

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

"God With Us"



Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 1st, 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 Bell
Welcome

Hymn of Invocation #LSB 534 *Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor*

Confession and Absolution

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 If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

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

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. 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.

Stand

Service of the Word

Psalm

Psalm 25:1–10; antiphon: v. 4

⁴Make me to know your ways, O LORD;
teach me your paths.

¹To you, O LORD,
I lift up my soul.

²O my God, in you I trust;
let me not be put to shame;
let not my enemies exult over me.

⁴Make me to know your ways, O LORD;
teach me your paths.

⁵**Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all the day long.**

⁶Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.

⁷**Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;
according to your steadfast love remember me,
for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!**

⁸Good and upright is the LORD;
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

⁹**He leads the humble in what is right,
and teaches the humble his way.**

¹⁰**All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,
for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.**

**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

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to
the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the
Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship
and praise let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



C A - men.

Doxology



△ Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all



crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly



host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, You exalted Your Son to the place of all honor and authority. Enlighten our minds by Your Holy Spirit that, confessing Jesus as Lord, we may be led into all truth; through the same 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

Ezekiel 18:1–4, 25–32

¹The word of the LORD came to me: ²“What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, ‘The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge’? ³As I live, declares the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. ⁴Behold, all souls are mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is mine: the soul who sins shall die. . . .

²⁵“Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? ²⁶When a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and does injustice,

he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done he shall die. ²⁷Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life. ²⁸Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die. ²⁹Yet the house of Israel says, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' O house of Israel, are my ways not just? Is it not your ways that are not just?

³⁰"Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, declares the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin. ³¹Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? ³²For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Lord GOD; so turn, and live."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Philippians 2:1–4, 14–18

¹If there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, ²complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. . . .

¹⁴Do all things without grumbling or questioning, ¹⁵that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, ¹⁶holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain.

¹⁷Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. ¹⁸Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 21:23–27

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

²³When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?”

²⁴Jesus answered them, “I also will ask you one question, and if you tell me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵The baptism of John, from where did it come? From heaven or from man?” And they discussed it among themselves, saying, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ ²⁶But if we say, ‘From man,’ we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet.” ²⁷So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.”

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 655

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

Sermon

Title: Lights Shining

Scripture: Philippians 2:1-4, 14-18

Prayers of the Church

Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory (sung)

- C** What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?
I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name
of the Lord.
I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the
Lord.
I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His
people,
in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O
Jerusalem.

Stand

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, holy Lord, almighty Father,
everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day
overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection
opened to us the way of everlasting 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

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of
pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is He who comes in the name
of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of
God, You take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.

Sit

Distribution

Distribution Hymn by Tom Hepting: *Take Up Thy Cross and Follow Me*

Distribution Hymn #LSB 543

What Wondrous Love Is This

Distribution Hymn #LSB 525

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Distribution Hymn #LSB 578

Thy Strong Word

Stand

Thank the Lord

Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what
He has done. Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord re-
joice and proud-ly bear His name. He re-calls His prom-
ises and leads His peo-ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks -
giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

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 594 *sts. 1-4 God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It*

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The Lord's Week

Sun, 9:00am
10:15am
1:00-3pm

Holy Communion Service on KMMO AM 1300
SS/BC
Youth Bowling at Concordia Bowling Alley



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

Mon. 8:30am
6:30pm

Royal Oak Bible Study
Altar Guild Meeting

Wed. 10:00am

Women's Bible Study

Sun. 9:00am
10:15am

Divine Service on KMMO AM 1300
SS/BC



We thank Mary Yokley for sponsoring our Radio Broadcast this morning in honor of her marriage to Sam Ed on September 29th, 1973. This would have marked their 50th anniversary. May the Lord continue to bless Mary with happy memories and good health.

Thanksgiving Talent Show and Worship Service! We are looking to host a talent show this year in connection with our usual Thanksgiving Service: Wednesday evening, Nov. 22nd. Come, watch as God's people share their God-given talents (in the fellowship hall), and then join us for a brief worship service in thanksgiving to God (sanctuary). Talent show snacks hosted by Board of Missions.

As the talent show can only happen if we get participants, **please let Pastor Alan know by Sunday Oct. 29th if you have a talent you wish to share** with the congregation. We're looking for all sorts of talents as they come in various ways. Examples may include: playing instruments, singing, dancing, stand-up comedy/jokes, an interesting skill, or team up with some friends and create a skit/short play. Let us come and praise God for his varied grace.



It is Farmer Cookie Time! The Care Team is providing cookies to the farmers again this harvest. If you would like to bake cookies, it would be greatly appreciated. Please no nuts or peanut butter in the cookies. The cookies can be placed in the fellowship hall freezer any time the church office is open. Thank you for your help!

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.....Dave Gieselman, Jared Eichholz, Allan Koch, Jason Staples
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, Retta Hamilton, 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

For the family of Bill Taylor as they grieve his passing. We pray that the God of all hope would grant them peace as they look to Him for the hope of the resurrection.



BINGO & TACO NIGHT is coming November 11th. Sponsored by Board of Ed. Mark the date and join the fun.

SPLHS SINGING SAINTS PRESENTS

DOWN BY THE RIVERSIDE

Sunday, October 8th, 2023
4:00pm
Free Admission
Reception with fall-themed food and drink to follow

Location:
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Waverly, Missouri
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THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING IN MOSCHOLARS THROUGH THE MISSOURI DISTRICT!

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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Ella Maurine

Born to the proud parents of
 Joe and Rebecca Ward
 on Thursday, September 21st, 2023
 Ella weighed 6 lbs. 1 oz.
 measuring 19 inches long.

Congratulations to Joe & Rebecca on the birth of Ella Maurine. May the Lord continue to bless your family and keep you in his loving care.

ATTENDANCE SEPTEMBER 2023

Church & Sunday School Attendance				Tithes and offerings for September 2023
Date	Sunday Service	Adult Bible Class	Sunday School	
Sept. 3	74	17	10	Budget Amount Needed for Sept.. 2023 \$16,274.
Sept. 10	88	18	16	
Sept. 17	114	Picnic	Picnic	Amount received for Sept. 2023 \$12,361. Sept. Receipts <i>were</i> below budget by - \$3,913.
Sept. 24	87	Voters	13	

Changes in Membership for SEPTEMBER 2023

Confirmations: 2 Adult Confirmands

Bill Hampshire and Michelle Shams El Din

Funerals: Jerry Scott passed on August 30th, 2023.

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.** The choir and handbells will present their music while also inviting the congregation to join in. 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.



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.