

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 9, 2018

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CHURCH

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Sunday

9:00 AM

Worship Service

Adult Bible Class

Sunday School

10:30 a.m.

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 He took him aside from the
multitude, and put His fingers in his
ears, and He spat, and touched his
tongue. Then, looking up to heaven, He
sighed, and said to him, "Ephphatha,"
that is, "Be opened."*

(Mark 7:33-34)

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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.

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 - O Lord, You are a good and perfect God who does all things well, grant that by faith in Your Son who did Your will perfectly, I would have forgiveness and life; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, my Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

AS WE GATHER - Every election cycle, millions upon millions of dollars are poured into campaigns across our land. Yard signs are displayed with candidates' names imprinted in patriotic colors. Political pundits make their case for why their candidate is good and the other side's is bad. Perhaps these are all warning signs that we can be tempted to put our trust in elected officials to save us from our woes, rather than in the Lord. Today's Psalm reminds us, "Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation" (Psalm 146:3). Rather than putting our trust in princes, politicians, and presidents, we put our trust in the Prince of Peace. Jesus Christ is the one, the only one, in whom there is salvation.

WELCOME

PRELUDE

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

DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING FOUR

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OPENING HYMN

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

LSB 849

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.**

INTROIT *Psalm 28:1-2, 6-7; antiphon: v. 8*

P The LORD is the strength of His people;
He is the saving refuge of His anointed.

C **To You, O LORD, I call; my rock, be not deaf to me,
lest, if You be silent to me, I become like those who go down to the pit.**

P Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to You for help,
when I lift up my hands toward Your most holy sanctuary.

C **Blessed be the LORD!
For He has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.**

P The LORD is my strength and my shield; in Him my heart trusts, and I am helped;
my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to Him.

All 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 The LORD is the strength of His people;
He is the saving refuge of His anointed.

KYRIE



☐ 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 - 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, let Your merciful ears be open to the prayers of Your humble servants, and grant that what they ask may be in accord with Your gracious will; 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

Isaiah 35:4–7a

(The ears of the deaf will be unstopped.)

4 Say to those who are fearful-hearted, “Be strong, do not fear! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, With the recompense of God; He will come and save you.” 5 Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, And the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. 6 Then the lame shall leap like a deer, And the tongue of the dumb sing. For waters shall burst forth in the wilderness, And streams in the desert. 7 The parched ground shall become a pool, And the thirsty land springs of water;

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

PSALM

Psalms 146; antiphon: v. 2

P I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

C Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

P I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

C Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.

P When his breath departs he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish.

C Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God,

P who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them,

C who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry.

P The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.

C The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.

P The LORD watches over the sojourners; He upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked He brings to ruin.

C The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations.

P Praise the LORD! I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

EPISTLE

James 2:1–10, 14–18

(I will show you my faith by what I do.)

1 My brethren, do not hold the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, with partiality. 2 For if there should come into your assembly a man with gold rings, in fine apparel, and there should also come in a poor man in filthy clothes, 3 and you pay attention to the one wearing the fine clothes and say to him, “You sit here in a good place,” and say to the poor man, “You stand there,” or, “Sit here at my footstool,” 4 have you not shown partiality among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? 5 Listen, my beloved brethren: Has

God not chosen the poor of this world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom which He promised to those who love Him? 6 But you have dishonored the poor man. Do not the rich oppress you and drag you into the courts? 7 Do they not blaspheme that noble name by which you are called? 8 If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you do well; 9 but if you show partiality, you commit sin, and are convicted by the law as transgressors. 10 For whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one point, he is guilty of all. 14 What does it profit, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can faith save him? 15 If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food, 16 and one of you says to them, "Depart in peace, be warmed and filled," but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what does it profit? 17 Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. 18 But someone will say, "You have faith, and I have works." Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

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

Mark 7:(24–30) 31–37

(The healing of the deaf and mute man)

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

31 Again, departing from the region of Tyre and Sidon, He came through the midst of the region of Decapolis to the Sea of Galilee. 32 Then they brought to Him one who was deaf and had an impediment in his speech, and they begged Him to put His hand on him. 33 And He took him aside from the multitude, and put His fingers in his ears, and He spat and touched his tongue. 34 Then, looking up to heaven, He sighed, and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” 35 Immediately his ears were opened, and the impediment of his tongue was loosed, and he spoke plainly. 36 Then He commanded them that they should tell no one; but the more He commanded them, the more widely they proclaimed it. 37 And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, “He has done all things well. He makes both the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

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.

HYMN OF THE DAY

All Mankind Fell in Adam's Fall

LSB 562

SERMON “A Touch, a Look, a Sigh, and Jesus’ Word, ‘Ephphatha’, Opens Heart, Ears, and Mouth”
(Mark 7:34)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P We come before our Lord in prayer, saying along with the psalmist, “To You, O Lord, I call; my rock, be not deaf to me.”

O Lord, like those of whom the prophet Isaiah wrote, we too often have anxious hearts. Give us Your Holy Spirit that we might be strong and fear not. Let us take You up on Your gracious invitation to cast all our anxieties on You because You care for us. To You, O Lord, I call;

C my rock, be not deaf to me.

P O Lord, through Your servant James, You admonish us to show no partiality. Give us

the desire to show love to and welcome all people into our midst, regardless of outward appearances. To You, O Lord, I call;

C my rock, be not deaf to me.

P O Lord, Your Son, Jesus Christ, cast out demons and gave hearing to the deaf. Grant that we trust in Your will today for healing and restoration. We ask that, according to Your will, You would lay Your hand upon those who are need of healing, [especially . . .]. To You, O Lord, I call;

C my rock, be not deaf to me.

P O Lord, You have done all things well. You pronounced all things as good at the creation of the world. Give us wisdom and resources to care for Your creation as faithful stewards of Your gifts to us. To You, O Lord, I call;

C my rock, be not deaf to me.

P O Lord, give us faithful hearts with which to receive Your Son's body and blood at Your Table. Grant that it strengthen and sustain us in the one true faith. To You, O Lord, I call;

C my rock, be not deaf to me.

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy.

C Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

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

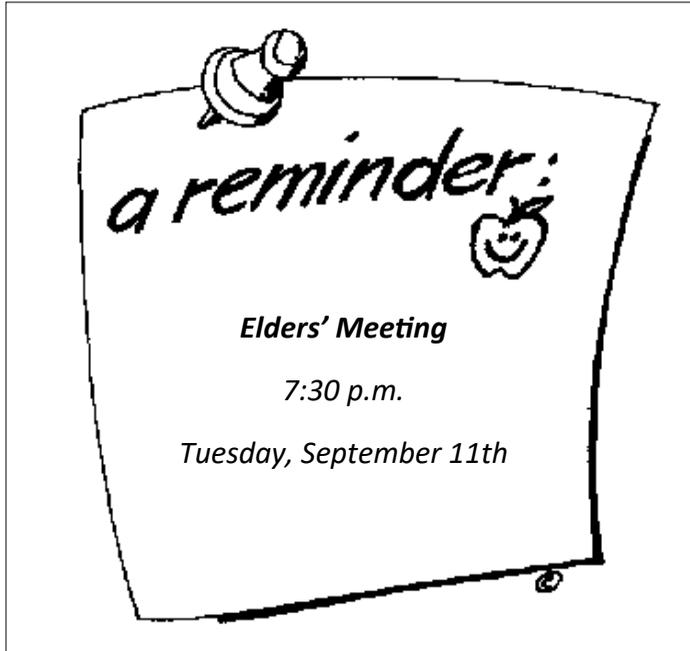
P The LORD bless you and keep you. The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The LORD look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

LSB 524





Portals of Prayer for July to September are available In the Narthrex.



Sunday School:

After service in the Fellowship Hall.
Enrich your spiritual life with the Word.
Pastor Weber will be leading the Adult Bible Study.

Children's Sunday School
is available with lots of fun activities.



Confirmation Classes

6:00 p.m.
on Tuesdays, starting September 11th
in the Pastor's Office

Continued From the Pastor's Desk:

RioMAC

RioMAC invites you to become better informed in our circuit's preparation and response in the event of a natural disaster.

We will be meeting on Thursday, September 20th from 6:30pm-8pm at St. Paul, Harlingen.

There will be **two important and timely presentations.**

*Pastor Dominguez will share information about LERT (Lutheran Emergency Response Training).

*Julie Tucker will help us understand how we can pre-position ourselves to be ready for a disaster and what can be done in the restoration effort. She brings much experience from her Hurricane Harvey relief work, and has done much to help our congregations and community during the recent June flooding in the RGV.

We want to show our Christian love to those who are hurting from a disaster and working together with a coordinated plan is a big key.

Refreshments will be provided. Looking forward to seeing you!



Our Merciful Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, Does All Things Well

The Lord proclaims the Gospel “to those who have an anxious heart” to comfort and encourage them with His presence. He comes not only with threats of “vengeance” and “recompense,” but with His gracious salvation (Is. 35:4). He opens “the eyes of the blind” and “the ears of the deaf,” and He loosens “the tongue of the mute” to “sing for joy” (Is. 35:5–6). Like water on thirsty ground, He speaks His life-giving Word to people of all nations. With His Word and the touch of His hand, He does “all things well,” so that you may now speak “plainly” (Mark 7:31–37). You confess the truth of God in Christ to the glory of His holy name, and you call upon His name in every trouble, confident that He will hear and answer. As you pray and confess with your tongue, so also “love your neighbor as yourself” (James 2:8). Show your faith “in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory,” by loving without partiality. For God has “chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom” (James 2:1–5).

9/2/2018		
Sunday Worship	36	
Plate:		\$ 85.00
Envelopes:		\$ 2,147.00
Donations:		
Genesis		\$ 500.00
Memorials:		
Total:		\$ 2,732.00
Bible Class:	7	\$ 4.00

Seventeenth Sunday

after Pentecost

Readings:

(Proper 19)

Isaiah 50:4-10

Psalms 116:1-9

James 3:1-12

Mark 9:14-29

Bi-Weekly Church Activity Schedule	
September Sunday Servants:	
Elder:	Joe Winston
Altar Guild:	Billie Jo Neuhaus & Maribel Perez
Music:	Bonny Winston
This Week	Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Usher:	Ken & Bob Eilers
Sunday:	Worship Service 9:00 am
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:30 am
Next Week	Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
Usher:	Don Vogel
Sunday:	Holy Communion Worship Service 9:00 am
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:30 am