



## 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Immanuel Lutheran Church  
Forest City, Iowa  
Pastors: Rod Hopp & Zech Anderson  
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*Building community in the name and likeness of Jesus Christ.*

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*The end is near. There is no doubt about it. The warnings are dire. The tone of today's texts is ominous. But the baptized know how to live in the meantime. The baptized are strengthened for the living of these days in word and sacrament. The baptized rally around the invitation of the apostle: "Do not be weary in doing what is right."*

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

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### PRELUDE

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: Gracious and loving God, open our hearts so that we are able to admit to you the fullness of our lives – that which is beautiful and good, and that which is hurtful and hateful.

**ALL: We confess that we do not follow Jesus in all that we do. We laze about in the good news of our faith and do not consider the deep commitment of faith. We love with condition. We judge and condemn. We cast the first stone, and keep the logs in our own eyes. We do not turn to You as the source of our healing. Forgive us, we pray. Forgive our sin, and set a fire within us to be imitators of Jesus in love, and in service, and in grace. Amen.**

### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

L: Friends in Christ, know this: the mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting, and I remind you of this surpassing grace – in Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**ALL: Alleluia! Amen.**

### GATHERING SONG: “Open the eyes of my heart”

Chorus:           Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart;  
I want to see You, I want to see You.

Verse:            To see You high and lifted up, shining in the light of Your glory.  
Pour out Your pow’r and love, as we sing holy, holy, holy.

Bridge:           Holy, holy, holy, holy, holy, holy; Holy, holy, holy, I want to see You.

### 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, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

PROMISELAND KIDS: “Jesus is a Friend of Mine”

### CHILDREN’S SERMON

FIRST READING: Malachi 4:1-2a *A day of blistering heat for the arrogant; a day of healing sun for the righteous*

PSALM: Psalm 98 [read responsively]

<sup>1</sup>Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done marvelous things,  
whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

<sup>2</sup>**O LORD, you have made known your victory,  
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

<sup>3</sup>You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel;  
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

<sup>4</sup>**Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

<sup>5</sup>Sing to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song.

<sup>6</sup>**With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout with joy before the king, the LORD.**

<sup>7</sup>Let the sea roar, and all that fills it, the world and those who dwell therein.

<sup>8</sup>**Let the rivers <sup>l</sup> clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to judge the earth.**

<sup>9</sup>The LORD will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity.

SECOND READING: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 *Do not be idle, but do what is right for the sake of Christ*

GOSPEL: Luke 21:5-19 *Jesus speaks of wars, endurance, betrayal, and suffering for his sake*  
*Announcement: **Glory to you, O Lord.** Conclusion: **Praise to you, O Christ.***

SERMON

Pastor Zech

HYMN OF THE DAY: **“Canticle of the Turning”**

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PRAYERS: *L: Lord, in your mercy, **C: receive our prayer.***

Ruby Sue Albertsen

Barb Johnson

Lisa Overlie

Gisle ‘Doc’ Bartleson

family of Linda Kollasch-Arnold

Ashley Rayhons

Liam Bartleson

family of Jay Knudtson

Jennie Spencer

Hayden Despenas

Eleanor Lovik

Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Magallanes

Christa Frank

Jill (Lewison) Nedved

Missionary Karen Anderson

Pastor Michelle Gawienowski Linda Olson

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

OFFERING: **“Take My Life That I May Be”**

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OFFERING PRAYER

SENDING SONG: **“Soon and Very Soon”**

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## BLESSING

DISMISSAL: Go in peace. Be a blessing in the world. **Thanks be to God.**

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### **Worship Participants:**

Assisting Minister: Patti Strukel

Altar Care: Joan Beebe

Greeter: Shirley Rollefson

Scripture Reader: Scott Bertelson

Ushers: Chad, Marcy & Keaton Hanson

Sound/Video Techs: Karl Wooldridge/Carson Strukel

Song Leaders: Mark & Joy Newcom

Promiseland Kids Director/Piano: Marla Betz/Linda Ferjak

Band: Linda Ferjak-piano, Alex Willis-guitar, Antonio Lopes-drums, Geno Lopes-guitar

**Today's worship is broadcast** at 11:00am over KLOW 107.3 FM. **Broadcast and altar flowers** are given in memory of Don & Verla Missal from Tim & Julie Missal.