



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
WATERLOO, ILLINOIS

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Summer Sermon Series Week #4

SUMMER SERMON SERIES

JUDGE NOT...
MARRIAGE...
THE CHURCH...
HOMOSEXUAL
PRACTICE...

**JUST to
CLARIFY**

TRANSGENDER
IDEOLOGY...
CLOSED
COMMUNION...
AND OTHERS...

BEGINS JUNE 3/4

8 WEEKS

Saturday, June 24, 2023 – 5:30 p.m.
Sunday, June 25, 2023 – 7:45 a.m. & 10:15 a.m.

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

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.

Divine Service, Setting Three

(Lutheran Service Book, pg. 184)

Preservice Music (10:15 a.m. – Music provided by the Handbell Workshop participants)

Bells / Welcome

Opening Hymn, *LSB* 903, “This Is the Day the Lord Has Made”

Please stand

Invocation

(Matthew 28:19b; [18-20]; Hebrews 10:22)

P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Confession and Absolution

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.** (Psalm 124:8)

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.** (Psalm 32:5)

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I 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 56:3-4, 10-11; antiphon: v. 13)

For you have delivered my soul from death, yes, my feet from falling,
that I may walk before God in the light of life.

When I am afraid,

I put my trust in you.

In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I shall not be afraid.

What can flesh do to me?

In God, whose word I praise,

in the LORD, whose word I praise,

in God I trust; I shall not be afraid.

What can man do to me?

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.

For you have delivered my soul from death, yes, my feet from falling,
that I may walk before God in the light of life.

Kyrie

(Mark 10:47)



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis

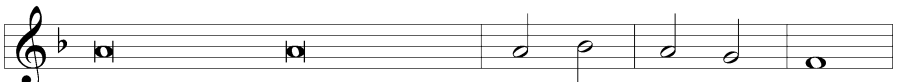
(Luke 2:14; John 1:29)



Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward



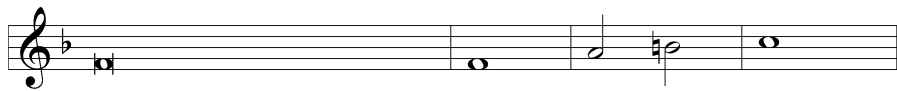
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



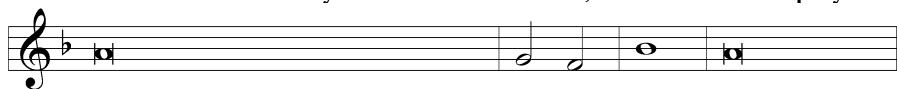
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.



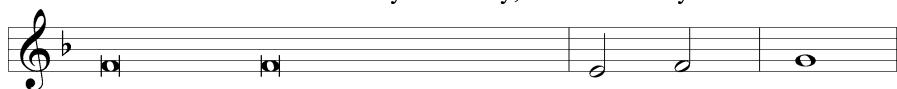
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.



Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,



art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

(2 Timothy 4:22)

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

C O God, because Your abiding presence always goes with us, keep us aware of Your daily mercies that we may live secure and content in Your eternal love; 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

Old Testament Reading, Jeremiah 20:7-13

⁷O LORD, you have deceived me, and I was deceived; you are stronger than I, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all the day; everyone mocks me. ⁸For whenever I speak, I cry out, I shout, “Violence and destruction!” For the word of the LORD has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. ⁹If I say, “I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name,” there is in my heart as it were a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. ¹⁰For I hear many whispering. Terror is on every side! “Denounce him! Let us denounce him!” say all my close friends, watching for my fall. “Perhaps he will be deceived; then we can overcome him and take our revenge on him.” ¹¹But the LORD is with me as a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble; they will not overcome me. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten. ¹²O LORD of hosts, who tests the righteous, who sees the heart and the mind, let me see your vengeance upon them, for to you have I committed my cause. ¹³Sing to the LORD; praise the LORD! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hand of evildoers.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle, Romans 6:12-23

¹²Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. ¹³Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. ¹⁴For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. ¹⁵What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, ¹⁸and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification. ²⁰When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²²But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. ²³For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand

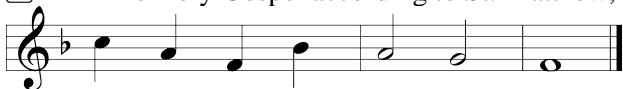
Alleluia



C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel, Matthew 10:5a, 21-33

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 10th chapter.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

⁵These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, . . . ²¹“Brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, ²²and you will be hated by all for my name’s sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. ²³When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next, for truly, I say to you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes. ²⁴“A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. ²⁵It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household. ²⁶“So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. ²⁷What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. ²⁸And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. ³¹Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. ³²So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, ³³but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Apostles’ Creed

C 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 Sermon (Parents of very young children may also come forward with their children.)

Hymn of the Day, *LSB* 913, "O Holy Spirit, Enter In"

Sermon, "Just to Clarify: Week 4"

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 (*During our Saturday evening service, please feel free to place your offerings and attendance cards in the plate in the narthex.*)

Please stand

Offertory

(Psalm 51:10-12)

C Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -



way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

+ Service of the Sacrament +

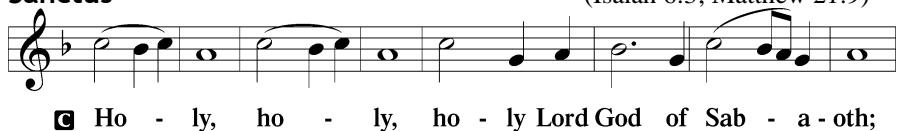
In this Supper of our Lord we receive the true body and blood of Jesus Christ under the earthly forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith. Since this Holy Communion is also a sign of how we commonly confess the Christian faith, we welcome to the Lord's Table those who are confirmed members of congregations of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

Preface

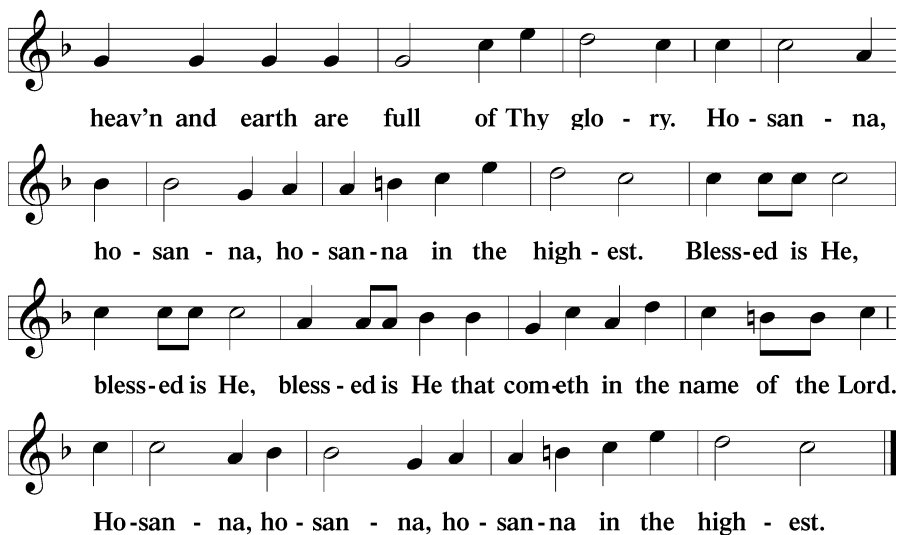
- P** The Lord be with you. (2 Timothy 4:22)
C And also with you.
P Lift up your hearts. (Colossians 3:1)
C We lift them to the Lord.
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. (Psalm 136)
C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times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

Sanctus

(Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9)



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,
 ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,
 bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.
 Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

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.



A - men.

Agnus Dei

(John 1:29)



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the

world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that
tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the
world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Please be seated

Distribution Hymns

LSB 725, "Children of the Heavenly Father"

LSB 570, "Just as I Am, without One Plea"

Please stand

Dismissal

P The body and blood...Go in peace.

C Amen.

Nunc Dimittis

(Luke 2:29-32)

C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-
cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy

peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A-men.

Thanksgiving

(Psalm 107:1)

- A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C **and His mercy endureth forever.**
P 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 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 **Amen.**

Salutation and Benedicamus

- P** The Lord be with you. (2 Timothy 4:22)
C **And also with you.**
A Let us bless the Lord. (Psalm 103:1)
C **Thanks be to God.**

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, LSB 923, “Almighty Father, Bless the Word”

Bells / Postlude

Worship Helpers

Saturday, June 24, 2023 - 5:30 p.m.

Pastor - Rev. Merritt Demski

Server - Greg Wiegand

Altar Guild - Diana Heins

Pianist - Ron Jones

Acolyte - Gwen Wiegand

Media - Melissa Wiegand

Sunday, June 25, 2023 - 7:45 a.m.

Pastor - Rev. Merritt Demski

Server/Lector - Rodney Clamors

Acolytes - Ayda & Myla Eggemeyer

Ushers - Jason Valerius, Jeriah Fink, Trinity Drewes, Evan Williams

Music Director - Ann Frank

Altar Guild - Barbara Altes & Deb Bergman

Media - Don Birrittier

Sunday, June 25, 2023 - 10:15 a.m.

Pastor - Rev. Merritt Demski

Server/Lector - Bob Polansky

Acolytes - Keaton Roberts & Jacob Dethrow

Ushers - Alan Stumpf, Paul Broske Sr., Tom McDaniel, Collin Dethrow

Media/Facebook Live - Ashlyn Whelan

Music Director - Ann Frank

Flautist - Karen Hodapp

Altar Guild - Linda Gutknecht

Ushers - Sunday, July 2, 2023

7:45 a.m. - Allen Jacobs, Don & Gina Birrittier

10:15 a.m. - Cal Neeman, Dean Harbison, Jeriah Fink, Jacob Dethrow

Acolytes - Sunday, July 2, 2023

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Gwen Wiegand

Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Avery & Jensyn Collmeyer

Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Nash Bradley & Tyler Major

Servers - Sunday, July 2, 2023

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Howard Shive

Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Bob Polansky

Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Doug Simms

Media - Sunday, July 2, 2023

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Ayda Eggemeyer

Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Liam Garner

Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Clark Deptula

Lectors - Sunday, July 2, 2023

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - n/a

Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Bob Polansky

Sunday 10:15 a.m. - n/a

Altar Guild - Sunday, July 2, 2023

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Cally Killian

Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Debbie Olsson

Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Chris Michael

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Dear Friends in Christ,

The Board of Directors at *Christ Our Savior* is asking for your help to find the strengths and weaknesses of Christ Our Savior Lutheran High School.

We are working with Lutheran Schools Consulting Services to help better our school through the eyes of parents, students, board members, staff, congregations, and our communities. This is a confidential survey. The answers go directly to the Lutheran Consulting Services, and they will give us a report when we feel all surveys have been completed. Thank you for helping us to provide a Christ-centered Lutheran high school education in Southern IL.

Go to the website or use the QR code below to begin the survey.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FRNWXHL>



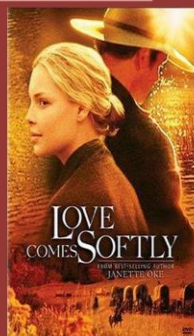


MOVIE *Night*

Tuesday, July 18 - 6:30 p.m.
In multipurpose room

**Girls/Women
(high school
age and older)
are welcome!**

**Snacks &
drinks
will be
available!**



RUMMAGE SALE

***Mark your calendars and see
your bulletins and July/
August newsletter for more
details!***

Drop off Days:
July 24 – Aug. 2

Sale Days:
August 3-5

Clean up Days:
August 6-7

*See the announcements for all the details! Many volunteers are
needed, so please watch for a sign-up sheet in July.*