



13th Sunday after Pentecost

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Forest City, Iowa

Pastors: Rod Hopp, Zech Anderson, Intern Elizabeth Carr

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in person | live stream | on the radio

August 27, 2023 9:15am

Building community in the name and likeness of Jesus Christ.

In Isaiah the people are advised to look to their spiritual ancestors as the rock from which they were hewn. Jesus declares that the church will be built on the rock of Peter's bold confession of faith. God's word of reconciliation and God's mercy are keys to the church's mission. Paul urges us to not be conformed to this world but to offer our bodies as a living sacrifice, using our individual gifts to build up the body of Christ. From the table we go forth to offer our spiritual worship through word and deed.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

L: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

L: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

L: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

L: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: **"How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds"**

#620 (vs. 1,2,3,5) ELW

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, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Exodus 1:8-2:10 *Pharaoh's daughter takes Moses as her son*

GOSPEL: Matthew 16:13-20 *The profession of Peter's faith*

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON/SERMON

Pastor Zech

HYMN OF THE DAY: **"Your Name"** Paul Baloche

1. As morning dawns and evening fades, You inspire songs of praise
That rise from earth to touch Your heart and glorify Your Name.

Your Name is a strong and mighty tower; Your Name is a shelter like no other, Your Name, let the nations sing it louder 'cause nothing has the power to save but Your Name.

2. Jesus, in Your Name we pray, come and fill our hearts today;
Lord, give us strength to live for You and glorify Your Name.

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

Ruby Sue Albertsen

Joyce Kasper

Ashley Rayhons

Pastor Steve Bang

Mike Korth

Tim Schmidt

Hazel Barloon

Judy Lemke

Kent Simonson

Liam Bartleson

Chris McCormick

Jennie Spencer

family of Gus Bartleson

Jill (Lewison) Nedved

Ernie Uetz

Hayden Despenas

Connie Nyhus

Missionary Karen Anderson

Parker Farland

Jon Ranheim

Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Magallanes

family of Mary Harland

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. 3)

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

OFFERING PRAYER

L: God of field and forest, sea and sky,

C: you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

SENDING SONG: “The Church Song”

refrain

We are the church, the body of our Lord; we are all God’s children. We have been restored.

The church is not a building where people go to pray;

It’s not made out of sticks and stones, it’s not made out of clay. *refrain*

You can go to worship but you cannot go to church;

You can’t find a building that’s alive no matter how you search. *refrain*

The church is not a business, a committee or a board;

It’s not a corporation for the business of the Lord. *refrain*

The church, it is the people living out their lives,

Called, enlightened, sanctified for the work of Jesus Christ. *refrain*

BLESSING / DISMISSAL: Go in peace. Share the harvest.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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Worship Participants:

Song Leaders: Steve Olmstead, Scott Bertelsen, Kathy Jerome

Assisting Minister: Kathy McEnelly

Ushers: Jim Lund, Gary McCarthy, Tina Berg

Greeter: Shirley Rollefson

Audio/Video:

Altar Care: Jean Yeager

Band: Geno Lopes-guitar, Antonio Lopes-drums, Rolf Anderson-percussion, Karen Post-piano

Today’s worship service is broadcast at 11:00am over KLOW 107.3 FM. Broadcast is given in memory of daughter Dana Westerberg (Aug. 28 b’day) from Rogene Westerberg and family.

Baptized today: Samuel Cade Christensen, born February 5, 2023 to Cade & Jessica (Wencil) Christensen. Baptism sponsors for Samuel are Garrett & Taylor Wencil.

FYI – Immanuel’s July General Offerings:

July 2023 General Offerings: \$34,898.62

Monthly Budget: \$41,249.75

YTD Actual 2023: \$246,607.64

July 2022 General Offerings: \$30,713.21

YTD Actual 2022: \$253,849.19