

TWELFTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 1, 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:

1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday

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(Luke 14:3-4)

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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 Lord, You resist the proud and give grace to the humble.

Give to me the true humility of Your Son, Jesus Christ, that I shed all arrogant and prideful ways that would condemn me and by Your grace learn to love and serve You above all and to love and serve my neighbor as Christ has loved me; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**AS WE GATHER** - "For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted" (Luke 14:11). We are urged to a path of humility, not thinking of ourselves more highly than we ought and thinking of others before us. With this very purpose, Jesus heals a man on the Sabbath and reveals the character of God's patient and powerful love. We are invited to follow Christ's own example and to be people of such love and humility that God is glorified and the mercy of God is exalted.

**WELCOME**

**PRELUDE**

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

**DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING FOUR**

**PAGE 203**

**OPENING HYMN**

*God Himself Is Present*

**LSB 907**

**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 75:1-2, 6, 9; antiphon: v. 7*

P But God is the Judge: He puts down one, and exalts another.

C **We give thanks to You, O God, we give thanks! For Your wondrous works declare that Your name is near.**

P "When I choose the proper time, I will judge uprightly.

C **For exaltation comes neither from the east nor from the west nor from the south.**

P But I will declare forever, I will sing praises to the God of Jacob.

P But God is the Judge: He puts down one, and exalts another.

**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 of grace and mercy, teach us by Your Holy Spirit to follow the example of Your Son in true humility, that we may withstand the temptations of the devil and with pure hearts and minds avoid ungodly pride; through the same Jesus

Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*Proverbs 25:2–10*

(In pride you will be put to shame.)

2 It is the glory of God to conceal a matter, but the glory of kings is to search out a matter.

3 As the heavens for height and the earth for depth, so the heart of kings is unsearchable.

4 Take away the dross from silver, and it will go to the silversmith for jewelry. 5 Take away the wicked from before the king, and his throne will be established in righteousness. 6 Do not exalt yourself in the presence of the king, and do not stand in the place of the great; 7 For it is better that he say to you,

“Come up here,”

Than that you should be put lower in the presence of the prince, whom your eyes have seen.

8 Do not go hastily to court; for what will you do in the end, when your neighbor has put you to shame? 9 Debate your case with your neighbor, and do not disclose the secret to another; 10 Lest he who hears it expose your shame, and your reputation be ruined.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God**

**PSALM**

*Psalm 131; antiphon: v. 2*

P Surely I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a weaned child with his mother; Like a weaned child is my soul within me.

C **Lord, my heart is not haughty, nor my eyes lofty. neither do I concern myself with great matters, nor with things too profound for me.**

P Surely I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a weaned child with his mother; Like a weaned child is my soul within me.

C **O Israel, hope in the Lord from this time forth and forever.**

P Surely I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a weaned child with his mother; Like a weaned child is my soul within me.

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**EPISTLE**

*Hebrews 13:1–17*

(Let us offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, the fruit of lips that acknowledge His name.)

1 Let brotherly love continue. 2 Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some have unwittingly entertained angels. 3 Remember the prisoners as if chained with them—those who are mistreated—since you yourselves are in the body also. 4 Marriage is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled; but fornicators and adulterers God will judge. 5 Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.” 6 So we may boldly say:

“The Lord is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?”

7 Remember those who rule over you, who have spoken the word of God to you, whose faith follow, considering the outcome of their conduct. 8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. 9 Do not be carried about with various and strange doctrines. For it is good that the heart be established by grace, not with foods which have not profited those who have been occupied with them. 10 We have an altar from which those who serve the tabernacle have no right to eat. 11 For the bodies of those animals, whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest for sin, are burned outside the camp. 12 Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered outside the gate. 13 Therefore let us go forth to Him, outside the camp, bearing His reproach. 14 For here we have no continuing city, but we seek the one to come. 15 Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name. 16 But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased. 17 Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you.

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 14:1-14*

(Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.)

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

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

1 Now it happened, as He went into the house of one of the rulers of the Pharisees to eat bread on the Sabbath, that they watched Him closely. 2 And behold, there was a certain man before Him who had dropsy. 3 And Jesus, answering, spoke to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?" 4 But they kept silent. And He took him and healed him, and let him go. 5 Then He answered them, saying, "Which of you, having a donkey or an ox that has fallen into a pit, will not immediately pull him out on the Sabbath day?" 6 And they could not answer Him regarding these things. 7 So He told a parable to those who were invited, when He noted how they chose the best places, saying to them: 8 "When you are invited by anyone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in the best place, lest one more honorable than you be invited by him; 9 and he who invited you and him come and say to you, 'Give place to this man,' and then you begin with shame to take the lowest place. 10 But when you are invited, go and sit down in the lowest place, so that when he who invited you comes he may say to you, 'Friend, go up higher.' Then you will have glory in the presence of those who sit at the table with you. 11 For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted." 12 Then He also said to him who invited Him, "When you give a dinner or a supper, do not ask your friends, your brothers, your relatives, nor rich neighbors, lest they also invite you back, and you be repaid. 13 But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind. 14 And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you; for you shall be repaid at the resurrection of the just."

**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**                      *Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service*                      **LSB 848**

**SERMON**    *“Friend, Go Up Higher!”*    (Luke 14:10)

**OFFERTORY**                                      *Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way*                                      **LSB 857**

## **OFFERING**

## **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**P** In humility and faith we come, O Lord, before Your throne of grace, and we ask You to hear us for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Kill the pride that would cut us off from Your grace and teach us the humility of faith that we serve You and delight in Your will here on earth and live in peace and love with all people. Lord, hear our prayer,

**C and grant our supplication.**

**P** Guard Your Church against such pride and raise up able and humble leaders that she may have faithful pastors to speak Your Word, faithful servants to accomplish her mission, and faithful support to provide the resources to accomplish such work. Lord, hear our prayer,

**C and grant our supplication.**

**P** Give to our president, Congress, governor, and all elected and appointed public servants a heart for Your people, a desire for justice, and a passion for service. Give special blessing to all emergency and disaster workers who serve us in our greatest moments of need and protect those who defend us at home and abroad. Lord, hear our prayer,

**C and grant our supplication.**

**P** Guide us to look beyond ourselves and to behold the poor and those in need. Give us voices to speak on their behalf and give us generous hearts to supply their need from our abundance. Lord, hear our prayer,

**C and grant our supplication.**

**P** Govern our lives by Your Word so that we know the truth and keep it in holy hearts. Bless especially our Sunday School, catechumens, Bible studies, parochial schools, universities, and seminaries that our learning be directed by Your Word. Lord, hear our prayer,

**C and grant our supplication.**



P Give us grateful hearts so that we not presume to come to this Table of the Lord trusting in our own merits but solely in the merits and mercies of Jesus Christ, who gives Himself to us in this bread and cup. Help us to be people of love, and strengthen us in this love by this blessed Communion. Lord, hear our prayer,

**C and grant our supplication.**

*(Local prayers and petitions may be added.)*

P Guard the hearts of the mentally ill, give to the suffering relief, grant healing to the sick and those recuperating, and guard the dying in Your peace, [especially . . .], that all be healed according to Your will, sustained in their hour of need by Your grace, and kept to everlasting life. Lord, hear our prayer,

**C and grant our supplication.**

P Give us a grateful heart for the gift of labor and for the fruits of our labors we enjoy. Give to the unemployed and the underemployed the work they seek, and guide us all to use well and wisely the resources this labor provides, that we honor You both with the songs of our lips and the tithes and offerings we bring. Lord, hear our prayer,

**C and grant our supplication.**

P Guard Your people in their journey of faith, from the baptismal new birth until we rest in Your almighty arms, and bring us with the saints into the joy of Your everlasting presence on that blessed day when Jesus comes again to finish His new creation. Lord, hear our prayer,

**C and grant our supplication.**

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C Amen.**

## **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:

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## 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 God, our heavenly Father, from Your tender mercy You gave Your only Son, Jesus Christ, to suffer death on the cross for our redemption; by the one oblation of Himself once offered He made there a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world; and in His Holy Gospel He instituted and commanded us to celebrate a perpetual remembrance of His precious death until He comes again.

Therefore, O Lord, heavenly Father, according to the institution of Your dearly beloved Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, we Your humble servants celebrate and make here before Your divine majesty, with these Your holy gifts, the commemoration Your Son has willed us to make; remembering His blessed passion and precious death, His mighty resurrection and glorious ascension and His promise to come again. We give You most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits He has procured for us.

And though we are unworthy, because of our many sins, yet we beseech You to hear our prayers. Grant that our supplications may by the ministry of the holy angels be brought to Your holy tabernacle, before the sight of Your divine majesty, not weighing our

merits, but freely pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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



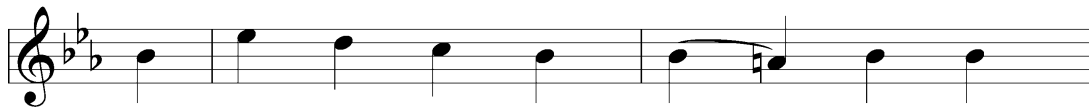
1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All



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. Almighty God, You have given to us such abundant grace and favor far beyond what we deserve. Help us by Your Spirit to receive with thanksgiving the blessings of Your saving love in Christ and to respond with the willingness to serve Your purpose in our daily lives. Give us a steadfast faith, a pure heart of love, and a sincere desire to love our neighbor that we live each day in all humility and godliness, to the glory of Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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**

*Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus*

**LSB 685**

**DISMISSAL**

P Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

C **Thanks be to God!**

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**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.

## From Pastor's Desk

**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.

### **Youth Confirmation Classes**

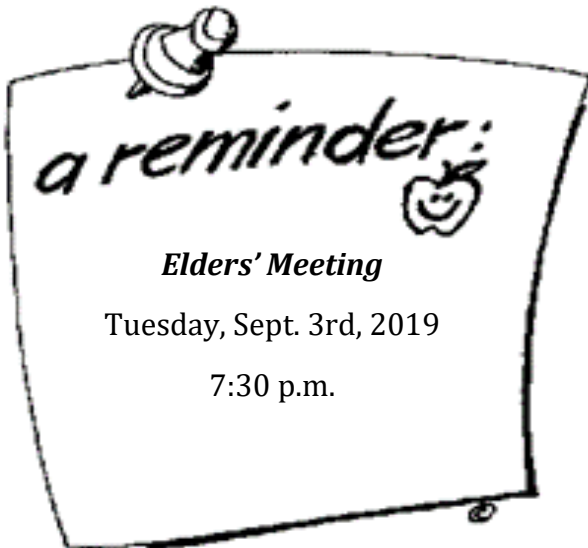
@ 6:00 p.m. on Tuesdays in the Pastor's Office

### **Adult Instruction Classes**

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

### **Thrivent Brisket Plate Flood Recovery Fundraiser for Olivia and Ralph**

Friday, Sept. 6th from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Plate cost: \$ 8. Call church office to place order.



## We Are Humbled and Exalted by the Cross of Christ

“Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled,” Jesus proclaims, but “he who humbles himself will be exalted” (Luke 14:11). For your hope is in the name of the Lord, who humbled Himself unto death on the cross and was exalted in His resurrection. So, are you humbled by His cross, and “at the resurrection of the just,” He will say to you, “Friend, move up higher” (Luke 14:10, 13–14)? By His grace, the King will honor you “in the presence of a noble,” where your eyes will gaze upon the Prince, His dearly beloved Son (Prov. 25:7). As He has dealt so graciously with you, “do not neglect to do good and to share what you have” (Heb. 13:16) and “do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers” (Heb. 13:2). Humble yourself and exalt your neighbor.

**8/25/2019**

<b>Sunday Worship</b>	<b>41</b>	
Plate:		\$ 50.00
Envelopes:		\$ 1,019.00
Donation:		
<b>Total:</b>		<b>\$ 1,069.00</b>
Bible Class:	<b>17</b>	\$ 11.00

### *Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost* *Readings:*

*Deuteronomy 30:15-20*  
*Psalms 1*  
*Philemon 1-21*  
*Luke 14:25-35*

### Bi-Weekly Church Activity Schedule

#### *September Sunday Servants:*

Elder:	Joe Winston	
Altar Guild:	Billie Jo Neuhaus & Maribel Perez	
Music:	Bonny Winston	
<b>This Week</b>	<b>Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost</b>	
Usher:	Earl Neuhaus	
Sunday:	Holy Communion Worship Service	9:00 am
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am
<b>Next Week</b>	<b>Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b>	
Usher:	Ken & Bob Eilers	
Sunday:	Worship Service	9:00 am
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am