



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
WATERLOO, ILLINOIS

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Summer Sermon Series Week #5

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, July 1, 2023 – 5:30 p.m.
Sunday, July 2, 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

Bells / Welcome

Opening Hymn, *LSB* 908, “Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear”

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 89:15-18; antiphon: v. 1)

I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever;

with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.

Blessèd are the people who know the festal shout,

who walk, O LORD, in the light of your face,

who exult in your name all the day

and in your righteousness are exalted.

For you are the glory of their strength;

by your favor our horn is exalted.

For our shield belongs to the LORD,

our king to the Holy One of Israel.

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.

I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever;

with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.

Kyrie

(Mark 10:47)



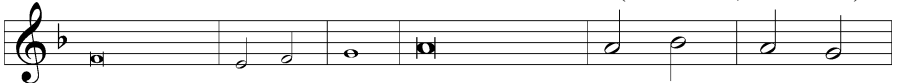
Q Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



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

Gloria in Excelsis

(Luke 2:14; John 1:29)



P Glory be to God on high: **Q** 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 Almighty God, by the working of Your Holy Spirit, grant that we may gladly hear Your Word proclaimed among us and follow its directing; 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 28:5-9

⁵Then the prophet Jeremiah spoke to Hananiah the prophet in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD, ⁶and the prophet Jeremiah said, “Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD make the words that you have prophesied come true, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles. ⁷Yet hear now this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. ⁸The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. ⁹As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes to pass, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle, Romans 7:1-13

¹Or do you not know, brothers—for I am speaking to those who know the law—that the law is binding on a person only as long as he lives? ²Thus a married woman is bound by law to her husband while he lives, but if her husband dies she is released from the law of marriage. ³Accordingly, she will be called an adulteress if she lives with another man while her husband is alive. But if her husband dies, she is free from that law, and if she marries another man she is not an adulteress. ⁴Likewise, my brothers, you also have died to the law through the body of Christ, so that you may belong to another, to him who has been raised from the dead, in order that we may bear fruit for God. ⁵For while we were living in the flesh, our sinful passions, aroused by the law, were at work in our members to bear fruit for death. ⁶But now we are released from the law, having died to that which held us captive, so that we serve not under the old written code but in the new life of the Spirit. ⁷What then shall we say? That the law is sin? By no means! Yet if it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin. I would not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, “You shall not covet.” ⁸But sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, produced in me all kinds of covetousness. Apart from the law, sin lies dead. ⁹I was once alive apart from the law, but when the commandment came, sin came alive and I died. ¹⁰The very commandment that promised life proved to be death to me. ¹¹For sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, deceived me and through it killed me. ¹²So the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good. ¹³Did that which is good, then, bring death to me? By no

means! It was sin, producing death in me through what is good, in order that sin might be shown to be sin, and through the commandment might become sinful beyond measure.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Alleluia



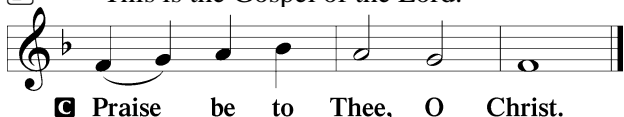
Holy Gospel, Matthew 10:34-42

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



³⁴[Jesus said:] “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. ³⁵For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. ³⁶And a person’s enemies will be those of his own household. ³⁷Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. ³⁸And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. ⁴⁰“Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me. ⁴¹The one who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and the one who receives a righteous person because he is a righteous person will receive a righteous person’s reward. ⁴²And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures And ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

Please be seated

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

Hymn of the Day, *LSB* 745, "In God, My Faithful God"

Sermon, "Just to Clarify: Week 5"

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)

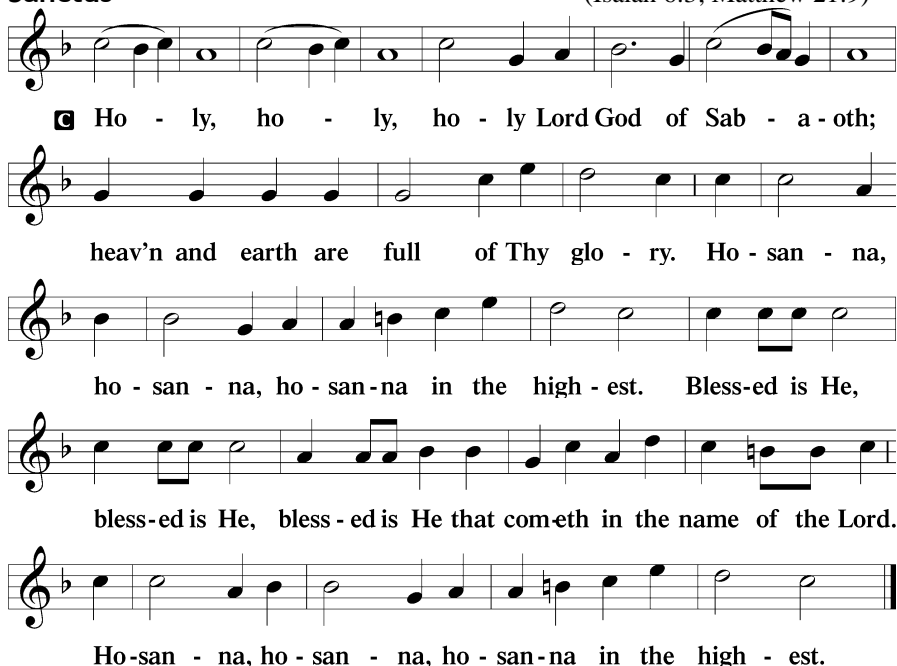
C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

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.



C A - men.

Agnus Dei

(John 1:29)



C 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 696, “O God, My Faithful God”

LSB 774, “Feed Thy Children, God Most Holy”

Please stand

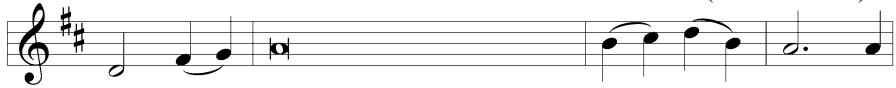
Dismissal

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* 966, “Before You, Lord, We Bow”

Bells / Postlude

Worship Helpers

Saturday, July 1, 2023 - 5:30 p.m.

Pastor - Rev. Merritt Demski

Server - Howard Shive

Altar Guild - Cally Killian

Pianist - Ron Jones

Acolyte - Gwen Wiegand

Media - Ayda Eggemeyer

Sunday, July 2, 2023 - 7:45 a.m.

Pastor - Rev. Merritt Demski

Server/Lector - Bob Polansky

Acolytes - Avery & Jensyn Collmeyer

Ushers - Allen Jacobs, Don & Gina Birrittier

Music Director - Ann Frank

Altar Guild - Debbie Olsson

Media - Liam Garner

Sunday, July 2, 2023 - 10:15 a.m.

Pastor - Rev. Merritt Demski

Server - Paul Broske Sr.

Acolytes - Nash Bradley & Tyler Major

Ushers - Cal Neeman, Dean Harbison, Jeriah Fink, Jacob Dethrow

Music Director - Ann Frank

Altar Guild - Chris Michael

Media/Facebook Live - Clark Deptula

Ushers - Sunday, July 9, 2023

7:45 a.m. - Elden Niemeyer, Wayne Hargrave, Warren Frank, Daniel Niemeyer

10:15 a.m. - Lee Eggemeyer, Adam Eggemeyer

Acolytes - Sunday, July 9, 2023

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Michael Evers

Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Trinity Drewes & Carson Filipiak

Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Liam Garner & Logan Kettler

Servers - Sunday, July 9, 2023

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Cal Neeman

Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Dean Harbison

Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Howard Shive

Media - Sunday, July 9, 2023

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Jensyn Collmeyer

Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Keaton Roberts

Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Ayda Eggemeyer

Lectors - Sunday, July 9, 2023

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

Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Daniel Niemeyer

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

Altar Guild - Sunday, July 9, 2023

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Susan Starbuck

Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Barbara Altes

Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Carol Kassel

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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>



RUMMAGE



SALE

*Mark your calendars!
See your bulletins for
exact times.*

Drop off Days:
July 24 – Aug. 2

Sale Days:
August 3-5

Clean up Days:
August 6-7

RUMMAGE



SALE

*See the sign-up
sheet in narthex
or sign up with
QR code!*



Volunteers
Needed



**July 3-7 & 10-14
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.**

***Closed on
July 4th***



**OFFICE
HOURS**

**Lisa Clamors will be on vacation July 2-14.
Pastor Demski will be on vacation July 13-18.**



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!**

