

**Those for Whom we pray:**

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



**Last Sunday**

Attendance - 44  
Adult Bible Study - 15

**Offerings**

9/11/16	\$2,345.96
Offerings needed each week	\$1,691.75

**Remember our military**

Caleb Burks  
Keith Roberts  
Jeff Rowe

We still need someone to print our newsletter. Information would be sent to you or you can pick up information each month so you would not be totally on your own. If you are interested, please talk with Deacon Larry or Linda Anderson.

*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*

# Immanuel Lutheran Church

## Missouri Synod

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***September 18, 2016 Eighteenth 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.

### Today

Elder: Keith Moore  
Greeter: Gary & Sharon Yon  
Reader: Velma Bariletti  
Server: Carmelita Moore & Jeanne Butler  
Altar Guild: Fran Jacob  
Jackie Cegavske  
Karen Bischopink  
Counting: Greg Grill

### Next Week 9.25.16

Elder: Greg Grill  
Greeter: Debbie Graham  
Reader: Linda Tedisch  
Server: Volunteers  
Altar Guild: Fran Jacob  
Jackie Cegavske  
Karen Bischopink  
Counting: Greg Grill

### 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  
Altar Guild

### Happening This Week

Sunday - 9:00 AM: Bible Study  
10:30 AM: Church Service

Monday - 10:00 AM: Ladies Bible Study

Friday - 7:00 PM: NA Meeting

Saturday - 11:00 AM: Tom Conklin  
Memorial service at Faith Lutheran  
Church, 930 S.W. Queen Ave.,  
Albany. A reception will follow.

## POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P: Gracious God, Your generosity to us knows no bounds. For all of the goodness You have lavished upon us—all that we need for daily life and so much more—we give You thanks. We especially thank You this day for the gift of Christ's body and blood, in which we receive the forgiveness of our sins, life, and salvation. Help us to be generous people, wisely using what You have entrusted to us to serve others; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

## BENEDICTION

P: God the Father desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. Christ Jesus gave Himself as a ransom for all. The Holy Spirit breathes the generosity of God into your souls.

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:**  
“Alleluia! Let Praises Ring” (LSB 822)

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

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

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### **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.**

P: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

*“Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises we are bold to pray”*  
**THE LORD’S PRAYER: (LSB - INSIDE BACK COVER)**

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

C: **Amen.**

(We Share God’s peace)

### **DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:**

“I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table” (LSB 618)  
 “I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus” (LSB 729)

### **AS WE GATHER:**

Today’s Readings celebrate the generosity of God and our calling to reflect His generosity in our lives. Amos the prophet reminds us that God has a big heart for the poor; He is just and desires that we conduct our life’s business with honesty, integrity, fairness, and generosity toward the poor. Paul’s guidance to Timothy includes amazing statements of God’s generosity: God our Savior desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth, and Christ Jesus gave Himself as a ransom for all. Finally, in the Gospel, we hear the strange parable of the unjust manager, in which the master was generous to the unjust manager and to all the debtors. So is our God generous to us, calling us to use whatever wealth entrusted to us to accomplish His work in the world.

### **PRELUDE:**

### **INVOCATION:**

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

**OPENING HYMN:**  
 “Thy Strong Word” (LSB 578)

### **OPENING SENTENCES**

*Psalm 113:1–3, 7–8*

P: Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD, praise the name of the LORD!  
 C: **Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time forth and forevermore!**

P: From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the LORD is to be praised!  
 C: **He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap,**

P: to make them sit with princes, with the princes of His people.  
 C: **Praise the LORD.**

## CONFESSiON AND ABSOLUTION

- P: Mighty and merciful Lord, with heavy hearts we confess our sin to You.
- C: **Captive to sin, we have sinned against You, mighty God, in thought, word, and deed.**
- P: When we have ignored the plight of the poor,
- C: **we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed.**
- P: When our happiness is dependent upon our possessions and our wealth,
- C: **we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed.**
- P: When we have failed to be generous to others as You have been generous to us,
- C: **we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed.**
- P: When we have been foolish with the resources You entrust to us, instead of using them to further Your Kingdom,
- C: **we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed.**
- P: Bring us to repentance, Lord. Forgive our sins, those of which we are aware and those we do unwittingly. Have mercy on us. There is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself as a ransom for all. Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your (+) sins.

## SALUTATION

- Pastor: The Lord be with you.
- People: **And also with you.**

## PROPER PREFACE

- 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 gave His life as a ransom for all, so that, receiving the gift of forgiveness and life in His name, we may be transformed into a generous people, sharing from the abundance of Your goodness to us with those who are poor. 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)

C: ♫ 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. ♫**

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

- P: You, O Lord, are a generous master. You provide all that we need for daily life. You could have chosen to leave it at that, but Your generosity for us is extravagant, not willing to leave us alone in a sinful world, but reaching out to us through the life, death, and resurrection of Your only Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. We give You thanks and praise that Christ Jesus gave His life as a ransom for all, which includes even us. In this bread and wine, the body and blood of the Lord Jesus, Your generous mercy to us enters our mouths and reshapes our hearts and minds, that we might reflect the wonder of Your mercy in our broken world. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C: **Amen.**

*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)*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**  
“Seek Where You May to Find a Way” (LSB 557)

**MESSAGE**

**OFFERING:**

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

**“OFFERING HYMN:**

“We Give Thee but Thine Own” ( LSB 781, verses 1-2)

*(Please stand)*

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**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.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: We pray together:

C: **Lord God, Your generosity exceeds our understanding. Guide Your people to practice generosity wisely and abundantly, so that the world may catch a glimpse of Your unfathomable generosity through us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

*(Be Seated)*

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Amos 8:4–7

*A word to those who trample on the needy.*

<sup>4</sup> Hear this, you who trample the needy and do away with the poor of the land,<sup>5</sup> saying, “When will the New Moon be over that we may sell grain, and the Sabbath be ended that we may market wheat?”—skimping on the measure, boosting the price and cheating with dishonest scales,<sup>6</sup> buying the poor with silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, selling even the sweepings with the wheat.

<sup>7</sup> The LORD has sworn by himself, the Pride of Jacob: “I will never forget anything they have done.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**



## EPISTLE READING

1 Timothy 2:1–15

*Pray for all people, for God desires all to be saved.*

<sup>1</sup> I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—<sup>2</sup> for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. <sup>3</sup> This is good, and pleases God our Savior, <sup>4</sup> who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. <sup>5</sup> For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who gave himself as a ransom for all people. This has now been witnessed to at the proper time. <sup>7</sup> And for this purpose I was appointed a herald and an apostle—I am telling the truth, I am not lying—and a true and faithful teacher of the Gentiles.

<sup>8</sup> Therefore I want the men everywhere to pray, lifting up holy hands without anger or disputing.

<sup>9</sup> I also want the women to dress modestly, with decency and propriety, adorning themselves, not with elaborate hairstyles or gold or pearls or expensive clothes, <sup>10</sup> but with good deeds, appropriate for women who profess to worship God.

<sup>11</sup> A woman should learn in quietness and full submission. <sup>12</sup> I do not permit a woman to teach or to assume authority over a man; she must be quiet. <sup>13</sup> For Adam was formed first, then Eve.

<sup>14</sup> And Adam was not the one deceived; it was the woman who was deceived and became a sinner. <sup>15</sup> But women will be saved through childbearing—if they continue in faith, love and holiness with propriety.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand)*

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

C: **Glory be to You, O Lord.**

## GOSPEL LESSON READING

*Luke 16:1-15*

*Pray for all people, for God desires all to be saved.*

<sup>1</sup> Jesus told his disciples: “There was a rich man whose manager was accused of wasting his possessions. <sup>2</sup> So he called him in and asked him, ‘What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your management, because you cannot be manager any longer.’

<sup>3</sup> “The manager said to himself, ‘What shall I do now? My master is taking away my job. I’m not strong enough to dig, and I’m ashamed to beg—<sup>4</sup> I know what I’ll do so that, when I lose my job here, people will welcome me into their houses.’

<sup>5</sup> “So he called in each one of his master’s debtors. He asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’

<sup>6</sup> “‘Nine hundred gallons of olive oil,’ he replied.

“The manager told him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it four hundred and fifty.’

<sup>7</sup> “Then he asked the second, ‘And how much do you owe?’

“‘A thousand bushels of wheat,’ he replied.

“He told him, ‘Take your bill and make it eight hundred.’

<sup>8</sup> “The master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly. For the people of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own kind than are the people of the light. <sup>9</sup> I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings.

<sup>10</sup> “Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. <sup>11</sup> So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? <sup>12</sup> And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else’s property, who will give you property of your own?

<sup>13</sup> “No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.”

<sup>14</sup> The Pharisees, who loved money, heard all this and were sneering at Jesus. <sup>15</sup> He said to them, “You are the ones who justify yourselves in the eyes of others, but God knows your hearts. What people value highly is detestable in God’s sight.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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