

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 5, 2021—10am

We celebrate the Lord's Supper today! Please prepare yourselves using these questions as a guide:

- Have I been baptized in the Name of the Triune God, Father, Son & Holy Spirit?
- Do I believe that I am a sinful being without hope for eternal life except in mercy of Jesus Christ?
- Do I believe in Jesus as My Savior?
- Do I believe that Jesus Christ is personally present in communion with His body and blood to forgive my sins, as the Bible teaches?
- Do I desire and strive by the power of the Holy Spirit to live a God-pleasing life?

As you come to the Lord's Supper you are affirming with each communicant that Jesus is your Lord and Savior, and that the Lutheran Church's confession of Jesus Christ and His Supper is your confession as well.

Prelude

Hymn: #550 Lamb of God



1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, But You have
2 Your Gift of love they cru - ci - fied, They laughed and
3 I was so lost, I should have died, But You have



sent Him from Your side To walk up - on this guilt - y
scorned Him as He died: The hum - ble King they named a
brought me to Your side To be led by Your staff and



sod, And to be - come the Lamb of God.
fraud, And sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God.
rod, And to be called a lamb of God.



O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God!



O wash me in His pre - cious blood, My Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

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The Invocation

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

The Confession of Sins

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C: **Who made heaven and earth.**

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

C: **And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

All: I, a poor miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserve Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter, sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being.

The Word of Absolution

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

Introit

P: The Lord is the strength of His people; He is the saving refuge of His anointed. To you, O Lord, I call; my rock, be not deaf to me, lest, if you be silent to me, I become like those who go down to the pit. Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to You for help, when I lift up my hands toward Your most holy sanctuary. Blessed be the Lord! For He has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy. The Lord is my strength and my shield; in Him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to Him.

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The Kyrie

C: **Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

The Gloria in Excelsis

P: Glory be to God on high:

C: **And on earth peace, good will toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, The only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Salutation

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And with Thy Spirit.**

The Collect for the Day

P: Let us pray:

C: **O Lord, let Your merciful ears be open to the prayers of Your humble servants and grant that what they ask may be in accord with Your gracious will; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

C: **Amen.**

The Old Testament Reading – Isaiah 35:4-7

⁴Say to those who have an anxious heart, “Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you.”

⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; ⁶then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; ⁷the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

The Gradual

All: Fear the Lord, you His saints, for those who fear Him lack nothing! Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivers him out of them all.

The Epistle Reading – James 2:1-10, 14-18

¹ My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory.

² For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, ³and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, “You sit here in a good place,” while you say to the poor man, “You stand over there,” or, “Sit down at my feet,” ⁴have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts?

⁵ Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him?

⁶ But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court?

⁷ Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called?

⁸ If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself,” you are doing well.

⁹ But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors.

¹⁰ For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it.

¹⁴ What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him?

¹⁵ If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and filled,” without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that?

¹⁷ So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

¹⁸ But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 7th chapter.

C: **Glory be to Thee, O Lord!**

³¹ Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis.

³² And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him.

³³ And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue.

³⁴ And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened."

³⁵ And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly.

³⁶ And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it.

³⁷ And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ!**

The Apostles Creed

All: 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 life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn: #524 How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds



1 How sweet the name of Je - sus sounds In
2 It makes the wound - ed spir - it whole And
3 Dear name! The rock on which I build, My
4 O Je - sus, shep - herd, guard - ian, friend, My



a be - liev - er's ear! It soothes our sor - rows,
calms the heart's un - rest; 'Tis man - na to the
shield and hid - ing place; My nev - er - fail - ing
Proph - et, Priest, and King, My Lord, my life, my



heals our wounds, And drives a - way our fear.
hun - gry soul And to the wea - ry, rest.
trea - sury filled With bound - less stores of grace.
way, my end, Ac - cept the praise I bring.

- 5 How weak the effort of my heart,
How cold my warmest thought!
But when I see Thee as Thou art,
I'll praise Thee as I ought.
- 6 Till then I would Thy love proclaim
With ev'ry fleeting breath;
And may the music of Thy name
Refresh my soul in death!

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Sermon - "Opening and loosing" Mark 7:31-37

I. The bringing of a man

- A. His miserable maladies
- B. The healing compassion of Jesus Messianic office.

II. The witness of the crowd.

- A. Their spiritual malady.

Mark 8:18 ¹⁸ Having eyes do you not see, and having ears do you not hear? And do you not remember?

- B. True faith shows itself in witness.

Mark 4:9 ⁹ And he said, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

1 Peter 2:9 ⁹ But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

- C. Their culminating witness "He has done everything well"

Romans 8:18-23 ¹⁸ For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in

hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²² For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. ²³ And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.

1. Jesus restores in His miracles.
2. Jesus restores in the Gospel
3. Jesus final restoration is heaven.

Revelation 7:15-17 ¹⁵ "Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. ¹⁶ They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. ¹⁷ For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

The Prayers

Peace & comfort for the family of Alan Krah, father of Kym Cancela
Peace & comfort for the family of James Nichols, father of Cathy Wilson
Healing for Jennifer & Kiara Springer, niece & great-niece of Bev Lowe
Healing from migraines & dizziness for Jeff Elliott
For the victims of Hurricane Ida.

(Please help us keep our attendance numbers accurate by filling out the attendance cards and putting in basket on the way out.)

The Lord's Prayer

All: 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 Institution

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also, He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the New Testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Salutation and Benedicamus

P: The Lord be with you.
C: **And with thy spirit.**
P: Bless we the Lord.
C: **Thanks be to God.**

The Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.
C: **Amen, Amen, Amen!**

Healing

Ruel McMullen, father of Pat McMullen

Andrew Habeck

Sara Plumb

Craig Springer, brother-in-law of Bev Lowe

Chris, husband of Cathy Wilson

Battling with Cancer or Serious Illness

Yvonne Lenzen, grandmother of Grace Sierra

Gloria McNail, aunt of Susan Tumlin

Cheryl Ford

Marie Walser, cousin of Cathy Wilson

Pat, suffering with dementia, Aunt of Beth Hutches

Joann, friend of Beth Hutches

Anona, friend of Susan Tumlin

Carol, sister of Trish Smith

Chad Pry, boyfriend of Cheryl, daughter of Joan Crouse

Cathy Nichols with terminal cancer, mother of Cathy Wilson

Raymond, brother of Barbara LaVere

David, brother of Larry Habeck

Barbara LaVere

Tracy, cousin of Jacquelyn Hahn

Lisa Steinbrueck, niece of the Steinbrueck's

Kathy, daughter of Walt Braudis

Keith Stallings

Alan Sparks

Don Swisher, step-father of Larry Habeck

Paul Braudis, brother of Walt

Bill, (w/brain cancer) uncle of Brian Littrel

David Parkinson, brother of Betty Loraamm

Tom Meyferth

PRAYERS FOR THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY

Safety for... and strength for families:

Logan Crouse, US Army, great-nephew of Joan Crouse, deployed to Afghanistan

Zach, son of friend of Beth Hutches, deployed to Afghanistan

Samuel Drake, Captain stationed at Holloman AFB in Alamogordo, NM, son of Kerry Drake

Xander Ritter stationed at Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, CA, (USMC)

Matthew Albers, Major in USAF and in command in Sacramento, CA, son of Deb Albers

Carson Crouse, (army) great-nephew of Joan Crouse, stationed in Georgia

Gavin Mattson, para-rescue man, stationed in the Panhandle of FL, grandson of Edith Mattson

Jeremy Brockmeier (USMC) & family, stationed in South Korea, son of Jerry and Janice Brockmeier

PRAYERS FOR OUR FAMILIES

Sunday: Cody Adam-Forsong

Monday: Deb Albers

Tuesday: Thomas Anderson

Wed: Bill & Jackie Anton

Thursday: Barbara Bader

Friday: Daniel Bader, Ashley, Logan, Laura

Saturday: David Becker

PRAYERS FOR OUR SCHOOL STUDENTS & FAMILIES

Sunday Gia Steenis

Monday: Ja'Kayden Stillings-Richardson

Tuesday: Kinsley Swensen

Wed: Jaydelyn Teng

Thurs: James Terhune

Friday: Zion & Zoe Thompson

Saturday Brayden Thorpe

**PRAYER FOR THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST**

Almighty and eternal God, to know Your Son, Jesus, is life. Give us the grace to know Him and to worship You in spirit and in truth. Conform our lives to Your design, and cast away from us everything that hinders our true worship; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.