

FIRST READING: Amos 6:1a, 4-7

Alas for those who are at ease in Zion,
and for those who feel secure on Mount
Samaria.

⁴Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory,
and lounge on their couches,
and eat lambs from the flock,
and calves from the stall;
⁵who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp,
and like David improvise on instruments
of music;
⁶who drink wine from bowls,
and anoint themselves with the finest oils,
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!
⁷Therefore they shall now be the first to go
into exile,
and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

Psalm 146

SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 6:6-19

Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; ⁷for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; ⁸but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. ⁹But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.
¹¹But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. ¹²Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you ¹⁴to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords.

¹⁶It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.
¹⁷As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, ¹⁹thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

GOSPEL: Luke 16:19-31

[Jesus said:] “There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.’ ²⁵But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ ²⁷He said, ‘Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house—²⁸for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ ²⁹Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ ³⁰He said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ ³¹He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”

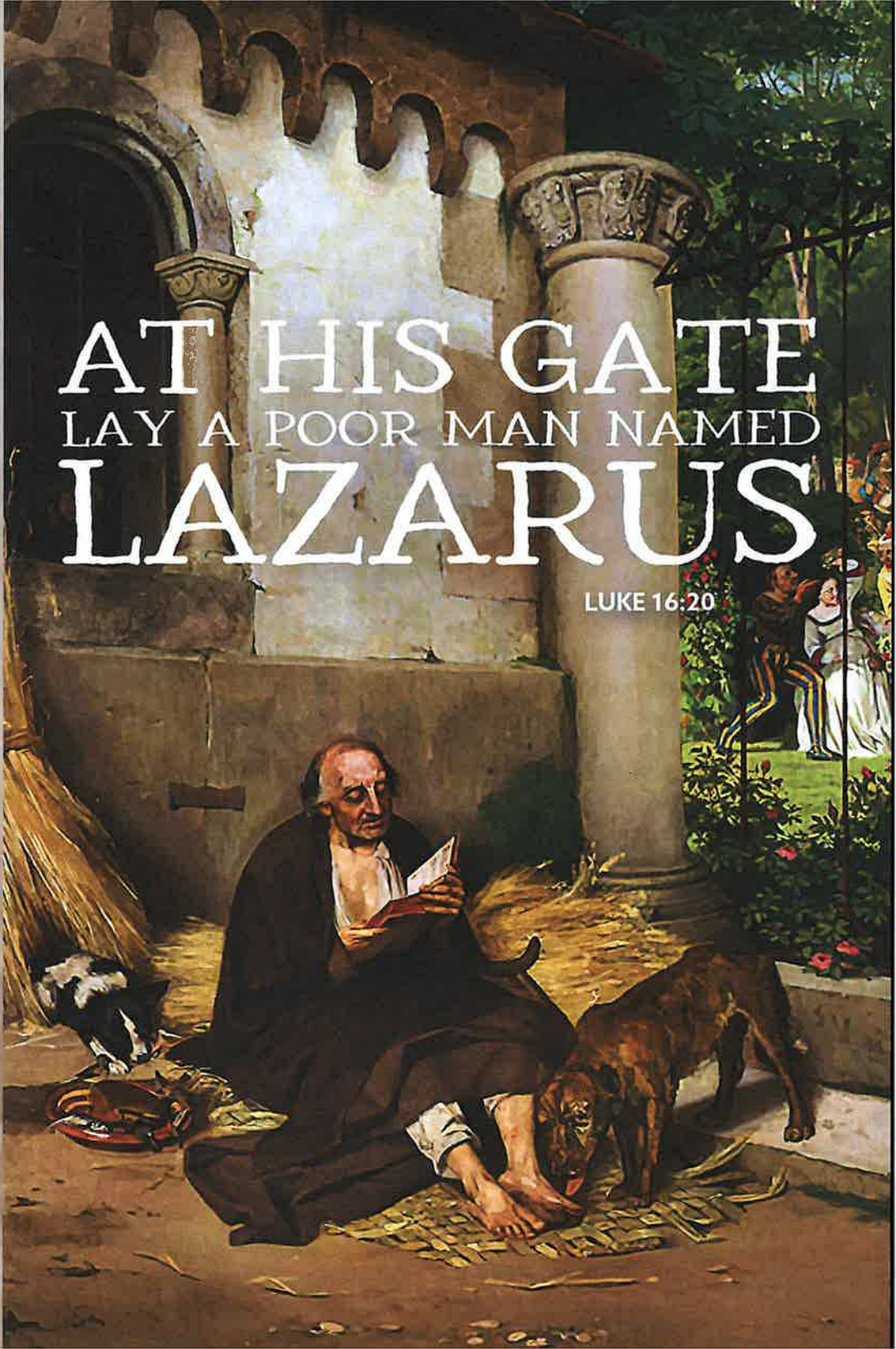
Next Sunday's Readings: Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4; Psalm 37:1-9; 2 Timothy 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10.

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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 - We are delighted to have everyone worshiping with us today. We invite you to sign a communion card, if you would please, so that we might have a registry of those sharing Holy Communion with us.

Prayer before Worship: Heavenly Father, you know what is on my heart and on my mind today. Please be with me, my family and my friends so that we may feel your presence and take comfort in knowing that you walk with us daily. Amen.

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 Sunday of the month) the Eucharist, or Holy Communion is a means of God's grace whereby the real presence of Christ is offered. ***If you would rather receive a blessing instead of Holy Communion, please come forward and cross your arms to your shoulders as indication of wanting a blessing. All are welcome at the Lord's table.***

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.

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

Sunday, September 28, 2025

WORSHIP LEADER: ROB MANKE

Lay Reader: Rebecca Casson

Greeters: Alan & Sabrina Petersen

Ushers/Acolytes: Kasen Casson, Ty Harms

Communion: na

Organist: Cindy Wilson

Sunday, October 5, 2025

WORSHIP LEADER: JIM CHRISTIAN

Lay Reader: Dennis Griepentrog

Greeters: Eli & Katelyn Petersen

Ushers/Acolytes: Harlan B., Danny Harms

Communion: Denny & Amy Winterland

Organist: Kimberly Petersen

Please include the following people in our prayers:

Lois Barker, Gary Kessinger, Cheryl Poppe, Jeannie Weber, Bob & Nancy Lasser, Judy Logan, Kevin and Chad Allen (family members of Von Becker), Cindy Harris, and Rebecca Casson, Kris Barnett, Betty Petersen.

Betty Petersen has been struggling with some health issues and would appreciate cards from her friends at Immanuel. Her address is 532 S. Gray St., Gibson City, 60936.

[Please share known updates for any changes to this list.]

Announcements

The congregation of Immanuel Lutheran Church and other friends of Sharon Kay Hardesty are invited to a reception on Sunday, October 12 in honor of Sharon's 80th birthday following the church service. *If anyone is available to assist with setting up, serving, or clean-up, please see Cindy Wilson. Thank you.*

Luther League will begin at 10:00 am Sunday, October 5th. Any new high school members and parents are encouraged to join the Luther League team reach with code: LLeague1 for updates!

A few weeks ago, a representative from the Ridgeview Food Pantry was here to ask for volunteers to assist in packing and distributing meals to families one day a month. If this is something that you might be able to do, please contact Joyce at 217-745-2572.

LWR Quilts and Kits - Many thanks to everyone who has contributed in any way to our quilt project this year! There is a box in the parish hall of pre-cut packages of quilt squares that can be sewn into quilt tops. These will help us prepare for quilting next year. Please use 1/2" seam, a tight/short stitch, and do not make a cross pattern. Questions, see Dee Winterland.

We will be finishing our LWR projects for this year in the coming weeks. Please watch the newsletter and bulletin announcements for ways that you can help with quilts and other Lutheran World Relief projects. Dedication of Quilts and Kits will be October 19.

Fall Gathering of the Northeast Conference WELCA

Saturday, October 4, 2025

9:00 - 9:30 Registration

at

Trinity Lutheran Church

224 Wehr St.

Chenoa, IL 61726

**Hosts will be the Women of Community Lutheran
Church of Cornell.**

PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN ENJOYABLE AND INFORMATIVE MORNING!

**THERE WILL BE BREAKFAST, A BUSINESS MEETING, AND A BIBLE REFLECTION
BASED ON ROMANS 12:6-8 WITH THE THEME BEING:**

"CHEERFUL SERVICE, LASTING IMPACT: LIVING YOUR GIFT OUT LOUD"

Cost is \$10 per person payable that day, and includes breakfast.

**Our monetary offering will be divided between
C/S IL Synod WELCA and MOSAIC of Pontiac.**

Questions and/or reservations can be directed to:

Sandra Knight

815-510-0146 (cell or text)

Please reserve with your number of attendees by 9-29, if possible.

**PLEASE SHARE WITH ALL THE WOMEN OF YOUR CHURCH!
HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**

16th Sunday after Pentecost

September 28, 2025

Consideration of and care for those in need (especially those "at our gate," visible to us, of whom we are aware) is an essential component of good stewardship. It is in the sharing of wealth that we avoid the snare of wealth. It is the one whom death could not hold—who comes to us risen from the dead—who can free us from the death grip of greed.

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gathering

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

**Please stand in body or spirit as you are able.*

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

C: Amen.

L: Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

L: Merciful and loving God,

C: we are your stiff-necked people. We trample on the needy. We grumble about your grace to others. We turn away from the poor. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found. Amen.

L: Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. You who were lost have been found. In the name of † Jesus, your sins are forgiven!

C: Amen.

GATHERING SONG

Gather Us In

ELW 532

***GREETING**

L: 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.

*THE KYRIE (spoken) ELW page 138

L: In Peace, let us pray to the Lord.
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.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray. O God, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, 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 6:1a, 4-7 back of bulletin

The prophet Amos announces that Israel's great wealth is a cause not for rejoicing but rather sorrow, because God's people have forgotten how to share their wealth with the poor. The wealthy will be the first to go into exile when judgment comes.
After the reading . . . L: The word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 146

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord, O my soul!
I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.
Put not your trust in rulers, in mortals in whom there is no help.
When they breathe their last, they return to earth, and in that day their thoughts perish.
Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help, whose hope is in the Lord their God;
Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; who keeps promises forever;
Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger. The Lord sets the captive free.
The Lord opens the eyes of the blind; the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.
The Lord cares for the stranger; the Lord sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.
The Lord shall reign forever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.
Hallelujah!

READING 1 Timothy 6:6-19 back of bulletin

Timothy is reminded of the confession he made at his baptism and of its implications for daily life. His priorities will be different from those of people who merely want to be rich.
After the reading . . . L: The word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the reading of the Gospel

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ELW, page 142

