

The Lord's Day

11:00 AM

October 23, 2022

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
Immanuel Lutheran Church, Altamont, Illinois
Stewardship Sunday

THE PRESERVICE MUSIC
THE RINGING OF THE BELL
THE WELCOME

THE CALL TO WORSHIP *Psalm 56:10–13; antiphon: v. 3*

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

Congregation: Amen

R: When I am afraid, I put my trust in you.

**C: In God, whose word I praise, in the LORD, whose word I praise,
in God I trust; I shall not be afraid. What can man do to me?**

R: I must perform my vows to you, O God; I will render thank offerings to you.

C: For you have delivered my soul from death, yes, my feet from falling, that I may walk before God in the light of life. 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.

R: When I am afraid,

C: I put my trust in you.

THE SONG *"Come, Now is the Time to Worship"*

**Come, now is the time to worship.
Come, now is the time to give your heart.
Come, just as you are to worship.
Come, just as you are before your God, come.**

**One day every tongue will confess You are God.
One day every knee will bow.
Still the greatest treasure remains
For those who gladly choose You now.**

**Come, now is the time to worship.
Come, now is the time to give your heart.
Come, just as you are to worship.
Come, just as you are before your God,
Come, ... come, come.**

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THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 4:1–15

¹Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, “I have gotten a man with the help of the LORD.” ²And again, she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a worker of the ground. ³In the course of time Cain brought to the LORD an offering of the fruit of the ground, ⁴and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the LORD had regard for Abel and his offering, ⁵but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell. ⁶The LORD said to Cain, “Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? ⁷If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is for you, but you must rule over it.”

⁸Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him. ⁹Then the LORD said to Cain, “Where is Abel your brother?” He said, “I do not know; am I my brother’s keeper?” ¹⁰And the LORD said, “What have you done? The voice of your brother’s blood is crying to me from the ground. ¹¹And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother’s blood from your hand. ¹²When you work the ground, it shall no longer yield to you its strength. You shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth.” ¹³Cain said to the LORD, “My punishment is greater than I can bear. ¹⁴Behold, you have driven me today away from the ground, and from your face I shall be hidden. I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me.” ¹⁵Then the LORD said to him, “Not so! If anyone kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold.” And the LORD put a mark on Cain, lest any who found him should attack him.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE

2 Timothy 4:6–8, 16–18

⁶For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing. . . .

¹⁶At my first defense no one came to stand by me, but all deserted me. May it not be charged against them! ¹⁷But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. ¹⁸The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE SONG *"Christ Be My Leader"* AGPS 81

**Christ be my leader by night as by day;
Safe through the darkness, for He is the way.
Gladly I follow, my future His care;
Darkness is daylight when Jesus is there.**

**Christ be my teacher in age as in youth,
Drifting or doubting, for He is the truth.
Grant me to trust Him; though shifting as sand,
Doubt cannot daunt me; in Jesus I stand.**

**Christ be my Savior in calm as in strife;
Death cannot hold me, for He is the life.
Nor darkness nor doubting nor sin and its stain
Can touch my salvation: with Jesus I reign.**

(Stand)

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 18:9–17

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eighteenth chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

⁹Jesus also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: ¹⁰“Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹²I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.’ ¹³But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ ¹⁴I tell you, this man went down to his house justified,

rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

¹⁵Now they were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them. And when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them.

¹⁶But Jesus called them to him, saying, “Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. ¹⁷Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

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.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You are always more ready to hear than we to pray and always ready to give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour down on us the abundance of Your mercy; forgive us those things of which our conscience is afraid; and give us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask except by the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

(Sit)

THE CHILDREN'S TALK

THE SERMON HYMN 782

Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings

Gracious God, You send great blessings

New each morning all our days.

For Your mercies never ending,

For Your love we offer praise.

Refrain:

**Lord, we pray that we, Your people
Who Your gifts unnumbered claim,
Through the sharing of Your blessings
May bring glory to Your name.**

**By Your Word You formed creation
Filled with creatures large and small;
As we tend that endless treasure
May our care encircle all. *Refrain***

**In His earthly life, our Savior
Knew the care of faithful friends;
May our deeds of dedication
Offer love that never ends. *Refrain***

**Heav'nly Father, may our caring
Bear the imprint of Your grace;
With the Son and Holy Spirit,
Praise be Yours in ev'ry place! *Refrain***

THE SERMON *Worship Begins with Repentance and Ends in
Faith. Luke 18:9-17*

(Stand)

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

(Following the prayers, 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 (Matthew 5:22-24; Ephesians 4:1-3))

(Sit)

THE OFFERING

(Stand)

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. *(Psalm 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 are said by the pastor
(Matthew 6:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25)

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.

(Sit)

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE SONGS DURING DISTRIBUTION

"Come to the Table"

**Come to the table of mercy, prepared with the wine and the bread;
All who are hungry and thirsty, come and your souls will be fed.**

Chorus:

**Come at the Lord's invitation, receive from His nail-scarred hand;
Eat of the bread of salvation, drink of the blood of the Lamb.**

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"How Deep the Father's Love for Us"

**How deep the Father's Love for Us
How vast beyond all measure,
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss**

**The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One,
Bring many sons to glory.**

**Behold the man upon a cross
My sin upon His shoulders.
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished.
His dying breath has brought me life.
I know that it is finished.**

**I will not boast in anything
No gifts, no power, no wisdom.
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart,
His wounds have paid my ransom.**

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“Jesus, Your Name”

**Jesus, Your name is power, Jesus Your name is might.
Jesus, Your name will break every stronghold
Jesus, Your name is life.**

**Jesus, Your name is healing, Jesus Your name gives sight.
Jesus, Your name will free every captive
Jesus, Your name is life.**

**Jesus, Your name is holy, Jesus Your name brings light.
Jesus, Your name above every other
Jesus, Your name is life. Jesus, Your name is life.**

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(Stand)

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 “Firm Foundation”

Chorus:

**Jesus, you're my firm foundation, I know I can stand secure.
Jesus, you're my firm foundation, I put my hope in your
holy word,
I put my hope in your holy word.**

(men) **I have a living hope,** (women) **I have a living hope,
(men) I have a future,** (women) **I have a future,
(men) God has a plan for me,** (women) **God has a plan for me,
(men) of this I'm sure,** (women) **of this I'm sure.**

Chorus

(men) **your word is faithful,** (women) **your word is faithful,
(men) mighty in power;** (women) **mighty in power;
(men) God will deliver me,** (women) **God will deliver me,
(men) of this I'm sure,** (women) **of this I'm sure.**

Chorus

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+ DEPART IN PEACE AND SERVE THE LORD +