



15th Sunday after Pentecost

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Forest City, Iowa

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Building community in the name and likeness of Jesus Christ.

As we are invited today to consider what it means to be managers (rather than owners) of all that we hold, 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

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

Amen.

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful and loving God,

we are your stiff-necked people. We trample on the needy.

We grumble about your grace to others. We turn away from the poor. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found. Amen.

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. You who were lost have been found. In the name of ☩ Jesus, your sins are forgiven!

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: **"Great is Thy Faithfulness"**

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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

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*

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: **"Word of Truth and Life"** Words and music by Marty Haugen

Praise the God of all creation, God of mercy and compassion:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the Word of truth and life!

Gentle shepherd, you who know us, call us all into your presence:

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

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON / SERMON

Pastor Zech Anderson

HYMN OF THE DAY: **"God Whose Giving Knows No Ending"**

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *L: God of grace, C: receive our prayer.*

Liam Bartleson

Hayden Despenas

Steve Schellberg

Taylor Bartleson

Mary Farland

Joan Swanson

Joan Beebe

Diane Lovick

Lucky Truong

Jan Buffington

Jill (Lewison) Nedved

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: "Look at the World" words and music by John Rutter

Choir

OFFERTORY: **"Take My Life, That I May Be"**

#685 [vs. 1,4,5]

OFFERING PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION / LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

"Be Thou My Vision"

#793

"My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"

#596

"We Are An Offering"

#692

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING / PRAYER

SENDING HYMN: **"Build Us Up, Lord"**

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BENEDICTION

Choir

DISMISSAL: Go in peace. Do not lose heart. **Thanks be to God.**

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Today's worship service is broadcast at 11:00am over KLOW 107.3 FM. Broadcast is given in memory of Paul Olson (Sept. 24 b'day) from Betty Olson and family.

Thanks to Ruth Melby for sharing three mum plants with the church for us to enjoy during these fall months.

Worship Participants:

Sound/Video Techs: Karl Wooldridge/Ken Ferjak

Piano/organ: Karen Post

Song Leaders: Mark & Joy Newcom

Ushers: Joe Strukel, Roland Drew, Colleen Schmidt

Communion Servers: Steve & Nancy Westerberg

Choir Director: Linda Ferjak

Altar Care: Joan Beebe

Assisting Minister: Ken Korth

Scripture Reader: Ken Korth

Greeter: Shirley Rollefson

Communion Set Up: Ruth Melby

