

**NINETEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST**

OCTOBER 20, 2019

**IMMANUEL
LUTHERAN
CHURCH**

Missouri Synod



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Sunday

9:00 AM

Worship Service

10:30 am

Adult Bible Class

Sunday School

Holy Communion:

1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday

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Office Hrs, M-F

8:00 am to 12:00 pm

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**"And shall God not avenge His
own elect who cry out day and
night to Him, though He bears
long with them?" (Luke 18:7)**



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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 the 3x5 white cards located in the pew racks in front of you.

This 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 - O almighty God, You have delivered me up from sin and death, contending for me against all my enemies with the blood of Your only Son. Grant me courage that I fight the good fight of faith and receive the crown of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

AS WE GATHER - The last lines of today's Gospel offer us a sober and haunting question: When the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on earth? The problem does not lie with a God who wavers in His love for us but with our own fickle hearts, our doubts and fears. Today the Lord calls us to persist in the faith and to endure the struggles and sorrows of this life with confidence that God is on our side. As we look up to the cross that adorns our sanctuary, we see there the unmistakable sign of God's love, affection, and saving will. Therefore, we will pray with confidence and will not lose heart, for the Lord will keep His promises.

TODAY'S READINGS

Today is the Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost in the final third of the Pentecost season of life and growth. *Today we hear the Lord warn us against growing weary in faith, failing to pray, or doubting that the Lord will keep His promises.*

WELCOME

PRELUDE

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

DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING FOUR

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OPENING HYMN

In Holy Conversation

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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 *Psalms 135:1-3, 13-14; Antiphon, v. 13*

P Your name, O Lord, endures forever, Your fame, O Lord, throughout all generations.

C **Praise the Lord!**

Praise the name of the Lord; Praise Him, O you servants of the Lord!

P You who stand in the house of the Lord, In the courts of the house of our God,

C **Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good; sing praises to His name, for it is pleasant.**

P Your name, O Lord, endures forever, Your fame, O Lord, throughout all generations.

C **For the Lord will judge His people, and He will have compassion on His servants.**

P Your name, O Lord, endures forever, Your fame, O Lord, throughout all generations.

KYRIE



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

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



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 - shipped 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 also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. O Lord, almighty and everlasting God, You have commanded us to pray and have promised to hear us. Mercifully grant that Your Holy Spirit may direct and govern our hearts in all things that we may persevere with steadfast faith in the

confession of Your name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Genesis 32:22–30*

(I will not let You go until You bless me.)

22 And he arose that night and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven sons, and crossed over the ford of Jabbok. 23 He took them, sent them over the brook, and sent over what he had. 24 Then Jacob was left alone; and a Man wrestled with him until the breaking of day. 25 Now when He saw that He did not prevail against him, He touched the socket of his hip; and the socket of Jacob's hip was out of joint as He wrestled with him. 26 And He said, "Let Me go, for the day breaks." But he said, "I will not let You go unless You bless me!" 27 So He said to him, "What is your name?" He said, "Jacob." 28 And He said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel; for you have struggled with God and with men, and have prevailed."

29 Then Jacob asked, saying, "Tell me Your name, I pray." And He said, "Why is it that you ask about My name?" And He blessed him there. 30 So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel: "For I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM *Psalms 121; antiphon: vv. 1–2*

P I will lift up my eyes to the hills—from whence comes my help?
My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

C **He will not allow your foot to be moved; He who keeps you will not slumber.**

P Behold, He who keeps Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.

C **The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand.**

P The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

C **The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; He shall preserve your soul.**

P The Lord shall preserve your going out and your coming in from this time forth, and even forevermore.

P I will lift up my eyes to the hills—from whence comes my help?
My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

EPISTLE *2 Timothy 3:14–4:5*

(Continue in what you have learned and believed.)

14 But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, 15 and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ

Jesus. 16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work. 1 I charge you therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom: 2 Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching, 3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; 4 and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables. 5 But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.


P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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 18:1-8

(Always pray and do not lose heart.)

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

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

1 Then He spoke a parable to them, that men always ought to pray and not lose heart, 2 saying: "There was in a certain city a judge who did not fear God nor regard

man. 3 Now there was a widow in that city; and she came to him, saying, 'Get justice for me from my adversary.' 4 And he would not for a while; but afterward he said within himself, 'Though I do not fear God nor regard man, 5 yet because this widow troubles me I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me.' " 6 Then the Lord said, "Hear what the unjust judge said. 7 And shall God not avenge His own elect who cry out day and night to Him, though He bears long with them? 8 I tell you that He will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth?"

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

NICENE CREED

All 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.

HYMN OF THE DAY

If God Himself Be for Me

LSB 724; vv. 1-6, 10

SERMON

"Hear the 'Just Judge' Who Quickly Avenges the Cause of His Elect!"

(Luke 18:6-8)

OFFERTORY

O Lord, Hear My Prayer

LSB 780

OFFERING



RECEPTION OF MEMBERS BY TRANSFER OR PROFESSION OF FAITH

Adam Bishop

Blanca Fleischmann Bishop

William Hopp

Gary Lee Mitzel

Roberta (Bobbi) Towne Mitzel

SHARING OF THE PEACE

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Brothers and sisters in Christ, the Lord has urged us to be persistent in prayer on behalf of ourselves and all people as they have need, and He has promised to answer, so let us pray.

Almighty God, Your Son encouraged us to be diligent in prayer, and Paul called on us to pray without ceasing. Hear the prayers of Your people for the sake of Your Son, and grant Your blessing to all who come before You on bended knee. Lord, in Your mercy.

C **hear our prayer.**

P Almighty God, You have promised to protect, defend, and prosper Your Church through Your Word. Give us wise and faithful pastors who will preach Your Word without constraint, and open our ears and hearts to hear and believe it. Bless us with faithful church workers, and bless those now preparing for Your service. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Almighty God, You hold accountable all those who govern and lead Your people. Bless, guide, and instruct our president, Congress, governor, and all in authority that they govern according to Your will and purpose for the cause of peace among the nations, for the common good of all, for our protection against our enemies, and for the promotion of virtue and the punishment of evil. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Almighty God, Your Word is the lamp to our feet and the light to our path. Bless those who gather to teach and learn Your Word, especially our Sunday School, catechism classes, and Bible studies, that we show ourselves wise and faithful sons and daughters who delight in Your Word and walk in Your ways. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Almighty God, You carry the burdens of us all in Your Son, who was wounded for our transgressions. Deliver the sick from illness, the suffering from their pain, the troubled from their distress, and the dying from fear, [especially . . .]. Give us courage and strength in our afflictions that we trust in Your promise and await Your promised Healing with patience. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Almighty God, You give us all things and have made us managers of Your great creation. Bless the earth that its fruitfulness supply all that we need, and bless our stewardship of the land that we not squander what You have given. Bless our hearts that we learn

generosity and return to You the tithes and offerings of a grateful heart. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Almighty God, You have given us a place at the Table, where Your Son gives us His body and blood to eat and to drink. Give us repentant hearts and faith to receive the gift of Christ Himself in this blessed communion. Give us unity of faith in our common confession before the world and love for one another as You have loved us. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Almighty God, You have promised never to abandon Your children. Give us such confidence in Your gracious will that we not abandon You in times of test, grow weary when hope is tried, or listen with itching ears to the false voices who would entice us. Help us always and in all things to hold on to Your promises with joy and thanksgiving. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Almighty God, You remember those of every age and generation who trusted in You and who now rest from their labors. Encourage us by their persistence in trial that we endure to the day of Christ's coming, be found faithful and worthy of everlasting life, and join the company of the saints in light. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Almighty God, You know our frailty and our weakness, that we do not always know how to pray or what to pray for, so grant us all things good and profitable for our salvation. Deliver from us all things harmful; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, through whom all glory, honor, and worship are Yours, holy Father, in the unity of the Spirit, now and forever.

C Amen.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C And also 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.

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



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Almighty Father, everlasting God, Your power is displayed in everything You have made, but Your mercy is made known chiefly through Your Son, Jesus Christ. He came in our flesh and blood to suffer in our place for sin, to die the death we should have died, and to rise again to give us hope for our own joyful resurrection. Give those who come to the Table of our Lord the gift of Your Holy Spirit, so that we not think highly of ourselves, but in humble repentance acknowledge what He has accomplished and receive His body and blood with faith. Gather together from all the ends of the earth all who come to Your Table that we may be one Body in Christ and through Christ be delivered to everlasting life. Amen.

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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

P In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI


P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.


AGNUS DEI



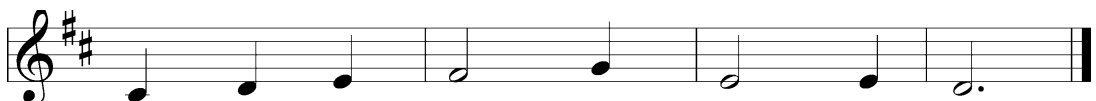
1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;



O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,



Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.



NUNC DIMITTIS



1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All



part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the



glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;



A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is



to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -



peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray. O Almighty God, You have promised that as often as we pray, You will hear and answer us according to Your gracious will. Teach us to be persistent in prayer, to live in confident faith before You, and to rest our lives and our hope in Your everlasting promises; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, with whom You and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, both now and forevermore.

C Amen.

BENEDICAMUS

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

BENEDICTION

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. Numbers 6:24–26

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

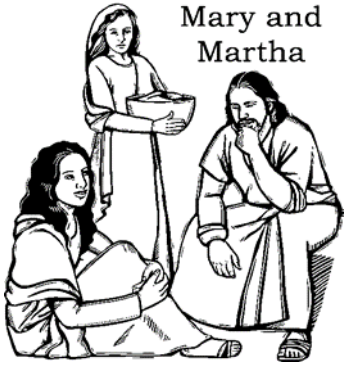
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DISMISSAL

P Go in peace and serve the Lord!

C Thanks be to God!

Upcoming Events



Mary Martha Guild

Thursday, October 24th

4:30 p.m.

Concordia & Karate Sunday

Fishers of Men

Port Isabel, TX

Sunday, October 27th, 2019

3:00 p.m.



All Saints Day Festival

Fishers of Men

Port Isabel

Thursday, October 31st, 2019

5:00 to 7:00 p.m.



From Pastor's Desk

Portals of Prayer for October to December are available in the Narthrex.



Join us for *Sunday School and Bible Study* at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

You have fellowship with one another and also enrich your spiritual life with the Word.

Rev. Weber is leading the Bible Study.

Youth Confirmation Classes

@ 6:00 p.m. on Tuesdays in the Pastor's Office

Adult Instruction Classes

Wednesdays in the Pastor's Office @ 7:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

Appreciation Dinner for Brenda Segovia

Friday, November 1st, 2019

7 to 9 p.m.

St. Paul Lutheran Church, Harlingen

Sign-Up Sheet is posted on church door!!!

100th Anniversary

San Benito, TX

St. John Lutheran Church

Today, October 20, 2019

3:00 p.m.

Faith Clings to the Word and Promises of God and Perseveres in Prayer

“Left alone,” Jacob wrestled through the night with the Lord, “until the breaking of the day” (Gen. 32:24). Though “Jacob’s hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him” (Gen. 32:25), he would not let go until the Lord blessed him. At times, we, too, strive with God; He strives with us and blesses us by grace. So Jesus teaches us “always to pray and not lose heart” (Luke 18:1). Jesus speaks of “a judge who neither feared God nor respected man” and of a widow “who kept coming to him and saying, ‘Give me justice against my adversary’” (Luke 18:2-3). Because of her persistence, the judge agreed to “give her justice” (Luke 18:5). Our Lord dispenses justice generously and swiftly, giving “justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night” (Luke 18:7). He does so according to the Gospel. Therefore, His ministers are to persevere faithfully in their vocation, in what they “have learned and have firmly believed” (2 Tim. 3:14). On the basis of “the sacred writings” (2 Tim. 3:15), they are to “preach the word” at all times and not lose heart (2 Tim. 4:2).

10/13/2019		
Sunday Worship	36	
Plate:		\$ 32.00
Envelopes:		\$ 1,928.64
Donation:		
	Total:	\$ 1,960.64
Bible Class:	15	\$ 14.00

Reformation Day (observed)

Readings:

Revelation 14:6-7

Psalms 46

Romans 3:19-28

John 8:31-36 or

Matthew 11:12-19

Bi-Weekly Church Activity Schedule		
	<i>October Sunday Servants:</i>	November’s Servants
Elder:	Dan Wehling	Earl Neuhaus
Altar Guild:	Billie Jo Neuhaus & Maribel P.	L. Eilers & S. Wehling
Music:	Bonny Winston	
This Week	Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost	
Usher:	Don Vogel	
Sunday:	Holy Communion Worship Service	9:00 am
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am
Next Week	Reformation Day (Observed)	
Usher:	Dan Wehling	
Sunday:	Worship Service	9:00 am
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am