



19th Sunday after Pentecost

Immanuel Lutheran Church
Forest City, Iowa
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October 16, 2022 9:15am in person / online / on the radio

Building community in the name and likeness of Jesus Christ.

Pray always. Do not lose heart. This is Christ's encouragement in the gospel today. Wrestle with the word. Remember your baptism again and again. Come regularly to Christ's table. Persistence in our every encounter with the divine will be blessed.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE: "Fanfare for a Celebration"

Bell Choir

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: As the rains pour from heaven, soaking the earth that it may produce good things...

C: So God pours love upon us, that we, too, may produce goodness and peace.

L: We have been blessed with many gifts and talents.

C: God desires that we use these gifts and talents for healing, peace, and hope.

L: Come, let us worship and celebrate the mighty love and power of God.

C: Praise be to God who has blessed us in so many ways. Amen.

CONFESSION AND 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 SONG: "Gather Us In"

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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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

PROMISELAND KIDS: "Jesus Loves Me"

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING: Genesis 32:22-31 *Jacob's struggle with the angel. I'll not let go until you bless me*

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 3:14—4:5 *In the presence of Christ the judge, proclaim the message*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "Celtic Alleluia" #174

GOSPEL: Luke 18:1-8 *The widow begs for justice; God grants justice to those who cry to him*

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

SERMON

Pastor Zech

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Day by Day"

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APOSTLES' CREED

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

Ruby Sue Albertsen

Hayden Despenas

Ashley Rayhons

Gisle 'Doc' Bartleson

Pastor Michelle Gawienowski

Jennie Spencer

Liam Bartleson

Jill (Lewison) Nedved

Missionary Karen Anderson

Kaleb Betwos

Lisa Overlie

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

OFFERING: "I Am His Child"

Choir

OFFERTORY: "Lord, for the Years"

Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided, urged and inspired us,
Cheered us on our way, sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided,
Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.

Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us, speaks to our hearts
And sets our souls ablaze, teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us,

Lord of the word, receive your people's praise.

Lord, for our land, in this our generation, spirits oppressed by pleasure,
Wealth and care; for young and old, for this and every nation,
Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.

OFFERING PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION / LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION

(pre-packaged kits from the pews)

COMMUNION SONG: "Oh Lord Hear My Prayer"

#751 (sing 3 times)

POST COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

SENDING SONG: "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

#742

BENEDICTION: "Benediction" arr. by Travis Beck

Choir

LITANY OF BLESSING: Psalm 121

L: Lift up your eyes! Look around. Where does our help come from?

C: Our help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.

L: God will not let you stumble and fall; the One who watches over you will never slumber or sleep.

C: Our help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.

L: God will keep you safe from all of life's evils; from your first breath to the last breath you breathe, from this day forward and forever.

C: Our help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.

ALL: So go in peace to love and serve God as you love and serve your neighbors.

Thanks be to God.

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Worship Participants:

Assisting Minister: Olivia Banta

Greeter: Shirley Rollefson

Ushers: Jim Lund, Gary McCarthy

Coffee Fellowship: Kitchen Service Group

Organ/Piano: Amy Thorson

Promiseland Music: Marla Betz, Tasha Banta

Altar Care: Mary Lund

Sound/Video Techs: Brody Hopp/Ken Ferjak

Scripture Reader: Scott Bertelson

Song Leaders: Renae Hopp, Scott Bertelsen

Choir Director: Linda Ferjak

Bell Choir Director: Ruth Melby

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