



## 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Immanuel Lutheran Church

Forest City, Iowa

Pastors: Rod Hopp & Zech Anderson

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September 18, 2022 9:15am in person / online / on the radio

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*Building community in the name and likeness of Jesus Christ.*

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*As we are invited today to consider what it means to be managers (rather than owners) of all that we have, it is crucial to recognize that we are bought with a price. "Christ Jesus, himself human, . . . gave himself a ransom for all." Apart from the generosity of God we have nothing—we are nothing. By God's gracious favor we have everything we need.*

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

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PRELUDE: "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Bells

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

**C: God of abundant goodness, we admit that we can never match your goodness and generosity that has been poured out upon us, and still, we constantly try to tip the scales in our own favor, cheating and short-changing our neighbors in need. Forgive our near-sightedness and our unwillingness to truly see all others as siblings. Erase our sin, especially all prejudice, hatred, malice, haughtiness, and greed that infects our hearts, and restore us to a right relationship with you, with our human family and with all creation to the glory of your Son, Jesus Christ who poured out his life to heal all that is broken. Amen.**

L: The scales God uses to dole out grace and mercy have no resemblance to human scales and measures. The heart that guides God's actions have little resemblance to the sin infected hearts that beat within us. God forgives your sins fully today, not because you deserve it, not because you are worthy, not even because God trusts you've turned over a new leaf, but only because God is unbelievably generous and committed to loving God's whole creation. Rejoice in the goodness of the Lord and let gratitude fill you this day. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG: "**Rise Up, Oh Saints of God!**"

#669 ELW

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

pg. 184-185

HYMN OF PRAISE: "**This is the Feast**"

pg. 187-188

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

FIRST READING: Amos 8:4-7 *Warnings to those who trample on the needy and poor*

PSALM: Psalm 113 (video)

SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 2:1-7 *One God, one mediator—Christ Jesus—who give himself for all people*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: **“Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go?”** pg. 188

GOSPEL: Luke 16:1-13 *A shrewd manager: faithfulness in little, faithful in much; serving God/wealth*

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

CHILDREN’S SERMON / NOISY OFFERING FOR BIBLE CAMPS

SERMON Pastor Zech

HYMN OF THE DAY: **“God Whose Giving Knows No Ending”** #678

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

Ruby Sue Albertsen	Pastor Michelle Gawienowski	Betty Soderling
Gisle ‘Doc’ Bartleson	Jill (Lewison) Nedved	Jennie Spencer
Liam Bartleson	Lisa Overlie	Missionary Karen Anderson
Hayden Despenas	Ashley Rayhons	Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Magallane

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

OFFERING: “Come Share the Lord” Choir (pre-recorded)

OFFERTORY: **“All My Hope on God is Founded”** #757 (vs. 1,3)

OFFERING PRAYER

GREAT THANKSGIVING

L: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

L: it is indeed right, our duty and our joy, ... join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY pg. 190

WORDS OF INSTITUTION / LORD’S PRAYER

COMMUNION: (pre-packaged kits)

**“Lamb of God”**

pg. 112

**“We Give Thee But Thy Own”**

#686

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

SENDING SONG: **“Son of God, Eternal Savior”**

#655

BLESSING

DISMISSAL: **Go in peace, with Christ beside you.**  
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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**Worship Participants:**

Assisting Minister: Kathy McEnelly

Communion Set Up: Ruth Melby

Greeter: Shirley Rollefson

Organ/Piano: Amy Thorson

Ushers: Chad, Marcy & Keaton Hanson

Coffee Fellowship: Bell Choir

Scripture Reader: Deb Guarin

Altar Care: Joan Beebe

Sound/Video Techs: Karl Wooldridge/Carson Strukel

Song Leaders: Scott Bertelsen, Jaci Thorson

Choir Director: Linda Ferjak

Bell Director: Ruth Melby

**Today's worship is broadcast** at 11:00am over KIOW 107.3 FM. Broadcast is given in honor of Marjorie Anderson's 95<sup>th</sup> birthday (Sept. 13) from friends.

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