

# Immanuel Lutheran Church

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***August 7, 2016 Twelfth 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 alter 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.

**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.

**Today**

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

***Altar Flowers:***

*Provided by  
Audrey Sears  
Thanks to God for  
His care and Blessings.*

**Next Week 8.14.16**

Elder: Greg Grill  
Greeter: Karen Bischopink  
Reader: Judy Stratton  
Server: Linda Tedisch  
Altar Guild: Shirley Grill  
Ann Capps  
Counting: Velma Bariletti

**Happening This Week**

**Sunday** - 9:00 AM: Bible Study  
10:30 AM: Church Service  
**Monday** - 10:00 AM: Ladies Bible Study  
**Tuesday** - 7:00 PM: Council Meeting  
**Friday** - 7 PM: NA Meeting

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**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**

***As We Gather:***

Life brings many things to worry about: money, health issues, politics, relationships, choices, and so much more. Today we see the worry of Abram and Sarai: would God's promise to them actually come true, since they had no son yet? "O Lord GOD, what will You give me, for I continue childless," lamented Abram. Amid their worry, Abraham "went out not knowing where he was going. . . . By faith he went." Jesus teaches us, "Do not be anxious about your life." Like Abraham and Sarah, we live by faith in the midst of all there is to worry about in our world. Worry freezes us. Worry turns us in on ourselves. The alternative to worry is to venture out toward the people in need around us, believing, by faith, that God will use us to bless the world as He blessed the world through Abraham and Sarah and their ultimate descendant, our Lord Jesus Christ.

***Prelude:***

***Invocation:***

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

***Opening Sentences Based on Hebrews 11***

**P:** Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.  
**C:** **By faith, we understand that God created the universe by His Word.**  
**P:** By faith, Abel obeyed God and received eternal life.  
**C:** **By faith, Enoch pleased God.**  
**P:** By faith, Noah built the ark and became an heir of God's righteousness.  
**C:** **By faith, Abraham obeyed God and ventured to a land he did not know.**  
**P:** By faith, Sarah welcomed the promise of God in a son.  
**All:** **By faith, we look to God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—to overcome our worries, to guide our lives, and to open our eyes to our neighbor's needs.**

***Opening Hymn:***

"Lord Jesus Christ be Present Now" (LSB 902, 4 verses)

(Please stand)

**Confession & Absolution:**

P: Worry reveals that we are sinful to the core by nature and that we cannot free ourselves from it. By things done and left undone, we have not loved You with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

C: **We confess our sins to You, Lord. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that by faith we join Abel, Enoch, Noah, Abraham, and Sarah in blessing the world with Your mercy.**

P: Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them 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.

C: **Amen.**

**Introit (LSB 186)**

♪ **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.** ♪

**Kyrie (LSB 186)**

♪ **Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord have mercy upon us.** ♪

**Salutation (LSB 189)**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: ♪ **And with your spir - it.** ♪

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

C: **Thanks be to God**

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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 -



**Last Sunday**

Attendance - 54

Adult Bible Study - 17

**Offerings**

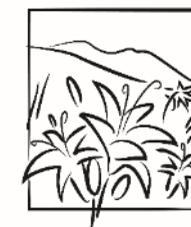
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Offerings needed each week

\$1,691.75

**Remember our military**

- Caleb Burks
- Keith Roberts
- Jeff Rowe



**Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost—Proper 14**

He said to His disciples, “Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will He clothe you, O you of little faith!”

*Luke 12:22, 27–28*

*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*

**Post Communion Collect:**

P: Let us pray.

We thank You, almighty Lord, for providing for us this holy food and drink, Christ's body and blood, to satisfy our deepest hunger and thirst. Forgiven of our sins and joined together as the Body of Christ, help us not to worry about our lives, but instead to turn to our neighbors and seek to show Your love to them by caring for them. Send us from this Table refreshed, renewed, and eager to serve; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

**Benediction:**

P: Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

C: **Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,  
though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,  
though its waters roar and foam,  
though the mountains tremble at its swelling.**

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:**

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

**Prayer of the Day**

P: We pray together:

**Lord God, You are eternal and You love the human beings You have created with a strong and unfading love. Help us, when faced with the challenges, disappointments, and heartaches that sometimes come our way, not to become so self-absorbed by worry that we forget Your goodness. Replace our worries with confident faith that no matter what the circumstances of our lives, Your love for us endures; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

C: ♪ A - - men. ♪ p 189

*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)*

**First Lesson Reading  
Genesis 15:1-6**

*God had promised Abram that he would be the father of a “great nation.” But Abram is wondering how that can be when he is already old. In this text God reiterates that promise saying Abram's offspring will be as numerous as the stars and in faith Abram follows God's direction.*

<sup>15:1</sup> After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: “Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” <sup>2</sup> But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” <sup>3</sup> And Abram said, “Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir.” <sup>4</sup> And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: “This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir.” <sup>5</sup> And he brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” <sup>6</sup> And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**Epistle Lesson Reading**  
**Hebrews 11:1-16**

*The writer of Hebrews stresses that Christ is greater than any angel, priest or institution and that our faith and hope come from him. He then gives several biblical examples of those in the Old Testament who had faith and were blessed by God.*

<sup>11:1</sup> Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. <sup>2</sup> For by it the people of old received their commendation. <sup>3</sup> By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

<sup>4</sup> By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks. <sup>5</sup> By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. <sup>6</sup> And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. <sup>7</sup> By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.

<sup>8</sup> By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup> By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup> For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. <sup>11</sup> By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup> Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.

<sup>13</sup> These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. <sup>14</sup> For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland.

<sup>15</sup> If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup> But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

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

C: **♫ A - - - -men. ♪**

**AGNUS DEI (LSB 198)**

C: **♫ O Christ thou lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, thou lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, thou lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us thy peace A - - - -men. ♪**

P: We share God's peace.

(Please be seated)

**Distribution Hymns:**

“Seek Ye First” (LSB 712, 3 verses)

“I Am Jesus’ Little Lamb” (LSB 740, 3 verses)

“Lead Me, Guide Me” (LSB 721, 3 verses)

**NUNC DIMITTIS (LSB 199)**

**♪ Lord, now lettest thou Your servant depart in peace according to Your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation which You have prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of your people Is - - - -rael. 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.**

**A—men ♫**

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Seeking Your kingdom, we thank and praise You, almighty God and Father.  
You created and still provide for the earth and all its creatures.  
You feed the ravens.  
You adorn the lilies with beauty.  
You promise food and clothing for all people.  
You sent Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ,  
to calm our worries,  
to alleviate our anxieties,  
by showing us Your kingdom,  
giving His life for ours,  
and rising from death to give us hope,  
no matter what life's circumstances bring.  
For all of this, it is our delight to give our thanks and praise to You—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

### *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."

### **Proclamation of Christ**

P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

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

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

## Alleluia (LSB 190)

♪ Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. ♪

*(Please stand)*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter. (LSB 190)

C: ♪ **Glory be to You, O Lord.** ♪

## Gospel Lesson Reading

### *Luke 12:22-34*

*"Do not be anxious," Jesus says and then lists several reasons why we need not be anxious. He concludes the reading by saying we should seek God's kingdom.*

<sup>12:22</sup> And he said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. <sup>23</sup> For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. <sup>24</sup> Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds!

<sup>25</sup> And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? <sup>26</sup> If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest? <sup>27</sup> Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. <sup>28</sup> But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith!

<sup>29</sup> And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. <sup>30</sup> For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them.

<sup>31</sup> Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you.

<sup>32</sup> "Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup> Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys.

<sup>34</sup> For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord. (LSB 191)

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

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

“Have No Fear, Little Flock” (LSB 735, 4 verses)

**Message**

**Offering:**

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

**Offertory Hymn (LSB 192)**

**C:**   ♪ **Create in me a clean heart O God and renew a right spirit with  
in me. Cast me not away from your presence and take not your holy  
spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of your salvation and uphold me  
with your free spirit. A – men.** ♪

*(Please stand)*

**Prayers of the Church**

Created in the image of God, redeemed by the blood of Jesus, and sanctified by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the Church throughout the world and for all people according to their needs.

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 (LSB 194)**

**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, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who has told us not to worry or to be afraid, for it is Your good pleasure to provide all we need for this life and to give us the kingdom. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

**Sanctus (LSB 195)**

♪ **Ho- ly, ho- ly, ho-ly Lord God of Sabaoth; heav’n and earth are full of  
your glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He,  
blessed is He, blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna,  
hosanna, hosanna in the highest.** ♪