



# 15<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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*Conflict is a part of relationships and life in community. Jesus' words in today's gospel are often used in situations having to do with church discipline. The prophet Ezekiel tells of warning the wicked to turn from their ways, and Paul reminds us that love is the fulfilling of the law. We gather in the name of Christ, assured that he is present among us with gifts of peace and reconciliation.*

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

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### PRELUDE

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**C: Amen.**

L: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

L: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

L: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**C: Amen.**

### GATHERING HYMN: “Hosanna” Carl Tuttle

Hosanna, hosanna, Hosanna in the highest;  
Hosanna, hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.  
Lord, we lift up Your name, with hearts full of praise;  
Be exalted, O Lord, my God, Hosanna in the highest.

Glory, glory, Glory to the King of kings;  
Glory, glory, Glory to the King of kings.  
Lord, we lift up Your name, with hearts full of praise;  
Be exalted, O Lord, my God, Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

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 Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Exodus 12:1-14 *The Passover of the Lord*

GOSPEL: Matthew 18:15-20 *Reconciliation in the community of faith*

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON/SERMON

Pastor Rod

HYMN OF THE DAY: **"There is Power in the Blood"**

1 Would you be free from the burden of sin?  
There's power in the blood, power in the blood;  
Would you o'er evil a victory win?  
There's wonderful power in the blood.

*Chorus*

*There is power, power, wonder-working power In the blood of the Lamb.  
There is power, power, wonder-working power, In the precious blood of the Lamb.*

2 Would you be free from your passion and pride?  
There's power in the blood, power in the blood;  
Come for a cleansing to Calvary's tide;  
There's wonderful power in the blood.[Chorus]

3 Would you be whiter, much whiter than snow?  
There's power in the blood, power in the blood;  
Sin stains are lost in its life giving flow;  
There's wonderful power in the blood.[Chorus]

4 Would you do service for Jesus your King?  
There's power in the blood, power in the blood;  
Would you live daily His praises to sing?  
There's wonderful power in the blood.[Chorus]

APOSTLES' CREED

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: *L: Merciful God, C: receive our prayer.*

**Ruby Sue** Albertsen

**Hazel** Barloon

**Liam** Bartleson

**Hayden** Despenas

**Marion** Eastvold

**Parker** Farland

**family of Eric** Gustafson

**Joyce** Kasper

**Mike** Korth

**Judy** Lemke

**family of Jim** Mantel

**Chris** McCormick

**Jill** (Lewison) Nedved

**Connie** Nyhus

**Jon** Ranheim

**Ashley** Rayhons

**Tim** Schmidt

**Kent** Simonson

**Marge** Solberg

**Jennie** Spencer

**Ernie** Uetz

**family of Mary Beth** Wooldridge

**Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Magallanes**

**Missionary Karen** Anderson

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

OFFERING

OFFERTORY: **“Build Us Up, Lord”**

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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

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

SENDING SONG: **“The Lord Now Sends Us Forth”**

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

POSTLUDE

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**Worship Participants:**

Song Leaders: Zech Anderson, Elizabeth May

Ushers: Chad, Marcy, & Keaton Hanson

Organ/Piano: Amy Thorson

Communion Servers: Marlene Faircloth, Sandy Lillquist

Audio/Video: Brody Hopp/Ken Ferjak

September Coffee: Do Day Quilters

Assisting Minister: Oliva Banta

Greeter: Shirley Rollefson

Altar Care: Jeanette Neuman

Communion Set Up: Ruth Melby

Scripture Reader: Tasha Banta

**Today’s worship service is broadcast** at 11:00am over K10W 107.3 FM. Broadcast is given by Bernie & Karen Kofron.