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Third Sunday after Pentecost

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PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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☞ In the name of the Father, and of the ✚ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 28:19

☛ Amen.

☞ Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid:
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you
and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

☛ Amen.

☞ If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves,
and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins,
God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:8-9

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

℣ Most merciful God,

☩ We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves.

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.
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.

℣ In the mercy of almighty God,
Jesus Christ was given to die for you,
and, for his sake, God forgives you all your sins.
To those who believe in Jesus Christ
he gives the power to become the children of God
and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

☩ Amen.

**I will
follow you
wherever
you go.**

Lk 9:57



***HYMN, “O Jesus I Have Promised”**

LBW Hymn 503

Green Book

1. O Jesus, I have promised
To serve you to the end;
Remain forever near me,
My master and my friend.
I shall not fear the battle
If you are by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway
If you will be my guide.

2. Oh, let me feel you near me;
The world is ever near.
I see the sights that dazzle,
The tempting sounds I hear.
My foes are ever near me,
Around me and within;
But, Jesus, then draw nearer
To shield my soul from sin.

3. Oh, let me hear you speaking
In accents clear and still
Above the storms of passion,
The murmurs of self-will.
Now speak to reassure me,
To hasten or control;
Now speak and make me listen,
O Guardian of my soul.

4. O Jesus, you have promised
To all who follow you
That where you are in glory
Your servant shall be too.
And Jesus, I have promised
To serve you to the end;
Oh, give me grace to follow,
My master and my friend.

John E. Bode (1816-1874)

*GREETING

℣ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

☩ **And also with you.**

2 Corinthians 13:14

*RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 85:7-13

℣ O LORD, show us your loyal love.

(NET)

☩ **Bestow on us your deliverance.**

℣ I will listen to what God the LORD says.

☩ **For he will make peace with his people,
his faithful followers.**

Yet they must not return to their foolish ways.

℣ Certainly his loyal followers will soon experience his
deliverance;

☩ **Then his splendor will again appear in our land.**

℣ Loyal love and faithfulness meet;

☩ **Deliverance and peace greet each other with a kiss.**

℣ Faithfulness grows from the ground,

☩ **And deliverance looks down from the sky.**

℣ Yes, the LORD will bestow his good blessings,

☩ **And our land will yield its crops.**

℣ Deliverance goes before him,

☩ **And prepares a pathway for him.**

℣ 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.**



The Third
Sunday After Pentecost

***HYMN, “How Firm A Foundation”**

LBW Hymn 507

1. How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord, *Green Book*
Is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!
What more can he say than to you he has said
Who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?

2. Fear not! I am with you, oh, be not dismayed,
For I am your God and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

3. When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,
My grace all-sufficient, shall be your supply.
The flames shall not hurt you; I only design
Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

4. Throughout all their lifetime my people shall prove
My sov'reign, eternal, unchangeable love;
And then, when gray hairs shall their temples adorn,
Like lambs they shall still on my bosom be borne.

A Selection of Hymns (1787)

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

℣ The Lord be with you.

☞ And also with you.

℣ Let us pray together . . .

☞ O God,

**you have prepared for those who love you
joys beyond understanding.**

**Pour into our hearts such love for you
that loving you above all things,
we may obtain your promises,
which exceed all that we can desire;
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

FIRST READING, 1 Kings 19:9–21

Elijah went into a cave there and spent the night. Suddenly the LORD's message came to him, "Why are you here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been absolutely loyal to the LORD God of Heaven's Armies, even though the Israelites have abandoned the covenant they made with you, torn down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left and now they want to take my life." The LORD said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD. Look, the LORD is ready to pass by."

A very powerful wind went before the LORD, digging into the mountain and causing landslides, but the LORD was not in the wind. After the windstorm there was an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake, there was a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. After the fire, there was a soft whisper. When Elijah heard it, he covered his face with his robe and went out and stood at the entrance to the cave. Suddenly a voice asked him, "Why are you here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been absolutely loyal to the LORD God of Heaven's Armies, even though the Israelites have abandoned the covenant they made with you, torn down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left and now they want to take my life." The LORD said to him, "Go back the way you came and then head for the wilderness of Damascus. Go and anoint Hazael king over Syria. You must anoint Jehu son of Nimshi king over Israel, and Elisha son of Shaphat from Abel Meholah to take your place as prophet. Jehu will kill anyone who escapes Hazael's sword, and Elisha will kill anyone who escapes Jehu's sword. I still have left in Israel 7,000 followers who have not bowed their knees to Baal or kissed the images of him."

Elijah went from there and found Elisha son of Shaphat. He was plowing with twelve pairs of oxen; he was near the twelfth pair. Elijah passed by him and threw his robe over him. He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, "Please let me kiss my father and mother goodbye, then I will follow you." Elijah said to him, "Go back! Indeed, what have I done to you?" Elisha went back and took his pair of oxen and slaughtered them. He cooked the

meat over a fire that he made by burning the harness and yoke. He gave the people meat and they ate. Then he got up and followed Elijah and became his assistant. (NET)

📖 The Word of the Lord.

🙏 Thanks be to God.

PSALM 16

📖 Protect me, O God, for I have taken shelter in you.

🙏 I say to the LORD, “You are the Lord,
my only source of well-being.”

📖 As for God’s chosen people who are in the land,
and the leading officials I admired so much —

🙏 Their troubles multiply;
they desire other gods.

📖 I will not pour out drink offerings of blood to their gods,

🙏 Nor will I make vows in the name of their gods.

📖 LORD, you give me stability and prosperity;

🙏 You make my future secure.

📖 It is as if I have been given fertile fields

🙏 Or received a beautiful tract of land.

📖 I will praise the LORD who guides me;

🙏 Yes, during the night I reflect and learn.

📖 I constantly trust in the LORD;

🙏 Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

So my heart rejoices and I am happy;
my life is safe.

📖 You will not abandon me to Sheol;

🙏 You will not allow your faithful follower to see the Pit.

📖 You lead me in the path of life.

🙏 I experience absolute joy in your presence;
you always give me sheer delight.

(NET)



SECOND READING, Galatians 5:1, 13-25

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not be subject again to the yoke of slavery.

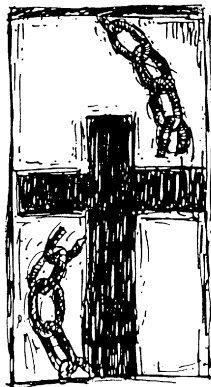
For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity to indulge your flesh, but through love serve one another. For the whole law can be summed up in a single commandment, namely, “You must love your neighbor as yourself.” However, if you continually bite and devour one another, beware that you are not consumed by one another. But I say, live by the Spirit and you will not carry out the desires of the flesh. For the flesh has desires that are opposed to the Spirit, and the Spirit has desires that are opposed to the flesh, for these are in opposition to each other, so that you cannot do what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity, depravity, idolatry, sorcery, hostilities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish rivalries, dissensions, factions, envying, murder, drunkenness, carousing, and similar things. I am warning you, as I had warned you before: Those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God!

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Now those who belong to Christ have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also behave in accordance with the Spirit.

(NET)

📖 The Word of the Lord.

🙏 Thanks be to God.



1. O Holy Spirit, enter in,
And in our hearts your work begin,
And make our hearts your dwelling.
Sun of the soul, O Light divine,
Around and in us brightly shine,
Your strength in us upwelling.
In your radiance
Life from heaven
Now is given
Overflowing,
Gift of gifts beyond all knowing.

***GOSPEL, Luke 9:51-62**

📖 The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the ninth chapter.

👉 **Glory to you, O Lord.**

📖 Now when the days drew near for him to be taken up, Jesus set out resolutely to go to Jerusalem. He sent messengers on ahead of him. As they went along, they entered a Samaritan village to make things ready in advance for him, but the villagers refused to welcome him, because he was determined to go to Jerusalem. Now when his disciples James and John saw this, they said, “Lord, do you want us to call fire to come down from heaven and consume them?” But Jesus turned and rebuked them, and they went on to another village.

As they were walking along the road, someone said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.” Jesus said to him, “Foxes have dens and the birds in the sky have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head.” Jesus said to another, “Follow me.” But he replied, “Lord, first let me go and bury my father.” But Jesus said to him, “Let the dead bury their own dead, but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.” Yet another said, “I will follow you, Lord, but first let me say goodbye to my family.” Jesus said to him, “No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.” (NET)

📖 The Gospel of the Lord.

👉 **Praise to you, O Christ.**

HYMN, “O Holy Spirit, Enter In” (vv. 2-3)

LBW Hymn 459

Green Book

2. Left to ourselves, we surely stray;
Oh, lead us on the narrow way,
With wisest counsel guide us;
And give us steadfastness, that we
May follow you forever free,
No matter who derides us.
Gently heal those
Hearts now broken;
Give some token
You are near us,
Whom we trust to light and cheer us.

3. O mighty Rock, O Source of life,
Let your good Word in doubt and strife
Be in us strongly burning,
That we be faithful unto death
And live in love and holy faith,
From you true wisdom learning.
Lord, your mercy
On us shower;
By your power
Christ confessing,
We will cherish all your blessing.

Michael Schirmer (1606-1673)

MUSICAL MESSAGE

Jon & Shelley Iverson



☐ God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ.
Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:

☑ **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended to heaven

and is seated at the right hand the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church,

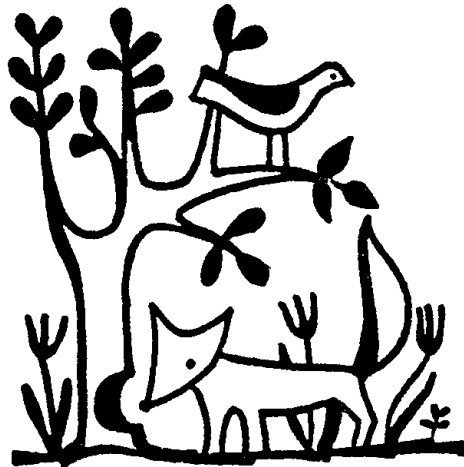
the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Foxes have lairs
and birds of the
sky have nests
but the son of
man has nowhere
to lay his head*



OFFERING OF OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

*“Take My Life, That I May Be” is sung as the offerings
are received.*

HYMN, “Take My Life, That I May Be”

LBW Hymn 406

Green Book

1. Take my life, that I may be
Consecrated, Lord, to thee;
Take my moments and my days;
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

2. Take my hands and let them move
At the impulse of thy love;
Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for thee.

3. Take my voice and let me sing
Always, only, for my King;
Take my lips and let them be
Filled with messages from thee.

4. Take my silver and my gold,
Not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect, and use
Ev’ry pow’r as thou shalt choose.

5. Take my will and make it thine;
It shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
It shall be thy royal throne.

6. Take my love; my Lord, I pour
At thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for thee.

Frances R. Havergal (1836-1879)

Response: **L** Lord, in your mercy,
 C Hear our prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER

L Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

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.

Matthew 6:9-13

BLESSING

L The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face to shine upon you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C Amen.

Numbers 6:24-26



***HYMN, “*He Leadeth Me: Oh, Blessed Thought!*”**

Hymn 501

1. He leadeth me: O, blessed thought!
Oh, words with heav’nly comfort fraught!
Whate’er I do, where’er I be,
Still ’tis God’s hand that leadeth me!

Refrain: He leadeth me, he leadeth me,
By his own hand he leadeth me.
His faithful foll’wer I would be,
For by his hand he leadeth me.

2. Sometimes mid scenes of deepest gloom,
Sometimes where Eden’s bowers bloom,
By waters calm, o’er troubled sea,
Still ’tis God’s hand that leadeth me. *Refrain.*

3. Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine,
Nor ever murmur nor repine;
Content, whatever lot I see,
Since ’tis my God that leadeth me. *Refrain.*

4. And when my task on earth is done,
When by thy grace the vict’ry’s won,
E’en death’s cold wave I will not flee,
Since God through Jordan leadeth me. *Refrain.*

Joseph H. Gilmore (1834-1918)

POSTLUDE



PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER THIS WEEK:

Alex and family	Nancy Crowhurst
Don Dubbe	Lenae Ebel
Shelley Iverson	Felicity Kramer
Claire and Maxine Ripley	Connie Ross
Violet Rost	Guyla Baer Sturgeon
Paul Swisher	Mary Tracy
Carletta and Steve Vasknetz	Anne Vossler

Kaleb (great grandson of Jean Sneesby)
Cheryl Anderson (sister of Corey Halverson)
David Arnio (brother of Chris Burleson)
Cherry Bieber (friend of Jon and Shelley Iverson)
Jody Blevins (daughter of Claire and Maxine Ripley)
Ella Boerger (granddaughter of Rita Shewmake)
Larry Conklin (brother of Claudia Christensen)
Marla Ebel (sister of Rita Shewmake)
Kris Eide (sister of Ardith Petersen and Lois Rath)
Melanie Erickson (sister of Brenda Rath)
Ellen Fiechtner (mother of Ardith Petersen and Lois Rath)
Ronnie Fischer (brother of Judy Haiwick)
The Fischer family (friends of Jon and Shelley Iverson)
Ernie Griner (11-year-old friend of Meta Halverson)
June Halverson (mother of Corey Halverson)
Martina Ham (mother of Diane Kunz)
Grace Hemeyer (sister-in-law of Gail Hemeyer)
Colleen and Dave Hudson (daughter and son-in-law of Cleo Miller)
Ike Iverson (father of Jon Iverson)
Coleen Iverson-Routh (sister of Jon Iverson)
Steve Kampfe (son of Garland and Kathy Kampfe)
Al Kones (brother-in-law of Ardith Petersen and Lois Rath)
Callie Kvanvig (great niece of Ray Follum)
Pastor Amy Little (NALC General Secretary, friend of Pastor David)
Lois Meyer (sister-in-law of Midge Hemeyer)
Michael and Jan Meyer (brother and sister-in-law of Midge Hemeyer)
Caren Miller (sister of Maxine Ripley)
Mitch Palmer (friend of Paul Swisher)
Roy Riley (grandson of Carol Vercoe)
Tim Ripley (friend of Paul Swisher)
Melani Roewe (sister of Derek Besler)
Ava Rouvennolt (6-year-old girl with cancer, friend of Judy Haiwick)
Carreen Smith (sister of Mimi Swisher)
Jeremy Sundby (nephew of Claire and Maxine Ripley)
Jess Teigen (friend of Amelia Knutson)
Ryan Thomas (cousin of Mary Tracy)
Xayne Vroman (great grandson of Cindy and Harold Davis)
Chris Waythomas (friend of Rita Shewmake)
Jane White and family (friend of Mary Tracy)
Traci Westberg (daughter-in-law of Tony and Alona Westberg)
Robert Zuhr (brother-in-law of Chris Burleson)
Zhuang People (unreached people group in China)

WELCOME TO ALL who are worshiping with us today. We especially welcome our visitors. If you are unfamiliar with our worship, one of our members will gladly assist you. Visitors, please be sure to sign the guest register in the narthex. We hope that you will worship with us again soon.

ALL ARE INVITED to stay for a time of fellowship following worship. Donuts, coffee, and juice are available. A free-will offering is received to cover expenses.

WORSHIP TODAY is being led by Jon and Shelley Iverson. Jon and Shelley are Immanuel members and regular musical performers throughout the area. Mimi Swisher is playing the piano today. We thank Jon and Shelley and Mimi for their leadership today.

PASTOR DAVID AND JOANNE are vacation through Monday. They are in Utah visiting their grandchildren. You can reach Pastor David on his cell phone at 605-641-2399.

A MEN'S GROUP meets at 7 a.m. on Mondays at the church. They are currently studying the book of Acts. All men are welcome. Talk to Mark Tracy or Jon Iverson for more information.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL is set for Sunday, July 13, through Thursday, July 17, from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Immanuel. This is a community VBS hosted by the three churches of Whitewood. Please let Pastor David know if you are willing to help with VBS this year. VBS fliers are available on the table in the library social room.

SERVICE TEAM #1 is looking for volunteers to help with serving during July. Please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the library social room.

GREETING CARDS, NAPKINS AND COOKBOOKS are for sale by the Immanuel Church Women. They are available on the bookshelf in the fellowship hall near the kitchen.

A PRAYER LIST is printed in the bulletin each week. If you have any additions to the list or corrections, please let Pastor David know.