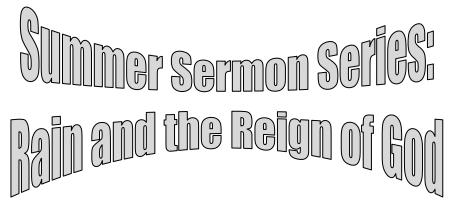


# IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH WATERLOO, ILLINOIS

# **Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**



Week 8: Signs of Rain

Saturday, July 24, 2021 – 5:30 pm Sunday, July 25, 2021 – 7:45 am & 10:15 am

#### Welcome to Immanuel!

Please turn off your cell phones and/or paging devices. Thank you!

**If you are a guest,** please fill out a guests' card located in the cardholder on the back of each pew and then place it in the offering plate. We look forward to meeting you!

**Members,** please help us love and care for one another by filling out an attendance card. Remember to include all the members of your family who are present in worship today. If you are communing, please check in the appropriate place. Thank you for filling out an Attendance-Communion card every time you attend Church.

We celebrate Holy Communion today! 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. This Holy Communion is also a sign of our shared confession of the Christian faith. If you have not communed with us before, please speak with one of our pastors before doing so.

**During the communion service:** If you're not able to 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, but have a very small amount of alcohol.

## Worship at Immanuel is...

**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.

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

**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.

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 348, "The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns"

- The King shall come when morning dawns
   And light triumphant breaks,
   When beauty gilds the eastern hills
   And life to joy awakes.
- Not as of old a little child,
   To bear and fight and die,
   But crowned with glory like the sun
   That lights the morning sky.
- 3 Oh, brighter than the rising morn When Christ, victorious, rose And left the lonesome place of death Despite the rage of foes.
- 4 Oh, brighter than that glorious morn
  Shall dawn upon our race
  The day when Christ in splendor comes
  And we shall see His face.
- The King shall come when morning dawns
   And light and beauty brings.

   Hail, Christ the Lord! Your people pray:
   Come quickly, King of kings!

#### Please stand

## Invocation

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**

Since the beginning of time, God has revealed His will to seek and to save that which was lost. Because of sin, we are all lost,

helpless to stand before God on our own. Let us therefore approach God in humility to receive His forgiveness.

- O God, I believe in You; O Lord, I trust Your promise to save me. Forgive me for my sins in thought, word, and deed. Come to me, though I am not worthy. Come to me with Your promise, with Your touch of forgiveness, healing, help, and life. Come, Lord Jesus. Amen.
- P God has come to you in grace and mercy. Upon this your confession, as a called and ordained servant of the Word and by His authority, I 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 of the Day

(Psalm 145:1-3, 6-7; antiphon: v.5)

On the glorious splendor of your majesty,

and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

I will extol you, my God and King,

and bless your name forever and ever.

Every day I will bless you

and praise your name forever and ever.

Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.

They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds,

and I will declare your greatness.

They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

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.

On the glorious splendor of your majesty,

and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

(5:30 pm) **Hymn of Praise**, LSB 830 v. 1-2, "Spread the Reign of God the Lord"

1 Spread the reign of God the Lord, Spoken, written, mighty Word; Ev'rywhere His creatures call To His heav'nly banquet hall. 2 Tell how God the Father's will Made the world, upholds it still, How His own dear Son He gave Us from sin and death to save.

(7:45 am & 10:15 am) **Hymn of Praise,** "Creator, We Thank You for All You Have Made"

Creator, we thank You for all You have made: For trees by the sidewalk that give us cool shade, For grass-covered ball fields, for flowers downtown, For wide autumn leaves that turn crispy and brown.

God, thank You for gardens on back corner-lots, For insects that hide out in old flower pots, For lion and polar bears living in zoos, For high mountain trails that have beautiful views.

God, thank You for rainfall that ends a long drought, For cracks in the sidewalk where little weeds sprout, For birds that build nests in the tops of the trees, For hot summer days when we feel a cool breeze.

O God, we give thanks for the places we go, For cool mountain lakes and for trails in the snow, For each city park and for each county fair, For gifts of creation we see everywhere.

## Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

(2 Timothy 4:22)

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

All: Almighty and most merciful God, the protector of all who trust in You, strengthen our faith and give us courage to believe that in Your love You will rescue us from all adversities; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, 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) Summer Choir Anthem, "Still, My Soul, Be Still"

Still, my soul, be still and do not fear though winds of change may rage tomorrow.

God is at your side; no longer dread the fires of unexpected sorrow.

Refrain: God, you are my God, and I will trust in You and not be shaken. Lord of peace, renew a steadfast spirit within me to rest--in You alone.

Still, my soul, be still; do not be moved by lesser lights and fleeting shadows. Hold onto His ways, with shield of faith against temptation's flaming arrows.

Refrain

Still, my soul, be still; do not forsake the truth you learned in the beginning. Wait upon the Lord, and hope will rise as stars appear when day is dimming.

Refrain

#### Old Testament Reading, Genesis 9:8-17

<sup>8</sup>God said to Noah and to his sons with him, <sup>9</sup> Behold, I establish my covenant with you and your offspring after you, <sup>10</sup> and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the livestock, and every beast of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark; it is for every beast of the earth. 11I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." <sup>12</sup>And God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: <sup>13</sup>I have set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. <sup>14</sup>When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds. <sup>15</sup>I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh. And the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. <sup>16</sup>When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." <sup>17</sup>God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle, Ephesians 3:14-21

<sup>14</sup>For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, <sup>15</sup>from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, <sup>16</sup>that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, <sup>17</sup>so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, <sup>18</sup>may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, <sup>19</sup>and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. <sup>20</sup>Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, <sup>21</sup>to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Holy Gospel, Mark 6:45-56

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>45</sup>Immediately [Jesus] made his disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. <sup>46</sup>And after he had taken leave of them, he went up on the mountain to pray. <sup>47</sup>And when evening came, the boat was out on the sea, and he was alone on the land. <sup>48</sup>And he saw that they were making headway painfully, for the wind was against them. And about the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. He meant to pass by them, <sup>49</sup>but when they saw him walking on the sea they thought it was a ghost, and cried out, 50 for they all saw him and were terrified. But immediately he spoke to them and said, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid." <sup>51</sup>And he got into the boat with them, and the wind ceased. And they were utterly astounded, <sup>52</sup> for they did not understand about the loaves, but their hearts were hardened. 53When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored to the shore. 54And when they got out of the boat, the people immediately recognized him 55 and ran about the whole region and began to bring the sick people on their beds to wherever they heard he was. <sup>56</sup>And wherever he came, in villages, cities, or countryside, they laid the sick in the marketplaces and implored him that they might touch even the fringe of his garment. And as many as touched it were made well.

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

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Please be seated

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

Hymn of the Day, LSB 832, "Jesus Shall Reign"

- Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
   Does its successive journeys run;
   His kingdom stretch from shore to shore
   Till moons shall wax and wane no more.
- 2 To Him shall endless prayer be made, And endless praises crown His head; His name like sweet perfume shall rise With ev'ry morning sacrifice.
- 3 People and realms of ev'ry tongue Dwell on His love with sweetest song;

And infant voices shall proclaim Their early blessings on His name.

- 4 Blessings abound where'er He reigns: The pris'ners leap, unloose their chains, The weary find eternal rest, And all who suffer want are blest.
- 5 Let ev'ry creature rise and bring Honors peculiar to our King; Angels descend with songs again, And earth repeat the loud amen.

Sermon, Matthew 16:1-4, "Rain and the Reign of God: Signs of Rain"

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

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

Eternal Father, O God our Creator and Redeemer, we thank You that You have drawn us to Yourself by the power of Your Word and our Savior Jesus Christ, our Lord. For Your promises of life and salvation, we give You praise and adoration as our God and Lord. Keep us in steady faith in You, guide our steps in the ways of Your life-giving Word, and make us to be ever more Your people of hope, love, and life. Lord, in Your mercy,

- **C** hear our prayer.
- Lord Jesus, as You strengthened Your early apostles by Your very presence, so give strength and courage to church workers who continue in Your service to this day. Guard and protect

them from the assaults of the devil and bless their service in Your Word and Sacraments. Lord, in Your mercy,

- **C** hear our prayer.
- Almighty God, give Your blessing and guidance to all in authority and the service of government in our land and throughout the world. Cause them to pursue righteousness and justice in all their dealings that we may live in prosperity and peace. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- Give healing and comfort, O Lord, to all who are in trouble, danger, or illness, [especially...]. Sustain their courage and faith in Your constant care. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- (Special petitions...) Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

**Offering** (You can place your offering in the plate in the narthex or mail it to the church anytime.)

Offertory, LSB 806, "Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart"
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Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One, Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ His Son. (Repeat once)

And now let the weak say "I am strong,"
Let the poor say "I am rich,"
Because of what the Lord has done for us. (Repeat once)

Give thanks, give thanks.

#### + Service of the Sacrament +

In this Supper of our Lord we receive the true body and blood of 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 how we commonly confess the Christian faith, we welcome to the Lord's Table those who are confirmed members of congregations of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

#### **Preface**

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.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. (Psalm 136)

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

## **Proper Preface**

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, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



## 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

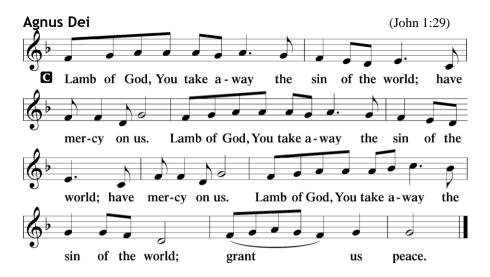
Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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

Pax Domini (John 20:19)

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.



Please be seated

## **Distribution Hymns**

LSB 611, "Chief of Sinners Though I Be"

- 1 Chief of sinners though I be, Jesus shed His blood for me, Died that I might live on high, Lives that I might never die. As the branch is to the vine, I am His, and He is mine.
- 2 Oh, the height of Jesus' love,
  Higher than the heav'ns above,
  Deeper than the depths of sea,
  Lasting as eternity!
  Love that found me—wondrous thought!
  Found me when I sought Him not.

- 3 Only Jesus can impart
  Balm to heal the wounded heart,
  Peace that flows from sin forgiv'n,
  Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n,
  Faith and hope to walk with God
  In the way that Enoch trod.
- 4 Chief of sinners though I be, Christ is all in all to me; All my wants to Him are known, All my sorrows are His own. He sustains the hidden life Safe with Him from earthly strife.
- 5 O my Savior, help afford By Your Spirit and Your Word! When my wayward heart would stray, Keep me in the narrow way; Grace in time of need supply While I live and when I die.

LSB 631, "Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face"

- 1 Here, O my Lord, I see Thee face to face; Here would I touch and handle things unseen; Here grasp with firmer hand the\_eternal grace, And all my weariness upon Thee lean.
- 2 Here would I feed upon the bread of God, Here drink with Thee the royal wine of heav'n; Here would I lay aside each earthly load, Here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiv'n.
- This is the hour of banquet and of song;
  This is the heav'nly table spread for me;
  Here let me feast and, feasting, still prolong
  The brief bright hour of fellowship with Thee.
- I have no help but Thine; nor do I need
   Another arm but Thine to lean upon.

   It is enough, my Lord, enough indeed;
   My strength is in Thy might, Thy might alone.
- 5 Mine is the sin, but Thine the righteousness;
  Mine is the guilt, but Thine the cleansing blood;
  Here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace:
  Thy blood, Thy righteousness, O Lord my God.

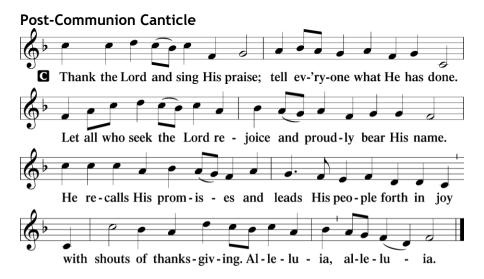
- 6 Too soon we rise; the vessels disappear;
  The feast, though not the love, is past and gone;
  The bread and wine remove, but Thou art here;
  Nearer than ever; still my shield and sun.
- Feast after feast thus comes and passes by,
   Yet, passing, points to that glad feast above,
   Giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy,
   The Lamb's great marriage feast of bliss and love.

Please stand

#### Dismissal

**P** Now may this... Go in peace.

C Amen.



#### **Post-Communion Collect**

- Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; 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 (Numbers 6:24-26)

The LORD bless you and keep you.

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

The LORD make His face snine on you and be gracious to you The LORD look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn, LSB 825, "Rise, Shine, You People"

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- 1 Rise, shine, you people! Christ the Lord has entered Our human story; God in Him is centered. He comes to us, by death and sin surrounded, With grace unbounded.
- 2 See how He sends the pow'rs of evil reeling; He brings us freedom, light and life and healing. All men and women, who by guilt are driven, Now are forgiven.
- 3 Come, celebrate, your banners high unfurling, Your songs and prayers against the darkness hurling. To all the world go out and tell the story Of Jesus' glory.
- 4 Tell how the Father sent His Son to save us.
  Tell of the Son, who life and freedom gave us.
  Tell how the Spirit calls from ev'ry nation
  His new creation.

#### **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, July 24, 2021 - 5:30 pm

Preacher - Rev. Dr. Tony Troup

Server - Chuck Keller Media - Kellev Keller

Sunday, July 25, 2021 - 7:45 am

Preacher - Rev. Dr. Tony Troup

Server/Lector - Bob Polansky

Acolytes - Reagan Wilhelm & Blake Nichols Ushers - Allen Jacobs. Don & Gina Birrittier

Sunday, July 25, 2021 - 10:15 am

Preacher - Rev. Dr. Tony Troup

Music Director - Ann Frank

Acolytes - Kadin LaRue & Leah Worley

Ushers - Alan Stumpf, Ian Schrader, Paul Broske Sr., Tom McDaniel

Ushers - Sunday, August 1, 2021

7:45 am - Lee Eggemeyer, Adam Eggemeyer

10:15 am - Larry Goessling, Cal Neeman, Dean Harbison

Acolytes - Sunday, August 1, 2021

Saturday 5:30 pm - Davin Dethrow

Sunday 7:45 am - Ayda Eggemeyer & Ryan Williams

Sunday 10:15 am - Jeriah & Masson Fink

Servers - Sunday, August 1, 2021

Saturday 5:30 pm - Greg Wiegand

Sunday 7:45 am - Warren Frank

Sunday 10:15 am - Rodney Clamors

Media - Sunday, August 1, 2021

Saturday 5:30 pm - Pam Nagel

Sunday 7:45 am - Cathy Whelan

Sunday 10:15 am - Lisa Clamors

Pianist - Ron Jones Acolyte - Trinity Drewes

Celebrant - Rev. Merritt Demski Music Director - Ann Frank

Media - Dave Powell

Liturgist - Rev. Merritt Demski Lector - Ollney Mueller, Jr.

Media/Facebook Live - Cathy Whelan

Lectors - Sunday, August 1, 2021

Saturday 5:30 pm - n/a

Sunday 7:45 am - Warren Frank

Sunday 10:15 am - Rodney Clamors

Altar Guild - Sunday, August 1, 2021

Saturday 5:30 pm - Marilyn Collette Sunday 7:45 am - Barbara Altes

Sunday 10:15 am - Carol Kassel



Picture Days - July 26-27 and August 27-28
Sign up in the narthex to schedule your appointment today!



Volunteers needed! August 1-5 Sign up in the narthex today!

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