



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

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

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

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*Elijah finds the presence of God not in earthquake, wind, or fire, but in the sound of sheer silence. When the disciples face a great storm on the sea, they cry out with fear. Jesus says: "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Amid the storms of life, we gather to seek the calm presence of Christ that soothes our fears. In comforting words of scripture and in the refreshing bread and cup of the eucharist, God grants us peace and sends us forth to be a sign of God's presence to others.*

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

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### PRELUDE

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG: **"In Christ Alone"** [Keith & Kristyn Getty]

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song  
This cornerstone, this solid ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm  
What heights of love, what depths of peace, When fears are stilled, when strivings cease  
My comforter, my all in all, Here, in the love of Christ, I stand

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless babe  
This gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones He came to save  
'Til on that cross, as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied  
For every sin, on Him, was laid, Here, in the death of Christ, I live

There in the ground, His body lay, Light of the world, by darkness, slain  
Then bursting forth in glorious day, Up from the grave, He rose again  
And as He stands in victory, Sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
For I am His and He is mine, Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the power of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny  
No power of Hell, no scheme of man, Can ever pluck me from His hand  
'Til He returns or calls me home, Here, in the power of Christ, I'll stand

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

O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

### SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

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OLD TESTAMENT READING: Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28 *Joseph sold by his brothers*

GOSPEL: Matthew 14:22-33 *Jesus walking on the sea*

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

HYMN OF THE DAY: **"Stand By Me"**

1. When the storms of life are raging, stand by me; (stand by me)  
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When the world is tossing me, like a ship upon the sea,  
Lord, who rules the wind and water, stand by me. (stand by me)
2. In the midst of tribulation, stand by me; (stand by me)  
in the midst of tribulation, stand by me. (stand by me)  
When the host of hell assail, and my strength begins to fail,  
Lord, who never lost a battle, stand by me. (stand by me)
3. In the midst of faults and failures, stand by me; (stand by me)  
in the midst of faults and failures, stand by me. (stand by me)  
When I've done the best I can, and my friends misunderstand,  
Lord, who knows all about me, stand by me. (stand by me)
4. In the midst of persecution, stand by me; (stand by me)  
in the midst of persecution, stand by me. (stand by me)  
When my foes in war array undertake to stop my way,  
Lord, who saved Paul and Silas, stand by me. (stand by me)
5. When I'm growing old and feeble, stand by me; (stand by me)  
when I'm growing old and feeble, stand by me. (stand by me)  
When my life becomes a burden and I'm nearing chilly Jordan,  
Lord, the Lily of the Valley, stand by me. (stand by me)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: *L: Hear us, O God. C: Your mercy is great.*

Ruby Sue Albertsen

Joyce Kasper

Jon Ranheim

Liam Bartleson

Mike Korth

Ashley Rayhons

Hazel Barloon

Judy Lemke

Tim Schmidt

Hayden Despenas

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Ernie Uetz

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Connie Nyhus

Missionary Karen Anderson

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Nicholas McElveen

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

## OFFERING

OFFERTORY: **"God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"**

#678 (vs. 2)

(Tune of #712-Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service)

