

**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST**

**SEPTEMBER 23, 2018  
IMMANUEL  
LUTHERAN  
CHURCH  
Missouri Synod**



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***Sunday*  
9:00 AM**

**Worship Service**

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

**Holy Communion:  
1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday**

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8:00 am to 12:00 pm**

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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** - Your Son, Jesus Christ, humbly suffered and died on the cross and was raised to new life. Give me a spirit of humility as I seek to follow Jesus, so that my witness to Him in the world will be peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere; through 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** - All three Readings today ring out with the gift of humility. Jeremiah, deeply hurt by those who sought to destroy him, still humbly leaves vengeance to the Lord. James exhorts believers not to think of themselves as wiser than anyone else, especially when the evidence of their lives was full of bitter jealousy and selfish ambition. James urges the wise to repent and to exhibit the humility Christ demonstrated by being "peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere." When Jesus makes clear that He is on a path that leads to humiliation on the cross, the disciples haughtily argue about who among them is the greatest. By this they demonstrate that they did not understand what Jesus was saying. Jesus then teaches that the greatest thing in life is to be the servant of all. And to show them the simplicity of it, He picks up a child and exhorts them to receive him in humility. We live in a world still ruled much of the time by brashness, boasting, and exulting in lording over others. At times we are tempted to treat others who are not Christians in these sinful ways. Yet these Readings work together to show us another way to live—humbly trusting God.

**WELCOME**

**PRELUDE**

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

**DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING FOUR**

**PAGE 203**

**OPENING HYMN**

*Where Charity and Love Prevail*

**LSB 845**

**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 37:5-7; antiphon: v. 4*

P Delight yourself in the LORD, and He will give you the desires of your heart.

C **Commit your way to the LORD; trust in Him, and He will act.**

P He will bring forth your righteousness as the light, and your justice as the noonday.

C **Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for Him; fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man who carries out evil devices!**

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 Delight yourself in the LORD, and He will give you the desires of your heart.

## 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 God, whose strength is made perfect in weakness, grant us humility and childlike faith 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**  
4 Amen.

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Jeremiah 11:18-20*

(Jeremiah entrusts his life to the Lord as enemies plot to kill him.)

18 Now the Lord gave me knowledge of it, and I know it; for You showed me their doings. 19 But I was like a docile lamb brought to the slaughter; and I did not know that they had devised schemes against me, saying, "Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, and let us cut him off from the land of the living, that his name may be remembered no more." 20 But, O Lord of hosts, You who judge righteously, Testing the mind and the heart, Let me see Your vengeance on them, For to You I have revealed my cause.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God**

## PSALM

*Psalms 54; antiphon: v. 4*

P Behold, God is my helper; the Lord is the upholder of my life.

P O God, save me, by Your name,

**C and vindicate me by Your might.**

P O God, hear my prayer;

**C give ear to the words of my mouth.**

P For strangers have risen against me;

**C ruthless men seek my life; they do not set God before themselves.**

P Behold, God is my helper;

**C the Lord is the upholder of my life.**

P He will return the evil to my enemies;

**C in Your faithfulness put an end to them.**

P With a freewill offering I will sacrifice to You;

**C I will give thanks to Your name, O LORD, for it is good.**

P For He has delivered me from every trouble,

**C and my eye has looked in triumph on my enemies.**

**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 Behold, God is my helper; the Lord is the upholder of my life.

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### EPISTLE

*James 3:13-4:10*

(Christians are called to humbly submit to God and seek peace with one another.)

13 Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show by good conduct that his works are done in the meekness of wisdom. 14 But if you have bitter envy and self-seeking in your hearts, do not boast and lie against the truth. 15 This wisdom does not descend from above, but is earthly, sensual, demonic. 16 For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing are there. 17 But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without


hypocrisy. 18 Now the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace. 1 Where do wars and fights come from among you? Do they not come from your desires for pleasure that war in your members? 2 You lust and do not have. You murder and covet and cannot obtain. You fight and war. Yet you do not have because you do not ask. 3 You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss, that you may spend it on your pleasures. 4 Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. 5 Or do you think that the Scripture says in vain, "The Spirit who dwells in us yearns jealously"? 6 But He gives more grace. Therefore He says: "God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble." 7 Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. 8 Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded. 9 Lament and mourn and weep! Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. 10 Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.

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 9:30-37*

(Who is the greatest?)

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

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

30 Then they departed from there and passed through Galilee, and He did not want anyone to know it. 31 For He taught His disciples and said to them, "The Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of men, and they will kill Him. And after He is killed, He will rise the third day." 32 But they did not understand this saying, and were afraid to ask Him. 33 Then He came to Capernaum. And when He was in the house He asked them, "What was it you disputed among yourselves on the road?" 34 But they kept silent, for on the road they had disputed among themselves who would be the greatest. 35 And He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "If anyone desires to be first, he shall be last of all and servant of all." 36 Then He took a little child and set him in the midst of them. And when He had taken him in His arms, He said to them, 37 "Whoever receives one of these little children in My name receives Me; and whoever receives Me, receives not Me but Him who sent Me."

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***Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service***LSB 848****SERMON****"Served First by Jesus to Serve Others First with His Love"**

(Mark 9:35)

## OFFERTORY



**C** Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -



new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -



way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it



from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -



tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

## OFFERING

### SHARING OF THE PEACE

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**P** The Lord God calls us to turn to Him and live. So now let us turn to God in prayer, looking not only to our own interests, but also to the interests of others. For the Church throughout the world, that, rather than argue about who is the greatest, we serve the lost and the least of this world and share the hope that is ours in Jesus Christ. For missionaries at home and abroad, that their proclamation and demonstration of the Gospel bring hope and healing to people in despair. O God,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** For the world, that the leaders of our nation and of nations throughout the world promote peace and well-being for all whom they serve. For those who serve in dangerous occupations that help to keep the peace—soldiers, police officers, judges—that they be kept safe from harm and fulfill their tasks confident that they



are part of establishing and keeping the good order of society that God desires for us. O God,

**C hear our prayer.**

P For the needs of our local community, that the hungry are fed, that the homeless find shelter, that the unemployed find work, that the wealthy share generously, that the peacemakers not lose heart. O God,

**C hear our prayer.**

P For those who are experiencing distress, [especially . . .]. For those who are sick, that, according to God's holy will, they experience healing and renewal. For those who are dying, that they take comfort in knowing that nothing in all creation can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. For those who are grieving, that they experience peace in the hope of the resurrection. O God,

**C hear our prayer.**

P For our own congregation, that we live by the wisdom from above—pure, peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. O God,

**C hear our prayer.**

P In thanksgiving for those who have gone before us in faith and have died, [remembering . . .], that their examples of faith and good fruits inspire us to the same, until that day when we are all gathered around the throne of the Lamb, singing His praise. O God,

**C hear our prayer.**

P Fill us, Lord God, with Your wisdom that is from above. Keep us from jealousy and arguments. Fill us with mercy and good fruits. These petitions, and all else You know that we need, we submit to You in the name of Jesus Christ, our 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**

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**

*O Bless the Lord, My Soul*

**LSB 814**

From  
Pastor's Desk

**Portals of Prayer** for October to December 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.

Tuesday, September 25th

in the Pastor's Office

**Mary Martha Guild**

Thursday, September 27th

4:00 p.m.

Happy **47th** Anniversary  
to Dan & Suzanne Wehling  
on September 16th.

(Wrong date on Directory and Calendar)

**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.

## Our Father Cares for His Children with the Gospel of His Son

The sinful heart is filled with “bitter jealousy and selfish ambition” (James 3:14), which causes hostility, quarrels and conflicts, even among those who are fellow members of the Body of Christ. This should not be so! Rather, God “opposes the proud” with His Law, in order to humble them unto repentance; He “gives grace to the humble,” in order to exalt them by His Gospel of forgiveness (James 4:6–10). This true “wisdom from above” is found in the gentleness, mercy and peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, who humbled Himself and sacrificed Himself for the salvation of sinners (James 3:17). He was “like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter,” committing Himself to God, His Father, “who judges righteously, who tests the heart and the mind” (Jer. 11:19–20). Therefore, “after three days,” His Father exalted Him by raising Him from the dead (Mark 9:31). In Holy Baptism, He takes disciples of all ages into His arms like little children. In receiving Him through repentance and faith in His forgiveness of sins, they receive from His Father a share in the glory of His cross and resurrection (Mark 9:36–37).

<b>9/16/2018</b>	
<b>Sunday Worship</b>	<b>17</b>
Plate:	\$ 30.00
Envelopes:	\$ 1,005.00
Donations:	
Memorials:	
Sally Tankersley	\$ 40.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 1,075.00</b>
Bible Class:	NA NA

*Nineteenth Sunday*  
*after Pentecost*  
Readings:  
 (Proper 21)

*Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29*  
*Psalm 104:27-35*  
*James 5:(1-12) 13-20*  
*Mark 9:38-50*

<b>Bi-Weekly Church Activity Schedule</b>	
September Sunday Servants:	
Elder:	Joe Winston
Altar Guild:	Billie Jo Neuhaus & Maribel Perez
Music:	Bonny Winston
This Week	<i>Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i>
Usher:	Dan Wehling
Sunday:	Worship Service <span style="float: right;">9:00 a.m.</span>
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study <span style="float: right;">10:30 a.m.</span>
<b>Next Week</b>	<i>Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i>
Usher:	Don Vogel
Sunday:	Holy Communion Worship Service <span style="float: right;">9:00 a.m.</span>
12	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study <span style="float: right;">10:30 a.m.</span>