

The Lord's Day

11:00 AM

August 28, 2022

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Altamont, Illinois

THE PRESERVICE MUSIC

THE WELCOME

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 75:1-2, 6, 9; antiphon: v. 7

Reader: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen

R It is God who executes judgment,
C **putting down one and lifting up another.**

R We give thanks to you, O God; we give thanks, for your name is near.

C **We recount your wondrous deeds.**

R At the set time that I appoint

C **I will judge with equity.**

R For not from the east or from the west

C **and not from the wilderness comes lifting up.**

R But I will declare it forever;

C **I will sing praises to the God of Jacob. Glory be to the Father and to the ✠ Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

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C **putting down one and lifting up another.**

THE SONG *“Make Me a Servant”*

**Make me a servant, humble and meek,
Lord, let me lift up those who are weak,
And may the prayer of my heart always be:
Make me a servant, make me a servant,
Make me a servant today. Repeat.**

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THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

Proverbs 25:2-10

²It is the glory of God to conceal things, but the glory of kings is to search things out. ³As the heavens for height, and the earth for depth, so the heart of kings is unsearchable. ⁴Take away the dross from the silver, and the smith has material for a vessel; ⁵take away the wicked from the

presence of the king, and his throne will be established in righteousness. ⁶Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great, ⁷for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of a noble. What your eyes have seen ⁸do not hastily bring into court, for what will you do in the end, when your neighbor puts you to shame? ⁹Argue your case with your neighbor himself, and do not reveal another's secret, ¹⁰lest he who hears you bring shame upon you, and your ill repute have no end.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE READING

Hebrews 13:1–17

¹Let brotherly love continue. ²Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. ³Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body. ⁴Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous. ⁵Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." ⁶So we can confidently say,

"The Lord is my helper;
I will not fear;
what can man do to me?"

⁷Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. ⁹Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings, for it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not benefited those devoted to them. ¹⁰We have an altar from which those who serve the tent have no right to eat. ¹¹For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the holy places by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. ¹²So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood. ¹³Therefore let us go to him outside the camp and bear the reproach he endured. ¹⁴For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come. ¹⁵Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. ¹⁶Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

¹⁷Obeys your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an

account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

THE SONG *“Surely the Presence of the Lord Is in This Place”*

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place,

I can feel His mighty power and His grace.

I can hear the brush of angels' wings,

I see glory on each face;

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

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THE GOSPEL READING

Luke 14:1–14

¹One Sabbath, when Jesus went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully. ²And behold, there was a man before him who had dropsy. ³And Jesus responded to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, “Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?” ⁴But they remained silent. Then he took him and healed him and sent him away. ⁵And he said to them, “Which of you, having a son or an ox that has fallen into a well on a Sabbath day, will not immediately pull him out?” ⁶And they could not reply to these things.

⁷Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, ⁸“When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, ⁹and he who invited you both will come and say to you, ‘Give your place to this person,’ and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place. ¹⁰But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher.’ Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. ¹¹For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

¹²He said also to the man who had invited him, “When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. ¹³But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, ¹⁴and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. You will be repaid at the resurrection of the just.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.** *Psalm 124:8*

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.** *Psalm 130:3-4*

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word and call upon Him in prayer and praise, 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. *Luke 18:13*

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. *John 20:19-23*

C **Amen.**

THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, And was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again according to the scriptures; And ascended into heaven, And sits at the right hand of the Father; And He

shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead; Whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, The Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead, And the life of the world to come. Amen.

(Sit)

THE HYMN, LSB 842 SON OF GOD, ETERNAL SAVIOR

- 1 Son of God, eternal Savior,
Source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us
Hallows all our human race,
You our Head, who, throned in glory,
For Your own will ever plead:
Fill us with Your love and pity,
Heal our wrongs, and help our need.**

- 2 As You, Lord, have lived for others,
So may we for others live.
Freely have Your gifts been granted;
Freely may Your servants give.
Yours the gold and Yours the silver,
Yours the wealth of land and sea;
We but stewards of Your bounty
Held in solemn trust will be.**

- 3 Come, O Christ, and reign among us,
King of love and Prince of Peace;
Hush the storm of strife and passion,
Bid its cruel discords cease.
By Your patient years of toiling,
By Your silent hours of pain,
Quench our fevered thirst of pleasure,
Stem our selfish greed of gain.**

- 4 Son of God, eternal Savior,
Source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us**

**Hallows all our human race:
By Your praying, by Your willing
That Your people should be one,
Grant, O grant our hope's fruition:
Here on earth Your will be done.**

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THE SERMON: Welcome the Stranger, Hebrews 13:1-17

THE OFFERING

(Stand)

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR

P The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*

C **And also with you.** *Colossians 3:1*

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *Psalms 136*

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying: (prayer by pastor).

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of power and might:
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.** *Isaiah 6:3*

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. *John 1:29*

THE LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9-13*

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 said by the pastor. *Matthew 26:26-28*

P Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, *John 1:29*

C **Have mercy on us.**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always. *John 20:19*

C And also with you.

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"Amazing Love"

**My Lord, what love is this that pays so dearly;
That I, the guilty one may go free.**

Chorus:

**Amazing love, O what sacrifice,
The Son of God, given for me;
My debt He pays and my death He dies,
That I might live, that I might live.**

**And so they watched Him die, despised, rejected;
But, O the blood He shed flowed for me. *Chorus***

**And now this love of Christ shall flow like rivers;
Come wash your guilt away, live again. *Chorus***

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"Wonderful, Merciful Savior"

**Wonderful, merciful Savior, precious Redeemer and
Friend;
Who would have thought that a Lamb could
Rescue the souls of men? Oh, You rescue the souls of
men.**

Refrain:

**You are the One that we praise, You are the One we adore.
You give the healing and grace our hearts always hunger for,
Oh, our hearts always hunger for.**

**Counselor, Comforter, Keeper, Spirit we long to embrace;
You offer hope when our hearts have hopelessly lost the way,
Oh, we hopelessly lost the way. *Refrain***

**Almighty, infinite Father, faithfully loving Your own;
Here in our weakness You find us falling before Your
throne,**

Oh, we're falling before Your throne. *Refrain*

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THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

C Amen.

THE BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24-26*

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His favor upon you and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

THE CLOSING SONG OF PRAISE *“Think About His Love”*

**Think about His love, think about His Goodness.
Think about His grace that’s brought us through.
For as high as the heavens above
So great is the measure of our Father’s love.
Great is the measure of our Father’s love. Repeat**

Ending: **Great is the measure of our Father’s love.**

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ALL GLORY BE TO GOD ALONE

GO IN PEACE AND SERVE THE LORD.

We Are Humbled and Exalted by the Cross of Christ

“Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled,” Jesus proclaims, but *“he who humbles himself will be exalted”* (Luke 14:11). For your hope is in the name of the Lord, who humbled Himself unto death on the cross and was exalted in His resurrection. So, are you humbled by His cross, and *“at the resurrection of the just,”* He will say to you, *“Friend, move up higher”* (Luke 14:10, 13–14)? By His grace, the King will honor you *“in the presence of a noble,”* where your eyes will gaze upon the Prince, His dearly beloved Son (Prov. 25:7). As He has dealt so graciously with you, *“do not neglect to do good and to share what you have”* (Heb. 13:16) and *“do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers”* (Heb. 13:2). Humble yourself and exalt your neighbor.