



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

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Forest City, Iowa

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September 28, 2025 9:15am

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

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*Consideration of and care for those in need (especially those “at our gate,” visible to us, of whom we are aware) is an essential component of good stewardship. It is in the sharing of wealth that we avoid the snare of wealth. It is the one whom death could not hold—who comes to us risen from the dead—who can free us from the death grip of greed.*

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

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### PRELUDE

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: We live fractured lives, and God seeks not to punish us for those fault and fault lines, but to reconcile and restore us. Trusting in God's grace and mercy, let us then make our confession together, first in silent prayer.

*(a time of silent meditation)*

**C: Loving God, help us. When we have run away, when we have turned our backs on love, when we have sought immediate gratification and not long-term healing, help us. Merciful God, forgive us. When we have been selfish, when we have been mean, when we have closed our ears to the cries of others, forgive us.**

**Repairing God, heal us. When we are so broken we cannot move, when we don't know how to stem the bleeding of our wounds, when we are too ashamed to seek community, repair and heal us.**

**Give us the courage, the strength, and the hope to accept your grace and hear your call to new life in Christ. Amen.**

P: Even when we give up on love, God, who is love, never gives up on us. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners by welcoming them to His table, nourishing with the bread from heaven, his flesh and blood. In the name of Jesus, you are forgiven! You are the body of Christ; You are children of the most high God; forgiven, loved, and freed to love, forgive, and bless others in Christ's name.

**C: Amen!**

GATHERING HYMN: **"The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing"**

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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, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Amos 6:1a, 4-7 *Warnings to those who are comfortable or wealthy*

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 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: 1 Timothy 6:6-19 *Eager to be rich or eager to pursue richness of God's justice*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: **"Thy Word"** Amy Grant, Michael W. Smith

*Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path*

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I will not forget Your love for me and yet my heart forever is wandering  
Jesus be my guide and hold me to Your side I will love You to the end. [chorus]

GOSPEL: Luke 16:19-31 *Story of poor Lazarus and the wealthy man*

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON / SERMON

Pastor Zech Anderson

HYMN OF THE DAY: **"When the Poor Ones"**

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

**Liam** Bartleson

**Mary** Farland

**Steve** Schellberg

**Taylor** Bartleson

**Dirk** Graves

**Joan** Swanson

**Joan** Beebe

**family of Marcia** Hillesland

**Lucky** Truong

**Jan** Buffington

**Diane** Lovick

**Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Magallanes**

**Hayden** Despenas

**Jill** (Lewison) Nedved

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

OFFERING

OFFERTORY: **“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”**

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POST-COMMUNION BLESSING / PRAYER

SENDING HYMN: **“Canticle of the Turning”**

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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 Dewayne Johnson (Sept. 29 b’day) from Donna Johnson and family.

**Worship Participants:**

Sound/Video Techs: Karl Wooldridge/Ken Ferjak	Altar Care: Mary Lund
Band: Rylie Walton, Geno Lopes, Antonio Lopes	Assisting Minister: Patti Strukel
Song Leaders: Cindi Lehmann, Scott Bertelsen	Scripture Reader: Tasha Banta
Ushers: Michael & Elizabeth Bohl family, Keith, Emily, Hannah Walker	Greeter: Shirley Rollefson
Communion Servers: Joan Hansen, Vera Hynes	Communion Set Up: Cindy Korth

**AUGUST 2025 FINANCIALS:**

2025 General Offerings: \$38,733.68	2024 General Offerings: \$39,526.27
Monthly Budget: \$40,033.83	YTD Actual 2024: \$274,156.87
YTD Actual 2025: 267,800.74	
Currently, we are (\$44,848.06)	Last year, we were (\$43,175.70)