

ELEVENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 25, 2019

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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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People will come from
North, South, East & West



& recline at the table in
the kingdom of God.

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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 mighty God, You do what is unexpected and impossible to me. I rejoice that You have sent Your Son to be my Savior and Redeemer and that He will gather for You a people from all nations, whom You have appointed. Embolden me to speak forth Your Word faithfully so that those who have not heard may be gathered with me into Your presence, now and in eternity; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit is one God, now and forever. Amen.

AS WE GATHER - How often don't we find ourselves exactly where the disciples were: Will those who are saved be few? After all, the Church seems increasingly isolated, the culture increasingly secular, and the barriers to mission increasingly greater. Jesus insists that no one whom the Father has appointed will be lost. That is our comfort. Not all who claim to belong to the Lord are His. That is the reality. The last will be first and many will come from east, west, north, and south to recline at the Lord's Table in the Kingdom. That is our faith. Numbers are God's to count. Trust in His Word is our foundation, and telling the good news of Christ is our calling.

WELCOME

PRELUDE

DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING FOUR

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OPENING HYMN

How Firm a Foundation

LSB 728

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 117; antiphon: Psalm 96:6a; 115:18*

P Honor and majesty are before Him; but we will bless the Lord from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the Lord!

C **Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles! Laud Him, all you peoples!**

P For His merciful kindness is great toward us, And the truth of the Lord endures forever.

C **Praise the Lord!**

P Honor and majesty are before Him; but we will bless the Lord from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the Lord!

KYRIE



C 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, You have called us to enter Your kingdom through the narrow door. Guide us by Your Word and Spirit, and lead us now and always into the feast of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God,

now and forever.

C Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 66:18-23

(They shall come and see His glory.)

18 “For I know their works and their thoughts. It shall be that I will gather all nations and tongues; and they shall come and see My glory. 19 I will set a sign among them; and those among them who escape I will send to the nations: to Tarshish and Pul and Lud, who draw the bow, and Tubal and Javan, to the coastlands afar off who have not heard My fame nor seen My glory. And they shall declare My glory among the Gentiles. 20 Then they shall bring all your brethren for an offering to the Lord out of all nations, on horses and in chariots and in litters, on mules and on camels, to My holy mountain Jerusalem,” says the Lord, “as the children of Israel bring an offering in a clean vessel into the house of the Lord. 21 And I will also take some of them for priests and Levites,” says the Lord.

22 “For as the new heavens and the new earth
Which I will make shall remain before Me,” says the Lord,
“So shall your descendants and your name remain.

23 And it shall come to pass
That from one New Moon to another,
And from one Sabbath to another,
All flesh shall come to worship before Me,” says the Lord.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

PSALM

Psalms 50:1-15; antiphon: v. 23

P Whoever offers praise glorifies Me; and to him who orders his conduct aright I will show the salvation of God.”

C The Mighty One, God the Lord, Has spoken and called the earth from the rising of the sun to its going down.

P Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God will shine forth.

C Our God shall come, and shall not keep silent; A fire shall devour before Him, and it shall be very tempestuous all around Him.

P He shall call to the heavens from above, and to the earth, that He may judge His people:

C “Gather My saints together to Me, those who have made a covenant with Me by sacrifice.”

P Let the heavens declare His righteousness, for God Himself is Judge.

C “Hear, O My people, and I will speak, O Israel, and I will testify against you; I am God, your God!

P I will not rebuke you for your sacrifices or your burnt offerings, which are continually before Me.

C I will not take a bull from your house, nor goats out of your folds.

P For every beast of the forest is Mine, and the cattle on a thousand hills.

C I know all the birds of the mountains, and the wild beasts of the field are Mine.

P "If I were hungry, I would not tell you; for the world is Mine, and all its fullness.

C Will I eat the flesh of bulls, or drink the blood of goats?

P Offer to God thanksgiving, and pay your vows to the Most High.

C Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me."

P Whoever offers praise glorifies Me; and to him who orders his conduct aright I will show the salvation of God."

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

EPISTLE

Hebrews 12:4-24 (25-29)

(See that you do not refuse Him who is speaking.)

4 You have not yet resisted to bloodshed, striving against sin. 5 And you have forgotten the exhortation which speaks to you as to sons:

"My son, do not despise the chastening of the Lord,
Nor be discouraged when you are rebuked by Him;

6 For whom the Lord loves He chastens,
And scourges every son whom He receives."

7 If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom a father does not chasten? 8 But if you are without chastening, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate and not sons. 9 Furthermore, we have had human fathers who corrected us, and we paid them respect. Shall we not much more readily be in subjection to the Father of spirits and live? 10 For they indeed for a few days chastened us as seemed best to them, but He for our profit, that we may be partakers of His holiness. 11 Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; nevertheless, afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

12 Therefore strengthen the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees, 13 and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be dislocated, but rather be healed.

14 Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord: 15 looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled; 16 lest there be any fornicator or profane person like Esau, who for one morsel of food sold his birthright. 17 For you know that afterward, when he wanted to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no place for repentance, though he sought it diligently with tears. 18 For you have not come to the mountain that may be touched and that burned with fire, and to blackness and darkness and tempest, 19 and the sound of a trumpet and the voice of words, so that those who heard it begged that the word should not be spoken to them anymore. 20 (For they could not endure what was commanded: "And if so much as a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned or shot with an arrow." 21 And so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I am exceedingly afraid and trembling.") 22 But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels, 23 to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are registered in heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect, 24 to Jesus the Mediator of the new

covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling that speaks better things than that of Abel.

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 13:22-30

(Will those who are saved be few?)

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

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

22 And He went through the cities and villages, teaching, and journeying toward Jerusalem. 23 Then one said to Him, "Lord, are there few who are saved?" And He said to them, 24 "Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I say to you, will seek to enter and will not be able. 25 When once the Master of the house has risen up and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and knock at the door, saying, 'Lord, Lord, open for us,' and He will answer and say to you, 'I do not know you, where you are from,' 26 then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank in Your presence, and You taught in our streets.' 27 But He will say, 'I tell you I do not know you, where you are from. Depart from Me, all you workers of iniquity.' 28 There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves thrust out. 29 They will come from the east and the west, from the north and the south, and sit

down in the kingdom of God.³⁰ And indeed there are last who will be first, and there are first who will be last.”

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

For All the Saints

LSB 677

SERMON

"The Kingdom View from Within or Outside Looking In?"

(Luke 13:28)

OFFERTORY

Create in Me

LSB 956

OFFERING

SHARING OF THE PEACE

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P With You nothing is impossible and the surprise of Your sufficient grace calls us to offer You the prayer and petitions of our hearts, O Lord, to whom we pray. That the Lord call His elect from all nations and all peoples until the number is complete and the work of Christ is complete and gather us into His eternal presence around His throne of grace, to behold His glory and sing His praise forevermore, let us pray the Lord.

C **Hear the prayers of Your people.**

P That we hear His call to labor in His vineyard, supplying missionaries and church workers to speak His Word here and everywhere and that we well supply them with the tools and resources to accomplish this work, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Hear the prayers of Your people.**

P That we be good citizens and good neighbors and that those who lead us serve ably and well, for the benefit of all but especially for the protection of the weak, for equal justice before the law, and for the promotion of virtue, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Hear the prayers of Your people.**

P That we extend God's care to those in any need, including those seeking employment, those struggling with disability, and the poor, and that we well supply

those in need with the abundant resources God has entrusted into our care, let us pray to the Lord.

C Hear the prayers of Your people.

P That we enjoy the gift of peace, an end to conflict and strife, safety from violence, protection against natural disaster, and an end to fear by trusting in the Lord for all things, let us pray to the Lord.

C Hear the prayers of Your people.

(Local prayers and petitions may be added.)

P That the hurting find relief, the sick healing, the dying hope, the grieving comfort, and the mentally ill peace, especially those who have requested our prayers, [including . . .], that all those who cry to the Lord receive grace sufficient to their need, let us pray to the Lord.

C Hear the prayers of Your people.

P That we remember with thanksgiving those who died in the Lord and now rest from their labors and that we be kept holy and blameless until that day when the last shall be first and we shall see the Lord face-to-face, let us pray to the Lord.

C Hear the prayers of Your people.

P Through Him, with Him, in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is Yours, almighty Father, both now and forever.

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

Jesus Shall Reign

LSB 832

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

C Thanks be to God!



*Portals of Prayer for July to September 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.

Upcoming School Events:



Today, Sunday, August 25th

3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

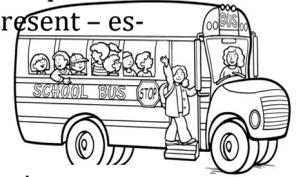


Monday, August 26th

8:00 a.m.

Slow Down: Back to School Means Sharing the Road

School days bring congestion: School buses are picking up their passengers, kids on bikes are hurrying to get to school before the bell rings, harried parents are trying to drop their kids off before work. It's never more important for drivers to slow down and pay attention than when kids are present – especially before and after school.



Back to School Safety Tips

- Be on the lookout for **school** zone signals and ALWAYS obey the speed limits.
- When entering a **school** zone, be sure to slow down and obey all traffic laws.
- Always stop for **school** busses that are loading or unloading children.
- Watch out for **school** crossing guards and obey their signals.

Middle School & High School Youth Group

Sunday, September 8th @ 12:30pm at DCE Brenda's house! We'll have lunch together, a devotion, games, and watch a movie! Feel free to bring snacks to share & invite a friend!

Text DCE Brenda at (408) 512-8708 if you plan on coming.

Thrivent Brisket plate flood recovery Fundraiser for Olivia and Ralph

Friday, September 6 from 11 am to 1pm.

Cost: **\$8**

Includes: brisket sandwich, onions, pickles, BBQ sauce, potato salad, rancho beans and a soda.

Pickup at 1401 S. Georgia Ave. Mercedes, **delivery available**

Call the church office to place an order

*Enjoy your Labor Day weekend
and be safe!*



The Cross of Christ Is the Way into the Kingdom of God

With the cross of Christ, the time has come “to gather all nations and tongues” (Is. 66:18). The sign of the cross is set forth in the preaching of the Gospel, the declaration of the Lord’s glory “among the nations” (Is. 66:19). Many “will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God” (Luke 13:29), but only by the narrow way of the cross. Those who refuse to follow Christ crucified will ultimately find only “weeping and gnashing of teeth” (Luke 13:28), whereas Christ’s disciples, called from all the nations, will eat and drink with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of God. They will come into “the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem” (Heb. 12:22).

8/18/2019		
Sunday Worship	32	
Plate:		\$ 9.00
Envelopes:		\$ 1,533.55
Donation:		\$ 250.00
Memorial:		
Total:		\$ 1,792.55
Bible Class:	12	\$ 11.00

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost Readings:

*Proverbs 25:2-10
Psalm 131
Hebrews 13:1-17
Luke 14:1-14*

Bi-Weekly Church Activity Schedule		
	August Sunday Servants:	September Servants
Elder:	Ken Eilers	Joe Winston
Altar Guild:	Donna Jackson & Lorri Marchant	B.J. Neuhaus & M. Perez
Music:	Bonny Winston	
This Week	Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost	
Usher:	Dan Wehling	
Sunday:	Worship Service	9:00 am
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am
Next Week	Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost	
Usher:	Earl Neuhaus	
Sunday:	Holy Communion Worship Service	9:00 am
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am