

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

"God With Us"



Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 10th, 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 609 vv.1-4 *Jesus Sinners Doth Receive*
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 and to call upon Him in prayer and praise, 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.

New Member Welcome -

Bill Hampshire
Michelle Shams El Din

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 32:1-5,7; antiphon: v. 1

Blessèd is the one whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.

**Blessèd is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away
through my groaning all day long.

**For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.**

⁵I acknowledged my sin to you,
 and I did not cover my iniquity;
I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,”
and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

⁷You are a hiding place for me;
 you preserve me from trouble;
 you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

Blessèd is the one whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.

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

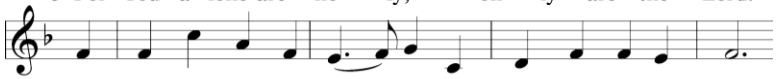


C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Gloria in Excelsis



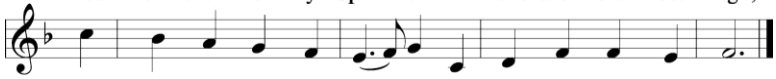
C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
 2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
 3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



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.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O God, from whom all good proceeds, grant to us, Your humble servants, Your holy inspiration, that we may set our minds on the things that are right and, by Your merciful guiding, accomplish them; 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

Ezekiel 33:7–9

⁷“So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. ⁹But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Romans 13:1–10

¹Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. ²Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. ³For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, ⁴for he is God’s servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God’s wrath on the wrongdoer. ⁵Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God’s wrath but also for the sake of conscience. ⁶For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. ⁷Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.

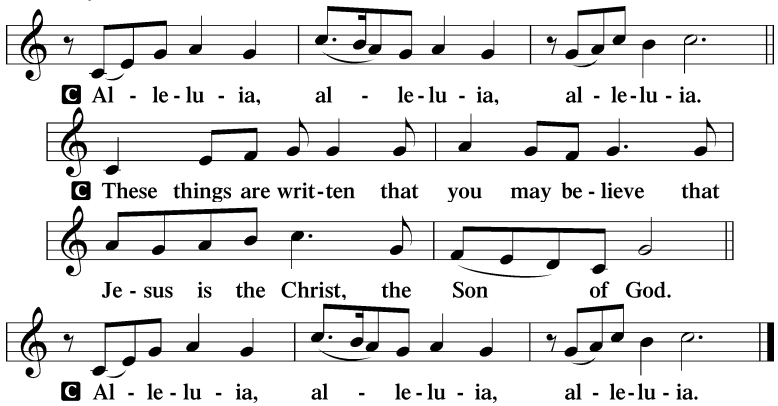
⁸Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

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 18:1-20

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” ²And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them ³and said, “Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. ⁴Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

⁵“Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, ⁶but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.

⁷“Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes! ⁸And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. ⁹And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire.

¹⁰“See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. ¹¹For the Son of Man came to save the lost. ¹²What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? ¹³And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine

that never went astray. ¹⁴So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

¹⁵“If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. ¹⁶But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and
the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,

who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,

and I look for the resurrection of the dead

and the life † of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

Hymn #LSB 605 *v.1*

Father Welcomes

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day #LSB 610

Lord Jesus, Think on Me

Sermon

Title: Putting Sin to Death

Scripture: Matthew 18:1–20

Reflection Hymn #LSB 606

I Lay My Sins on Jesus

Offering

Stand

Prayers of the Church

Lord's Prayer

Benedicamus

A Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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 611 *vv.1-4*

Chief of Sinners Though I Be

Acknowledgments

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The Lord's Week

Sun.	9:00am 10:15am	Divine Service on KMMO AM 1300 SS/Voters Meeting
Mon.	8:30am 1:00pm	Royal Oak Bible Study Finance Board
Tues.	5:15pm	Board of Missions
Wed.	10:00am	Women's Bible Study
Thurs.	5:30pm	Care Team Meeting
Sun.	9:00am	Holy Communion Service on KMMO AM 1300 CHURCH PICNIC & GAMES

Braille workers Sept. 19th & Orphan Grain Train Sept. 21.



Happy 44th Wedding Anniversary to Kevin and Brenda Wulff. We thank you for sponsoring our radio broadcast this morning in celebration of your special day which was September 1st. We offer a prayer for continued blessings each day of your marriage and for you to walk in God's grace.



All Church Picnic Sunday September 17th at Immanuel Children's Sunday School will be singing during the church service on the 17th. Church will be held in the Sanctuary at 9:00am as usual. Games and picnic will follow in fellowship hall and on the lawn beside the church. All food and service is provided. Dress casual, enjoy the fellowship and bring your lawn chair. You may eat in or out as you choose. ***Come & join the fellowship, food, and games.***

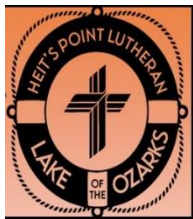


All children from Immanuel are invited to a bowling party from 2-3pm on Sunday October 1st at the Concordia Bowling Alley. The price of shoes and bowling are covered by the Board of Ed. Come and bring a friend.

The Sweet Springs Ministerial Alliance is looking for congregational members to serve on a new board for the Senior Activities Center. This Board will organize the Center, write a mission statement, elect officers, and apply for the 501c3 and then oversee the operation of the Center. If interested please contact Pastor Alan Mueller

Those Serving

- Musician.....Judy Teufel
- Acolyte:Sena Ohrenberg
- Radio and Sound.....Steve Vickrey, Ron Meyer, Pete Melies
- Video.....Andrea Renken, Dana Melies, Debbie Vickrey & others
- Ushers.....Lee Nienhueser, Nelson Guier, Allen Bredehoeft, Chad Ohrenberg
- Church Secretary.....Judy Teufel
- Pastor.....Pastor Alan Mueller



**Sept. 16 is our annual Family Outdoor
Festival/Fundraiser and Alumni Reunion!!
At Heit's Point Lutheran Camp**

At 28345 Heits Point Ave, Lincoln, MO 65338
The FUN starts at 10:00am with games and fellowship!

Worship at 11:00am

Pulled pork sandwiches at NOON!

Activities include worship, bounce house, LCMS Comfort Dog Boaz, 9 Square, TLC Smokehouse for lunch, auction.

We have a goal of \$10,000 to raise from the auction!! Please help us raise funds to keep this ministry vibrant and help people stay connected to Christ, the Vine!

STAY and play in the LAKE, RIDE A CANOE, OR GO FOR A HIKE!!
You can even book a ROOM and stay all night! Please RSVP to help with the food count by Sept. 10th.

Phone Number: 660) 668-2363 **Front Office Email:** info@heitspoint.com

FALL ADULT SINGLE RETREAT

September 29-October 1, 2023 at Heit's Point Camp at Lake of the Ozarks. Come join other Lutherans from around Missouri and Kansas as we study the Scriptures in an outdoor retreat setting on the Lake of the Ozarks, make new friends, and unplug. Jesus said, "Come to Me and I will give you rest." All-inclusive two-night stay in BUNK HOUSE with the retreat group \$100. All-inclusive two-night stay SINGLE occupancy in the Spitz Center (hotel style suites) \$200. All-inclusive two-night stay DOUBLE occupancy in the Spitz Center is \$150 per person. Please ask about availability. To Register email: www.heitspoint.com or call 660-668-2363

Ready, set, let's go! The annual Concordia Fall Festival 5K returns on **September 9, 2023**. With each step in this race, you empower Lutheran Bible Translators to take major strides in its mission. All proceeds go to fuel Bible printing and distribution. Register today for \$25 at <https://lbt.org/5k>. Sign up before August 21 to guarantee a race-day shirt!

Saint Paul Servants of the Saints FALL RUMMAGE SALE: Located at
Weis Gym Annex on SPLHS Campus Concordia, MO
Park behind gym and use north door.

Preview Sale Fee \$5.00 on Wed., Sept. 27th from 6-8 pm
Thurs. Sept. 28th from 7:00am-6:00pm
Fri., Sept. 29th from 8:00am-6:00pm

\$5.00 Bag Sale Sat., Sept. 30th from 8:00am-12 noon

Questions call: Rita at 660-441-7924 or Rachel at 816-674-6363

The Annual Smorgasbord sponsored by the Dorcas Society of **Zion Lutheran Church** of Corder on **Sunday, Sept. 24th from 11:30am-1:00pm** in Zion's Fellowship Hall. Menu: turkey, dressings, ham, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, corn, vegetable salads, sweet salads, bread, desserts, and drink. Cost: adults \$12; children 6-12 \$5; children under 6 free. All proceeds will be used in the renovation of Zion Lutheran Church property and/or mission projects of the Dorcas Society.



Thank you so much for your support of the LLL/Lutheran Hour Ministries booth at the State Fair. Whether you spent a shift (or two) visiting with people in person, told others about the opportunity, or prayed for the sharers and the receivers, you are appreciated. God promises to grow the seed that are planted. We are grateful for each one of those seeds!

Thank you for your partnership with **Lutheran for Life** and the generous stewardship gift of \$500 toward our Gospel-motivated, life-affirming ministry. Your fellowship and uplifting encouragement are a blessing and an honor to receive, and we are humbled by your support...---In truth and love,
Davie Probst, Development Director

Thank you for joining us in ending hunger with your recent gift (\$270- Missions; \$590 Sunday School, VBS, Adult Bible Class) toward the **Buddy Pack Program** in Saline County. It has been designated for the Sweet Springs R-7 Schools. This donation ensures children have access to food at home and on weekends. Thank you for entrusting us with your donation. Your gift truly makes a difference in the lives of your community.

--Gratefully, Lindsay Young Lopez, President & CEO

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. **Thank you** for your recent gift of \$500 to support our work to proclaim the good news of Jesus around the world. We are overjoyed for you to partner with **Mission of Christ Network** in intentional Gospel proclamation through your donation and prayers.

--Rev. Dr. John L. Mehl, Executive Director

Thank you FOR YOUR WONDERFUL GIFT OF \$1,000.00 TO Concordia Seminary-Adopt-A-Student. Your thoughtful donation is a special blessing, advancing the vital mission of preparing dedicated students for the Holy Ministry... You continue to encourage us! Thank you so much for your passion for our savior's mission.

--In Christ, Vicki J. Biggs, Chief Communications Officer

PRAYER

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

Family and Friends of Immanuel: Cindy Bernard, Michelle Boland, Gloria Burrow, Alcuin Fischer, Linder Hoffman, Jacob Neel, Barbara Pallister, 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: Rev. Peter & Kristie Kolb (Thailand), Jim & Claudia Dahlke (Mission of Christ Network), those serving POBLO.

Military: Jeffrey Abel, Owen Dobbins, and MaKenna Eckhoff



Bridge of Hope in Richmond is celebrating their **10th anniversary** with a **Gala on Thurs., Sept. 14**, at Branded Steakhouse, 708 Wollard, Richmond. The speaker is Pam Tebow. A meet & greet will be at 6:00 pm. Tickets are available at the meal, silent auction, and raffle (6:30 pm.) or at www.boh4women.org. Bridge of Hope is a pro-life pregnancy center offering support for families with unintended pregnancies.

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.immanuelsweetsprings.com.

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May the Peace of Christ dwell in you!

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