



## 14<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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*The grumbling of the religious leaders in today's gospel is actually our holy hope: This Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. That our God seeks and saves the lost is not only a holy hope, it is our only hope. As the writer of 1 Timothy reminds us, "The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." Thanks be to God.*

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

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### PRELUDE

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION: Psalm 51:1-10

**Piano Side:** Generous in love—God, give grace!

**Lectern Side:** Scrub away our guilt, soak out our sins in your laundry.

**Balcony:** We know how bad we've been; our sins are staring us down.

**PS:** You're the One we've violated, and you've seen it all, seen the full extent of our treachery.

**LS:** You have all the facts before you; whatever you decide about us is fair.

**B:** We've been out of step with you for a long time, in the wrong since before we were born.

**PS:** What you're after is truth from the inside out. Enter us, then; conceive a new, true life.

**LS:** Soak us in your laundry and we'll come out clean, scrub us and we'll have a snow-white life.

**B:** Tune us in to foot-tapping songs, set these once-broken bones to dancing.

**PS:** Don't look too close for blemishes, give us a clean bill of health.

**LS:** God, make a fresh start in us, shape a Genesis week from the chaos of our lives.

**B:** Don't throw us out with the trash, or fail to breathe holiness in us.

**ALL:** Bring us back from gray exile, put a fresh wind in our sails! Amen and AMEN!

### ABSOLUTION

### GATHERING SONG: "Come Thou Fount"

1. Come, Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing. Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
While the hope of endless glory, fills my heart with joy and love,  
Teach me ever to adore Thee; may I still Thy goodness prove.
2. Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;  
Let that grace now like a fetter bind my wand'ring heart to Thee:  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.  
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.
3. Oh, that day when freed from sinning, I shall see Thy lovely face;  
Clothed then in the blood-washed linen how I'll sing Thy wondrous grace!  
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry; take my ransom'd soul away;  
Send Thine angels soon to carry me to realms of endless day.

## 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, overflowing with mercy and compassion, you lead back to yourself all those who go astray. Preserve your people in your loving care, that we may reject whatever is contrary to you and may follow all things that sustain our life in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

FIRST READING: Exodus 32:7-14 *Moses begs the Lord to turn from anger against the Hebrews*

SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 1:12-17 *Christ Jesus came for sinners*

GOSPEL: Luke 15:1-10 *Looking for the lost sheep, silver coin: Jesus eating with sinners*

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON / SERMON

Pastor Rod

## HYMN OF THE DAY: "Where Two Or Three Are Gathered"

1. Where two or three are gathered together in his name,  
We find him here beside us within our hearts, flame. (repeat line)
2. Where two or three are gathered, we worship him alone.  
Christ Jesus is the Savior; none other can atone. (repeat line)
3. Where two or three are gathered, we find our family.  
The church of Christ surrounds us in loving unity. (repeat line)
4. Where two or three are gathered, the Spirit finds a home.  
Our hearts become a temple, with Christ the cornerstone. (repeat line)
5. Where two or three are gathered, you send us two by two,  
To share your love and mercy and with it life renew. (repeat line)

## APOSTLES' CREED

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PRAYERS: *L: God of grace, C: hear our prayer*

Ruby Sue Albertsen

Jill (Lewison) Nedved

Betty Soderling

Liam Bartleson

Lisa Overlie

Jennie Spencer

Hayden Despenas

Ashley Rayhons

Missionary Karen Anderson

Pastor Michelle Gawienowski

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

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION / LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION: **"Come to the Table"**

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POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

SENDING SONG: **"Amazing Grace (my chains are gone)"**

Amazing grace how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost, but now I'm found was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear and grace my fears relieved  
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

*My chains are gone, I've been set free. My God, my Savior has ransomed me.  
And like a flood his mercy reigns. Unending love, amazing grace.*

The Lord has promised good to me His word my hope secures  
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures. *(chorus 2x)*

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow the sun forbear to shine  
But God who call'd me here below will be forever mine  
Will be forever mine. You are forever mine.

BLESSING

DISMISSAL: **Go in peace, with Christ beside you.**

Thanks be to God.

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### **Worship Participants:**

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Communion Set Up:: Ruth Melby

Altar Care: Jeanette Neuman

Greeter: Shirley Rollefson

Sound/Video Techs: Karl Wooldridge/Carson Strukel

Ushers: Ben & Nikki Arentson family, Josh & Silas Banta

Band: Mark & Joy Newcom, vocalists, Linda Ferjak, piano, Mason Ford, bass, Geno Lopes, percussion

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