

# IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

*"God With Us"*



*Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025

*To God be glory for 147 years of His grace at Immanuel and  
75 years of proclaiming Jesus on our radio broadcast.*

*Prelude\*\*Ringing of the Bell\*\*Welcome*

# Confession and Absolution

Hymn of Invocation LSB #785

*We Praise You, O God*

*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.

# Service of the Word

## Introit

Your testimonies are righteous forever;  
**give me understanding that I may live.**

Righteous are you, O LORD,  
**and right are your just decrees.**

You have appointed your testimonies in righteousness  
**and in all faithfulness.**

My zeal consumes me,  
**because my foes forget your words.**

Your promise is well tried,  
**and your servant loves it.**

Your righteousness is righteous forever,  
**and your law is true.**

**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.**

Your testimonies are righteous forever;  
**give me understanding that I may live.**

## Kyrie

LSB 152

**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.

## This Is the Feast

155



**C** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 — Wor-ty is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and  
3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and  
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to  
5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*  
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*

join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*  
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*

gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray.

O Lord, keep Your Church in Your perpetual mercy; and because without You we cannot but fall, preserve us from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading

*Amos 8:4-7*

<sup>4</sup>Hear this, you who trample on the needy  
and bring the poor of the land to an end,  
<sup>5</sup>saying, “When will the new moon be over,  
that we may sell grain?  
And the Sabbath,  
that we may offer wheat for sale,  
that we may make the ephah small and the shekel great  
and deal deceitfully with false balances,  
<sup>6</sup>that we may buy the poor for silver  
and the needy for a pair of sandals  
and sell the chaff of the wheat?”  
<sup>7</sup>The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:  
“Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

1 Timothy 2:1–15

<sup>1</sup>First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, <sup>2</sup>for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. <sup>3</sup>This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, <sup>4</sup>who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. <sup>5</sup>For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time. <sup>7</sup>For this I was appointed a preacher and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

<sup>8</sup>I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or quarreling; <sup>9</sup>likewise also that women should adorn themselves in respectable apparel, with modesty and self-control, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly attire, <sup>10</sup>but with what is proper for women who profess godliness—with good works. <sup>11</sup>Let a woman learn quietly with all submissiveness. <sup>12</sup>I do not permit a woman to teach or to exercise authority over a man; rather, she is to remain quiet. <sup>13</sup>For Adam was formed first, then Eve; <sup>14</sup>and Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived and became a transgressor. <sup>15</sup>Yet she will be saved through childbearing—if they continue in faith and love and holiness, with self-control.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Alleluia and Verse

LSB 156

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

The musical notation is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first line of music is for the Alleluia, starting with a C-clef and a key signature of one sharp. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the' are written below the first line. The second line of music continues the Alleluia, with the lyrics 'words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' written below it. The music ends with a double bar line.

## Gospel

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixteenth chapter.

**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

The musical notation is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It starts with a C-clef and a key signature of one sharp. The lyrics 'Glo - ry to You, O Lord.' are written below the music. The music ends with a double bar line.

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus] also said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. <sup>2</sup>And he called him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.’ <sup>3</sup>And the manager said to himself, ‘What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. <sup>4</sup>I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.’ <sup>5</sup>So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he said to the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ <sup>6</sup>He said, ‘A hundred measures of oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.’ <sup>7</sup>Then he said to another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He said, ‘A hundred measures of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and write eighty.’ <sup>8</sup>The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. <sup>9</sup>And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings.

<sup>10</sup>“One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. <sup>11</sup>If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? <sup>12</sup>And if you have not been faithful in that which is another’s, who will give you that which is your own? <sup>13</sup>No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.”

<sup>14</sup>The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all these things, and they ridiculed him. <sup>15</sup>And he said to them, “You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

**Nicene Creed (found inside the back cover of the hymnal)**

## Hymn of the Day LSB #782 *Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings*

### Sermon

Text: Luke 16:9-10

*"And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings. One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much."*

*Stand*

### Prayer of the Church

*Sit*

### Offering

*Stand*

### Offertory

LSB 159



What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to  
me? I will of-fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv-ing and will  
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-  
va-tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my  
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the  
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je-ru-sa-lem.



# Service of the Sacrament

## Preface

LSB 160

**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so 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

LSB 161



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. 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.

## The Words of Our Lord

### Proclamation of Christ

**P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

**P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

### Lord's Prayer (found inside the back cover of the hymnal)

#### Pax Domini

LSB 163

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.



**C** A - men.

#### Agnus Dei

LSB 163



**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.

*Sit*

#### Distribution

Distribution Hymn LSB #851

Distribution Hymn LSB #621

*Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us  
Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

*Stand*

## Thank the Lord

LSB 164



**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy

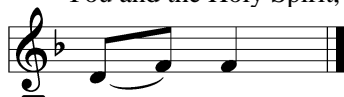


with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

## 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** A - men.

## Benediction

LSB 166

**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** A - men.

## Hymn to Depart LSB #783 Take My Life and Let It Be

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# The Lord's Week

<b>Sun.</b>	<b>9:00am</b> 10:15am	<b>Holy Communion Service on KMMO AM 1300</b> BC/SS
<b>Mon.</b>	10:00am	Finance Board First Day of Autumn
<b>Tues.</b>	6:00pm	Board of Elders
<b>Wed.</b>	10:00am	Women's Bible Study
<b>Sat.</b>	1:45pm	Youth Outing to Power Up in Sedalia
<b>Sun.</b>	9:00am 10:15am	<b>Divine Service on KMMO AM 1300</b> Church Picnic

*Thank you, Pastor Mehl for leading our service today!*



Mark your calendar for the **Annual Fall Picnic& Games on Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup>**. Sit outside or in the fellowship hall, and enjoy yourself a burger, chips, drink, and ice cream furnished by the Church. For the kids, there are games and treats. We look forward to seeing you there! Come and join your brothers and sister in Christ for fellowship!

**Save your labels!** Board of Ed is still collecting Best Choice labels! You can place them in the box in the narthex.

**The Care Team will be providing cookies** for the farmers at the elevator again this fall. We need your help. If you'd like to donate, we would be ever, so grateful. All kinds are accepted, but please no nuts or peanut butter. They can be put in the freezer anytime. Thank you in advance for your continued support.

**Board of Properties is ready to replace the windows in the Sunday School rooms and the Education Building.** There is a total of 26 windows at a cost of \$800 each. ***We are asking for individuals who feel compelled, to sponsor a one or more windows.*** Any donation toward this project would be appreciated. There is one window already replaced beside the fire escape in the upstairs classroom. You may want to look at this window to see the improvement and quality of installation. Thank you for your help.

## Those Serving

<b>Musicians</b> .....	Ron Baker
<b>Acolyte</b> .....	Chloe Hall
<b>Radio and Sound</b> .....	Steve Vickrey, Ron Meyer, Pete Melies
<b>Video</b> .....	Marsha Tyler, Andrea Renken, Dana Melies, & others
<b>Ushers</b> .....	Ken Hughson, Nelson Guier, Andrew Renken, Jerry Reid
<b>Pastor</b> .....	Pastor Paul Mehl
<b>Church Secretary</b> .....	Judy Teufel

**Special Offering Plate** in the Narthex to collect gifts to St. Paul Lutheran High School on September 21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>. SPLH has lost significant funding after parting ways with the organization that placed many international students with the school (a differing in Christian beliefs/social ideologies). This is a voluntary gift to help the school offset this financial loss. Please consider giving to this mission that benefits many now and for years to come.  
---Board of Elders

SWEET SPRINGS FOOD PANTRY can always use some helping hands distributing assistance to our neighbors. Tomorrow (Monday Sept 8) from 5-7 pm and Friday (Sept 12) from 10am - 2pm at the Pantry building down the street at 213 Main. What a great way to show our Christian spirit of care from Immanuel. Come as you are and we hope to see you there!

**Please join us at Holy Cross, Emma, for our annual Tuition Brunch** on Sunday, October 5th to raise funds for tuition expenses. We will be serving brunch from 10am-noon (or until we run out of food) with Free Will Donation at the door. Feel free to join us for 9am church beforehand and watch St. Paul's 3rd-5th grades sing. Hope to see you there!

**Save the date: Bingo Night will be Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025.**



Youth outing for 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and up  
**September 27<sup>th</sup> from 2pm-?**

Going to  
***Power Up in Sedalia***

**We will meet at the church at 1:45 and ride together.**

Parents are encouraged to attend!

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Let Us Thank the Lord in Everything.  
Let our Lives Worship Him above all Things,  
That our Hearts May Feel Rest and Spiritual Joy;  
And the Many Blessings Jesus Christ Brings.

May we Find that Quiet Place, to Bow our Heads,,  
Praise His Name, That We May Live in His Presence,  
Through the Son of God.  
The Comforter to Us.

Susan Nikaska

# PRAYER

**Members of Immanuel:** Carol Brandt, Phyllis Bredehoeft, Stanley Bredehoeft, Dale Dierker, Lois Gieseke, Evelyn Kincaid, Nolan Kirby, Janet Luetjen, Mary Opfer, Carol Thurman.

**Family and Friends of Immanuel:** Alan & Cindy Bernard, Brandy Clevenger, Avery England, Jeff Fuehring, Rev. Dr. R. Lee Hagan, Marian Harris, Diane Heermann, Gail Foster Horman, Retta Hamilton, Kelly Krause, Mark Krause, Terri Krause, David Maas, Danny Merrick, Inez Navarro, Rhonda Neupert, Jessica Nicolson, Mary Lou Ramos, Archie & Terri Rainey (unborn baby girl), Brooke Rieckhoff, Kimberly Scott, Elliot Smith, Jim & Jolene Studor.

## Shut-ins and Nursing Home Residents:

Millie Dohrman (Westport Assisted Living)  
Randy Brandt, Dolores Fischer & Dorothy Krause (The Living Center)

**Mission Workers:** Rev. Peter & Kristie Kolb (Thailand), Jim & Claudia Dahlke (Mission of Christ Network), those serving POBLO. David & Valerie Federwitz (LBT West Africa Regional Director))

**Military:** MaKenna Eckhoff, Drake Batye



September 24<sup>th</sup> marks the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our Radio Broadcast. It first aired in 1950. We will be celebrating this wonderful anniversary next Sunday at our Sunday School Picnic. Many thanks to all the members and listeners who have contributed to the fund that sustains this outreach. A special

Thank you to Pete Melies, Ron Meyer and Steve Vickrey who have faithfully run the technical side of this broadcast from the church building for many many years. (without their expertise this would not happen). Thanks to KMMO Radio for airing this broadcast for all these years. Also thank you to Marsha Tyler & Andrea Renken who are newer members to this broadcast manning the visual video each Sunday. Come join us next Sunday as we celebrate this landmark occasion!!!!

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:

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# CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED

## **Call for Nominations:**

National Synod Officer,  
Board, and Commission  
Positions

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**2026 LCMS CONVENTION**

CONFIDENTIALITY RESPONSIBILITIES



## Call for Nominations: National Synod Officer, Board, and Commission Positions

The **Committee for Convention Nominations** requests nominations of qualified members of Synod member congregations for the following positions to be filled by the Synod convention meeting July 18–23, 2026. Officers, agencies, ordained and commissioned ministers, and member congregations of the Synod and their lay members are all invited to submit nominations, to be received preferably before August 18, 2025, and **no later than October 18, 2025**. Nominees are sought for:

- Secretary of the Synod
- LCMS Board of Directors (at-large and regional)
- LCMS Boards for National and International Mission (regional)
- Commission on Theology and Church Relations
- Concordia Historical Institute Board of Governors
- Concordia Publishing House Board of Directors
- Lutheran Church Extension Fund Board of Directors
- LCMS Foundation Board of Trustees
- Concordia University System Board of Directors
- Synod University and Seminary Boards of Regents

Important information, including an explanatory memorandum, a detailed description of the offices to be filled (with present terms and incumbents), and instructions for use of the **new online nomination system**, is available at [lcms.org/nominate](https://lcms.org/nominate). Any member of a member congregation with a valid email address will be able to establish an account and submit a nomination.

Please distribute this call widely and urge participation.

*John W. Sias, LCMS Secretary*



For general information on the upcoming convention, see [lcms.org/convention/timeline](https://lcms.org/convention/timeline). Congregation administrators, please make sure your leader emails are up to date at [lcms.org](https://lcms.org) so that important convention-related announcements will be received. Congregations will receive nomination ballots for the President and regional vice-presidents of the Synod in the fall of 2025.