



13th Sunday after Pentecost

Immanuel Lutheran Church ELCA

Forest City, Iowa

Pastors Rod Hopp & Zech Anderson, Intern Elizabeth Carr

August 18, 2024 9:15am

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Building community in the name and likeness of Jesus Christ.

Wisdom prepares a feast, sets her table, and invites all to come and eat her bread and drink her wine. The first chapter of John's gospel owes much to the biblical tradition that imagined Wisdom as existing before anything was created and having a role in the work of creation. Christ, the wisdom of God (1 Cor. 1:24), today invites us to eat his flesh and drink his blood. John's gospel includes no account of the institution of the Lord's supper, but here we can't help hearing Jesus' words as an invitation to the meal of bread and wine we share.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy trinity, † one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

Amen.

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our provider,

Help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.

Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, † the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: "**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

Ever-loving God, your Son gives himself as living bread for the life of the world. Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Proverbs 9:1-6 *Invited to dine at wisdom's feast*

PSALM: Psalm 34:9-14 [read responsively]

⁹Fear the Lord, you saints of the Lord, for those who fear the Lord lack nothing.

¹⁰**The lions are in want and suffer hunger,**

but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.

¹¹Come, children, and listen to me; I will teach you reverence for the Lord.

¹²**Who among you takes pleasure in life and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?**

¹³Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from lying words.

¹⁴**Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.**

SECOND READING: Ephesians 5:15-20 *Filled with the Spirit, sing thanks to God*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: **“Halle Halle Halle”** (2x)

Halle halle hallelujah, Halle halle hallelujah

Halle halle hallelujah, Hallelujah hallelujah

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GOSPEL: John 6:51-58 *Christ the true food and drink*

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

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

CHILDREN’S SERMON / SERMON

Pastor Zech

HYMN OF THE DAY: **“When in Our Music God is Glorified”**

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APOSTLES’ CREED

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH: *L: Merciful God, C: receive our prayer.*

Ruby Sue Albertsen

family of Joyce Hanson

Isaac Schneider

Liam Bartleson

Karen Kofron

Jennie Spencer

Hayden Despenas

Donna Kvale

Maria Thorsheim

Michaela Farus

Jill (Lewison) Nedved

Lucky Truong

Doris Johnson

Melvin Peterson

Missionary Karen Anderson

family of Barb Falck

Tim Schmidt

Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Magallanes

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

OFFERING

OFFERTORY: **“We Are an Offering”**

#692

OFFERING PRAYER

Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. **Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION / LORD’S PRAYER

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:

“Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken”

Loaves were broken, words were spoken by the Galilean shore.

Jesus, Bread of life from heaven, was their food forevermore.

*By your body broken for us, by your wine of life outpoured,
Jesus, feed again your people. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.*

Loaves were broken, words were spoken in a quiet room one night.
In the bread and wine you gave them, Christ, you came as Light from Light.

Loaves are broken, words are spoken, as in faith we gather here.
Jesus speaks across the ages: "I am with you; do not fear!"

By the loaves you break and give us, send us in your name to share
Bread for which the millions hunger, words that tell your love and care.

Text: Herman Stuempfle Jr., Music: Marty Haugen; GIA Publications, Inc.

"Come, Let Us Eat" #491
"Eat This Bread" #472

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

SENDING HYMN: **"Let All Things Now Living"** #881

BLESSING

DISMISSAL: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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Worship Participants:

Assisting Minister: Patti Strukel

Altar Care: Kathy Leuwerke

Communion Set Up: Ruth Melby

Audio/Video Techs: Brody Hopp/Ken Ferjak

Song Leaders: Cindi Lehmann, Jaci Thorson, Scott Bertelsen

Ushers: Jim Lund, Gary McCarthy, Tina Berg

Greeter: Shirley Rollefson

Communion Servers: Joan Hansen, Keith Walker

Reader: Ken Korth

Piano: Linda Ferjak

IMMANUEL'S JULY GENERAL OFFERINGS:

July 2024 General Offerings: \$27,886.97

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YTD Actual 2024: \$234,630.60

July 2023 General Offerings: \$34,898.62

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