



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

Immanuel Lutheran Church ELCA

Forest City, Iowa

Pastors Rod Hopp & Zech Anderson

September 1, 2024 9:15am

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

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*Jesus protests against human customs being given the weight of divine law, while the essence of God's law is ignored. True uncleanness comes not from external things, but from the intentions of the human heart. Last week Jesus told us "the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life" (John 6:63). Now James says God has given us birth by the word of truth. We who were washed in the word when we were born in the font return to it every Sunday to ask God to create in us clean hearts.*

## 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 HYMN: **“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”**

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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

O God our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9 *God’s law: a sign of a great nation*

PSALM: Psalm 15 [read responsively]

<sup>1</sup>Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? Who may abide upon your holy hill?

<sup>2</sup>**Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right,  
who speak the truth from their heart;**

<sup>3</sup>they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends;  
they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

<sup>4</sup>**In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the Lord.  
They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.**

<sup>5</sup>They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

SECOND READING: James 1:17-27 *Be doers of the word, not hearers only*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: **“Thy Word”**

*Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.* [repeat]

GOSPEL: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 *Authentic religion*

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

CHILDREN’S SERMON / SERMON

Pastor Zech

HYMN OF THE DAY: **“O God, My Faithful God”**

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

**Ruby Sue** Albertsen

**Karen** Kofron

**Tim** Schmidt

**Liam** Bartleson

**Donna** Kvale

**Isaac** Schneider

**Hayden** Despenas

**Mary** Lund

**Jennie** Spencer

**Michaela** Farus

**Jill** (Lewison) Nedved

**Lucky** Truong

**Doris** Johnson

**Stross** Newcom

**Lee** Yi

**Joyce** Kasper

**Melvin** Peterson

**Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Magallanes**

**Missionary Karen Anderson**

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

OFFERING

OFFERTORY: **“The Trumpet Sound, the Angels Sing”**

#531 vs. 1-2

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.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION / LORD’S PRAYER

COMMUNION SONGS:

**“Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am”** #814

**“Amazing Grace”** #779

**“For the Beauty of the Earth”** #879

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

SENDING SONG: **“Rise Up, O Saints of God!”** #669

BLESSING

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

POSTLUDE

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**Worship Participants:**

Assisting Minister: Olivia Banta

Altar Care: Mary Lund

Communion Set Up: Tasha Banta

Audio/Video Techs: Karl Wooldridge/Ken Ferjak

Song Leaders: Scott Bertelsen, Jaci Thorson

Ushers: Chad & Quincey Benson family

Greeter: Shirley Rollefson

Communion Servers: Andy Buffington, Tasha Banta

Reader: Ellen Olson

Piano: Karen Post