



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
WATERLOO, ILLINOIS

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Summer Sermon Series – Week #6

I AM



The Door

The Bread of Life

The Good Shepherd

The Light of the World

The Vine

The Way, The Truth, and The Life

The Resurrection and The Life

Saturday, August 4, 2018 – 5:30 pm

Sunday, August 5, 2018 – 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, *LSB* 474, “Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen”

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 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, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, 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 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 80:7-19; antiphon: v. 7)

Restore us, O God of hosts;

let your face shine, that we may be saved!

You brought a vine out of Egypt;

you drove out the nations and planted it.

You cleared the ground for it;

it took deep root and filled the land.

The mountains were covered with its shade,

the mighty cedars with its branches.

It sent out its branches to the sea

and its shoots to the River.

Why then have you broken down its walls,

so that all who pass along the way pluck its fruit?

The boar from the forest ravages it,

and all that move in the field feed on it.

Turn again, O God of hosts!

Look down from heaven, and see;

have regard for this vine,

the stock that your right hand planted, and for the son whom you made strong for yourself.

They have burned it with fire; they have cut it down;

may they perish at the rebuke of your face!

But let your hand be on the man of your right hand,

the son of man whom you have made strong for yourself!

Then we shall not turn back from you;

give us life, and we will call upon your name!

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.

Restore us, O LORD God of hosts!

Let your face shine, that we may be saved!

Hymn of Praise, LSB 566 v. 3, “By Grace I’m Saved”

- 3 By grace God’s Son, our only Savior,
Came down to earth to bear our sin.
Was it because of your own merit
That Jesus died your soul to win?**

**No, it was grace, and grace alone,
That brought Him from His heav'nly throne.**

Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

(2 Timothy 4:22)

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

All: Merciful Father, You are the vinedresser and Your Son is the vine. You faithfully tend to us, the branches, grafting us to Your Son so that we bear fruit in keeping with repentance. Continue to keep us nourished and steadfast through the true vine, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated

(7:45 am & 10:15 am) **Solo**, “You Are the Vine” (D. Daniels) [Becky Richards]

Old Testament Reading, Isaiah 11:1-10

¹There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. ²And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. ³And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear, ⁴but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. ⁵Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins. ⁶The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them. ⁷The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. ⁸The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. ⁹They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. ¹⁰In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle, 1 John 2:1-6

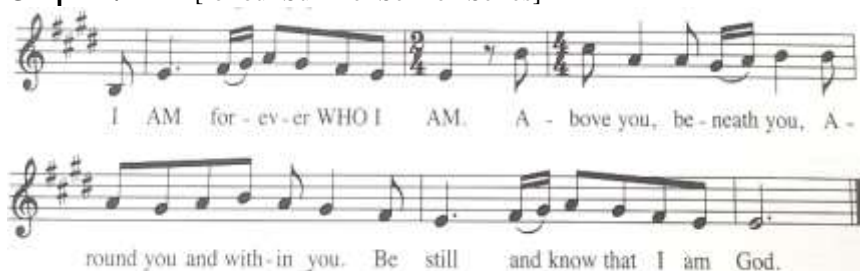
¹My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. ²He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. ³And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments. ⁴Whoever says “I know him” but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him, ⁵but whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may be sure that we are in him: ⁶whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Gospel Verse [for our Summer Sermon Series]



Repeat once.

Holy Gospel, John 15:1-11

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 15th chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. ²Every branch of mine that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. ⁹As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Please be seated

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

Hymn of the Day, *LSB* 540, "Christ, the Word of God Incarnate"

Sermon, John 15:1-11, "I Am the True Vine"

Please stand

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.

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.

(Saturday – Please remain standing; Sunday – 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, LSB 783 v. 1-3, “Take My Life and Let It Be”

- 1 Take my life and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.**
- 2 Take my hands and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love;
Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee.**
- 3 Take my voice and let me sing
Always, only for my King;
Take my lips and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee.**

The 7:45 am service continues on page 9.

+ Service of the Sacrament +

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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 [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

(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 611, “Chief of Sinners Though I Be”

LSB 628, “Your Table I Approach”

Please stand

Dismissal

P Now may this...Go in peace.

C Amen.

Benediction

- P** The LORD bless you and keep you. (Numbers 6:24-26)
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, *LSB* 924, “Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”

Bells / Postlude

The 7:45 am service continues below.

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(Matthew 6:9-13)

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The LORD look upon you with favor and give you peace.
- C** Amen.

Closing Hymn, *LSB* 924, “Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”

Bells / Postlude

We invite you to take the service folder and announcements home with you as you leave today so you can see what's happening this week as well as meditate on the Scriptures, prayers, and hymns from today's service as you go through the week.

*You can also find helpful information on our church website:
immanuelwaterloo.org.*

Worship Helpers

Saturday, August 4, 2018 - 5:30 pm

Preacher - Rev. Merritt Demski

Server - Rodney Clamors

Lector/Altar Guild - Ny Bartels

Pianist - Ron Jones

Acolyte - Nathan Hemmer

Media - Adrianna Whelan

Sunday, August 5, 2018 - 7:45 am

Preacher - Rev. Merritt Demski

Lector - Ollney Mueller, Jr.

Acolytes - Lilly Prather & Kyra Drewes

Ushers - Roy Unterseh, Jim Stueve, Dennis & Raymond Brandt, Ed Arras

Liturgist - Rev. Dr. Tony Troup

Music Director - Ann Frank

Media - Tyler Cooley (with recording)

Sunday, August 5, 2018 - 10:15 am

Preacher - Rev. Merritt Demski

Music Director - Ann Frank

Server/Lector - Hayden Lukas

Ushers - Lee Eggemeyer, Ken Schanz, Roger Schanz, Curt Wittbracht

Celebrant - Rev. Dr. Tony Troup

Acolytes - Ali & Blake Kloeppel

Media - Mitchell/Tim Scheibe

Ushers - Sunday, August 12, 2018

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

10:15 am - Rodney & Lisa Clamors, Ollney Mueller Jr., Paul Hoeffken, Evan Fink

Acolytes - Sunday, August 12, 2018

Saturday 5:30 pm - Sarah Alu

Sunday 7:45 am - Lauren Patterson & Kyle Rusteberg

Sunday 10:15 am - Tyler Cooley & Brayden Richey

Servers - Sunday, August 12, 2018

Saturday 5:30 pm - Greg Wiegand

Sunday 7:45 am - Wayne Collmeyer

Sunday 10:15 am - n/a

Media - Sunday, August 12, 2018

Saturday 5:30 pm - Pam Nagel

Sunday 7:45 am - Laurie Sparwasser

Sunday 10:15 am - Lisa Clamors (with recording)

Lectors - Sunday, Aug. 12, 2018

Saturday 5:30 pm - n/a

Sunday 7:45 am - Warren Frank

Sunday 10:15 am - Rodney Clamors

Altar Guild - Sunday, Aug. 12, 2018

Saturday 5:30 pm - Susan & Pat

Sunday 7:45 am - Barbara & Deb

Sunday 10:15 am - n/a

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SERMON OUTLINE – WEEK #6
JOHN 8:12
“I AM THE TRUE VINE”

1. When we hear Jesus' words it's tempting to engage in what's often called “_____.”
2. While the fruit of our faith is _____ of our salvation, it is not our _____.
3. ... apart from a connection to that life-giving _____, there is no life.
4. Christ cleansed his disciples with the Word and He does the same _____.
5. Rather than being like those plants up rooted and tossed to the fire, we'll be like trees planted by streams of _____ as we hear in Psalm 1.
6. We will see the resurrection of the dead and we will see Christ's _____ fulfilled.
7. “What if we took this _____?”

Name _____

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