

pray
and
never
give up
— Luke 18:1

19th Sunday after Pentecost

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Forest City, Iowa

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Building community in the name and likeness of Jesus Christ.

Pray always. Do not lose heart. This is Christ's encouragement in the gospel today. Wrestle with the word. Remember your baptism again and again. Come regularly to Christ's table. Persistence in our every encounter with the divine will be blessed.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TEMPLE TALK

Michael Knipp, Lutheran Services of Iowa Representative

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: based on Psalm 121

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

C: Amen.

C: O God, my foot has slipped from your path of righteousness, and I have walked the road of sin and selfishness. I have turned aside from you and the needs of those around me to give myself the highest priority. Renew the tread on my sneakers that I may run with perseverance the race set before me. I lift my eyes to the hills; from where will my help come?

P: Children of God, your help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.

C: Lord, you never sleep, but I slumber my way through this life. Too often I am oblivious to the damage I do to others, to the earth, and to your heart and your mission. You offer me shade, but I stand in the burning heat of sinful rebellion. Renew the tread on my sneakers, that I may run with perseverance the race set before me. I lift my eyes to the hills, from where will my help come?

P: Children of God, your help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth, who will finally not let your foot slip, who keeps watch over you night and day; who is your shade from the heat of sin and death; who keeps you from all evil; and keeps watch over your going out and your coming in, now and forevermore. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus, your sins are forgiven! Today your sneakers are made new to run and not grow weary in the race that is set before you in Christ Jesus.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: “O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate”

#722 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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Genesis 32:22-31 *Jacob’s struggle with the angel: I’ll not let go until you bless me*
SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 3:14—4:5 In the presence of Christ the judge, proclaim the message
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: **“Word of Truth and Life”**

*Praise the God of all creation, God of mercy and compassion:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the Word of truth and life!*
*Come, O Spirit, kindle fire in the hearts of all your people:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the Word of truth and life!*

GOSPEL: Luke 18:1-8 *The widow begs for justice; God grants justice to those who cry to him*
Announcement: **Glory to you, O Lord.** Conclusion: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN’S SERMON Cooper & Coco
SERMON Pastor Zech Anderson

HYMN OF THE DAY: **“Jesus Calls Us; o’er the Tumult”** #696

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

Family of Ardis Anderson	Hayden Despenas	Steve Schellberg
Liam Bartleson	Mary Farland	Joan Swanson
Joan Beebe	Paige Lacy	Lucky Truong
Jan Buffington	Jill (Lewison) Nedved	Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Magallanes
	family of Gene Ostmo	

SHARING OF THE PEACE: *L: The peace of Christ be with you always. C: And also with you.*
OFFERING: “This Is My Father’s World” Choir
OFFERTORY: **“How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds”** #620 [vs. 1-3]

OFFERING PRAYER
WORDS OF INSTITUTION / LORD’S PRAYER
COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus” #742
“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying” #752 [3x]
“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us” #789

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING / PRAYER
SENDING HYMN: **“What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine”** #774
BLESSING
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 Mary Jane Paulson from brother Bob & Dona Paulson, family and friends.

Worship Participants:

Sound/Video Techs: Ken Ferjak/

Piano/Organ: Karen Post

Song Leaders: Renae Hopp, Scott Bertelsen, Cindi Lehmann

Ushers: Noah & Amara May, Jim Lund, Gary McCarthy

Communion Servers: Ava Rauley, Brinley Blaser

Acolytes: Isabel & Ellie Niess

Altar Care: Mary Lund

Assisting w/Prayers: Olivia Banta, Levi Heckes

Scripture Reader: Mark Johnson

Greeter: Shirley Rollefson

Communion Set Up: Ruth Melby

Choir Director: Linda Ferjak