



14th Sunday after Pentecost

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Forest City, Iowa

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Building community in the name and likeness of Jesus Christ.

The prophet Jeremiah speaks of the incurable wound of his suffering yet finds in God's words the delight of his heart. When Peter doesn't grasp Jesus' words about suffering, Jesus tells the disciples they will find their lives in losing them. Such sacrificial love is described by Paul when he urges us to associate with the lowly and not repay evil with evil. In worship we gather as a community that we might offer ourselves for the sake of our suffering world.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

L: Siblings in Christ, let us come with boldness to Jesus, our one true confidant, who will hear our confession, have mercy on our souls, and forgive us by God's grace, reconciling us to God and each other.

Silent meditation.

L: Gracious God,

Though we live in a culture that is reluctant to admit guilt, assume responsibility, or ask for forgiveness, we are so bold as to pray the words of the psalmist who said:

Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts. See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting (Psalms 139:23-24 NRSV).

C: Search us, O God, and reveal anything in our lives that stands between us and your love.

Search us, O God, show us our sins so that we might confess them,

Search us, O God, show us places where we have neglected Christian responsibility and then teach us how to live in harmony on this earth with each other, and all creation,

Search us, O God, show us the faces of those we have wronged so that we might seek their forgiveness.

Silence is kept.

L: We have not been called to this hour of worship to wallow in sin and self-pity. God has promised to forgive our sins when we confess them and to cleanse us from all manner of unrighteousness (1 John 1:9). Arise, O Church! As children of God, you are forgiven and freed from sin and empowered to lead holy lives.

ALL: AMEN, thanks be to God!

GATHERING HYMN: **"Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus"**

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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.

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HYMN OF PRAISE: **"Now Thank We All Our God"**

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

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OLD TESTAMENT READING: Exodus 3:1-15 *From the blazing bush God calls Moses*

GOSPEL: Matthew 16:21-28 *The passion prediction and rebuke to Peter*

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON/SERMON

Pastor Zech

HYMN OF THE DAY: **"Will You Come and Follow Me"**

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

Ruby Sue Albertsen

Joyce Kasper

Ashley Rayhons

Family of Pastor Steve Bang

Mike Korth

Tim Schmidt

Hazel Barloon

Judy Lemke

Kent Simonson

Liam Bartleson

Chris McCormick

Jennie Spencer

Hayden Despenas

Jill (Lewison) Nedved

Ernie Uetz

Parker Farland

Connie Nyhus

Missionary Karen Anderson

Jon Ranheim

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

OFFERING

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

Lord, I offer my life to You, everything 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 INSTUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

