

# Immanuel Lutheran Church

Missouri Synod

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***July 31, 2016 Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost  
10:30 AM***



***God loves us not because of  
who we are, but  
because of who He is.***

### To Our Guests: Welcome!

We are glad you are here to worship with us. It is our fervent prayer that our service will bring you closer to God. We would love to get to know you better, please sign our guestbook including your phone number if you are comfortable doing so.

### 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:	Don Butler
Greeter:	Volunteer
Reader:	Velma Bariletti
Server:	Gary & Sharon Yon
Altar Guild:	Pat Douglas
	Joanne Secret
Counting:	Gary Yon

### 8/7/16

Elder:	Keith Moore
Greeter:	Velma Bariletti
Reader:	Linda Tedisch
Server:	Jim & Nita Marshall
Altar Guild:	Shirley Grill
	Ann Capps
Counting:	Velma Bariletti

### Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost—Proper 13

He told them a parable, saying, “The land of a rich man produced plentifully, and he thought to himself, ‘What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?’ And he said, ‘I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.”

*Luke 12:16–21*

### Altar Flowers:

*Provided by  
Don & Jeanne Butler  
For the gift of another  
Birthday!*

### Happening This Week

**Sunday** - 9:00 AM: Bible Study

10:30 AM: Church Service

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

**Wednesday** - 10:30 AM: Elders Meeting

**Friday** - 7 PM: NA Meeting

**Saturday** - 1:00 PM: Lula Roe  
Clothing party - Hostess: Velma Bariletti



### 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.

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**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 - Sonny Jones  
Sue Elliot -



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**Last Sunday**

Attendance 46

Adult Bible Study 18

**Offering**

7/24/16 \$695.00

Needed each week \$1,691.75

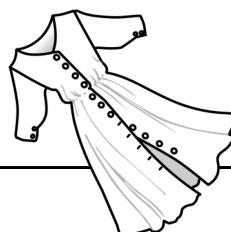
**Remember our military**

Caleb Burks  
Keith Roberts  
Jeff Rowe



**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.**

All Ladies who like to shop for clothes, but hate the hassle of trying to find a parking place, plus walking all over the store trying to find the right garment or waiting for a fitting room.



Come join us  
August 6, 2016 1:00 to 4:00  
Clothing is from Lula Roe  
Sponsored by Velma Bariletti

**Prelude:**

*"All Glory Be to God on High" (LSB 947, 4 verses)*

**AS WE GATHER**

“Pointless!” he cries. “Everything is pointless!” Such a cry may sound familiar to you. You’ll hear something like it in today’s Old Testament Reading. Do you ever feel that your work/life is pointless, a chasing after the wind? Do you ever feel empty at the end of a busy week? Do you ever scratch your head and wonder, “Is there a point to all of this?” If you do, you are not alone. You are not alone in feeling that way, nor are you alone as you seek to be renewed in your Savior’s presence today! As you gather with your family in Christ and rest from your labors during this hour of worship, God is at work! He is here by His grace to forgive your sins, to refresh your soul, and to fill you with new life by His Word and Spirit. Jesus comes to you today to give you meaning for your daily life and to fill you with joy in His presence!

**INVOCATION**

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

**OPENING SENTENCES**

P: If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above,  
C: where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.  
P: Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.  
C: For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.  
P: When Christ who is your life appears,  
C: then you also will appear with Him in glory.

**Opening Hymn:**

*"Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty" (LSB 901, 5 verses)*

## CONFSSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: With minds and hearts set on things above, let us bow before our God.  
*(In silence, we reflect on our need for the forgiveness and renewal of Jesus.)*

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: Almighty God, we come before You in the name of Him who sits at Your right hand, Jesus Christ, our Lord. We admit that we have sinned against You and against one another in our thoughts, words, and deeds. We deserve only Your wrath and condemnation. Yet we know from Your Holy Word that You love us and have sent Your Son to rescue and deliver us. By His death, He has destroyed our death. By His rising again, He has brought us life and light. Forgive and renew us today, filling us with joy in Your presence.

P: Almighty God, in His great mercy, has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sin. His joyful work is to redeem and restore you through Jesus' death and resurrection! In holy baptism God declared us to be His children and gathers us into His one holy church in which he daily and richly forgives us our sins and grants us new life thought His Holy Spirit. O God, be in our midst, enliven our faith and graciously receive our prayers and praise.

C: Amen.

## INTROIT Psalm 51:10–12, Ecclesiastes 2:26a

P: Create in me a clean heart, O God,

C: and renew a right spirit within me.

All: For to the one who pleases Him, God has given wisdom and knowledge and joy.

P: Cast me not away from Your presence,

C: and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.

All: For to the one who pleases Him God has given wisdom and knowledge and joy.

P: Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,

C: and uphold me with a willing spirit.

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

**The Lord's Prayer: (inside back cover of hymnal)**

## BENEDICTION

P: If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above,  
C: where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

P: Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.

C: For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

P: When Christ who is your life appears,

C: then you also will appear with Him in glory.

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.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Closing Hymn:

"On What has now Been Sown" (LSB 921, 3 verses)



P: Go in Peace,

Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

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<sup>19</sup> And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry."<sup>20</sup> But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' <sup>21</sup> So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sermon Hymn:**

"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" (LSB 803, 3 verses)

**Message**

**After Sermon Hymn:**

"Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways" (LSB 707, 4 verses)

**Offering:**

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

**"Offertory"**

"Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart" (LSB 806)

(Please stand)

**Prayers of the Church:**

P: ... Let us pray to the Lord

C: **Grant us wisdom, Grant us purpose, Fill us with Your Joy.**

P: For the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, who laid down His life for us and  
was raised in victory over death, hear our prayers, O Lord, and grant  
what we need in accordance with Your holy will.

C: **Amen.**

All: **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.**

**SALUTATION**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: We pray together:

C: **O Lord, grant us wisdom to recognize the treasures You have stored up for us in heaven, that we may never despair but always rejoice and be thankful for the riches of Your grace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

C: **Amen.**

*"Living together in trust and hope,  
we confess our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed:  
Apostles' Creed (LSB inside back cover)*

(Please be seated)

**First Lesson Reading  
Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14, 2:18-26**

*Solomon lived long enough to understand that we cannot win in this world. He says that everything on this earth is pointless. We can "work our fingers to the bone" and have little to show for it or give what we have earned to someone who doesn't appreciate it when we die. Either way our struggles were pointless.*

<sup>1:2</sup> Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

<sup>1:12</sup> I the Preacher have been king over Israel in Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup> And I applied my heart to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven. It is an unhappy business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with. <sup>14</sup> I have seen everything that is done under the sun, and behold, all is vanity and a striving after wind.

<sup>2:18</sup> I hated all my toil in which I toil under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to the man who will come after me,<sup>19</sup> and who knows whether he will be wise or a fool? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity.<sup>20</sup> So I turned about and gave my heart up to despair over all the toil of my labors under the sun,<sup>21</sup> because sometimes a person who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave everything to be enjoyed by someone who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil.

<sup>22</sup> What has a man from all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun?

<sup>23</sup> For all his days are full of sorrow, and his work is a vexation. Even in the night his heart does not rest. This also is vanity.

<sup>24</sup> There is nothing better for a person than that he should eat and drink and find enjoyment in his toil. This also, I saw, is from the hand of God,<sup>25</sup> for apart from him who can eat or who can have enjoyment?<sup>26</sup> For to the one who pleases him God has given wisdom and knowledge and joy, but to the sinner he has given the business of gathering and collecting, only to give to one who pleases God. This also is vanity and a striving after wind.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

### PSALM 100

We enter the Lord's presence with joy and gladness.

P: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness!

C: Come into His presence with singing!

P: Know that the LORD, He is God!

C: It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.

P: Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise! Give thanks to Him; bless His name!

C: For the LORD is good; His steadfast love endures forever, and His faithfulness to all generations.

### Epistle Lesson Reading

#### Colossians 3:1-11

Based on their death and resurrection with Christ and the hope of a future life with him, Paul encourages the Colossians (and us) to continue eliminating sinful behaviors from their lives and cultivating Christian virtues.

<sup>3:1</sup> If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.<sup>2</sup> Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.<sup>3</sup> For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.<sup>4</sup> When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

<sup>5</sup> Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.<sup>6</sup> On account of these the wrath of God is coming.<sup>7</sup> In these you too once walked, when you were living in them.<sup>8</sup> But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth.<sup>9</sup> Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices<sup>10</sup> and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator.

<sup>11</sup> Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

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

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

### Gospel Lesson Reading

#### Luke 12:13-21

The world would say, "He who has the most toys wins." But Jesus tells us it is not the "toys" of this world that are important because we can lose them in a heartbeat. Rather he says it is the treasures we lay up in heaven that are important.

<sup>12:13</sup> Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me."<sup>14</sup> But he said to him, "Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?"

<sup>15</sup> And he said to them, "Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions."<sup>16</sup> And he told them a parable, saying, "The land of a rich man produced plentifully,<sup>17</sup> and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?'<sup>18</sup> And he said, 'I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods.'