



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH WATERLOO, ILLINOIS

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

PUT ON THE FULL ARMOR OF GOD

Ephesians 6:10-18



BELT OF TRUTH



**BREASTPLATE OF
RIGHTEOUSNESS**



**SANDALS OF THE
GOSPEL OF PEACE**



SHIELD OF FAITH



**HELMET OF
SALVATION**



**SWORD OF
THE SPIRIT**

Saturday, August 31, 2024 – 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, September 1, 2024 – 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.

Preservice Music / Bells / Welcome / Greeting

Please stand

Opening Hymn, LSB 867, “Let Children Hear the Mighty Deeds”

Invocation

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

C **Amen.** (Matthew 28:19b; [18:20])

Opening Sentences

(Psalm 51)

P Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,

C **and cleanse me from my sin!**

P Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;

C **wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.**

P Create in me a clean heart, O God,

C **and renew a right spirit within me.**

P Cast me not away from Your presence,

C **and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.**

P Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,

C **and uphold me with a willing spirit.**

Confession and Absolution

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.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

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

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

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

P Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true**

obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C Amen.

+ Service of the Word +

Kyrie

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy on us, and help us know Your gracious forgiveness.**

P For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy on us, and open the hearts of those oppressed by sin.**

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy on us and on all who call out to You in faith.**

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy on us, and grant that Your peace permeate the lives of all who hear the Gospel in this place.**

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C Amen.

Hymn of Praise, LSB 785, “We Praise You, O God”

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1 We praise You, O God, our Re - deem - er, Cre - a - tor;
2 We wor - ship You, God of our fa - thers, we bless You;
3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer



In grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.
Through tri - al and tem - pest our guide You have been.
And glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.

We lay it be - fore You, we kneel and a - dore You;
 When per - ils o'er - take us, You will not for - sake us,
 With You, Lord, be - side us, Your strong arm will guide us.

We bless Your ho - ly name, glad prais - es we sing.
 And with Your help, O Lord, our strug - gles we win.
 To You, our great Re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

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, the source of all that is just and good, nourish in us every virtue and bring to completion every good intent that we may grow in grace and bring forth the fruit of good works; 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, Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

¹“Now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the just decrees that I am teaching you, and do them, that you may live, and go in and take possession of the land that the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving you. ²You shall not add to the word that I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you....⁶Keep them and do them, for that will be your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, ‘Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.’ ⁷For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is to us, whenever we call upon him? ⁸And what great nation is there, that has statutes and just decrees so righteous as all this law that I set before you today? ⁹“Only take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things that your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. Make them known to your children and your children’s children.”

- L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

Epistle, Ephesians 6:10-20

¹⁰Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. ¹¹Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. ¹²For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. ¹⁴Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. ¹⁶In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; ¹⁷and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, ¹⁸praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, ¹⁹and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Gospel Hymn, “Lord, Be Glorified”

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In my life Lord, Be glorified, be glorified.

In my life Lord, Be glorified today.

In my song Lord, Be glorified, be glorified.

In my song Lord, Be glorified today.

In Your church Lord, Be glorified, be glorified

In Your church Lord, Be glorified today.

Holy Gospel, Mark 7:14-23

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 7th chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁴[Jesus] called the people to him again and said to them, “Hear me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵There is nothing outside a person that by going into him can defile him, but the things that come out of a person are what defile him.” ¹⁷And when he had entered the house and left the people, his disciples asked him about the parable. ¹⁸And he said to them, “Then are you also without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile him, ¹⁹since it enters not his heart but his stomach, and is expelled?” (Thus he declared all foods clean.) ²⁰And he said, “What comes out of a person is what defiles him. ²¹For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts,

sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, ²²coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. ²³All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, 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 Message (Parents of young children may also come forward with their children.)

Hymn of the Day, “O Church Arise” (*Words on the screens.*)

Sermon, “Stand like this.....” Ephesians 6:10

Please stand

Prayer of the Church (Deut. 4:8-9; Eph. 6:11,17-18; Mark 7:20)

P Let us go to our gracious God in prayer for ourselves, the church around the world, and all people in their various circumstances. For the leaders of the nations, who are tempted to use their own faulty wisdom and understanding, that God would move them to call upon Him, who alone “has statutes and just decrees so righteous” as the Law He gave, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the families of the earth, wherever parents have forgotten to make God's commandments known to their children and their children's children, that God would open their hearts to His direction and guidance, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the leaders of the church around the world as it struggles to “stand against the schemes of the devil,” that God would strengthen them with “the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God,” let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For those people near and dear to us dealing with illness; mourning the loss of loved ones; needing adequate food, clothing, and shelter; and having other concerns, [*especially...*], that God would answer our prayers for them as we make “supplication for all the saints,” let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For ourselves and all who recognize that by ourselves in our fallen condition, “what comes out of a person is what defiles him,” that God would strengthen our faith to rely on His grace and mercy alone that He may use us and the gifts He has given us, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew right spirits within us. We pray this in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Please be seated

Offering (*During the Saturday service, please place your offering and attendance card in the plate in the narthex before or after the service.*)

Please stand

Offertory, LSB 955, “Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful”

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Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, And fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were
sown, That we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the
hopes and the dreams of all; U - nite them with the prayers we



✠ 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.

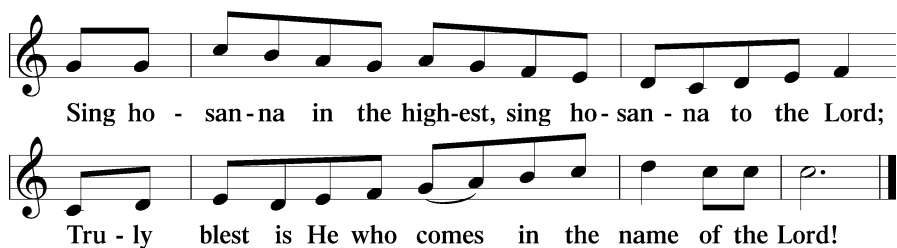
Proper Preface

- 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)





The Lord's Prayer

(Matthew 6:9-13)

C 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.

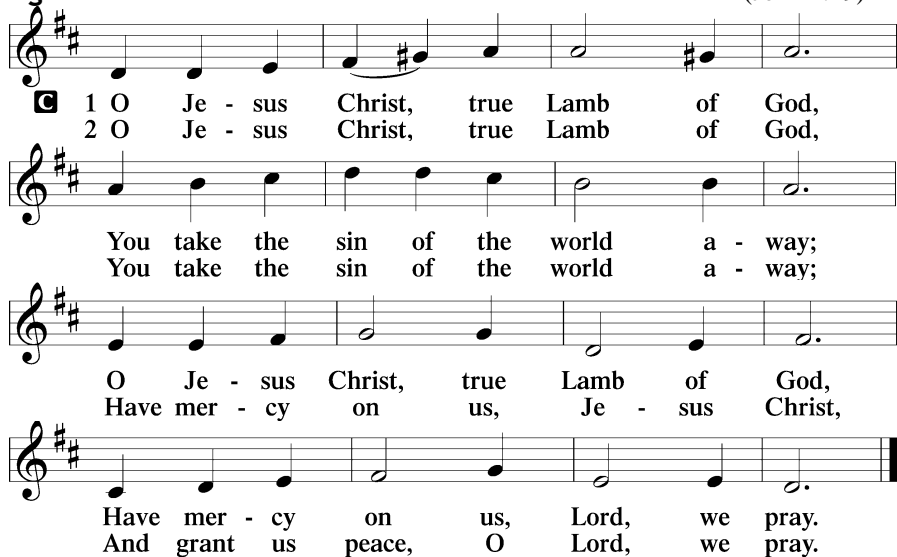
Words of Our Lord (Matt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1 Cor 11:23-25)

The Peace of the Lord

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

Agnus Dei

(John 1:29)



Please be seated

Distribution

LSB 665, “Be Strong in the Lord”

“Have Thine Own Way” (Words on the screens.)

Please stand

Dismissal

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

C Amen.

Post-Communion Hymn, *LSB 643 v. 2, “Sent Forth by God’s Blessings”*

**2 With praise and thanksgiving
To God ever-living,
The tasks of our ev’ryday life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing,
In love ever caring,
Embracing His children of each tribe and race.
With Your feast You feed us,
With Your light now lead us;
Unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living
With praise and thanksgiving
Give honor to Christ and His name that we bear.**

Post-Communion Prayer

P We give thanks, gracious Lord, that You have not only instilled in us a sense of what pleases You but also have given us Your very self to nourish us as we leave this place. Keep us faithful in all we do so that all praise may be brought to You, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit are one God, now and forever.

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, “We Are the Church” *(Words on the screens.)*

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 31, 2024 - 5:30 p.m.

Pastor - Rev. Brian Downs
Server - Greg Wiegand
Altar Guild - Marilyn Collette

Organist - Justin Tayon
Acolyte - Audrey Braun
Media - Gwen Wiegand

Sunday, September 1, 2024 - 7:45 a.m.

Pastor - Rev. Brian Downs
Server - Alex Voges
Acolytes - Chase Richey & Keaton Roberts
Ushers - Larry Taake, Dawn Rubemeyer, Glen Muench

Music Director - Ann Frank
Lector - Daniel Niemeyer
Altar Guild - Debbie Olsson
Media - Will Hanks

Sunday, September 1, 2024 - 10:15 a.m.

Pastor - Rev. Brian Downs
Server - Jason Valerius
Acolytes - Carson Filipiak & Colton Glessner
Ushers - Rodney Clamors, Jenna & Nicholas Hoeffken, Masson Fink
Media/Facebook Live - Lisa Clamors

Music Director - Ann Frank
Lector - Rodney Clamors
Altar Guild - Linda Gutknecht

Ushers - Sunday, September 8, 2024

7:45 a.m. - Jason Valerius, Jeriah Fink, Trinity Drewes, Brielle Fink
10:15 a.m. - Dusty Dethrow, Davin Dethrow, Collin Dethrow, Jacob Dethrow

Acolytes - Sunday, September 8, 2024

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Avery Griffin
Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Brady Drewes & Tyler Major
Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Jacob & Everly Dethrow

Lectors - Sunday, September 8, 2024

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - n/a
Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Rodney Clamors
Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Don Birrittier

Servers - Sunday, September 8, 2024

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Howard Shive
Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Rodney Clamors
Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Doug Simms & Don Birrittier

Altar Guild - Sunday, Sept. 8, 2024

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Marilyn Collette
Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Barbara Altes
Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Joyce McDaniel

Media - Sunday, September 8, 2024

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Lorelei Griffin
Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Liam Garner
Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Carson Filipiak

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