

FIRST READING: Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

Seek the LORD and live,
 or he will break out against the house of Joseph
 like fire,
 and it will devour Bethel, with no one to
 quench it.
⁷Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood,
 and bring righteousness to the ground!

¹⁰They hate the one who reproves in the gate,
 and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.

¹¹Therefore because you trample on the poor
 and take from them levies of grain,
 you have built houses of hewn stone,
 but you shall not live in them;
 you have planted vineyards,
 but you shall not drink their wine.

¹²For I know how many are your transgressions,
 and how great are your sins—
 you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe,
 and push aside the needy in the gate.
¹³Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time;
 for it is an evil time.

¹⁴Seek good and not evil,
 that you may live;
 and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you,
 just as you have said.

¹⁵Hate evil and love good,
 and establish justice in the gate;
 it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts,
 will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

Psalms 90:12-17

SECOND READING: Hebrews 4:12-16

Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper
 than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides
 soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to
 judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³And
 before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked
 and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must
 render an account.

¹⁴Since, then, we have a great high priest who has
 passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God,

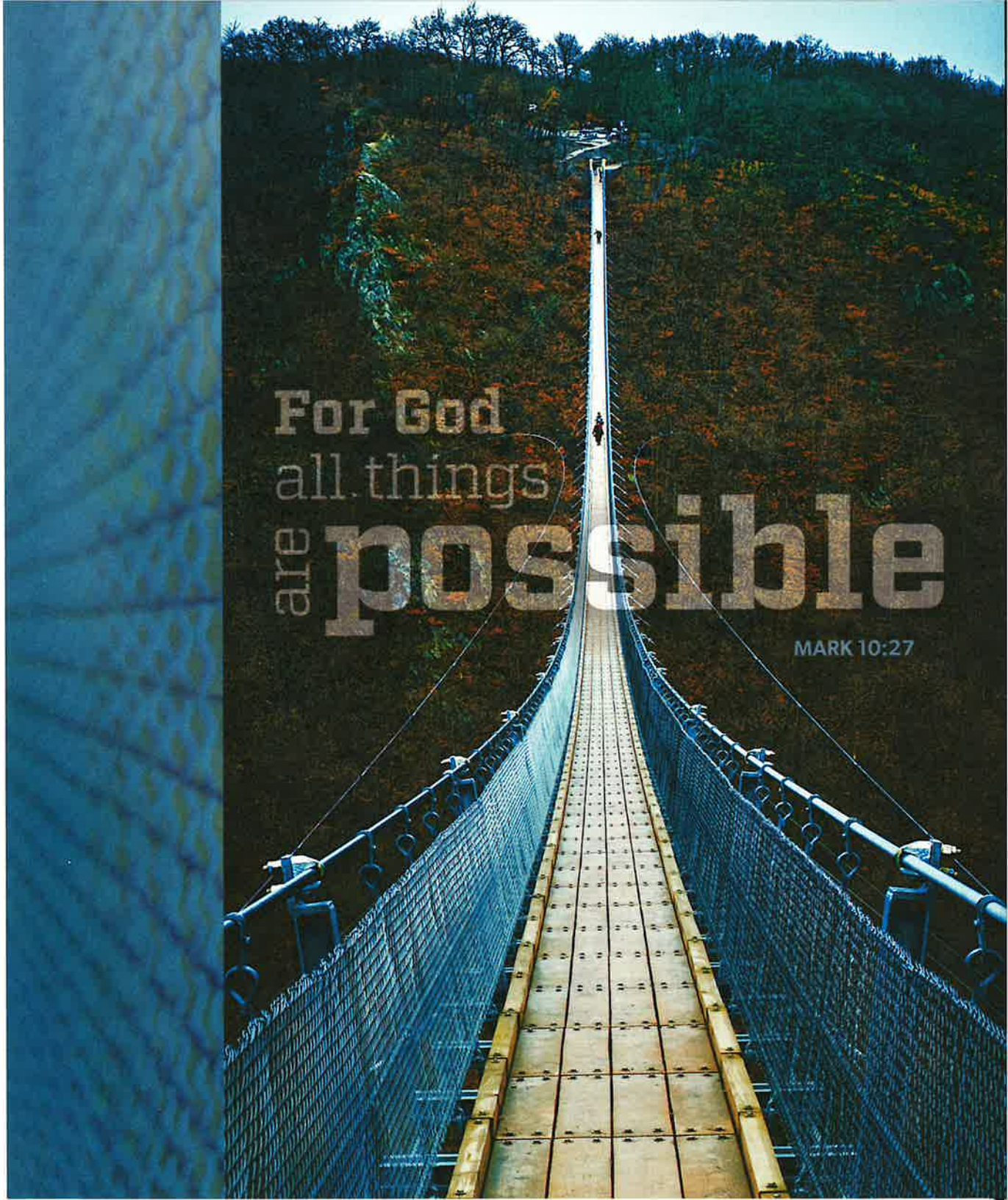
let us hold fast to our confession. ¹⁵For we do not
 have a high priest who is unable to sympathize
 with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every
 respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin.
¹⁶Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with
 boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find
 grace to help in time of need.

GOSPEL: Mark 10:17-31

As [Jesus] was setting out on a journey, a man ran up
 and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher,
 what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ¹⁸Jesus said
 to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good
 but God alone. ¹⁹You know the commandments: ‘You
 shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You
 shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You
 shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.’”
²⁰He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since
 my youth.” ²¹Jesus, looking at him, loved him and
 said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and
 give the money to the poor, and you will have trea-
 sure in heaven; then come, follow me.” ²²When he
 heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving,
 for he had many possessions.

²³Then Jesus looked around and said to his disci-
 ples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth
 to enter the kingdom of God!” ²⁴And the disciples
 were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them
 again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom
 of God! ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye
 of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the
 kingdom of God.” ²⁶They were greatly astounded and
 said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” ²⁷Jesus
 looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible,
 but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

²⁸Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left ev-
 erything and followed you.” ²⁹Jesus said, “Truly I tell
 you, there is no one who has left house or brothers
 or sisters or mother or father or children or fields,
 for my sake and for the sake of the good news, ³⁰who
 will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—hous-
 es, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and
 fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come
 eternal life. ³¹But many who are first will be last, and
 the last will be first.”



Next Sunday's Readings: Isaiah 53:4-12; Psalm 91:9-16; Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 10:35-45.

Cover: The Geierlay (suspension bridge) in western Germany by Sandro Fabris. Copyright © 2022 Getty Images Plus via Getty Images. Used by permission.
 Readings are from the New Revised Standard Version Bible with Apocrypha, copyright © 1989 by the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States. Revised Common Lectionary copyright © 1992 by the Consultation on Common Texts (CCT), admin. Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved. Used by permission. Please visit our website at www.augsburgfortress.org.
 Copyright © 2024 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved. May not be reproduced. Printed in U.S.A. ELCA-A

Immanuel Lutheran Church

34606 E. 2450 N. Rd., Colfax, IL
(309)723-5091
immanuelcolfax@hotmail.com

look us up on the website: www.immanuelcolfax.org

Interim Pastor – Pastor Ed Hudelson 815-674-8635

Council President: Ryan Myers 309-238-1081 RTFarms@outlook.com
Church Secretary: Cindy Wilson 309-825-4099 ckwilson1983@gmail.com

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 1st and 3rd 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 or immanuelcolfax@hotmail.com

From sundaysandseasons.com. Copyright © 2024 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved.

This Week at Immanuel 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am Sunday School

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

Sunday, October 20, 2024

WORSHIP LEADER: PASTOR ED HUDELSON

Lay Reader: Janell Hoffman

Greeters: Kent & Rebecca Casson

Ushers/Acolytes: Ty Harms, Acer Kratochvil

Communion: Chad & Janelle Hoffman

Organist: Kimberly Petersen

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

Please help us update our lists of Worship Service Volunteers. The current lists of Readers, Greeters, Communion Assistants, and Acolyte/Ushers can be found on the kitchen counter. We are especially in need of more volunteers for Communion Assistants and Acolyte/Ushers. Many of our members have been filling these rolls often and a few more names would be appreciated to lighten the load. If you would be able to help in any of these duties, please add you name to the list. As always, we appreciate everyone who helps make our services run smoothly.

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, Oct. 13th. We will also have a dedication time during the service on October 20 as we prepare to send these much-needed quilts and care supplies to the collection centers.

Immanuel volunteers will be assisting clients at the Fairbury Food Pantry on Monday, October 21 beginning at 4:30 (until 7:00 at the latest). They need 2-3 people. If you are interested in assisting, please talk to Angie Kratochvil.

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.

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

October 13, 2024

The rich man who comes to ask Jesus what he should do to inherit eternal life is a good man, sincere in his asking. Mark's gospel is alone in saying that Jesus looked on him and loved him. Out of love, not as judgment, Jesus offers him an open door to life: sell all you own and give it to the poor. Our culture bombards us with the message that we will find life by consuming. Our assemblies counter this message with the invitation to find life by divesting for the sake of the other.

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

Drawn to the Light

ELW 593

*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 870

*Women: We Praise you, O God, our redeemer, creator;
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;
we bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.*

*Men: We worship you, God of our fathers and mothers;
through trial and tempest our guide you have been.
When perils o'ertake us, you will not forsake us,
and with your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.*

*All: With voices united our praises we offer
and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.
With you, Lord, beside us, your strong arm will guide us.
To you, our great redeemer, forever be praise!*

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that,
forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow
the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Congregation may be seated

Word

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

READING

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

back of bulletin

Amos was a herdsman by profession and a prophet by God's call. During a time of great prosperity in the northern kingdom of Israel, the prophet speaks to the wealthy upper class. He warns his listeners that fulfilling God's demand for justice brings blessing, while corruption and oppression incur God's wrath.

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

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 90:12-17

So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

Return, O Lord; how long will you tarry? Be gracious to your servants.

Satisfy us by your steadfast love in the morning; so shall we rejoice and be glad all our days.

Make us glad as many days as you afflicted us and as many years as we suffered adversity.

Show your servants your works, and your splendor to their children.

**May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us;
prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.**

READING

Hebrews 4:12-16

back of bulletin

We cannot hide our thoughts, desires, and actions from God, to whom we are completely accountable. Nevertheless, Jesus understands our human weakness and temptations, because he also experienced them. Therefore we can approach the throne of grace to receive divine mercy from Christ.

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 10:17-31

back of bulletin

The Gospel is announced:

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark ...

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus has been teaching his disciples about what is most valued in God's eyes. Now, a conversation with a rich man brings his message home to the disciples in a way that is surprising but unforgettable.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

Pastor Ed Hudelson

HYMN OF DAY

Take My Life, That I May Be

ELW 685

*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.

*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.

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 186

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

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.

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

God of Grace and God of Glory

ELW 705

*DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE