

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

"God With Us"



Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 24th, 2023

*To God be glory for 143 years of His grace at Immanuel and
71 years of proclaiming Jesus on our radio broadcast!*

Prelude

Ringing of Bells

Welcome

Confession and Absolution

Hymn of Invocation #LSB 686 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*
Stand

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

P In the name of the Father and of the T 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, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 116 (select verses)

What shall I render to the LORD
for all his benefits to me?

**I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the LORD.**

Precious in the sight of the LORD
is the death of his saints.

O LORD, I am your servant;

**I am your servant, the son of your maidservant. You have loosed
my bonds.**

I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanks-giving
and call on the name of the Lord.

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

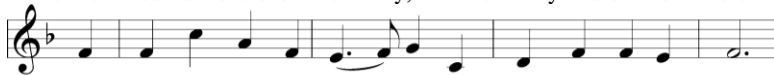


C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

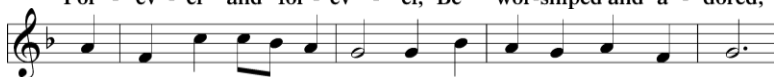
Gloria in Excelsis



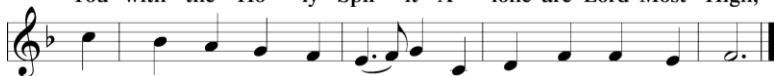
C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



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.

Lord God, heavenly Father, since we cannot stand before You relying on anything we have done, help us trust in Your abiding grace and live according to Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 55:6–9

⁶“Seek the LORD while he may be found;
call upon him while he is near;

⁷let the wicked forsake his way,
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;

let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD.

⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Philippians 1:12–14, 19–30

¹²I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, ¹³so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. ¹⁴And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear. . . .

¹⁹for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, ²⁰as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. ²¹For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. ²³I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. ²⁴But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. ²⁵Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, ²⁶so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.

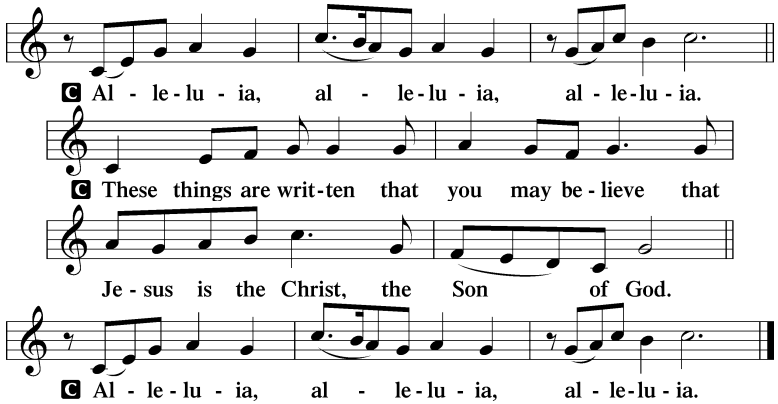
²⁷Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. ²⁹For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, ³⁰engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in treble clef with a 7/8 time signature. The first staff contains the lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' The second staff contains 'These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that'. The third staff contains 'Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.' The fourth staff contains 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' The music consists of eighth and quarter notes with some rests.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 20:1–16

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twentieth chapter.
- C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ ⁵So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. ⁶And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ ⁷They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’ ⁸And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.’ ⁹And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, ¹²saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ ¹³But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius?’ ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?’ ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first last.”

- 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 ^T of the world to come. Amen.**

Sit

**Hymn of the Day #LSB 745
Sermon**

In God, My Faithful God

Title: Hard Pressed

Scripture: Philippians 1:12–14, 19–30

Hymn of Response #LSB 712

Seek Ye First

Stand

Offering

Prayers of the Church

Lord's Prayer

- C **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.**

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 T give you peace.
C **Amen.**

Hymn to Depart #LSB 738

Lord of All Hopefulness

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The Lord's Week

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| 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. | 7:00pm | Elders |
| Wed. | 10:00am | Women's Bible Study |
| Sun. | 9:00am 10:15am | Holy Communion Service on KMMO AM 1300 SS/BC |



We thank Sharon & Dub Knight for sponsoring our radio broadcast this morning in honor of their 66th wedding anniversary on September 28th. Congratulations on reaching this wonderful milestone. May the Lord continue to bless you with good health, happiness, and love.



Walter Alan

Born to the proud parents of
Alan and Maria Mueller
On September 18th, 2023.
Walter weighed 7 lbs & 10 oz
measuring 20.5 inches long.

Congratulations to Pastor Alan and Maria on the birth of Walter Alan. May the Lord continue to bless your family and keep you in his loving embrace



All children from Immanuel are invited to a bowling party from 1-3pm 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 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.

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

Those Serving

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| Musician..... | Ron Baker |
| Acolyte: | Hadley Eichholz |
| 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, Bill Taylor 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



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

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.

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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May the Peace of Christ dwell in you!

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The Care Team is looking for new members. If you have questions about what is involved or think you may be interested please contact Dana Melies or any other Care Team member. Dana's phone number is 660-815-1896.



It is Farmer Cookie Time again! The care is going to provide cookies to the farmers again this harvest. If you would like to bake cookies it would be greatly appreciated. Just no nuts or peanut butter in the cookies. The cookies can be placed in the freezer by the big stainless steel refrigerator at any time the church office is open. Thank you for your help!

Sing Boldly is a group of junior high students from **St. John Lutheran School in Seward, Nebraska** - and they'll be presenting a **hymn festival** at **Grace Lutheran Church**, 806 S Business Hwy 13, Lexington on Thursday, October 19, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. A ***hymn festival is a combination of a hymn sing and choral concert*** - so while the choir and handbells will present their own music, it's done in a way that also invites the gathered congregation to join in. For a sample of what the choir will present, visit SingBoldly.org/tour. You will also get to hear Grace's newly rebuilt and expanded pipe organ. We hope to see you there!

A Circuit Reformation Service for the Concordia North and Concordia South Circuits will be held on **Saturday, October 28, at 4:00 pm at Grace Lutheran Church**, 806 S Business Hwy 13, Lexington. We will sing hymns related to the Reformation, hear of events related to the Reformation, and hear God's saving Word. All are invited.

