

# Immanuel Lutheran Church

Missouri Synod

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***July 17, 2016 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost***

***10:30 AM***



***God loves us not because of***

***who we are, but***

***because of who He is.***

**COMMUNION PREPARATION!**

Today we celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion. In this sacrament we receive not only bread and wine but also the body and blood of our savior Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of our sins. If you are a baptized Christian who understands the meaning and use of these elements and who confesses your sins, you are welcome to commune with us. Children who don't commune and those who choose not to commune are invited to come to the altar for a blessing. For those not communing placing your hands under the rail or folding your hands will let us know of your intentions. For those who prefer grape juice, you may choose an individual cup from the center rings of the communion tray.

**Office Hours for Deacon Larry:**

Wednesday & Thursday  
9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Stop by to visit or call. He would like to hear from you.

**Today**

Elder: Keith Moore  
Greeter: Ann Oliver  
Reader: Ann Oliver  
Server: Volunteers  
Altar Guild: Pat Douglas  
Joanne Secrest  
Counting: Gary Yon

**Next Week 7.24.16**

Elder: Greg Grill  
Greeters: Gary & Sharon Yon  
Reader: Debbie Graham  
Server: Gary & Sharon Yon  
Altar Guild: Pat Douglas  
Joanne Secrest  
Counting: Gary Yon

**To Our Guests: Welcome!**

We're glad you are here. We hope you will experience Christ's presence and love as we worship Him together in Spirit and in Truth.

**Altar Flowers:**

*Provided by  
Marv & Fran Jacob  
In celebration of family birthdays!*

**Happening This Week**

**Sunday** - 9:00 AM: Bible Study  
10:30 AM: Church Service  
11:00 AM: Children's Church

**Monday** - 10:00 AM: Ladies Bible Study

**Friday** - 7 PM: NA Meeting

**Ninth Sunday after Pentecost—Proper 11**

Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed Him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to His teaching. But Martha was distracted with much serving.

*Luke 10:38-40*

**Those for Whom we pray:**

Connie Engel -  
Ben Padilla -  
Pastor Arlyn Russert -  
Paula Cowley -  
Dan Cowley -  
Piper Dillon -  
Samantha -  
Dolores Ellifritz -  
Denny & Karen Hewitt -  
Danny Jones -



**Remember our military**

Caleb Burks  
Keith Roberts  
Jeff Rowe

**Last Sunday**

Attendance - 46  
Adult Bible Study - 21

**Offering**

7/10/16 \$2,133.00  
Offerings needed each week  
\$1,691.75



**Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church**

2650 NW Highland Drive - Corvallis  
**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Summer Celebration Picnic**  
**August 14<sup>th</sup> 4-6PM**

Please **sign up by July 31<sup>st</sup>** if you plan to attend.  
Sign up sheet on table in Narthex.

**Pop Can Ministry**



Please bring your empty cans and bottles to be recycled for our **pop can ministry**. Jerry and Greg will redeem the empty containers each week/month, and cash in for food gift cards to give to our homeless and/or those in need of a little extra help.

***Benediction:***

P: How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!

C: **How beautiful is the good news of Christ’s salvation!**

P: The Lord’s voice, which is reaching out into all the earth, has come among you today!

C: **Jesus’ words have given us life! We are saved to serve Him by serving others.**

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.**

(Please be seated)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

***Closing Hymn:***

“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing” (LSB 643, 2 verses)

P: *Go in Peace,  
Serve the Lord,*

C: ***Thanks be to God***

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*Thank you for worshiping with us today. If you are searching for a home church, we welcome you to join us for worship each Sunday. If you have questions, please contact Deacon Larry, 541-730-6673*

***Prelude:***

“Come, Thou Almighty King” (LSB 905, 4 verses)

**As We Gather:**

As we gather together by His Word and Spirit, Jesus comes among us. He comes to serve us as no one else can and as no one else ever will. His service changes us, both inside and out, delivering us from our sin and its effects. When Jesus serves us by means of His Word and Sacrament, He directly delivers to us what His death and resurrection accomplished nearly two thousand years ago. Right here, right now, Jesus comes among us to serve. When He serves, He saves. When He saves, He blesses. When He blesses, He sends us out with hearts and lives that have been saved to serve.

***Invocation:***

P: In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

***Opening Hymn:***

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” (LSB 790, 4 verses)

(Please stand)

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

P: How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!

C: **How beautiful is the good news of Christ’s salvation!**

P: The Lord’s voice is reaching out into all the earth!

C: **Jesus’ words bring us life as we trust in Him!**

P: Let us confess our sins to God our Father, beginning with a time for silent prayer to reflect on our great need for Jesus’ saving work.

(A time of silence for reflection on God’s word and for self-examination)

P: With confidence in Christ, let us confess our sins to God our Father.

**C:** Merciful God, You never fail to come to us by Your Word and Spirit. Your Word alone gives life, but we are distracted from receiving and obeying Your Word. In our thinking, speaking, and doing, we have done what Your Word forbids, and we have failed to do what Your Word commands. Thank You for being a wonderful Father and a merciful Savior! Bring us again to the foot of Jesus' cross that we may receive the forgiveness we so desperately need. Amen.

**P:** Almighty God, in His great mercy, has given His Son to die for us and, for Jesus' sake, He forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become children of God and bestows on the Holy Spirit. May the Lord who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

#### **PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

**P:** We pray together

**C:** Lord God, like Paul and Abraham, we rebel against your love and protection. In your mercy forgive our rebellious nature and restore us to the one thing needful for life and salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*(Please be seated)*



#### ***The Words Of Our Lord:***

**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.

*"Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:"*

***The Lord's Prayer: (LSB - inside back cover)***

#### **Peace:**

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

**C:** Amen.

We share God's peace.

*(Please be seated)*

#### ***Distribution Hymns:***

*"Beautiful Savior" (LSB 537, 4 verses)*

*"O Living Bread from Heaven" (LSB 642, 4 verses)*

*"From All That Dwell Below the Skies" (LSB 816, 3 verses)*

*(Please stand)*

#### **Post Communion Collect**

**P:** We give thanks to You, almighty Father, that Your gracious hand has served us once again. Through Jesus Christ, we are richly blessed! We now ask that the blessing of this feast may remain with us. May Your Word be our life and our light. We pray this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** Amen

## Message

### Offering:

*We offer our gifts to God in humble gratitude acknowledging that all we have comes from Him.*

### Offering Hymn:

*“Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart” (LSB 806)*

*(Please stand)*

### Prayers of the Church:

**P:** Into your hands O Lord we commend all for whom we pray trusting in your mercy and praying that your will be done through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C:** **Amen.**

### Preface

**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, Holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, for the sending of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. On this day Your Son secured our reconciliation by overcoming death and the grave. By the same Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead, You now work powerfully in us according to Your good pleasure. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name.

**C:** **AMEN**

## First Lesson Reading

### Genesis 18:1-14

*In their very old age God, probably through angels who appear to be travelers, promises Abraham and Sarah that they are going to have the son they have wanted and the son he promised them 25 years before.*

<sup>1</sup> And the LORD appeared to him by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. <sup>2</sup> He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth <sup>3</sup> and said, “O Lord, if I have found favor in your sight, do not pass by your servant. <sup>4</sup> Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, <sup>5</sup> while I bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.” So they said, “Do as you have said.” <sup>6</sup> And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, “Quick! Three seahs of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes.” <sup>7</sup> And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly. <sup>8</sup> Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them. And he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

<sup>9</sup> They said to him, “Where is Sarah your wife?” And he said, “She is in the tent.” <sup>10</sup> The LORD said, “I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son.” And Sarah was listening at the tent door behind him. <sup>11</sup> Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in years. The way of women had ceased to be with Sarah. <sup>12</sup> So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, “After I am worn out, and my lord is old, shall I have pleasure?” <sup>13</sup> The LORD said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh and say, ‘Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?’ <sup>14</sup> Is anything too hard for the LORD? At the appointed time I will return to you, about this time next year, and Sarah shall have a son.”

**R:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**



*Psalm 27:7–14*

- P: Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me!
- C: **You have said, “Seek My face.”**
- P: My heart says to You, “Your face, LORD, do I seek.”
- C: **Hide not Your face from me. Turn not Your servant away in anger, O You who have been my help.**
- P: Cast me not off; forsake me not, O God of my salvation!
- C: **For my father and my mother have forsaken me, but the LORD will take me in.**
- P: Teach me Your way, O LORD, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies.
- C: **Give me not up to the will of my adversaries; for false witnesses have risen against me, and they breathe out violence.**
- P: I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living!
- C: **Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!**

***Epistle Lesson Reading***  
***Colossians 1:21-29***

*Paul explains how we are reconciled to God by Jesus death and resurrection and is now working in all believers to make them “holy and blameless” before God.*

<sup>21</sup> And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, <sup>22</sup> he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, <sup>23</sup> if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

<sup>24</sup> Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church, <sup>25</sup> of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, <sup>26</sup> the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints.

<sup>27</sup> To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. <sup>28</sup> Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. <sup>29</sup> For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

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

*(Please stand)*

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

***Gospel Lesson Reading***  
***Luke 10:38-42***

*Jesus visits the home of Mary and Martha. While Mary sits at Jesus feet learning from him, Martha complains that Mary is not helping her. Jesus reminds Martha that the “one thing” that is most important is a close relationship with him.*

<sup>38</sup> Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. <sup>39</sup> And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. <sup>40</sup> But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, “Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me.” <sup>41</sup> But the Lord answered her, “Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, <sup>42</sup> but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her.”

- P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

*God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ.  
Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:*

***Nicene Creed (LSB #inside back cover)***

*(Please be seated)*

***Sermon Hymn:***  
***“Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” (LSB 528, 7 verses)***