

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 16, 2018

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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8:00 am to 12:00 pm

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Immediately the father of the child
cried out and said with tears,

"Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!"

When Jesus saw that the people
came running together, He rebuked
the unclean spirit, saying to it,
"Deaf and dumb spirit, I command
you, come out of him and enter him
no more!"

(Mark 9:24-25)

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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 - Lord Jesus Christ, at times I fear that You are far away from me. Forgive me for doubting Your presence, and give me confidence that my Redeemer and vindicator is always near; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

AS WE GATHER - Imagine if you were the father in today's Gospel. Since childhood, his son has been plagued by an unclean spirit that makes him mute and throws him down, doing bodily harm. The dad brings his son to Jesus' disciples, and they are of no help. The father comes before Jesus and asks him to help . . . if He can. Jesus responds, "If you can! All things are possible for one who believes." To which the father cries out, "I believe; help my unbelief!" (Mark 9:23-24). This father, who is at the end of his rope, cries out with faith mixed with desperation. Thankfully, his worthiness, and our worthiness, does not depend on the greatness or smallness of faith. Instead, it depends on Jesus, the object of our faith. When we face desperate times, we, too, cry out in prayer and faith, "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!"

WELCOME

PRELUDE

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

DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING FOUR

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OPENING HYMN

O Jesus, King Most Wonderful

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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.**

INTROIT *Psalm 31:14-16; antiphon: v. 24*

P Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the LORD!

C **But I trust in You, O LORD; I say, "You are my God."**

P My times are in Your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from my persecutors!

C **Make Your face shine on Your servant; save me in Your steadfast love!**

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 Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the LORD!

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 - 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 also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, our support and defense in every need, continue to preserve Your Church in safety, govern her by Your goodness, and bless her with Your peace; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C 4 **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 50:4–10

(“He who vindicates me is near.”)

4 “The Lord God has given Me The tongue of the learned, That I should know how to speak
A word in season to him who is weary. He awakens Me morning by morning, He awakens My
ear To hear as the learned. 5 The Lord God has opened My ear; And I was not rebellious, Nor did
I turn away. 6 I gave My back to those who struck Me, And My cheeks to those who plucked out
the beard; I did not hide My face from shame and spitting. 7 “For the Lord God will help Me;
Therefore I will not be disgraced; Therefore I have set My face like a flint, And I know that I will
not be ashamed. 8 He is near who justifies Me; Who will contend with Me? Let us stand
together. Who is My adversary? Let him come near Me. 9 Surely the Lord God will help Me;
Who is he who will condemn Me? Indeed they will all grow old like a garment; The moth will eat
them up. 10 “Who among you fears the Lord? Who obeys the voice of His Servant? Who walks in
darkness And has no light? Let him trust in the name of the Lord And rely upon his God.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God**

PSALM

Psalms 116:1–9; antiphon: v. 5

P Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; our God is merciful.

C **I love the LORD, because He has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy.**

P Because He inclined His ear to me, therefore I will call on Him as long as I live.

C **The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I
suffered distress and anguish.**

P Then I called on the name of the LORD: “O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!”

C **Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; our God is merciful.**

P The LORD preserves the simple; when I was brought low, He saved me.

C **Return, O my soul, to your rest; for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you.**

P For You have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling;

C **I will walk before the LORD in the land of the living.**

P Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; our God is merciful.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

EPISTLE

James 3:1–12

(“From the same mouth come blessing and cursing.”)

1 My brethren, let not many of you become teachers, knowing that we shall receive a stricter
judgment. 2 For we all stumble in many things. If anyone does not stumble in
word, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle the whole body. 3 Indeed, we put bits in horses’
mouths that they may obey us, and we turn their whole body. 4 Look also at ships: although
they are so large and are driven by fierce winds, they are turned by a very small rudder
wherever the pilot desires. 5 Even so the tongue is a little member and boasts great things. See
how great a forest a little fire kindles! 6 And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity. The tongue
is so set among our members that it defiles the whole body, and sets on fire the course

of nature; and it is set on fire by hell. 7 For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and creature of the sea, is tamed and has been tamed by mankind. 8 But no man can tame the tongue. It is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. 9 With it we bless our God and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in the similitude of God. 10 Out of the same mouth proceed blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be so. 11 Does a spring send forth fresh water and bitter from the same opening? 12 Can a fig tree, my brethren, bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Thus no spring yields both salt water and fresh.

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 9:14-29

(Jesus casts out a spirit.)

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

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

14 And when He came to the disciples, He saw a great multitude around them, and scribes disputing with them. 15 Immediately, when they saw Him, all the people were greatly amazed, and running to Him, greeted Him. 16 And He asked the scribes, "What are you discussing with them?" 17 Then one of the crowd answered and said, "Teacher, I brought You my son, who has

a mute spirit. 18 And wherever it seizes him, it throws him down; he foams at the mouth, gnashes his teeth, and becomes rigid. So I spoke to Your disciples, that they should cast it out, but they could not." 19 He answered him and said, "O faithless generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him to Me." 20 Then they brought him to Him. And when he saw Him, immediately the spirit convulsed him, and he fell on the ground and wallowed, foaming at the mouth. 21 So He asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. 22 And often he has thrown him both into the fire and into the water to destroy him. But if You can do anything, have compassion on us and help us." 23 Jesus said to him, "If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes." 24 Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!" 25 When Jesus saw that the people came running together, He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "Deaf and dumb spirit, I command you, come out of him and enter him no more!" 26 Then the spirit cried out, convulsed him greatly, and came out of him. And he became as one dead, so that many said, "He is dead." 27 But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. 28 And when He had come into the house, His disciples asked Him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" 29 So He said to them, "This kind can come out by nothing but prayer and fasting."

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

I Know My Faith Is Founded

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SERMON

"Lord, I Believe. Help My Unbelief!"

(Mark 9:24)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *Psalm 116:4-5*

- P We come before our Lord in prayer, saying along with the psalmist, “O Lord, I pray, deliver my soul!” Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; our God is merciful.”
- P Father in heaven, as we hear of the suffering and humiliation described by Isaiah, we remember Jesus’ great sacrifice on our behalf. In times of persecution for the sake of bearing Christ’s name, remind us that You are with us and Your grace sustains us. O Lord, I pray, deliver my soul!
- C Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; our God is merciful.**
- P Father in heaven, James reminds us that the tongue is a powerful part of our body, and our words can do great harm or good. Give us Your Spirit that we would not lie, betray, slander, or hurt with our words, but instead use them to defend our neighbor and praise Your name. O Lord, I pray, deliver my soul!
- C Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; our God is merciful.**
- P Father in heaven, Your Son cast out demons and bestowed healing with just His Word. According to Your will, restore and give wholeness to those who are suffering, [especially . . .]. O Lord, I pray, deliver my soul!
- C Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; our God is merciful.**
- P Father in heaven, You care for all of Your sheep. Work through us to reach out in love to those among us who are straying from Your fold. Restore them so that together we might be fed by Your Word and Sacrament in the holy flock of Your Church. O Lord, I pray, deliver my soul!
- C Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; our God is merciful.**
- P Heavenly Father, 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. O Lord, I pray, deliver my soul!
- C Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; our God is merciful.**
- P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy.
- C Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

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, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the

dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. 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



☐ 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 Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. 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.

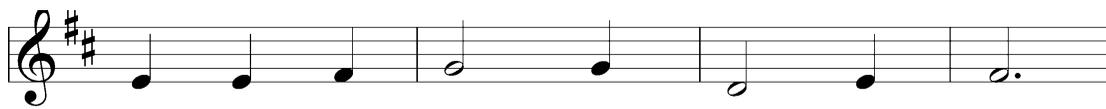
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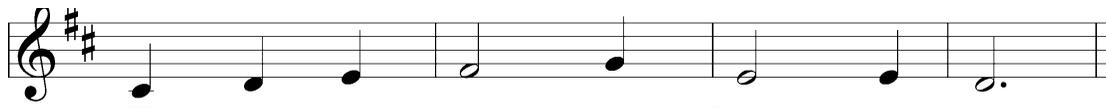
C 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



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



C 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 COLLECT

P We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this Salutory gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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.

C **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me

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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 6:30 pm-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!

Miss. Helen Vogel is now residing at

*Casa Grace
29259 S. Kansas City Rd.
La Feria, TX*

Visitors are welcomed.

*The Vogel Family thank you for your prayers and request continued
prayers for Miss. Helen's complete recovery.*





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



SUNDAY SCHOOL:

After service in the Fellowship Hall @ 10:30 a.m.
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 Class

Tuesday, Sept. 18th, 6:00 p.m.

Pastor's Office



Kickball & Bar B Que Youth Event
Saturday, Sept. 22nd @ 5 p.m.
at the Christ Corner Baseball Field
Please RSVP Brenda Segovia at
408-512-8708 or bsegovia@splch.com
See you there!!!



TO ASSIST YOU IN WORSHIP

- Large print Worship Bulletins for those who are sight impaired.
- Personal Wireless Listening devices for those with hearing difficulties.
- Prayer requests forms are located in a black binder in the Pew Hymnal Rack as well as with an usher.

Please print the request and place the form in the collection plate or give to a usher!

PLEASE ASK AN USHER FOR ANY ASSISTANCE

A REMINDER - THE PASTOR IS ALWAYS AVAILABLE FOLLOWING WORSHIP TO SPEAK AND PRAY WITH WORSHIPERS WHO HAVE CONCERNS FOR THEMSELVES OR OTHERS. - PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO SEEK HIM OUT.

FOR THOSE IN OUR WORSHIPING CONGREGATION WHO MAY BE PHYSICALLY UNABLE TO STAND FOR EXTENDED PERIODS OF TIME, OR WHO FIND IT DIFFICULT TO RISE AND SIT ON EVERY OCCASION DURING THE WORSHIP. PLEASE FEEL FREE TO SIT OR REMAIN SEATED EVEN THOUGH THE CONGREGATION HAS BEEN DIRECTED TO STAND.

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

