



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

Immanuel Lutheran Church ELCA

Forest City, Iowa

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September 8, 2024 9:15am

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

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*James tells us to stop showing favoritism in the assembly, treating the rich visitor with more honor than the poor one. Jesus himself seems to show partiality in his first response to the Syrophenician woman in today's gospel. Was he testing her faith in saying Gentiles don't deserve the goods meant for God's children? Or was he speaking out of his human worldview, but transcended those limits when she took him by surprise with her reply? Either way, the story tells us that God shows no partiality. Everyone who brings a need to Jesus is received with equal honor as a child and heir.*

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

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### PRELUDE

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven.

**Amen.**

### GATHERING SONG: “Your Name”

Verse 1

As morning dawns and evening fades  
You inspire songs of praise  
That rise from earth to touch  
Your heart and glorify Your Name

*Chorus*

*Your Name is a strong and mighty tower,  
Your Name is a shelter like no other  
Your Name let the nations sing it louder 'cause nothing has the power to save  
But Your Name*

Verse 2

Jesus in Your Name we pray  
come and fill our hearts today  
Lord give us strength to live for You  
and glorify Your Name

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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

Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our Healer and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Isaiah 35:4-7a *Like streams in the desert, God comes with healing*

PSALM: Psalm 146 [read responsively]

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

<sup>2</sup>**I will praise the Lord as long as I live;**

**I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

<sup>3</sup>Put not your trust in rulers, in mortals in whom there is no help.

<sup>4</sup>**When they breathe their last, they return to earth,  
and in that day their thoughts perish.**

<sup>5</sup>Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,  
whose hope is in the Lord their God;

<sup>6</sup>**who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;  
who keeps promises forever;**

<sup>7</sup>who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.  
The Lord sets the captive free.

<sup>8</sup>**The Lord opens the eyes of the blind; the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;  
the Lord <sup>1</sup> loves the righteous.**

<sup>9</sup>The Lord cares for the stranger; the Lord sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

<sup>10</sup>**The Lord shall reign forever, your God, O Zion, throughout all  
generations. Hallelujah!**

SECOND READING: James 2:1-10 [11-13] 14-17 *Faith without works is dead*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: **“Open Our Eyes, Lord”**

Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus

To reach out and touch Him and say that we love Him.

Open our ears, Lord, help us to listen.

Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.

GOSPEL: Mark 7:24-37 *Christ healing a little girl and a deaf man*

Announcement: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Conclusion: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE DAY: **"Light Dawns on a Weary World"**

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH: *L: Hear us, O God. C: Your mercy is great.*

**Ruby Sue** Albertsen

**Karen** Kofron

**Isaac** Schneider

**Liam** Bartleson

**Donna** Kvale

**Jennie** Spencer

**Hayden** Despenas

**Mary** Lund

**Lucky** Truong

**Michaela** Farus

**Jill** (Lewison) Nedved

**Lee** Yi

**Doris** Johnson

**Stross** Newcom

**Missionary Karen** Anderson

**Joyce** Kasper

**Melvin** Peterson

**Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Magallanes**

**Tim** Schmidt

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

OFFERING

OFFERTORY: **"I Give You My Heart"** [2x]

*Lord I give You my heart, I give You my soul. I live for You alone.*

*Ev'ry breath that I take, ev'ry moment I'm awake, Lord have Your way in me.*

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OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

SENDING SONG: **"Lord Reign in Me"**

Verse 1

Over all the earth You reign on high, Every mountain stream every sunset sky

But my one request Lord my only aim, Is that You'd reign in me again

*Chorus*

*Lord reign in me reign in Your pow'r, Over all my dreams in my darkest hour*

*You are the Lord of all I am, So won't You reign in me again*

Verse 2

Over every thought over every word, May my life reflect the beauty of my Lord

'Cause You mean more to me than any earthly thing, So won't You reign in me again

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BLESSING / DISMISSAL: Go in peace. Follow Jesus. **Thanks be to God.**