

# Immanuel Lutheran Church

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*Our mission is to invite people to know Jesus Christ so that we may all share God's love.*

**Welcome to Worship at Immanuel** as we worship together in the name of the Father our Creator, the Son our Savior, and the Holy Ghost.

**Prayer before Worship:** Heavenly Father, listen to our hearts, for the words spoken and those left unsaid, that you may know our needs and have us understand the needs of those around us. Amen.

**Pastor Ed is working in the church office** on Friday mornings from 10:30-ish – 12:00 am. Please call in advance if you would like to reserve time to talk or visit with him.

**Prayer Requests:** We welcome requests of prayers for our members, friends and families throughout our communities and beyond. Anyone is welcome to leave a note on the desk in the office or contact the pastor.

**Offering envelopes are located and available on the table in the entry.** Please designate how you would like to have your offering used if for anything other than general funds.

**The Lord's Supper**, (offered on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month) the Eucharist, or Holy Communion is a means of God's grace whereby the real presence of Christ is offered. All are welcome to receive Communion at Immanuel Lutheran Church.

**We have Children's Bulletins** for those who wish to enhance the worship experience for the kids. They can be found each week on the table with the regular Sunday Bulletins.

Newsletter, bulletin, and member information or changes may be sent to [ckwilson1983@gmail.com](mailto:ckwilson1983@gmail.com) or [immanuelcolfax@hotmail.com](mailto:immanuelcolfax@hotmail.com)

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## This Week at Immanuel 9:00 am Worship

### Sunday, September 1, 2024

WORSHIP LEADER: PASTOR ED HUDELSON

Lay Reader: Rebecca Casson

Greeters: Jerry & Susie Kukuck

Ushers/Acolytes: Brec, Zane Hoffman

Communion: Jerry Kukuck, Dennis G.

Organist: Cindy Wilson

### Sunday, September 8, 2024

WORSHIP LEADER: BISHOP GREG BUSBOOM

Lay Reader: Dennis Griepentrog

Greeters: Eli & Katelyn Petersen

Ushers/Acolytes: Acer Kratochvil, Rylee Kukuck

Organist: Kimberly Petersen

**In your prayers**, please include our members who are not able to be with us today: Virginia Winterland (home); Iva Mae Petersen (Pontiac); Gary Kessinger

**We also include the following people in our prayers:** Lucy McKinley, Cheryl Poppe, Robert Ruff, Jeannie Weber, Tim Dawson, Von Becker's Parents, Bob & Judy Logan, Nancy Lasser, Loren Powell, Lori Becker (sister-in-law of Von Becker), and Daviney Steidinger-Reynolds (a student at Ridgeview).

### *Announcements*

**Next week, September 8** – Bishop Greg Busboom will be attending our Worship Service and delivering the message for the day. We will also be participating in the ELCA annual **God's Work – Our Hands** Day of Service. Please join us for this very special day.

**LWR Quilts** - the quilt makers have wrapped up their 2024 season to focus on school kits and personal care kits. However, there are always packages of cut fabric squares ready to be sewn into quilt tops. Please use a 1/2" seam with short stitches and press open or to the side. These will help us kick start 2025! We are very thankful for the volunteers who helped us make over 60 quilts this year! If you have any questions, please see Dee Winterland.

**LWR Kits** – We are currently collecting items for school kits and personal care kits. Some items are already displayed on the table in the fellowship hall along with lists that you may take as a reminder of items needed.

**It's time to Kickoff Luther League on Sunday, September 22nd after church!** All High Schoolers are encouraged to attend! Luther Leaguers and parents should sign up for Team Reach App with Group name: LLeague1. Here updates and monthly schedule will be posted!

COMMUNION HYMN

***As We Gather at Your Table***

ELW 522

*After all have returned to their places, please stand as you are able.*

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you  
and keep you in his grace.

**C: Amen.**

\* PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Let us pray... Holy God,

**C: you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table.  
Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Sending

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

\*BLESSING

P: God all mighty, God most merciful † bless you, keep you, and give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

\*HYMN

***The Lord Now Sends Us Forth***

ELW 538

\*DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Special Announcement -

**The Illinois Association of Wheat Weavers would like to share their craft by doing a Make-n-Take session on Sat Sept 21, 2024 from 9am to 3 pm.**

There will be a morning session beginning at 9 am and an afternoon session starting at 12 pm. The project would cost for supplies only, \$5 for AM or PM session. If doing both sessions, \$10. If guests choose both sessions, they may want to bring a sack lunch and drinks. This event is open to all members and friends. A signup sheet is posted in the fellowship hall. Please sign up by September 14 so that supplies can be prepared for each attendee.

For more information, please contact Deb Jaskowiak at 309-825-4273.

# Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 1, 2024

*Jesus protests against human customs being given the weight of divine law, while the essence of God's law is ignored. True uncleanness comes not from external things, but from the intentions of the human heart. Last week Jesus told us "the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life" (John 6:63). Now James says God has given us birth by the word of truth. We who were washed in the word when we were born in the font return to it every Sunday to ask God to create in us clean hearts.*

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Gathering

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross in remembrance of baptism as the worship leader begins -*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P: God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more.

By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven.

**C: Amen.**

*Congregation may be seated.*

HYMN

***Awake My Soul, and with the Sun***

ELW 557

\*GREETING *Please stand as you are able*

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. O God our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

*Congregation may be seated*

## Word

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

READING Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9 back of bulletin

*The Israelites believed the law was a divine gift that provided guidelines for living out the covenant. Moses commands the people to obey the law and to neither add to nor subtract from it. The Israelites are also to teach the law to their children and their children's children.*

*After the reading . . .* L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

PSALM Psalm 15

Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? Who may abide upon your holy hill?

**Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right, who speak the truth from their heart;**

They do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends; they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

**In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the Lord. They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.**

They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent.

**Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.**

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

\*LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray. . .

**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.**

\*INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come, here is your God.

*Congregation may be seated.*

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

*All are invited to receive Holy Communion at the Lord's table. The inner circle of cups contain grape juice, the rest are wine. Please follow the directions of the ushers.*

*When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say*

*"The body of Christ, given for you." "The blood of Christ, shed for you."*

*and each person may respond : **Amen.***

COMMUNION HYMNS

***Lamb of God***

ELW page 146

***Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.***

***Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.***

***Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.***

READING James 1:17-27 back of bulletin

*The letter of James was intended to provide first-century Christians with instruction in godly behavior. Here Christians are encouraged to listen carefully and to act on what they hear, especially by caring for those least able to care for themselves.*

After the reading . . . L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**  
*Please stand as you are able*

\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (sung) ELW, page 142

**Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

\*GOSPEL READING Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 back of bulletin

*The Gospel is announced:*

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark ... **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Mark's gospel depicts Jesus as challenging traditional ways in which religious people determine what is pure or impure. For Jesus, the observance of religious practices cannot become a substitute for godly words or deeds that spring from a faithful heart.*

P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON Pastor Ed Hudelson

HYMN OF DAY **Lord, Let My Heart be Good Soil** ELW 512

\*CREED *Please stand as you are able* ELW page 104

P: We confess our faith in the words of the Apostle's Creed,

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and was born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P: Drawn together in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray with confidence for the church, God's good creation, and all who are in need.

After each petition: P: Merciful God, **C: receive our prayer.**

P: We entrust these and all our prayers to you, holy God, in the name of your beloved child, Jesus Christ, our Savior. **C: Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The Peace of the Lord be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

P: Let us share that peace with one another.

*The congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

WE GATHER OUR OFFERINGS

\*OFFERING SONG *Please stand as you are able* ELW 182

**Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.**

**Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now.**

**Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.**

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray...

**C: Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## Meal

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ*

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

**Amen.**

## **Prayers of Intercession – 9-1-2024**

Drawn together in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray with confidence for the church, God's good creation, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

God of every generation, give the church a sense of purpose and belonging. Sustain and build up leaders and lay people as we accompany one another in our life with Christ. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

God of creation, you named humans as co-creators with you. Where the earth cries out in pain, bring wholeness. Guide governments and industry, that environmental laws and practices seek to heal and not harm. Bring relief and justice to people and places suffering from climate catastrophe (*especially*). Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Sovereign God, we pray for local communities of every kind: rural and urban; established and new. Lead those in authority to seek the good of all through their words and actions and to mentor others in honest and generous ways. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Healing God, you draw near to all who are hurting. Be with all who desire relief from chronic and acute illness, cancer, and post-traumatic stress disorder. Strengthen health care workers, therapists, and caregivers. Tend to those who are close to our hearts (*especially*). Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

On this Labor Day weekend we remember and give thanks for all who have fought for workers' rights around the world. Continue to improve working conditions and establish fair wages so that all people may thrive. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Comforting God, console us as we mourn our departed (*especially*). We hold fast to the promise that death has been defeated by our Savior Jesus Christ. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

We entrust these and all our prayers to you, holy God, in the name of your beloved child, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

