Immanuel Lutheran Church Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 8, 2024 10:00 a.m.

THE VISION STATEMENT FOR IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

As the body of Christ, renewed by the Holy Spirit as a living community of believers, we are committed to sharing the love of Christ and the good news of salvation.

We build relationships with others in the **Community Around Us**, while nurturing the **Community Among Us**, so all may know of and grow in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior.

GOD'S MISSION FOR IMMANUEL

Immanuel Lutheran Church is a community of God's people <u>rooted</u>, nourished, and educated in the Word of God, to include all people in its fellowship for the sake of Christ, and for their **eternal salvation**.

WELCOME VISITORS!

The Immanuel Lutheran congregation is pleased that you have joined us today. If you have no church home, we invite you to make your home among us.

COMMUNION AT IMMANUEL

We celebrate the Lord's Supper today! According to God's Word, you may commune with us if you:

- Have been baptized in the name of the Triune God,
- Have faith in Jesus Christ as God the Son, and your personal Savior from sin, death, and the devil.
- Have examined yourselves and recognize that you have sin that needs forgiveness, hurt that needs healing, faith that needs strengthening,
- Believe that in, with, and under the bread and wine you receive the true Body and Blood of the risen Christ, (1 Corinthians 10:16)
- Believe that the body and blood of the Lord will grant you forgiveness of your sins and new life.
- Desire to amend your sinfulness and live a life pleasing to God and in fellowship with His Church,
- Understand that to partake of the sacrament without examining yourself and recognizing the real presence of Christ's Body and Blood is to do so to your harm (1 Corinthians 11:27). If you do not agree with the above, or have questions, please see Pastor before communing at Immanuel.

Organ Prelude –

"I Will Sing My Maker's Praises" Paul Manz (1919-2009)



Divine Service, Setting One

Confession and Absolution

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

- 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.
- 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.
- 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

(Chanted by all)

Psalm 28:1-2, 6-7; antiphon: v. 8

The LORD is the strength of his | people;*

he is the saving refuge of his a- nointed.

To you, O LORD, I call; my rock, be not | deaf to me,*

lest, if you be silent to me, I become like those who go down to the pit.

Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to | you for help,*

when I lift up my hands toward your most holy sanctu- | ary.

Blessèd | be the LORD!*

For he has heard the voice of my pleas for | mercy.

The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and | I am helped;* my heart exults, and with my song I give | thanks to him.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

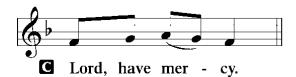
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

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Kyrie

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



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



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.



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



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



Hymn of Praise



Salutation and Collect of the Day

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God

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P The Lord be with you.

in the glo - ry

C And also with you.

Fa - ther.

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men.

P Let us pray.

O Lord, let Your merciful ears be open to the prayers of Your humble servants and grant that what they ask may be in accord with Your gracious will; 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

Isaiah 35:4-7a

⁴Say to those who have an anxious heart, "Be strong; fear not!
Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you."
⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
⁶then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.
For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert;
⁷the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water.

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Psalm 34:9, 19, alt.



Fear the LORD, | you his saints,*
for those who fear him lack | nothing!
Many are the afflictions of the | righteous,*
but the LORD delivers him out | of them all.

¹My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. ²For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, ³and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, "You sit here in a good place," while you say to the poor man, "You stand over there," or, "Sit down at my feet," ⁴have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him? ⁶But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court? ⁴Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called?

⁸If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing well. ⁹But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. . . .

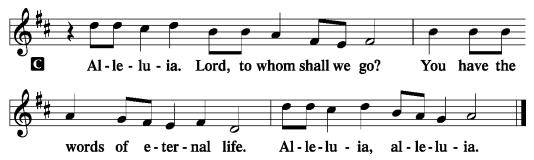
¹⁴What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? ¹⁷So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

¹⁸But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Stand

Common Alleluia



Holy Gospel Mark 7:24-37

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the seventh chapter.



²⁴From there [Jesus] arose and went away to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And he entered a house and did not want anyone to know, yet he could not be hidden. ²⁵But immediately a woman whose little daughter was possessed by an unclean spirit heard of him and came and fell down at his feet. ²⁶Now the woman was a Gentile, a Syrophoenician by birth. And she begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷And he said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." ²⁸But she answered him, "Yes, Lord; yet even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." ²⁹And he said to her, "For this statement you may go your way; the demon has left your daughter." ³⁰And she went home and found the child lying in bed and the demon gone.

³¹Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³²And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. ³⁴And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." ³⁵And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Sit



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Sermon

Stand

Apostles' Creed

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.

Sit

VOLUNTARY –

"Open My Eyes" Roger C. Wilson (1912-1988)

Offering

(We join with Christians all over the world in worshipping God through the giving of our financial resources. If you are a first-time visitor, you are our guest and we do not expect you to give an offering. For members and friends, the ministry of this congregation is completely dependent upon your generous giving. Our offering is a significant act of worship.)

Stand

Offertory





Prayer of the Church

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Brief silence

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Heavenly Father, by Your Spirit open our deaf ears to hear Your Word, that our tongues would be released to proclaim with zeal how Your Son has done all things well. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, You have commanded Your Church to take the Word of life to the ends of the earth. Strengthen and support all who travel to foreign lands on behalf of the Church's mission. Give them wisdom and courage as they tell others about Christ. Bless their hearers with hearts that are receptive to Your gifts. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Heavenly Father, graciously behold the sick and those in any need [especially ______]. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Heavenly Father, create and sustain in us a lively faith in Christ Jesus, and lead us by Your Spirit to be active in all good works. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, Source of all life and the life that never ends, receive our prayers this day in the name of Your beloved Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

+ Service of the Sacrament +

Preface

P The Lord be with you.



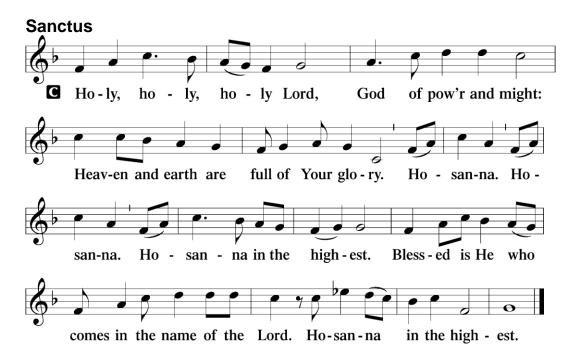
P Lift up your hearts.



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



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. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



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

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My

→ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My → blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

- 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

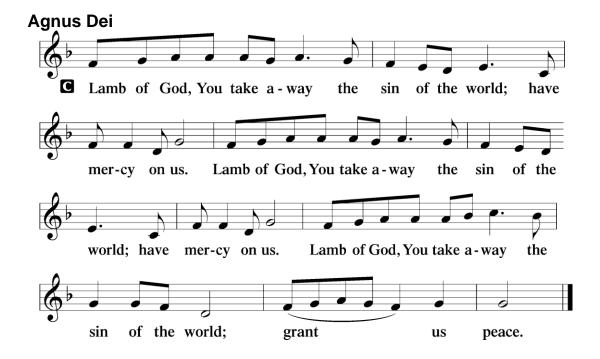
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

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P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



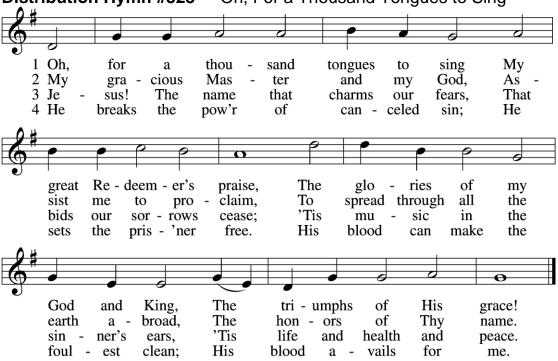
Exchange of Peace



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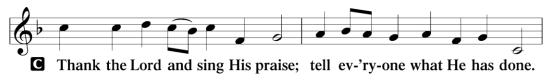
- Look unto Him, ye nations; own
 Your God, ye fallen race.
 Look and be saved through faith alone,
 Be justified by grace.
- 7 To God all glory, praise, and love Be now and ever giv'n By saints below and saints above, The Church in earth and heav'n.

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See all your sins on Jesus laid;
 The Lamb of God was slain.
 His soul was once an offring made
 For ev'ry soul of man.

Stand

Post-Communion Canticle





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





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.



Announcements

Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.





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Organ Postlude -

"Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" Paul Manz (1919-2009)

Those Serving Today:

Pastor Rev. Charles Minetree

Officiant
Liturgist Rick McDonnell
Lay Reader Carolyn Henn

Director of Music Carolyn Henri Muriel Hopkins

Altar Guild Phyllis Rebstock/Rita Alcarese

Birthdays This Week:

Anniversaries This Week:

8 Ryan Heemann10 Rick McDonnell

11 Gabriel & Mona Tenabe

11 Najet Huhra

This Week at Immanuel:			
Sunday	Sept 8	9:00 am	Sund

Sunday school, ages 3-12 Worship & Holy Communion

Post worship Adult Bible Study

11:30 am Board of Lay Ministry

Monday Sept 9 7 pm Adult Confirmation class

10:00 am

Wednesday Sept 11 Noon Bible Study and Lunch

6:30 pm LRIA Board of Directors

Thursday Sept 12 7 pm Choir

Saturday Sept 14 9 am Flea market

Sunday Sept 15 9:00 am Sunday school, ages 3-12

10:00 am Worship & Holy Communion

Post worship Adult Bible Study

Flowers were given to the Glory of God by Laura and Jonathan Pickering in loving memory of John Pickering

Ministry Notes

SAVE THIS DATE: A Baltimore-area Joint Reformation Service will be held at 4:00 P.M. on Sunday, October 27th, at Our Saviour Church, 3301 The Alameda. The Rev. Dr. Lawrence Rast will preach.

New Sunday Adult Bible Class and New Time!

Sunday Adult Bible Class is moving to a new time. Beginning September 8th, we will meet immediately after the 10 AM Divine Service in the conference room. The class will be taught by Pastor Minetree. Our topic will be examining insights given in the book: **Jesus Through Middle Eastern Eyes**, Cultural Studies in the Gospels by Kenneth E, Bailey. We will gain insights into some of the Bible passages that are covered in the gospels. Please let Pastor know if you plan to attend.

Wednesday Lunch Bible Class

Our Wednesday Lunch Bible Class resumes its twice monthly meetings beginning September 11th. This class meets every 2nd and 4th Wednesday. We are going to study an often-overlooked epistle, Paul's Letter to the Colossians. We begin with lunch we bring from home (sometimes we also bring things to share). Around 12:30 PM we begin our study. If you would like to attend, please let Pastor Minetree know.

Thursday ZOOM Bible Class

Our Thursday ZOOM Bible Class resumes its twice monthly schedule beginning September 5th at noon. We meet every 1st and 3rd Thursday. We are currently studying 1,2,3 Epistles of John. If you would like to join use, send an email to Pastor Minetree (cminetree@verizon.net) to receive the study materials and ZOOM link.

Adult Confirmation Class

Pastor Minetree is teaching an Adult Confirmation Class every Monday at 7:00 pm. In this class we cover the basic teaching of the Christian Faith. Feel free to drop by to join us for one or more classes.

For our **Flea Market** on **September 14th**, we will have an Immanuel table of items to sell for the benefit of Immanuel. If you have any items you would like to donate for this table, please bring your items, in a <u>box or bag</u>, to the office by September 11th. Please label each item with a <u>price tag</u> (any color), with a price you suggest for the item. The proceeds from this table will benefit Immanuel. (You need not be present to have your items sold at the table.) Thank you for sharing!

"Thus Joseph, who was also called by the apostles Barnabas (which means son of encouragement) sold a field that belonged to him and brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet." *Acts 4:36*

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2nd. 1-5 p.m. Shrimp, Oyster and Bull Roast to benefit *The Lutheran Mission Society*. Rosedale Gardens, 8037 Philadelphia Road. Music provided by the *Reputations*. Raffle tickets available (winner *does* not need to be present to win). Tickets \$50/person; call Denise Waicker 443-981-0019 or Gary Stratemeyer 443-827-6958 for tickets.

"Blessed is the one who considers the poor! In the day of trouble the Lord delivers him"

Psalm 41:1

PRAYER REQUESTS

- -For peace in Ukraine, Israel, and Gaza
- -For Denise Waicker, whose friend, Diana, lost her battle to cancer. Prayers for comfort to husband, Dan and children Kara and Kadyn.
- -Mr. and Mrs. Joe Castrilli as she cares for her husband who has dementia
- -Ginger Glindemann for family members who are being treated for cancer
- -Donna Gerhard, who had serious surgery
- -Leonard Harper who is beginning dialysis
- -Ray Ward who is recovering from hip replacement surgery on July 5
- -Jerry Ruble who had back surgery and is recuperating at home now

- -Lillian Cooperman, friend of Ray Ward, who has stage 4 colon cancer and is not doing well
- -Ray Will, who has been diagnosed with neck cancer
- -Winnie Kruelle who has been diagnosed with cancer
- -Naomi Kruelle for health reasons
- -Rosemarie Wilson, the daughter of Filleseta James, for return of strength in her left leg
- -Joseph Woah-tee missing, and whereabouts unknown