



# 16<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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*In today's second reading Paul questions why we judge one another, since we all stand before the judgment of God. Yet we do sin against one another, and Jesus' challenge that we forgive seventy-seven times reveals God's boundless mercy. When we hear the words of forgiveness in worship and sign ourselves with the cross, we are renewed in baptism to be signs of reconciliation in the world.*

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

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PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

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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: **“Where Charity and Love Prevail”**

#359

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.**

KYRIE

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HYMN OF PRAISE: **“We’ve Come This Far by Faith”**

#633

[congregation sing refrain, choir sings verses]

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

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OLD TESTAMENT READING: Exodus 14:19-31 *Israel's deliverance at the Red Sea*

GOSPEL: Matthew 18:21-35 *A parable of forgiveness in the community of faith*

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON/SERMON

Intern Elizabeth

HYMN OF THE DAY: **"Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace"**

#716

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

**Ruby Sue** Albertsen

**Mike** Korth

**Tim** Schmidt

**Hazel** Barloon

**Judy** Lemke

**Kent** Simonson

**Liam** Bartleson

**Chris** McCormick

**Marge** Solberg

**Hayden** Despenas

**Jill (Lewison)** Nedved

**Jennie** Spencer

**Marion** Eastvold

**Connie** Nyhus

**Marie** Thayer

**Parker** Farland

**Jon** Ranheim

**Ernie** Uetz

**Joyce** Kasper

**Ashley** Rayhons

**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: "Come, Share the Lord"

Choir

OFFERTORY: **"I Offer My Life"**

Lord, I offer my life to You. Ev'rything I've been through...

Use it for Your glory, Lord, I offer my days to You, lifting my praise to You

As a pleasing sacrifice. Lord, I offer You my life.

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 [sung]

COMMUNION: **"Lamb of God"**

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**"I Come with Joy"**

#482

**"As We Gather at Your Table"**

#522

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

POST-COMMUNION SONG: **“Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise”** #205

SENDING SONG: **“Light Dawns on a Weary World”** #726

BENEDICTION: **“Go Now in Peace”** Choir

DISMISSAL: Go in peace. God is at work in you.

**Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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### **Worship Participants:**

Song Leaders: Scott Bertelsen, Jaci Thorson

Assisting Minister: Patti Strukel

Ushers: Beenken family

Greeter: Shirley Rollefson

Piano: Riley Walton

Altar Care: Joan Beebe

Communion Servers: Vera Hynes, Joan Beebe

Communion Set Up: Ruth Melby

Audio/Video: Dave Midtgaard/Bruce Mielke

Scripture Reader: Mark Johnson

September Coffee: Do Day Quilters

Choir Director: Linda Ferjak

**Today’s worship service is broadcast** at 11:00am over KLOW 107.3 FM. Broadcast is given by Kim & Tim Severson in celebration of their 15<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary (Sept. 20).

**Altar flowers today** are from Ron & Donna Kvale celebrating their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary (Sept. 14).

**Baptized today: Evelyn Jean Strom**, born June 2, 2023, to Ryan & Katie (Herther) Strom. Baptism sponsors for baby Evelyn are Adam & BrehEnna Herther and Jes Strom.