



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
WATERLOO, ILLINOIS

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
Summer Sermon Series – Week #6



Saturday, July 29, 2017 – 5:30 pm
Sunday, July 30, 2017 – 7:45 am & 10:15 am

“Making more and stronger disciples of Jesus Christ
through the power of the Holy Spirit.”

Welcome to Immanuel!

Guest/Member Cards can be found in the card holder of the pew in front of you. We invite you to fill out the card and place it in the offering plate when we receive the offering. When you fill out these cards each week you make it possible for our pastors to more easily follow up with and provide pastoral care for our guests and members from week to week. If you have any questions, please let us know.

Holy Communion is distributed every Saturday evening, and at either the 7:45 am or 10:15 am service on Sunday mornings. In this Supper of our Lord we receive the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the earthly forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith. Since this Holy Communion is also a sign of our common confession of the Christian faith, we welcome to the Lord's Table those who are confirmed members of our Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask the pastor before or after the service.

If for health or personal reasons you cannot drink wine, the lighter colored glasses in the center of the tray of individual cups contain water with a drop of wine. These special glasses allow communicants to celebrate the Lord's Supper according to Christ's institution, while only consuming a very small amount of alcohol. You are also welcome to practice intinction (dipping the edge of the host [bread] into the common cup as it passes by).

Immanuel's Saturday evening service is a bit less formal than our Sunday services. Therefore, you will notice there are no ushers, the offering plate is left in the narthex (entrance) of the church rather than being passed during service, and we have only two individuals distributing Holy Communion. On Saturday night we only use the chalice (common cup) during Holy Communion. If for health or personal reasons you cannot drink wine, you're welcome to practice intinction. Intinction involves dipping the edge of the host (bread) into the wine. In this way, the communicant receives both elements. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask the pastor before or after the service.

Worship at Immanuel is...

Multigenerational. We believe that it is a great blessing for family members to worship together. Taking seriously Jesus' words, "Let the little children come to me and so not forbid them" (Mark 10:14), we encourage children to worship with their parents and grandparents and provide resources such as children's bulletins and children's sermons.

Eclectic. Eclectic means, "selecting what seems best of various sources." We believe that we should strive to use the best hymns and practices that the church has to offer. Our worship may include hymns written 500 years ago as well as pieces written 5 months ago.

Trinitarian. We believe that the object of worship is the only true God—The Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Christ Centered. We believe that at the heart of worship is the Good News that God has rescued us from our sins through Jesus' death on the cross and rising to life again.

In preparation for worship we ask that you silence your cell phones and/or paging devices. Thank you.

The time before service begins can be a good time to pray and prepare your heart and mind for worship. You will find helpful prayers on the inside cover of the hymnal located in the pew in front of you.

Preservice Music / Bells / Welcome

Opening Hymn, Guest's or Member's Choice

(10:15 am) **Baptism**, Clayton Thomas Ziegler [LSB pg. 268]

Please stand

Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen. (Matthew 28:19b; [18:20])

Confession and Absolution

- 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. (1 John 1:8-9)

- 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. (John 20:19-23)
C Amen.

+ Service of the Word +

Introit of the Day

(Psalm 73:1-3, 21-26)

Truly God is good to Israel,

to those who are pure in heart.

But as for me, my feet had almost stumbled,

my steps had nearly slipped.

For I was envious of the arrogant

when I saw the prosperity of the wicked.

When my soul was embittered,

when I was pricked in heart,

I was brutish and ignorant;

I was like a beast toward you.

Nevertheless, I am continually with you;

you hold my right hand.

You guide me with your counsel,

and afterward you will receive me to glory.

Whom have I in heaven but you?

And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you.

My flesh and my heart may fail,

but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

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.

Truly God is good to Israel,

to those who are pure in heart.

Hymn of Praise, LSB #850 v. 1 & 4, “God of Grace and God of Glory”

**1 God of grace and God of glory,
 On Your people pour Your pow’r;
 Crown Your ancient Church’s story;
 Bring its bud to glorious flow’r.
 Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
 For the facing of this hour,
 For the facing of this hour.**

**4 Save us from weak resignation
 To the evils we deplore;
 Let the gift of Your salvation
 Be our glory evermore.**

**Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
Serving You whom we adore,
Serving You whom we adore.**

Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

(2 Timothy 4:22)

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

All: Heavenly Father, as we struggle with questions about the fairness of life, help us to see that You are gracious and kind to all those You've created. Teach us to sow the seeds of faith wisely, always depending on and reveling in the mercy of Christ. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Please be seated

Old Testament Reading, Deuteronomy 7:6-9

⁶“For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. ⁷It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, ⁸but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. ⁹Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading, Romans 8:28-39

²⁸We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. ³⁰And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified. ³¹What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³²He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ³³Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. ³⁵Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶As it is written, “For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.” ³⁷No, in all

these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Holy Gospel, Matthew 13:44-52

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 13th chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

⁴⁴[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. ⁴⁵“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, ⁴⁶who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it. ⁴⁷“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. ⁴⁸When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. ⁴⁹So it will be at the close of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁵¹“Have you understood all these things?” They said to him, “Yes.” ⁵²And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

All: 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.

Please be seated

Children's Message (Parents of very young children may also come forward with their children.)

Hymn of the Day, Guest's or Member's Choice

Sermon, Psalm 73, "Why Do the Wicked Prosper?"

Please stand

Prayer of the Church

(1 Timothy 2:1-4)

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

P (*Special petitions...*) Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Into Your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

Please be seated

Offering (5:30 pm – *Please place your offerings in the plate in the narthex before or after the service.*)

Please stand

Offertory/Response to Prayer, "O Church Arise" (v. 1 & 4) [Words and Music by Keith Getty & Stuart Townend. Copyright © 2005 Thankyou Music. CCLI License #1102860.]

**O church, arise and put your armor on;
Hear the call of Christ our captain;
For now the weak can say that they are strong
In the strength that God has given.
With shield of faith and belt of truth
We'll stand against the devil's lies;
An army bold whose battle cry is "Love!"
Reaching out to those in darkness.**

**So Spirit, come, put strength in ev'ry stride,
Give grace for ev'ry hurdle,
That we may run with faith to win the prize
Of a servant good and faithful.
As saints of old still line the way,
Retelling triumphs of His grace,**

**We hear their calls and hunger for the day
When, with Christ, we stand in glory.**

The 7:45 am service continues on page 9.

+ Service of the Sacrament +

Preface

- P** The Lord be with you. (2 Timothy 4:22)
C **And also with you.**
P Lift up your hearts. (Colossians 3:1)
C **We lift them to the Lord.**
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. (Psalm 136)
C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Proper Preface

- 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 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

(Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9)

- C** **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might: heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the Highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the Highest.**

(Hosanna is a Hebrew word of praise meaning “save us now.”)

The Lord’s Prayer

(Matthew 6:9-13)

- All:** **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.**

Words of Our Lord (Matt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1 Cor 11:23-25)

The Peace of the Lord

P The peace of the Lord be with you always. (John 20:19)
C Amen.

Please be seated

Distribution Hymns

LSB #550, "Lamb of God"

LSB #636, "Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness"

Please stand

Dismissal

P Now may this...Go in peace.
C Amen.

Benediction

(Numbers 6:24-26)

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.

Closing Hymn, Guest's or Member's Choice

Bells / Postlude

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Worship Helpers

Saturday, July 29, 2017 - 5:30 pm

Preacher/Celebrant - Rev. Dr. Tony Troup

Server - Chuck Keller

Greeter - Jim Pflasterer

Sunday, July 30, 2017 - 7:45 am

Preacher - Rev. Dr. Tony Troup

Lector - Joey Birrittier

Acolytes - Jay Grant & Ian Schrader

Ushers - Chuck Keller, Craig Mehner, Larry Taake, Dawn & Chase Rubemeyer

Sunday, July 30, 2017 - 10:15 am

Preacher - Rev. Dr. Tony Troup

Music Director - Mrs. Ann Frank

Server - Warren Frank

Acolytes - Jordyn Koch & Addie Janssen

Ushers - Rodney & Lisa Clamors, Michael Trout, Ollney Mueller Jr.

Ushers - Sunday, August 6, 2017

7:45 am - Bill Stueve, Charles Lloyd, Kevin Whelan

10:15 am - Robert Mesnarich Jr., Pam Nagel, Don & Carol Matzenbacher

Acolytes - Sunday, August 6, 2017

Saturday 5:30 pm - Sophia Alu

Sunday 7:45 am - Sami Wheat & Lauren Patterson

Sunday 10:15 am - Wyatt Fink & Evan Fink

Servers - Sunday, August 6, 2017

Saturday 5:30 pm - Chuck Keller

Sunday 7:45 am - n/a

Sunday 10:15 am - Bob Vernier

Media - Sunday, August 6, 2017

Saturday 5:30 pm - Lisa Clamors

Sunday 7:45 am - Laurie Sparwasser

Sunday 10:15 am - Mitchell/Tim Scheibe

Pianist - Ron Jones

Acolyte - Jenna Hoeffken

Media - Greg Hoefken

Liturgist - Rev. Merritt Demski

Music Director - Mrs. Ann Frank

Media - Pam Nagel

Celebrant - Rev. Merritt Demski

Greeters - Wayne & Cathie Collmeyer

Lector - Rodney Clamors

Media - Laurie Sparwasser

Lectors - Sunday, August 6, 2017

Saturday 5:30 pm - Ny Bartels

Sunday 7:45 am - Veronica Demski

Sunday 10:15 am - Marian Obst

Altar Guild - Sunday, August 6, 2017

Saturday 5:30 pm - Ny Bartels

Sunday 7:45 am - n/a

Sunday 10:15 am - Linda Gutknecht



Join us next week for Psalm 127!

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