripture: Matthew 13 and Romans 8

Stand

Prayers of the Church

Offering

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

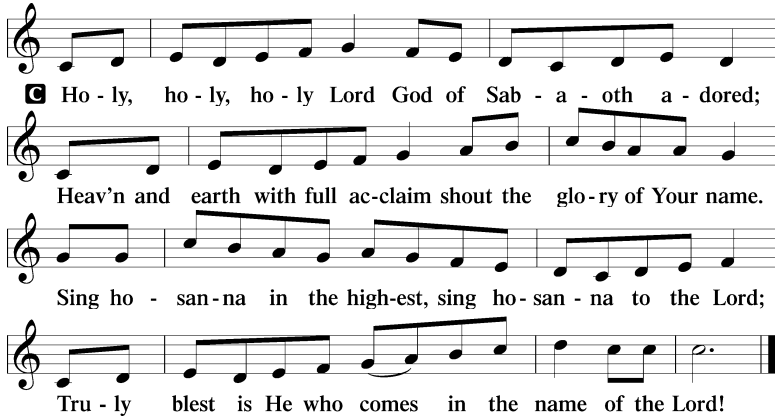
C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new 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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

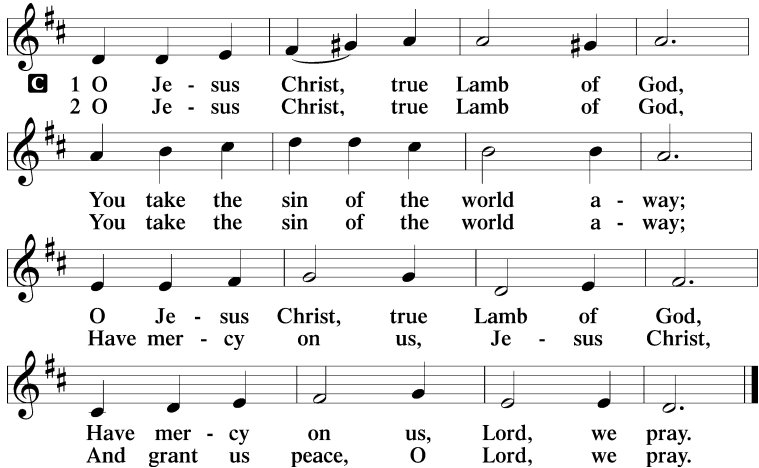
The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei



1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Sit

Distribution

Distribution Hymn #LSB 644

Distribution Hymn #LSB 743

Distribution Hymn #LSB 611

Stand

*The Church's One Foundation
Jesus, Priceless Treasure
Chief of Sinners Though I Be*

Post-Communion Collect

A 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 in 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 Amen.

Benediction

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.

Hymn to Depart #LSB 643

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What a Great week we had at VBS and the reason is all the support from our church family and parents. Thank everyone for your time, food & monetary donations, and the wonderful volunteers I had helping in the kitchen. God Bless each & every one of you! Mary Anderson

Kids and adults had an awesome time at VSB! Thank you to the parents who shared their precious children with us; to the volunteers that helped lead the children through VBS; to those who prepared lessons, crafts, & meals. Also thank you to all that donated items, money, and said prayers for VBS.

–The Board of Ed

The Lord's Week

Sun.	9:00am	Holy Communion Service on KMMO AM 1300
	10:15am	SS/BC
	12:00-4:00pm	Griffitt family reunion in Fellowship Hall
Mon.	8:30am	Royal Oak Bible Study
Wed.	10:00am	Women's Bible Study
Sun.	9:00am	Holy Communion Service on KMMO AM 1300
	10:15am	SS/BC
	11:30	Carry in Dinner-Baby Shower for Mueller's

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.



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 Echhoff 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

Spaghetti Dinner today at Concordia Senior Center from 11:00am-1:00pm. Meal price is a donation. 710 Main Street, Concordia, MO

MISSOURI DISTRICT NEWS: In August, the Missouri District kicks off Tomorrow's Teachers & Preachers—the annual campaign to promote church work vocations and bolster the scholarship endowment. We have seen the shortage of professional church workers within the LCMS and are taking these steps to slow and perhaps reverse this trend. All congregations are invited to participate in a special offering on Sunday, August 27, that will aid students from Missouri who are preparing to be pastors, deaconesses, teachers, DCEs, and more. In addition to supporting these adults with financial gifts, consider also remembering them and others in your prayers. Thank you for your support!

Those Serving

Musician.....	Jim Duncan
Acolyte:	Braelyn Johnson
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

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

Did you ever consider serving in the church or at an LCMS school?

Are you thinking about a second career in full-time church work?

Many LCMS pastors, teachers, deaconesses, and commissioned church workers held other successful careers before pursuing a second career in service to Christ's church. You could do the same!

Have you been praying about a full-time vocation in the church? You can use your experience and skills from your current work as a second-career church worker.

Ready to learn more about opportunities to pursue a second career in full-time church work? Our seminaries and Concordia universities are happy to answer your questions. Visit lcms.org/sas for more information.

Our Lutheran schools, located all around the country, are seeking educators who are interested in a Lutheran school setting. If you are interested, speak with a local LCMS school administrator about open positions in your area.

JOIN THE WATCH PARTY

August 8 @ 7pm

Davis Theatre, Higginsville, MO

FREE-Sponsored by First Baptist Church, Higginsville



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, Alcuin Fischer, Sarah Griggs, Linder Hoffman, Jacob Neel, Gary Rapp, Tracy Schultz, Dana Sleeper, Vernon Sylvester, 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

For the family of Byron Tretter. Especially Bruce & Melissa as they grieve the loss of a beloved father. May your loving hand comfort and sustain them.

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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.*

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May the Peace of Christ dwell in you!

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