

**FIRST READING: Genesis 2:18-24**

The LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." <sup>19</sup>So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. <sup>20</sup>The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. <sup>21</sup>So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. <sup>22</sup>And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. <sup>23</sup>Then the man said,

"This at last is bone of my bones  
and flesh of my flesh;  
this one shall be called Woman,  
for out of Man this one was taken."

<sup>24</sup>Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

**Psalm 8**

**SECOND READING: Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12**

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, <sup>2</sup>but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. <sup>3</sup>He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, <sup>4</sup>having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

<sup>2:5</sup>Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. <sup>6</sup>But someone has testified somewhere,

"What are human beings that you are mindful of them,  
or mortals, that you care for them?"

<sup>7</sup>You have made them for a little while lower than the angels;

you have crowned them with glory and honor,  
<sup>8</sup>subjecting all things under their feet."

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, <sup>9</sup>but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

<sup>10</sup>It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. <sup>11</sup>For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, <sup>12</sup>saying,

"I will proclaim your name to my brothers  
and sisters,  
in the midst of the congregation I will praise  
you."

**GOSPEL: Mark 10:2-16**

Some Pharisees came, and to test [Jesus] they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" <sup>3</sup>He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" <sup>4</sup>They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." <sup>5</sup>But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. <sup>6</sup>But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' <sup>7</sup>For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, <sup>8</sup>and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. <sup>9</sup>Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

<sup>10</sup>Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. <sup>11</sup>He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; <sup>12</sup>and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

<sup>13</sup>People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. <sup>14</sup>But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. <sup>15</sup>Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." <sup>16</sup>And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

**Next Sunday's Readings:** Amos 5:6-7, 10-15; Psalm 90:12-17; Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 10:17-31.

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Let the  
little  
children  
come  
to me

MARK 10:14



# 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 – noon. 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 10:00 am Sunday School

**Sunday, October 6, 2024**

WORSHIP LEADER: PASTOR ED HUDELSON

Lay Reader: Karen Harms

Greeters: Terry & Kay Bose

Ushers/Acolytes: Eli & Katelyn Petersen

Communion: John & Cindy Harris

Organist: Kimberly Petersen

**Sunday, October 13, 2024**

WORSHIP LEADER: PASTOR ED HUDELSON

Lay Reader: Cindy Harris

Greeters: Lois Barker, Sharon Hardesty

Ushers/Acolytes: Shelby Hall, Rylee Kukuck

Organist: Cindy Wilson

**Please include the following people in our prayers:**

Virginia Winterland, Gary Kessinger, 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*

**LWR Collections** – As we are wrapping up our many quilts and kits for the year, we would also like to remind everyone that monetary donations help cover the cost of shipping the boxes to their designated locations. We will be having a special donation basket on Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to make a contribution before then, please see Dee Winterland.

**LWR Quilts** - There are 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! If you have any questions, please see Dee Winterland.

**We have been blessed with another donation of fabric for quilt making.** However, there are some nice yardages of fabric we are unable to use, but would be great for apparel, costumes, etc. Please help yourself if you can use it, or know of someone else or a charity that could use it. It will be on the table in the parish hall.



# Lutheran Disaster Response

Friends:

Hurricane Helene hit the coast of Florida as a Category 4 hurricane on Sept. 26 and has ravaged communities in the southeast, from Florida to Virginia. As the floodwaters have started to recede, the extreme devastation — especially in North Carolina and Tennessee — has become clearer. Now, it is time to do what we do best: **roll up our sleeves and get to work.**

You've seen the news. Entire towns, roads and bridges have been washed away, and millions remain without power and cell service.

"We can't yet know what we're facing in terms of damage ... but I do know [this]," says the Rev. Timothy Smith, bishop of the North Carolina Synod. **"Lutheran Disaster Response, in partnership with our synod, along with other helpers, will be there for the long haul, and we will rally around our congregations, camps and communities."**

**Whatever unfolds because of this storm, Lutheran Disaster Response will be there.**

The impact of this storm will continue for years. Lutheran Disaster Response stays until the work is done — even when it takes weeks, months or years, and long after the storm has faded from the headlines. **When you give to Lutheran Disaster Response, you provide crucial support and the flexibility to go where help is needed most.**

By standing with disaster-impacted communities across the United States and around the world, we follow Christ's call to share hope and healing with our neighbors in need.

With gratitude,

The Rev. Daniel Rift  
Director, ELCA Service and Justice Giving  
ELCA World Hunger and Lutheran Disaster Response

**P.S. Find information and resources about Lutheran Disaster Response's hurricane relief at [ELCA.org/hurricanes](https://www.elca.org/hurricanes).**

*20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

October 6, 2024

*Today's gospel combines a saying that makes many of us uncomfortable with a story we find comforting. Jesus' saying on divorce is another of his rejections of human legislation in favor of the original intent of God's law. Jesus' rebuke of the disciples who are fending off the children should challenge us as well. What does it mean to receive the kingdom of God as a child does?*

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 -  
Please stand as you are able*

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

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

ELW 879

\*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.**

\*KYRIE

ELW page 138

L: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. *(sung)* **C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C: Amen.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE

ELW page 140

All: *Refrain ~ This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

Women: **Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.** *Refrain*

Men: **Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his.** *Refrain*

All: **Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:**

**Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

*Refrain*

All: **For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.**

*Refrain*

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of 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

Genesis 2:18-24

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*Genesis 2 stresses that people are not meant to live in isolation but in relationship. Out of love for humanity, God creates them male and female, to provide companionship for each other and to become with each other "one flesh." The Hebrew words used here are ish (man) and ishshah (woman).*

*After the reading . . .* L: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalm 8

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

**You whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children; you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.**

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

**What are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them, human beings that you should care for them?**

Yet you have made them little less than divine; with glory and honor you crown them.

**You have made them rule over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet:**

All flocks and cattle, even the wild beasts of the field,

**The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.**

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

READING

Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

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*Quoting from the psalms, this passage from Hebrews emphasizes that Jesus, the one through whom God created everything and who sits at God's right hand, is also the one who experienced human suffering and death in order to blaze the path of salvation for us.*

*After the reading . . .* L: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able*

\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (sung)

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**Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

\*GOSPEL READING

Mark 10:2-16

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*The Gospel is announced:*

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark ...

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Jesus announced and enacted in history the new reality of God's surprising activity. These two stories demonstrate this new reality: Women and children are accepted and valued, not dismissed as inferior to adult men.*

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

Pastor Ed Hudelson

HYMN OF DAY

***Blest Be the Tie That Binds***

ELW 656

\*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: Challenged by God's Word in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and the whole creation.

*After each petition:* P: God of grace, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the saving grace you freely give, both now and forever.

**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: God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, you have brought us this far along the way. In times of bitterness you did not abandon us, but guided us into the path of love and light. In every age you sent prophets to make known your loving will for all humanity. The cry of the poor has become your own cry; our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire.

In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant to preach good news to the afflicted, to break bread with the outcast and despised, and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.

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 all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we await the day when Jesus shall return to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death. Come, Lord Jesus! And let the church say, Amen.

**Amen.**

Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate, to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world. Come, Spirit of freedom! And let the church say, Amen.

**Amen.**

Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age, that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection, we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, 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***

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***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.***

**COMMUNION HYMN**

***Although I Speak with Angel's Tongue  
Beautiful Savior***

ELW 644

ELW 838

*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**

***Now Thank We All Our God***

ELW 840

**\*DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Follow Jesus. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**