



# 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

**Immanuel Lutheran Church, Forest City, Iowa**

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**Bethany Lutheran Church, Thompson, Iowa**

Pastors: Rod Hopp, Zech Anderson, Intern Elizabeth Carr

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October 8, 2023 9:15am

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*Building community in the name and likeness of Jesus Christ.*

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*In today's gospel reading, Matthew 22:34-40, we hear Jesus' response when asked which is the greatest commandment in the Law. "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."*

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

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PRELUDE: *Verleih uns Frieden* by Mendelssohn

Schola Cantorum

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

L: We stand now to confess all we lack in the presence of the Triune God, Mother, Son, and Spirit, whose bounty abolishes need:

L: Oh God, in fear we grumble in our time of need,

**C: But your abundance and provision are sure.**

L: Holy Spirit, in arrogance we place our hope in status and wealth,

**C: But your abundance is limitless and without end.**

L: Christ Jesus, we are prone to excluding and restraining others from your table,

**C: But your abundance is boundless and freely offered to all.**

L: Holy Spirit, in arrogance we place our hope in status and wealth,

**C: But your abundance is infinite and lavished upon the least of these.**

L: Divine Creator, we are torn by this world and its demands,

**C: But your abundance is eternal and invites us to new ways.**

L: Infinite Love, we are careless toward ourselves and one another,

**C: But your abundance fills us to overflowing.**

L: Reconciling Brother, we are too often selfish and proud,

**C: But your abundance calls us to humility in mutual care.**

L: Eternally Present One, we are wasteful daydreamers with our resources and gifts,

**C: But your abundance instructs us to stand accountable and prepared.**

L: Lavishing Giver, so often we are afraid that we will not have enough,

**C: But your abundance is extravagant and excessive toward us.**

L: Oh Christ, our King, we are stingy and reticent in our care for others,

**C: But your abundance compels us toward unrestrained generosity.**

GATHERING HYMN: **"The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing"** #531 [vs. 1-2, refrain, vs. 3, refrain]

GREETING: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God of the Great Reversal, in your Kingdom the least are greatest and the last are first. Draw your people unto yourself that we may find our wealth and worth in the company of your Beloved Community rather than in the riches of this world. Shape us into good neighbors rather than self-righteous saviors, that we may practice mutuality and solidarity with all as worship unto you, through Jesus Christ our savior, in the Solidarity of your Spirit.  
**Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC: *O Salutaris Hostia* by Pierre de la Rue

Schola Cantorum

FIRST READING: Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 *The commandments given at Sinai*

SECOND READING: Philippians 3:4b-14 *Nothing surpasses the value of knowing Christ*

GOSPEL: Matthew 22:34-40 *The greatest commandment*

Announcement: **Glory to you, O Lord.** Conclusion: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

Pastor Zech

HYMN OF THE DAY: **"Take My Life, That I May Be"**

#583

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: *L: God of grace, C: hear our prayer.*

**Ruby Sue** Albertsen

**Garry** Jensen

**Tim** Schmidt

**Rolf** Anderson

**Joyce** Kasper

**Jennie** Spencer

**Hazel** Barloon

**Judy** Lemke

**Marie** Thayer

**Liam** Bartleson

**Chris** McCormick

**Ernie** Uetz

**Hayden** Despenas

**Kris** Monson

**Missionary Karen** Anderson

**Marion** Eastvold

**Jill** (Lewison) Nedved

**Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Magallanes**

**Parker** Farland

**Connie** Nyhus

**Edna** Hansen

**Ashley** Rayhons

### **Bethany prayer names:**

**Jerry** Charlson

**Donna** Anderson

**Parker** Farland

**Carolyn** Sullivan

**Judy** Jahnke

**Rosemary** Brackey

**Jay** Swearingen

**Diane** Kozitza

**Joan** Fiebelkorn

and all those in need

SHARING OF THE PEACE: *L: The peace of Christ be with you always. C: And also with you.*

OFFERING: *In Meeting We are Blessed* by Troy Robertson Waldorf Choir, Tatum Phelps-Djembe

OFFERTORY: **“We Plow the Fields and Scatter”**

#680 [vs. 1-2]

OFFERING PRAYER

L: God of power, God of plenty,

**C: all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION / LORD’S PRAYER

COMMUNION: *Dominus Vobiscum* by Sydney Guillaume

Waldorf Choir

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

SENDING SONG: *Beautiful Savior*

Waldorf Choir and Alumni

BLESSING / DISMISSAL:        Go in peace. God is at work in you.  
  **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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**Worship Participants:**

Song Leaders: Mark & Joy Newcom, Zech Anderson

Assisting Minister: Kathy McEnelly

Ushers: Gary McCarthy, Jim Lund

Greeter: Shirley Rollefson

Piano: Karen Post

Altar Care: Marla Betz

Scripture Reader: John Chisholm

Communion Set Up: Tasha Banta

Audio/Video: Nic Determann/Tammy Krieger

Communion Servers: Steve & Nancy Westerberg

Band: Geno Lopes-bass, Antonio Lopes-drums

October Coffee: POTLUCK BRUNCH, M&O hosting

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