

**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 25, 2022
IMMANUEL LUTHERAN
CHURCH
Missouri Synod**



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***Sunday*
9:00 A.M.
Worship Service**

**10:30 a.m.
Adult Bible Class &
Sunday School**

**Holy Communion:
1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday**

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FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT OF FAITH

**lay hold on eternal life, to
which you were also called
and have confessed the good
confession in the presence
of many witnesses.**

I TIMOTHY 6:12 NKJV

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WELCOME to IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

We wish to extend a warm welcome to all our visitors this morning. It is our hope that you will benefit by your worship here with us, and that you will return again soon. We would greatly appreciate it if everyone would fill out an Attendance/Communion card so that we can keep track of our attendance. They are located in the pew racks in front of you.

Next week we celebrate Holy Communion. We teach that in the receiving of the Lord's Supper each person receives the real presence of the Body and Blood of Christ for the forgiveness of their sins. If you are not a member of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod and desire to partake of Communion, please ask to speak with Pastor Weber or one of the elders prior to the service.

A Prayer Upon Entering Church - Remember me, O Lord, not for what I deserve, but because You have begun Your good works in me. As You have called me to Your service, make me worthy of my calling; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

AS WE GATHER - In the traditional "learning trio" of reading, writing, and arithmetic, the first two of the listed disciplines deal with words. Spoken and written communication are vital throughout life. But learning numbers and how to work with them, understand them, and use them well is also important. The books of the Bible include many numbers, each of which has special significance. The fourth book of the Old Testament is called Numbers because it contains the results of two censuses of the Hebrew people taken after the exodus from Egypt, one beginning in the first chapter and the second beginning in chapter 26. The Lord God demanded that each of His people was accounted for and known. His care for each of us continues, as is

reflected in His Word through the prophet Isaiah, "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are Mine" (Isaiah 43:1b). God sees each of us as "number one" in His loving view!

DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING FOUR

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WELCOME

PRELUDE

(A quiet time for prayer and meditation in preparation for worship)

OPENING HYMN

Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

LSB 660



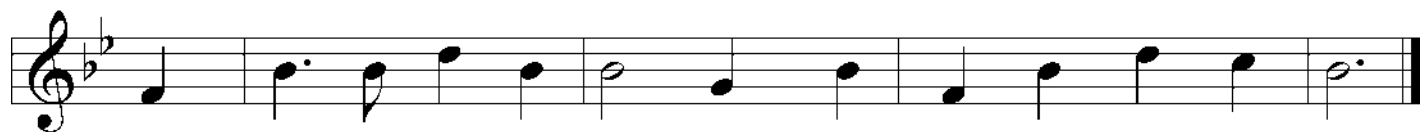
1 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, Ye sol - diers of the cross.
2 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus; The trum - pet call o - bey;
3 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus; Stand in His strength a - lone.
4 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus; The strife will not be long;



Lift high His roy - al ban - ner; It must not suf - fer loss.
Stand forth in might - y con - flict In this His glo - rious day.
The arm of flesh will fail you, Ye dare not trust your own.
This day the din of bat - tle, The next the vic - tor's song.



From vic - t'ry un - to vic - t'ry His ar - my He shall lead
Let all His faith - ful serve Him A - gainst un - num - bered foes;
Put on the Gos - pel ar - mor; Each piece put on with prayer.
The sol - diers, o - ver - com - ing, Their crown of life shall see



Till ev - 'ry foe is van - quished, And Christ is Lord in - deed.
Let cour - age rise with dan - ger And strength to strength op - pose.
Where du - ty calls or dan - ger, Be nev - er want - ing there.
And with the King of Glo - ry Shall reign e - ter - nal - ly.

Please stand

INVOCATION

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

C **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

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

(We take a moment of silence to reflect on our sin and our need for the Savior.)

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 *Psalm 119:73–75, 77; antiphon: v. 76*

P Let, I pray, Your merciful kindness be for my comfort, according to Your word to Your servant.

C Your hands have made me and fashioned me; give me understanding, that I may learn Your commandments.

P Those who fear You will be glad when they see me, because I have hoped in Your word.

C I know, O Lord, that Your judgments are right, and that in faithfulness You have afflicted me.

P Let Your tender mercies come to me, that I may live; for Your law is my delight.

C 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.

P Let, I pray, Your merciful kindness be for my comfort, according to Your word to Your servant.

KYRIE



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with your spirit.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. O God, You are the strength of all who trust in You, and without Your aid we can do no good thing. Grant us the help of Your grace that we may please You in both will and deed; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Please sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Amos 6:1-7*

(God's people are warned by the prophet.)

1 Woe to you who are at ease in Zion, and trust in Mount Samaria, notable persons in the chief nation, to whom the house of Israel comes! 2 Go over to Calneh and see; and from there go to Hamath the great; then go down to Gath of the Philistines. Are you better than these kingdoms? Or is their territory greater than your territory?

3 Woe to you who put far off the day of doom, who cause the seat of violence to come near;

4 Who lie on beds of ivory, stretch out on your couches, eat lambs from the flock and calves from the midst of the stall;

5 who sing idly to the sound of stringed instruments, and invent for yourselves musical instruments like David;

6 who drink wine from bowls, and anoint yourselves with the best ointments, but are not grieved for the affliction of Joseph.

7 Therefore they shall now go captive as the first of the captives, and those who recline at banquets shall be removed.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM *Psalms 146*

P Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

C **While I live I will praise the Lord; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

P Do not put your trust in princes, nor in a son of man, in whom there is no help.

C **His spirit departs, he returns to his earth; in that very day his plans perish.**

P Happy is he who has the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the Lord his God,

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C Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps truth forever,

P Who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry. The Lord gives freedom to the prisoners.

C The Lord opens the eyes of the blind; the Lord raises those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.

P The Lord watches over the strangers; He relieves the fatherless and widow; but the way of the wicked He turns upside down.

C The Lord shall reign forever—Your God, O Zion, to all generations.

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.

P Praise the Lord!

EPISTLE *1 Timothy 6:6-19*

6 Now godliness with contentment is great gain. 7 For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. 8 And having food and clothing, with these we shall be content. 9 But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition. 10 For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. 11 But you, O man of God, flee these things and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness. 12 Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. 13 I urge you in the sight of God who gives life to all things, and before Christ Jesus who witnessed the good confession before Pontius Pilate, 14 that you keep this commandment without spot, blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ's appearing, 15 which He will manifest in His own time, He who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings and Lord of lords, 16 who alone has immortality, dwelling in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see,

to whom be honor and everlasting power. Amen.

17 Command those who are rich in this present age not to be haughty, nor to trust in uncertain riches but in the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy. 18 Let them do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to give, willing to share, 19 storing up for themselves a good foundation for the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

ALLELUIA and VERSE



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



These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



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

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 16:19-31

(The story of the rich man and poor Lazarus)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixteenth chapter.

C **Glory to You , O Lord.**

19 "There was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine

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linen and fared sumptuously every day. 20 But there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, full of sores, who was laid at his gate, 21 desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table. Moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. 22 So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried. 23 And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.

24 "Then he cried and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.' 25 But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented. 26 And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to us.'

27 "Then he said, 'I beg you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father's house, 28 for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment.' 29 Abraham said to him, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.' 30 And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' 31 But he said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.' "

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

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.

Please sit

HYMN OF THE DAY

What Is the World to Me

LSB 730



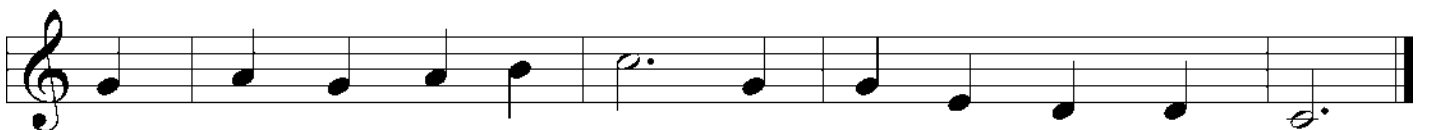
1 What is the world to me With all its vaunt - ed plea - sure
2 The world seeks to be praised And hon - ored by the might - y
3 The world seeks af - ter wealth And all that mam - mon of - fers
4 What is the world to me! My Je - sus is my trea - sure,



When You, and You a - lone, Lord Je - sus, are my trea - sure!
Yet nev - er once re - flects That they are frail and flight - y.
Yet nev - er is con - tent Though gold should fill its cof - fers.
My life, my health, my wealth, My friend, my love, my plea - sure,



You on - ly, dear - est Lord, My soul's de - light shall be;
But what I tru - ly prize A - bove all things is He,
I have a high - er good, Con - tent with it I'll be:
My joy, my crown, my all, My bliss e - ter - nal - ly.



You are my peace, my rest. What is the world to me!
My Je - sus, He a - lone. What is the world to me!
My Je - sus is my wealth. What is the world to me!
Once more, then, I de - clare: What is the world to me!

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SERMON

“Follow the riches”

(1 Timothy 6:17-19)

OFFERING

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OFFERTORY *The Son of God Goes Forth to War* **LSB 661; vs.1,4**



1 The Son of God goes forth to war A king - ly crown to gain.
4 A no - ble ar - my, men and boys, The ma - tron and the maid,



His blood - red ban - ner streams a - far; Who fol - lows in His train?
A - round the Sav - ior's throne re-joyce, In robes of light ar-rayed.



Who best can drink His cup of woe, Tri - um-phant o - ver pain,
They climbed the steep as - cent of heav'n Through per - il, toil, and pain.



Who pa - tient bears his cross be - low— He fol - lows in His train.
O God, to us may grace be giv'n To fol - low in their train!

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SHARING OF THE PEACE *"Peace be with you"* (John 20:21)
[using American Sign Language]

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C In peace, O gracious Lord, we pray and make our supplication.

**The call to seek You we obey— that blessed invitation.
With confidence that You will hear, Your throne of
mercy we draw near assured of affirmation.**

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

**C Before the cross subdued we bow, to You our prayer
addressing,
recounting all Your mercies now, and all our sins
confessing;
beseeching You throughout each year to keep us in
Your faith and fear and crown us with Your blessing.**

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**P For the blessing of God upon us, that we may lead
peaceable lives, let us pray to the Lord.**

**C We praise You in this time of prayer with thanks for
countless mercies:
Your wondrous goodness, love, and pow’r our grateful
song rehearses;
for You have been our strength and stay in many a dark
and dreary day of sorrow and reverses.**

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**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 The needs of others, Lord, we share in humbly voiced
petitions.
We bring to You each thought and prayer for all needs
and conditions.
According to Your gracious will, Your promise to
respond fulfill with loving disposition.**

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**P With thanks for the faithful examples set by those whose
earthly journeys are complete and whose witness to Christ
yet inspires us, let us pray to the Lord.**

**C We now remember, as we pray, our dear ones in Your
caring
who brightly shine in endless day, past death and all
despairing.**

**At our life's end, Lord, as Your own, bring us with them
around Your throne, the joys of heaven sharing.**

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

C **Then gracious God, in years to come, we pray Your hand
may guide us,
and, onward through our journey home, Your mercy
walk beside us
until at last our ransomed life is safe from peril, toil,
and strife when heav'n itself shall hide us.**

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

C **Amen.**

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.**

BENEDICAMUS

P Let us bless the Lord.

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 lift up His
countenance upon you, and give you peace.

C **Amen.**

Please sit

SENDING HYMN

Fight the Good Fight

LSB 664



1 Fight the good fight with all your might; Christ is your
2 Run the straight race through God's good grace; Lift up your
3 Cast care a - side, lean on your guide; His bound - less
4 Faint not nor fear, His arms are near; He chang - es



strength, and Christ your right. Lay hold on life, and
eyes, and seek His face. Life with its way be -
mer - cy will pro - vide. Trust, and en - dur - ing
not who holds you dear; On - ly be - lieve, and



it shall be Your joy and crown e - ter - nal - ly.
fore us lies; Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.
faith shall prove Christ is your life and Christ your love.
you will see That Christ is all e - ter - nal - ly.


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DISMISSAL

P Go in peace as you serve the Lord!

C Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE



The LORD gives sight to the blind,
the LORD lifts up those
who are bowed down,
the LORD loves the righteous.

Psalm 146:8

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Save the Date
RGV Zone Rally
November 12, 2022 @ 11:00 a.m. at St. PAUL,
Harlingen
Registration begins at 10:00 a.m.



For Us and With Us

The first Sunday in October is traditionally set aside for the observation of LWML Sunday, but it may be celebrated at any time.

“For Us and With Us,” is the theme for LWML Sunday 2022 and is based on Paul’s letter to the Romans. Paul tells us that each of us has faced challenges and circumstances greater than our own strength (Romans 8:31–39). But, in Christ, who is for us and with us, we are already more than conquerors through Him who loved us. This celebratory LWML Sunday will encourage all hearers of the victory which is already ours through Baptism, so we might live each day confidently trusting in Christ.

From Pastor’s Desk

Portals of Prayer October to December 2022 are available in the Narthex or office.

*Adult Bible Class/Sunday School at 10:30 a.m.
Rev. Weber will be leading the class.*

The LCMS invites everyone to join together in memorizing a verse each week.

This week’s memory verse: *Micah 7:7*

But as for me, I will look to the Lord; I will wait for the God of my salvation; my God will hear me.



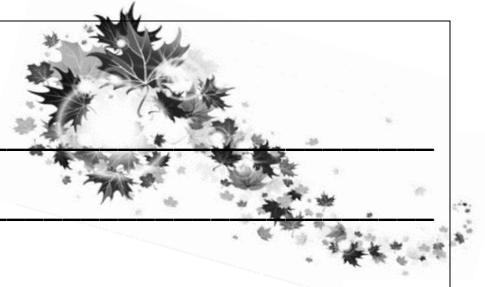
Reminders

- * 4th—**Elders' Meeting @ 9:00 a.m.**
- * 15th -- **Circuit Forum @ 10:00 a.m.** at Mt. Calvary
in Raymondville
- * 18th—**3rd Quarterly Voters' Meeting @ 7:30 P.M.**



Immanuel Lutheran School students will be picking up orders for delicious kettle pop corn between **October 11th** through the **24th**.

Sermon Notes:



9/18/2022	
Sunday Worship	48
Plate	\$ 25.00
Envelopes	\$ 1,720.00
Memorial: Robert Eilers	\$ 200.00
Total:	\$ 1,945.00
Bible Class: 11	\$ 13.00

***Seventeenth Sunday
after Pentecost***

Readings:

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

Psalm 62

2 Timothy 1:1-14

Luke 17:1-10

Our Help Is Not in Worldly Riches

“The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham’s side,” and “the rich man also died and was buried” (Luke 16:22). The poor man Lazarus, who knew many bad things on earth, began to be comforted forever, whereas the rich man, after a lifetime of good things, began to be “in anguish” (Luke 16:25). Therefore, “woe to those who are at ease in

Zion” (Amos 6:1), for “the revelry of those who stretch themselves out shall pass away” (Amos 6:7). The wealthy are urged “not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches,” but “to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share” (1 Tim. 6:17–18). Covetous desire for what God has not given is idolatry and “a root of all kinds of evils” (1 Tim. 6:10). Contentment belongs to faith, by which the Christian has “great gain” in godliness (1 Tim. 6:6).

Bi-Weekly Church Activity Schedule		
	September Sunday Servants	October Servants
Elder:	Don Vogel	Dan Wehling
Altar Guild:	Billi Jo Neuhaus & Maribel Perez	Same
Music:	Bonny Winston	
This Week	<i>Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i>	
Usher:	Dan Wehling	
Sunday:	Worship Service	9:00 am
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am
Next Week	<i>Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost</i>	
Usher:	Earl Neuhaus	
Sunday:	Holy Communion Worship Service	9:00 am
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am