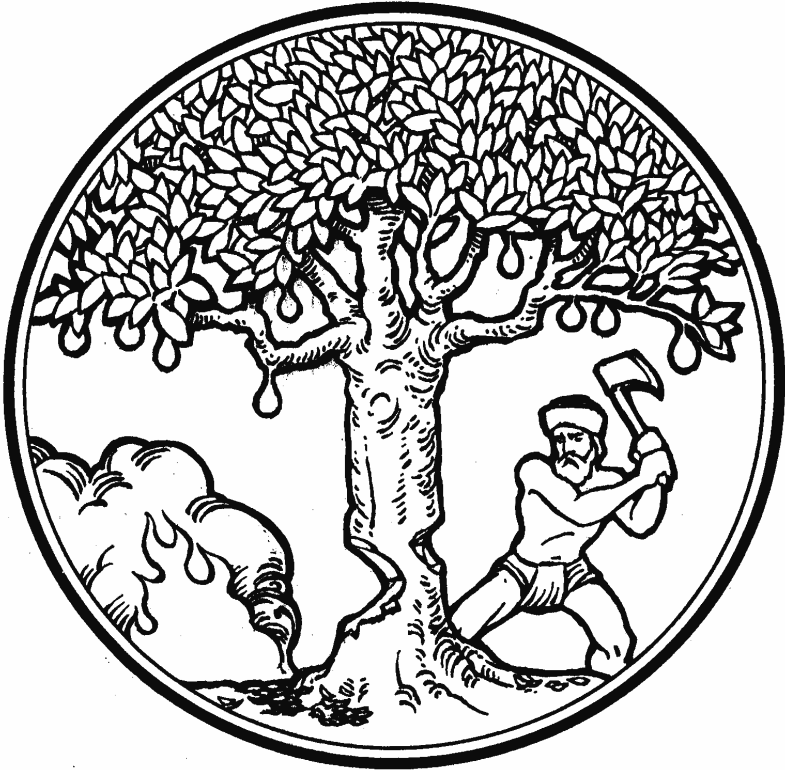




IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
WATERLOO, ILLINOIS

Eighth Sunday after Trinity



Saturday, July 25, 2026 – 5:30 p.m.
Sunday, July 26, 2026 – 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 pew holder 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 do 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 One

(*Lutheran Service Book*, pg. 151)

Preservice Music / Bells / Welcome / Greeting

Please stand

Opening Hymn, *LSB* 659, “Lord of Our Life”

✠ Confession and Absolution ✠

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

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

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 1 John 1:8-9

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

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

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. 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 48:1, 3, 11, 14; antiphon: vv. 9-10*

We have thought on your steadfast love, O God,
in the midst of your temple.

As your name, O God, so your praise reaches to the ends of the earth.
Your right hand is filled with righteousness.

**Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised
in the city of our God, his holy mountain.**

Within her citadels

God has made himself known as a fortress.

Let Mount Zion be glad!

Let the daughters of Judah rejoice because of your judgments!

This is God, our God forever and ever.

He will guide us forever.

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.

We have thought on your steadfast love, O God,

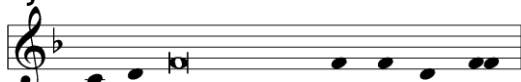
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Kyrie

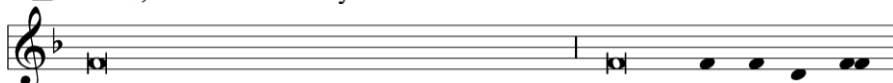
Mark 10:47



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



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



C Lord, have mer - cy.



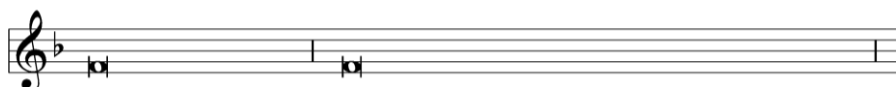
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



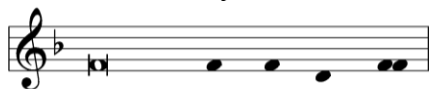
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



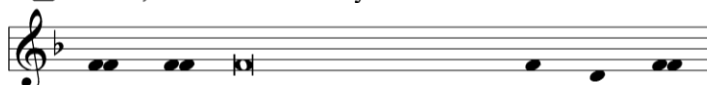
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



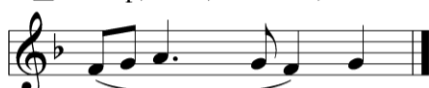
let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - - men.

This Is the Feast

Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9



Refrain

C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*

join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*

gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

2 Timothy 4:22

P The Lord be with you.

C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.
Grant to us, Lord, the Spirit to think and do always such things as are right, that we, who cannot do anything that is good without You, may be enabled by You to live according to Your will; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C A - men.

Please be seated

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 23:16-29

¹⁶Thus says the LORD of hosts: "Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you, filling you with vain hopes. They speak visions of their own minds, not from the mouth of the LORD. ¹⁷They say continually to those who despise the word of the LORD, 'It shall be well with you'; and to everyone who stubbornly follows his own heart, they say, 'No disaster shall come upon you.'" ¹⁸For who among them has stood in the council of the LORD to see and to hear his word, or who has paid attention to his word and listened? ¹⁹Behold, the storm of the LORD! Wrath has gone forth, a whirling tempest; it will burst upon the head of the wicked. ²⁰The anger of the LORD will not turn back until he has executed and accomplished the intents of his heart. In the latter days you will understand it clearly. ²¹"I did not send the prophets, yet they ran; I did not speak to them, yet they prophesied. ²²But if they had stood in my council, then they would have proclaimed my words to my people, and they would have turned

them from their evil way, and from the evil of their deeds. ²³“Am I a God at hand, declares the LORD, and not a God afar off? ²⁴Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the LORD. ²⁵I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, ‘I have dreamed, I have dreamed!’ ²⁶How long shall there be lies in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart, ²⁷who think to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, even as their fathers forgot my name for Baal? ²⁸Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let him who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? declares the LORD. ²⁹Is not my word like fire, declares the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Psalm 31:2b, 1a

Be a rock of refuge for me,
a strong fortress to save me!

**In you, O LORD, do I take refuge;
let me never be put to shame.**

Second Reading

Acts 20:27-38

²⁷[Paul said:] “For I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. ²⁸Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. ²⁹I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; ³⁰and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. ³¹Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish everyone with tears. ³²And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. ³³I coveted no one’s silver or gold or apparel. ³⁴You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. ³⁵In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’” ³⁶And when he had said these things, he knelt down and prayed with them all. ³⁷And there was much weeping on the part of all; they embraced Paul and kissed him, ³⁸being sorrowful most of all because of the word he had spoken, that they would not see his face again. And they accompanied him to the ship.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Alleluia and Verse



C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

P Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth!

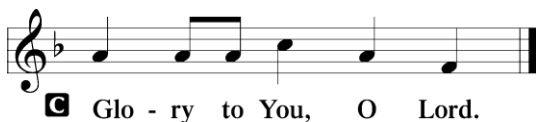


Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 7:15-23

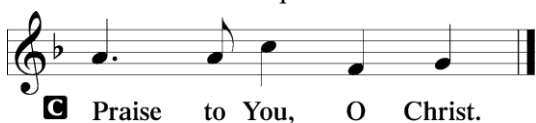
P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the seventh chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹⁵[Jesus said:] “Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. ¹⁶You will recognize them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? ¹⁷So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit. ¹⁸A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit. ¹⁹Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ²⁰Thus you will recognize them by their fruits. ²¹“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. ²²On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?’ ²³And then will I declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.’”

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 658, “Preserve Your Word, O Savior”

Sermon

Please stand

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 worshipped 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 $\dagger$ of the world to come. 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.

After each portion of the prayer:

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Offertory



C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to

me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo-ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

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.)*

✠ 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.

Please stand

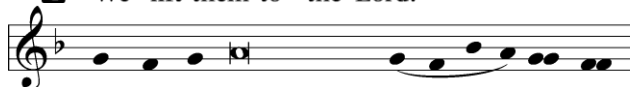
Preface

2 Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 136

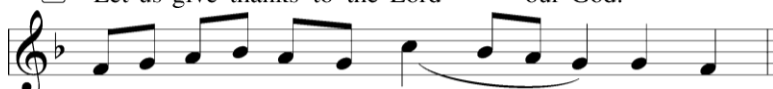
P The Lord be with you.
C And al - so with you.
P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



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, 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:

Sanctus

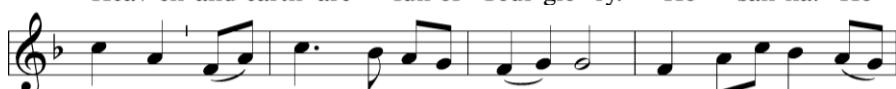
Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



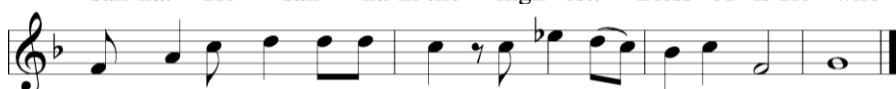
C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

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

Post-Communion Cantic



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



C A - men.

Closing Hymn, *LSB* 708, “Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart”

Bells / Postlude

Worship Helpers

Saturday, July 25, 2026 - 5:30 p.m.

Pastor - Rev. Benjamin Hayter

Server - Greg Wiegand

Altar Guild - Marilyn Collette

Sunday, July 26, 2026 - 7:45 a.m.

Pastor - Rev. Benjamin Hayter

Servers - Rodney Clamors & Jason Valerius

Acolytes - Olivia Rusteberg & AJ Helms

Ushers - Allen Jacobs, Don Birrittier, Mason Wilhelm

Media - Lisa Clamors

Sunday, July 26, 2026 - 10:15 a.m.

Pastor - Rev. Benjamin Hayter

Servers - Doug Simms & Seth Weinberg

Acolytes - Jase Gregory & TJ Joellenbeck

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

Media - Ayda Eggemeyer

Ushers - Sunday, August 2, 2026

7:45 a.m. - Lee Eggemeyer, Adam Eggemeyer, Jakson Gregory, Myla & Henry Eggemeyer

10:15 a.m. - Kevin Whelan, Alex Whelan

Acolytes - Sunday, August 2, 2026

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Avery Griffin

Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Eddie Arras & Nolan Prather

Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Brady Drewes & Aidan Kubelka

Servers - Sunday, August 2, 2026

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Aaron Thompson

Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Don Birrittier & Warren Frank

Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Tyson Bradley & Dusty Dethrow

Media - Sunday, August 2, 2026

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Lorelei Griffin & Quinn Menke

Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Olivia Rusteberg

Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Ashlyn/Cathy Whelan

Organist - Sarah Koester

Acolyte - Kenzie Wiegand

Media - Gwen/Melissa Wiegand

Music Director - Ann Frank

Lector - Rodney Clamors

Altar Guild - Barbara Altes

Music Director - Ann Frank

Lector - Seth Weinberg

Altar Guild - Ceely Suess

Lectors - Sunday, August 2, 2026

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

Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Don Birrittier

Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Pastor

Altar Guild - Sunday, August 2, 2026

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Susan Starbuck

Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Barbara Altes

Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Lindsey Dethrow

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DAILY PRAYER

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth will declare your praise.

Make haste, O God to deliver me;
make haste to help me, O Lord.

**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.**

Praise to you, O Christ. Alleluia.

The Hymn of the Season, or another appropriate hymn or psalm, may be sung or spoken.

The appointed reading from The Family at Prayer is read and discussed using the accompanying questions.

A portion of the Small or Large Catechism from The Congregation at Prayer is read and/or recited.

O Lord,
have mercy upon us.

O Christ,
have mercy upon us.

O Lord,
have mercy upon us.

Lord's Prayer

Prayers for others and ourselves

Concluding prayer:

O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Week 7: July 26-August 1

Catechetical Theme: To Workers and Employers

Believe it or not, the LORD has something to say about how we live and act in those places where we work—what we normally think of as our jobs. And the work you do—whether you have your first job ever making pizzas, or whether you worked your way up in your career and are now in management, supervising those who work under you—is holy work. It is work with which you love and serve your neighbor. It is the work you do as a priest of God in the priesthood of all believers. This week we'll look at some passages which speak to the duties associated with our calling in the civil realm as workers, or as employers and/or supervisors. God bless your time in His Word!

Catechism: The Large Catechism – The Fourth Commandment

All authority flows and is born from the authority of parents. Where a father is unable alone to educate his rebellious and irritable child, he uses a schoolmaster to teach the child. If he is too weak, he gets the help of his friends and neighbors. If he departs this life, he delegates and confers his authority and government upon others who are appointed for the purpose. Likewise, a father must have domestic manservants and maidservants under himself for the management of the household. So all whom we call “masters” are in the place of parents and must get their power and authority to govern from them.

Readings for the Week

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| ☐ July 27: Monday | Ephesians 6:1-9 – Workers and Masters |
| ☐ July 28: Tuesday | Colossians 3:12-25 – Workers and Masters |
| ☐ July 29: Wednesday | Luke 20:9-18 – The Wicked Tenants |
| ☐ July 30: Thursday | Titus 2:1-10 – Submission to Those in Authority |
| ☐ July 31: Friday | Philemon 1:8-16 – Working as Brothers |
| ☐ August 1: Saturday | 1 Peter 2:13-25 – Submission to Authority |

Questions to Discuss in the Home

Note: *This week's readings speak of slaves and masters. We should not think of this as referring to the institution of slavery as it was known in our country's history. Rather, these passages have the 1st Century Greco-Roman world as their context. It is better to think of them, for comparison's sake, as workers and supervisors.*

Mon- Sat: What does this passage speak of regarding the office and duty of a slave/worker? What is the duty of a person who is a supervisor/manager/master? How is one encouraged to think of his or her work? How does the passage encourage us to treat those with whom we work? How should the worker treat his or her master? How should the master treat his or her worker? How does this all relate to the person and work of Christ?

Verse of the Week: Colossians 3:23-24

Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.

Hymn of the Season (Trinity):

Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord (LSB 497)