

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

"God With Us"



Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 17th, 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

Sunday School Songs

Confession and Absolution

Hymn of Invocation #LSB 845

Where Charity and Love Prevail

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

Psalm

Psalm 103:1-5,8-12

¹Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name!

²Bless the LORD, O my soul,
 and forget not all his benefits,
³**who forgives all your iniquity,**
who heals all your diseases,
⁴who redeems your life from the pit,
 who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
⁵**who satisfies you with good**
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

...
⁸The LORD is merciful and gracious,
 slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

⁹**He will not always chide,**
nor will he keep his anger forever.

¹⁰He does not deal with us according to our sins,
 nor repay us according to our iniquities.

¹¹**For as high as the heavens are above the earth,**
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

¹²**as far as the east is from the west,**
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

☐ 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, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of Your Church, especially in times of persecution, and grant that what we ask in faith we may obtain; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 50:15–21

¹⁵When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." ¹⁶So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died, ¹⁷Say to Joseph, Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸His brothers also came and fell

down before him and said, “Behold, we are your servants.”¹⁹But Joseph said to them, “Do not fear, for am I in the place of God?²⁰As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today.²¹So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones.” Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Romans 14:1–12

¹As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. ²One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. ³Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. ⁴Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

⁵One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. ⁶The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. ⁷For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. ⁸If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

¹⁰Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; ¹¹for it is written,

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God.”

¹²So then each of us will give an account of himself to 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 18:21–35

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



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

²¹Peter came up and said to [Jesus], “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?” ²²Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.

²³“Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents.

²⁵And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made.

²⁶So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ ²⁷And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But

when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, ‘Pay what you owe.’ ²⁹So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’

³⁰He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were

greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. ³²Then his master summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded

with me. ³³And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’ ³⁴And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. ³⁵So also my

heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, 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 843

“Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive”

Sermon

Title: Forgiveness Made Easy

Scripture: Matthew 18:21–35

Offering

Offertory

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.

Stand

Prayers of the Church

Lord's Prayer

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 up unto the Lord.

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

C It is meet and right so to do.

P It is truly meet, 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, for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory.

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 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,
ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,
bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

□ O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - - men.

Sit

Distribution

Distribution Hymn #LSB 763

When Peace, like a River

Distribution Hymn #LSB 814

O Bless the Lord, My Soul

Distribution Hymn #LSB 849

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

Distribution Hymn #LSB 803

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

Stand

Nunc Dimittis

□ Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the Gen - tles and the glo - ry of Thy peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A-men.

Thanksgiving

A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

C and His mercy endures forever.

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 upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Hymn to Depart #LSB 646

Church of God, Elect and Glorious

Sunday School Songs



All-Church Picnic today after service.

Games and picnic will follow in fellowship hall and on the lawn beside the church. All food is provided. You may eat inside or outside as you choose.

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The Lord's Week

Sun,	9:00am	Holy Communion Service on KMMO AM 1300
	10:15am	CHURCH PICNIC & GAMES
Mon.	8:30am	Royal Oak Bible Study
Tues.	8:30am	Braille Workers
Wed.	10:00am	Women's Bible Study
Thurs.	5:30pm	1:00pm Orphan Grain Train
Sun.	9:00am	Divine Service on KMMO AM 1300
	10:15am	SS/Voters Meeting



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

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

Concordia Zone LLL Board Meeting on September 28, 7 p.m. at the St. Paul's Conference Center in Concordia.

⊗ MISSOURI DISTRICT NEWS: Universities are in full swing. Did you know that there's an easy way to connect students to the local Lutheran group on Missouri campuses? Simply visit the Campus Ministry Network (at www.molcms.college), click on the school being attended, answer a couple of questions, and you will be connected to a ministry leader at that school! This form can be completed by students, pastors, or friends/family. Don't let our fellow Lutherans get lost in the hustle and crowds of colleges. Get connected today plug into in a Lutheran home!

Those Serving

Musician.....	Ron Baker
Acolyte:	Braelyn Johnson
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

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

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



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.

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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