

# FORGIVE

“Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him?”... “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.”

Matthew 18:21-22

**Welcome to Immanuel**

**Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**September 17<sup>th</sup> 2023**

*Proper 19*

**9:00am**

## Notes for your time in worship...

We are glad that you have chosen to be in the Lord's house today and pray that God will bless you in this time of worship. The words, "Stand," and "Sit," are for those who are able. If you are a guest, we ask that you please complete a Welcome Card, found in the card rack on the back of the pews, and place it in the offering plate.

**We are delighted that you're here and hope to see you again!**

## Preparing for the Lord's Supper

All who receive the Lord's Supper at this church—members and guests alike—are encouraged to use the following questions as a guide to self-examination in preparation for Communion:

### † **"Am I a baptized child of the Heavenly Father?"**

Acts 2:38-39. Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to Himself."

### † **"Have I confessed and repented of my sins?"**

Matthew 3:2. "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

### † **"Do I trust that Jesus Christ alone is my Savior from sin?"**

1 John 1:7. But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

### † **"Do I believe that in this Blessed Sacrament (Holy Communion) I am receiving the actual body and blood of Christ, under the bread and wine, for the forgiveness of my sins?"**

Matthew 26:26-28. Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is My body." And He took a cup, and when He had given thanks He gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, for this is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins."

### † **"Do I intend, with the Lord's help, to amend my sinful life?"**

Galatians 5:22-25. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.

If, in good conscience, you are unable to affirm the above questions, we invite you to come forward for a blessing. Simply cross your arms in front of you and the pastor or elder will offer a blessing to you. We are glad you are worshiping with us today!

## Preparation for Worship

Our worship begins with the prelude. The prelude invites us to prepare our hearts and minds for worship. We invite you to separate yourselves from the clutter of everyday life and focus on God through prayerful meditation.

*What does this look like?*

- Close your eyes and take some deep breaths.
- Meditate upon the scripture lessons for today, listed in the bulletin.
- Read the "Before worship" prayer located in the front of the hymnal.
- Silence your phone and silence your mind.

Once the prelude begins, usually five minutes before the service, please refrain from loud conversation. The sanctuary, where the pews are, is a place of worship. While you are encouraged to welcome your brothers and sisters in Christ, we ask that you speak softly so as not to interrupt those who are taking this time to focus on God through the music presented.

### Office Lights this month are given...

In Memory of Barbara Haitzsch  
by her family

## We thank those who serve today in worship:

*Presiding Minister & Preacher:*  
Pastor Ryan

*Assisting Minister*  
T.J. Keller

*Communion Assistant:*  
Mark Walter

*Acolyte:*  
Emilie Dupre

*Organist/Minister of Music:*  
Oyeniran Oyedeji

*Cantor:*  
Deanne Schultz

*Reader:*  
Heidi Harkopf

*Ushers:*  
Tom & Nancy Schulz and  
Andy Ruopp

*Greeter:*  
Kate Dube

*Altar Guild:*  
Margaret Lagas and Lee Hieb

*Audio & Visual:*  
(a&v) Doug Igoe

## We thank those who serve today through the ministry of music:

*Vocalists:*  
Meg Bond, Karie Neville,  
Deanne Schultz, Julie Yapoujian

*Keyboard:*  
Karie Neville

## From Our LiveStream Team...

Our worship today will be livestreamed for those members and friends that are unable to join us in person. By entering the Sanctuary, you give permission to Immanuel Lutheran Church and School to film or photograph you, and any minor children under the age of 18, and use your likeness on our social media channels and website.

If you would like to limit your time on camera please sit towards the back of the Sanctuary or off to either side. If you have any concerns, please speak with one of the ushers or elders before or after service today.

We are looking for volunteers. Are you interested in learning how to become part of the AV team? Contact the church office to let us know.

**Prelude** "Andante in C Major" Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart  
**Chiming of the Hour**

**Welcome & Announcements** | LWML Fall Rally

**Choral Introit** "Awake, My Heart" Jane M. Marshall  
ILC Adult Choir

Stand

**Opening Hymn** Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure LSB 533

✠ **Confession & Forgiveness** ✠

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

**P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.


**C** Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.


✠ **Service of the Word** ✠

**Kyrie** (Lord, Have Mercy) LSB 204




**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

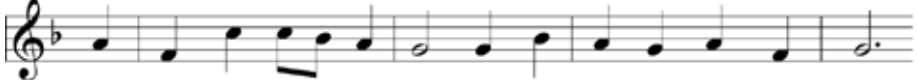
**Gloria in Excelsis** (Glory to God in the Highest) LSB 204




**C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good - will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

## Salutation and Collect (Prayer) of the Day

LSB 205

- A** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And also with you.

- A** Let us pray.  
**C** **O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of Your Church, especially in times of persecution, and grant that what we ask in faith we may obtain; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading

Genesis 50:15–21

<sup>15</sup>When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." <sup>16</sup>So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died, <sup>17</sup>'Say to Joseph, Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. <sup>18</sup>His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." <sup>19</sup>But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? <sup>20</sup>As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. <sup>21</sup>So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

- L** This is the Word of the Lord.  
**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalmody *The Psalm is chanted responsively and the Gloria Patri in unison* Psalm 103:1–12



- <sup>1</sup>Bless the LORD, | O my soul,\*  
and all that is within me, bless his | holy name!  
<sup>2</sup>Bless the LORD, | O my soul,\*  
and forget not all his | benefits,  
<sup>3</sup>**who forgives all your in- | iquity,\***  
**who heals all your dis- | eases,**  
<sup>4</sup>**who redeems your life | from the pit,\***  
**who crowns you with steadfast love and | mercy,**  
<sup>5</sup>who satisfies | you with good\*  
so that your youth is renewed like the | eagle's.  
<sup>6</sup>The LORD works | righteousness\*  
and justice for all who | are oppressed.  
<sup>7</sup>**He made known his ways to | Moses,\***  
**his acts to the people of | Israel.**  
<sup>8</sup>**The LORD is merciful and | gracious,\***  
**slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.**  
<sup>9</sup>He will not | always chide,\*  
nor will he keep his anger for- | ever.  
<sup>10</sup>He does not deal with us according | to our sins,\*  
nor repay us according to our in- | iquities.  
<sup>11</sup>**For as high as the heavens are a- | bove the earth,\***  
**so great is his steadfast love toward those who | fear him;**  
<sup>12</sup>**as far as the east is | from the west,\***  
**so far does he remove our transgres- | sions from us.**  
**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son \***  
**and to the Holy | Spirit;**  
**as it was in the be- | ginning, \***  
**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

## Epistle

Romans 14:1–12

<sup>1</sup>As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. <sup>2</sup>One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. <sup>3</sup>Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. <sup>4</sup>Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

<sup>5</sup>One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. <sup>6</sup>The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. <sup>7</sup>For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. <sup>8</sup>If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. <sup>9</sup>For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

<sup>10</sup>Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; <sup>11</sup>for it is written,

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,  
and every tongue shall confess to God.”

<sup>12</sup>So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

### Alleluia and Verse

LSB 205



chanted by the cantor

Matthew 6:14

*If you forgive others their | trespasses,  
your heavenly Father will also for- | give you.*



## Holy Gospel

Matthew 18:21–35

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>21</sup>Peter came up and said to [Jesus], “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?” <sup>22</sup>Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.

<sup>23</sup>“Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. <sup>24</sup>When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. <sup>25</sup>And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. <sup>26</sup>So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ <sup>27</sup>And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. <sup>28</sup>But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, ‘Pay what you owe.’ <sup>29</sup>So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ <sup>30</sup>He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. <sup>31</sup>When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. <sup>32</sup>Then his master summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. <sup>33</sup>And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’ <sup>34</sup>And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. <sup>35</sup>So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

### Children’s Message

### Hymn of the Day

Come Down, O Love Divine

LSB 501

### Sermon

### Offering

“Come Down, O Love Divine”

arr. Donald R. Busarow

ILC Adult Choir

Stand

### Offertory

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

LSB 805

△ Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all  
 crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly  
 host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

### Apostles' Creed

LSB 207

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
 born of the virgin Mary,  
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
 was crucified, died and was buried.  
 He descended into hell.  
 The third day He rose again from the dead.  
 He ascended into heaven  
 and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
 From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
 the holy Christian Church,  
 the communion of saints,  
 the forgiveness of sins,  
 the resurrection of the body,  
 and the life † everlasting. Amen.

### Prayers of the Church

- A** Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer

### Sharing of the Peace

*The people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.*

(Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).

Stand

### ✠ Service of the Sacrament ✠

#### Preface

LSB 208

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** We lift them to the Lord.
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

#### Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy)

LSB 208

**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;  
 Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.  
 Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;  
 Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

## Lord's Prayer

**P** Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

**C** **Our Father** who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth  
as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.

## The Words of Our Lord

LSB 209

## Pax Domini *(The Peace of the Lord)*

LSB 209

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** And also with you.

## Agnus Dei *(Lamb of God)*

LSB 210

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,  
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Sit

## Communion

*Gluten-free options are available:  
please indicate to the pastor  
if you need one of these.*

*Alcohol free juice options are available  
in the center of each of the  
individual cup communion trays.*

## Communion Song

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

CCLI Song #43073

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,  
the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him,  
for He is thy health and salvation.  
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;  
Join me in glad adoration.
2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things  
so wondrously reigneth,  
Shelters thee under His wings,  
yea, so gently sustaineth.  
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been  
granted in what he ordaineth?

3. Praise to the Lord,  
O let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that hath life and breath,  
come now with praises before him!  
Let the Amen sound from his people again;  
Gladly forever adore him.

*Tag:*

Let the Amen  
sound from his people again;  
Gladly forever adore him.  
Gladly forever adore him.  
Gladly forever adore him.

## Communion Song

Praise the Father, Praise the Son

CCLI Song #5203251

1. O sov'reign God, oh matchless King—  
The saints adore, the angels sing,  
And fall before the throne of grace—  
To You belongs the highest praise.
2. These sufferings, this passing tide  
Under Your wings I will abide,  
And ev'ry enemy shall flee;  
You are my hope and victory.  
*Refrain:*  
Praise the Father, praise the Son,  
Praise the Spirit, Three in One;  
Clothed in power and in grace,  
The name above all other names.
3. To the valley, for my soul;  
Thy great descent has made me whole!  
Your word my heart has welcomed home;  
Now peace like water ever flows.

*Refrain:*

Praise the Father, praise the Son,  
Praise the Spirit, Three in One;  
Clothed in power and in grace,  
The name above all other names.

*[Repeat Refrain]*

*Bridge:*

Yours is the kingdom, Yours is the power,  
Yours is the glory forever!  
Yours is the kingdom, Yours is the power,  
Yours is the glory forever! Forever!

*Refrain:*

Praise the Father, praise the Son,  
Praise the Spirit, Three in One;  
Clothed in power and in grace,  
The name above all other names.

*Stand after communion has finished*

## Dismissal

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart † in peace.

**C** Amen.

## Nunc Dimittis (Song of Simeon)

LSB 211

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All  
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the  
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;  
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is  
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -  
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

## Post-Communion Collect

LSB 212

**A** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Benedicamus & Benediction

LSB 212

**A** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

**C** Amen.

## Closing Hymn

All Christians Who Have Been Baptized

LSB 596

Stz. 2, Women | Stz. 4, Men

## Dismissal

**P** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Postlude

“Trumpet Tune in D Major”

Henry Purcell

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**Koinonia Zone Fall Rally September 24<sup>th</sup> @2pm**

**See Carol Sanger for more details.**





**Join us for Worship**  
Sunday mornings at 9:00 am

**Adult Bible Study**  
Sunday mornings at 10:30 am  
in the Family Life Center

Embark on a journey with Pastor Ryan in our class  
“The Timeless Threads: Early Christians and  
Contemporary Christianity”

**Sunday School** preK- 6th grade  
Sunday mornings at 10:30 am  
meet on the red pew outside the church

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