

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 22, 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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**"And I say to you, make friends for
yourselves by unrighteous mammon,
that when you fail, they may receive
you into an everlasting home."**

(Luke 16:9)



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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, in Your abundant mercy You invite me into holy conversation with You; increase my faithfulness to You that I continually bring You my supplications, prayers, and thanksgivings; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

AS WE GATHER - God invites us to speak with Him in the holy conversation of prayer. Consider for a moment how frequently you speak with God, how frequently you pray for others, how frequently you give thanks for all God has given you. We all could certainly pray more frequently and fervently, but God's invitation for holy conversation still stands, and He invites you to speak with Him in every circumstance.

WELCOME

PRELUDE

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

DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING FOUR

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OPENING HYMN

O Bless the Lord, My Soul

LSB 814

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 119:137-140, 142; antiphon: v. 144*

P The righteousness of Your testimonies is everlasting; give me understanding, and I shall live.

C **Righteous are You, O Lord, And upright are Your judgments.**

P Your testimonies, which You have commanded, are righteous and very faithful.

C **My zeal has consumed me, because my enemies have forgotten Your words.**

P Your word is very pure; therefore Your servant loves it.

C **Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and Your law is truth.**

P The righteousness of Your testimonies is everlasting; give me understanding, and I shall live.

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 - 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. O Lord, keep Your Church in Your perpetual mercy; and because without You we cannot but fall, preserve us from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; 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 *Amos 8:4–7*

(The Lord does not forget dishonesty toward the poor.)

4 Hear this, you who swallow up the needy, and make the poor of the land fail,

5 Saying:

“When will the New Moon be past,
That we may sell grain?
And the Sabbath,
That we may trade wheat?
Making the ephah small and the shekel large,
Falsifying the scales by deceit,

6 That we may buy the poor for silver, and the needy for a pair of sandals—Even sell the bad wheat?” 7 The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: “Surely I will never forget any of their works.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

PSALM *Psalms 113; antiphon: v. 3*

P From the rising of the sun to its going down The Lord’s name *is* to be praised.

C Praise the Lord! Praise, O servants of the Lord, Praise the name of the Lord!

P Blessed be the name of the Lord From this time forth and forevermore!

C From the rising of the sun to its going down The Lord’s name is to be praised.

P The Lord is high above all nations, His glory above the heavens.

C Who is like the Lord our God, Who dwells on high,

P Who humbles Himself to behold the things that are in the heavens and in the earth?

C He raises the poor out of the dust, and lifts the needy out of the ash heap,

P That He may seat him with princes—with the princes of His people.

**C He grants the barren woman a home, like a joyful mother of children.
Praise the Lord!**

P From the rising of the sun to its going down The Lord’s name *is* to be praised.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

EPISTLE *1 Timothy 2:1–15*

(God desires all people to be saved.)

1 Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, 2 for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. 3 For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, 4 who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. 5 For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus, 6 who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time, 7 for which I was

appointed a preacher and an apostle—I am speaking the truth in Christ and not lying—a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth. 8 I desire therefore that the men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting; 9 in like manner also, that the women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with propriety and moderation, not with braided hair or gold or pearls or costly clothing, 10 but, which is proper for women professing godliness, with good works. 11 Let a woman learn in silence with all submission. 12 And I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man, but to be in silence. 13 For Adam was formed first, then Eve. 14 And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived, fell into transgression. 15 Nevertheless she will be saved in childbearing if they continue in faith, love, and holiness, with self-control.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA and VERSE



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



C These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 16:1-15
(The parable of the dishonest manager)

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

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

1 He also said to His disciples: “There was a certain rich man who had a steward, and an accusation was brought to him that this man was wasting his goods. 2 So he called him and said to him, ‘What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your stewardship, for you can no longer be steward.’ 3 “Then the steward said within himself, ‘What shall I do? For my master is taking the stewardship away from me. I cannot dig; I am ashamed to beg. 4 I have resolved what to do, that when I am put out of the stewardship, they may receive me into their houses.’ 5 “So he called every one of his master’s debtors to him, and said to the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ 6 And he said, ‘A hundred measures of oil.’ So he said to him, ‘Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.’ 7 Then he said to another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ So he said, ‘A hundred measures of wheat.’ And he said to him, ‘Take your bill, and write eighty.’ 8 So the master commended the unjust steward because he had dealt shrewdly. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in their generation than the sons of light. 9 “And I say to you, make friends for yourselves by unrighteous mammon, that when you fail, they may receive you into an everlasting home. 10 He who is faithful in what is least is faithful also in much; and he who is unjust in what is least is unjust also in much. 11 Therefore if you have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches? 12 And if you have not been faithful in what is another man’s, who will give you what is your own? 13 “No servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.” 14 Now the Pharisees, who were lovers of money, also heard all these things, and they derided Him. 15 And He said to them, “You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is highly esteemed among men is an abomination in the sight of God.

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

Seek Where You May to Find a Way

LSB 557

SERMON

“Entrusted with the True Riches of the Gospel to Shrewdly Serve the Lord”

(Luke 16:9)

OFFERTORY

Create in Me

LSB 956

OFFERING

SHARING OF THE PEACE

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Dear heavenly Father, You desire that all people are saved and come to a knowledge of the truth. Send out messengers and missionaries to every corner of the earth that people from every tribe, nation, and language would hear the saving mercy of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Lord, send Your mercy to all who are struggling financially, the homeless, the poor, the unemployed, the underemployed, and those dealing with unexpected situations. Lead them through this challenging road and provide people and systems to help them. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Lord, walk with all those who are grieving in the shadow of death, [especially . . .]. Comfort them with the hope of the resurrection to eternal life. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Lord, You invite us into holy conversation with You through prayer, but we often neglect this invitation. Help us to speak to You more frequently and more fervently. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Lord, You sent Your Son to be the mediator between God and humanity. Grant us peace and reconciliation in our homes, our congregation, our community, our country, and throughout the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Lord, look with favor upon all who are sick, injured, and recovering, [especially . . .]. Have mercy upon them and heal them according to Your will. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Lord, we commend all of these things to Your infinite mercies, which are new every morning. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer. 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

Son of God, Eternal Savior

LSB 842

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

C **Thanks be to God!**



*Portals of Prayer for October to December 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

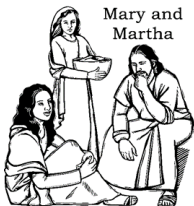
@ 6:00 p.m. on Tuesdays in the Pastor's Office

Adult Instruction Classes

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

Rio Mac

Thursday, September 26th, 2019 @ 6:30 p.m., St. Paul, Harlingen.



Mary Martha Guild

Thursday, September 26th at 4:00 p.m.

All ladies invited to join us in the Fellowship Hall!

SAVE THE DATE

For St. John Lutheran Church
San Benito, TX
100th Anniversary
October 20, 2019
3:00 p.m.



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8th-12th Grade
INFINITY LOCK-IN
Oct. 4th 6:30 p.m. to Oct. 5th 6:00 a.m.
St. Paul Lutheran Church
Harlingen



8th-12th graders are invited to join us at St. Paul in Harlingen for an overnight
"Infinity" Lock-In, October 4th thru the 5th!
Free to attend, we just ask that you bring a snack to share!
We will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Oct. 4th and stay through 6:00 a.m. on Oct. 5th!

The Lord Is Rich in His Grace and Mercy

Because God, our Savior, “desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth” (1 Tim. 2:4), He urges “that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people” (1 Tim. 2:1). Christians should so pray “without anger or quarreling,” but “adorn themselves in respectable apparel, with modesty and self-control” (1 Tim. 2:8, 9). For the Lord does not forget “the poor of the land” (Amos 8:4). He remembers them according to the foolishness of the cross. “For what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God” (Luke 16:15). Though we try to justify ourselves “before men,” God knows our sinful hearts and calls us to repentance (Luke 16:15). Though we are “not strong enough to dig,” and we are “ashamed to beg” (Luke 16:3), He justifies us by His grace and welcomes us into His “eternal dwellings” (Luke 16:9). More shrewd than even “the sons of this world” (Luke 16:8), He requires His stewards of the Gospel to bestow forgiveness freely.

9/15/2019		
Sunday Worship	38	
Plate:		\$ 27.33
Envelopes:		\$ 2,509.26
Donation:		
Memorial:		
Total:		\$ 2,536.59
Bible Class:	15	\$ 18.00

St. Michael and All Angels/ Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost Readings:

Daniel 10:10-14, 12:1-3

Psalm 91

Revelation 12:7-12

Matthew 18:1-11 or Luke 10:17-20

	Bi-Weekly Church Activity Schedule	
	September Sunday Servants:	
Elder:	Joe Winston	
Altar Guild:	Billie Jo Neuhaus & Maribel Perez	
Music:	Bonny Winston	
This Week	Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost	
Usher:	Dan Wehling	
Sunday:	Worship Service	9:00 am
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am
Next Week	St. Michael and All Angels/Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost	
Usher:	Don Vogel	
Sunday:	Holy Communion Worship Service	9:00 am
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am