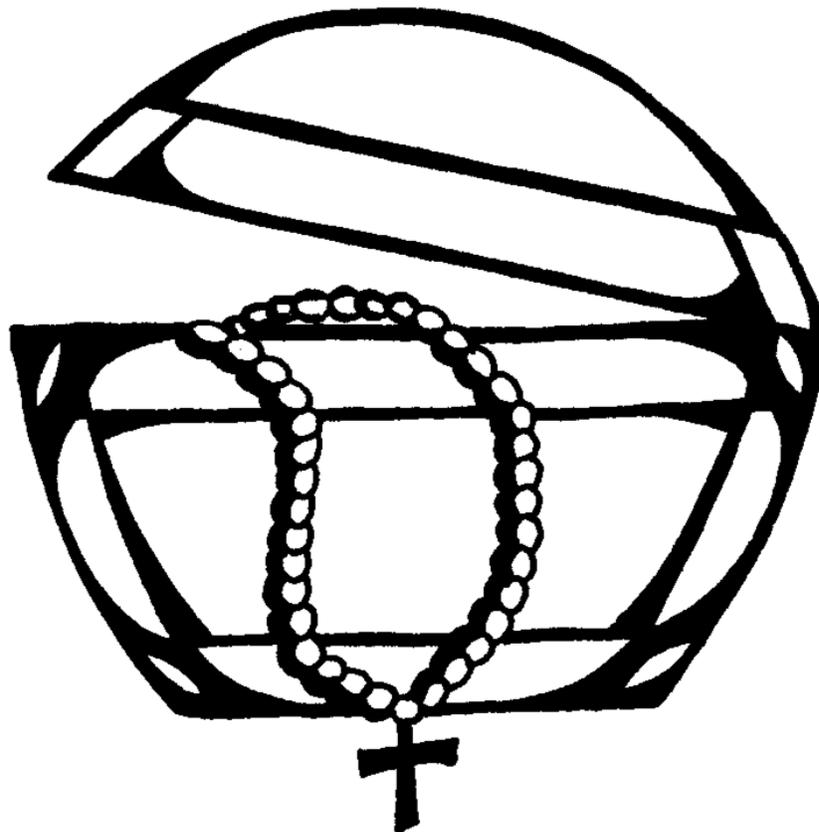


Immanuel Lutheran Church

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Pentecost 9



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Opening Hymn

#800, sts 1,2,5 "How Firm a Foundation"

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, you saints of the Lord,
2 "Fear not, I am with you, O be not dis - mayed,
5 "The soul that on Je - sus has leaned for re - pose
is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent Word!
for I am your God and will still give you aid;
I will not, I will not, de - sert to its foes;
What more can he say than to you he has said,
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,
to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
up - held by my right - eous, om - ni - po - tent hand.
I'll nev - er, no nev - er, no nev - er for - sake!"

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Please stand

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

C: **Amen.**

Confession

M: Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

C: **Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.**

M: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

C: **Almighty and merciful Father,**

we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.

We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.

**We have done those things that we should not have done,
and we have not done those things that we should have done.**

Have mercy on us, Lord!

Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,

according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

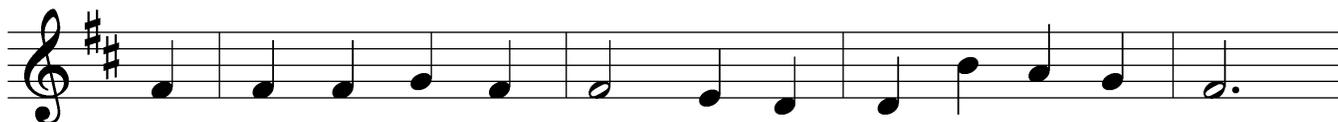
(Silence for meditation and reflection)

M: God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Glory to God in the Highest

Tune: AURELIA



1 To God on high be glo - ry and peace to all the earth,
2 O Lamb of God ex - alt - ed, you take all sin a - way;



for God has shown his fa - vor in Je - sus' ho - ly birth!
ex - tend to us your mer - cy and hear us as we pray.



Al - might - y God and Fa - ther, our hum - ble thanks we bring;
With God the Ho - ly Spir - it, at God the Fa - ther's throne,



we wor - ship you, we bless you, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
you reign, O Christ, for - ev - er, for you are Lord a - lone!

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The Prayer of the Day

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and willing to give far more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask except through the merits and mediation of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Be seated

First Reading

Genesis 15:1–6

M: ¹After this, the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision:

“Do not be afraid, Abram.

I am your shield, your very great reward.”

²But Abram said, “Sovereign LORD, what can you give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?” ³And Abram said, “You have given me no children; so a servant in my household will be my heir.”

⁴Then the word of the LORD came to him: “This man will not be your heir, but a son who is your own flesh and blood will be your heir.” ⁵He took him outside and said, “Look up at the sky and count the stars—if indeed you can count them.”

Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.”

⁶Abram believed the LORD, and he credited it to him as righteousness. (NIV)

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Hebrews 11:1–3,8–16

M: ¹Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. ²This is what the ancients were commended for.

³By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God’s command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.

⁸By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going.

⁹By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹And by faith even Sarah, who was past childbearing age, was enabled to bear children because she considered him faithful who had made the promise. ¹²And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore.

¹³All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth. ¹⁴People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return.

¹⁶Instead, they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them. (NIV)

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

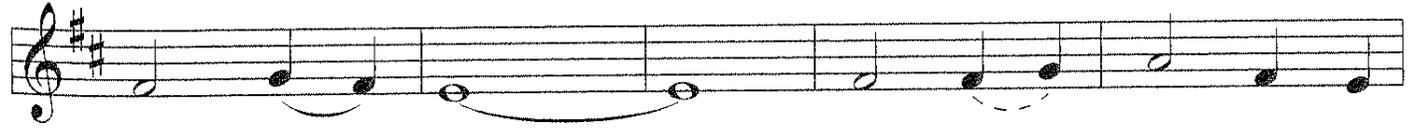
Please stand

Response

“Seek Ye First”



1 Seek ye first the king - dom of God, And His
2 Ask and it shall be giv - en un - to you, Seek and
3 Man does not live by bread a - lone, But by



right - teous - ness. And all these things shall be
ye shall find, Knock and the door shall be
ev - 'ry word That pro - ceeds from the



add - ed un - to you! Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!
o - pened un - to you, Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!
mouth of the Lord, Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

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Holy Gospel

Luke 12:22–34

M: ²²Then Jesus said to his disciples: “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear. ²³For life is more than food, and the body more than clothes. ²⁴Consider the ravens: They do not sow or reap, they have no storeroom or barn; yet God feeds them. And how much more valuable you are than birds! ²⁵Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to your life? ²⁶Since you cannot do this very little thing, why do you worry about the rest?

²⁷“Consider how the wild flowers grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. ²⁸If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today, and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! ²⁹And do not set your heart on what you will eat or drink; do not worry about it. ³⁰For the pagan world runs after all such things, and your Father knows that you need them. ³¹But seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

³²“Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” (NIV)

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

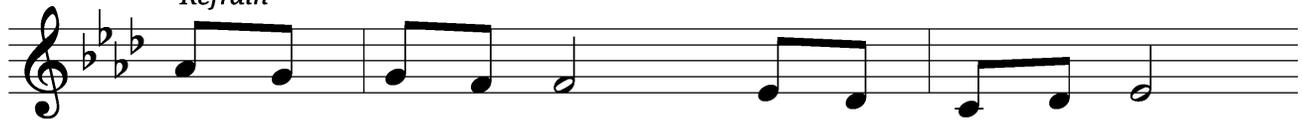
C: **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

Be seated

Hymn

#828, "Where Your Treasure Is"

Refrain



Where your trea - sure is, there your heart shall be.



All that you pos - sess will nev - er set you free.



Seek the things that last; come and learn from me.



Where your trea - sure is, your heart shall be.



- 1 What do you gain from all your wor - ry,
- 2 Look at the ra - vens high a - bove you.
- 3 Be - hold the lil - ies in their splen - dor.
- 4 O lit - tle flock, do not be fright - ened;



what you should eat or what to wear?
 They do not work their whole life through,
 In grace and beau - ty are they dressed,
 yours is the king - dom of the Lord.



There is no peace in stress or hur - ry.
 and yet God feeds them and pro - tects them.
 and yet so soon their bloom is fad - ed.
 Give your pos - ses - sions to the need - y;



Refrain

Do you not know that you are held with - in God's care?
 So how much more will God pro - tect and care for you?
 So how much more will those who look to God be blessed?
 ob - tain a trea - sure in God's heav - en safe - ly stored.

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Sermon: Sunday
Wednesday

We're Going Home
Where Is Your Treasure? Where Is God's Treasure?

Please stand

Apostles' Creed *(spoken by all)*

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Be seated

Prayer of the Church

M: Almighty God, increase our faith in your wise ways and your gracious will. Preserve us from relying on our own plans and powers, so that we always trust in you and are counted righteous in your Son, Jesus Christ. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

M: Merciful Lord, you have raised up children for Abraham from all the nations, through faith in your Word and promise. Bless your Church on earth by the Descendant of Abraham, our Lord, Jesus Christ, that your people would be defended against the assaults and temptations of the adversary. By your Holy Spirit, grant us to live for righteousness in Christ and to shine like the stars in the heavens forever and ever. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

M: God Almighty, teach the rulers of the nations how small and fleeting their reigns are. Guide them by the preaching of your Church into the ways of peace, and fix their eyes on the better country that is to come, so that they will rule now as servants of their people. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

M: Gracious Lord, you call us to cast our anxieties upon you because you care for us. In the midst of their trouble, bless your people with your peace [*especially _____*]. As we consider how you care for flowers and fields, remind us of your eternal care for us in Christ. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

M: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, knowing that you will hear the prayers of your people and answer us with your mercy through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

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If you are watching on-line please go to the description link and sign in.

Offering The offering plates are located by the entrances. You may also give electronically via our website: immanuelfindlay.org or the App: GivePlus.

Hymn

#811, sts. 1-3 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"



1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart;
3 While life's dark maze I tread and griefs a - round me spread,



Sav - ior di - vine. Now hear me while I pray; take all my
my zeal in - spire! As thou hast died for me, oh, may my
be thou my guide. Bid dark-ness turn to day, wipe sor-row's



guilt a - way; O let me from this day be whol - ly thine!
love to thee pure, warm, and change-less be, a liv - ing fire!
tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.

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M: Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Blessing

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn

#816, sts 1, 4, 6 "I Am Trusting You, Lord Jesus"



1 I am trust - ing you, Lord Je - sus, trust - ing on - ly you;
4 I am trust - ing you to guide me; you a - lone shall lead,
6 I am trust - ing you, Lord Je - sus; nev - er let me fall.



trust - ing you for full sal - va - tion, free and true.
ev - 'ry day and hour sup - ply - ing all my need.
I am trust - ing you for - ev - er and for all.

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(Sunday) **Prayer for meal**

#509 "Feed Your Children, God Most Holy"



Feed your chil - dren, God most ho - ly; com - fort sin - ners



poor and low - ly. Je - sus, bread of life from heav - en, bless the



food you here have giv - en. As these gifts the bod - y nour - ish,



may our souls in grac - es flour - ish till with saints in



heav'n-ly splen - dor at your feast due thanks we ren - der.

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Thank you for your cards and prayers after my recent surgeries. They were very much appreciated. -Bill Rose

Thank you to everyone who offered words of encouragement, prayers, and cards during the passing of my father. - Greg Cole

Pastor James Mattek will be celebrating 40 years in the ministry! Pastor Mattek served here at Immanuel for many years and is currently the Director of Ministry at Christian Family Solutions in a part-time position. There will be a celebration on Saturday, September 10 in Greenville, WI at 5 PM to honor this occasion. If you would like to share pictures, well wishes, or ministry memories, or if you want RSVP to attend the event you may do so at: christianfamilysolutions.org/anniversary-event/

Mini-choir: Would you like to help introduce a hymn to our congregation? On Sunday, August 14th after service, we will have a practice for any members interested to learn hymn 579, "His Mercy Is More" (which adult choir sang in March). This group will then sing the first stanza in worship in the 21st. Sign up in back.

This Week	Sunday	Outdoor Service, 10:00 AM Church Picnic Fun Fest, 12:00-2:00 PM
	Wednesday	Bible Class, 1:30 PM Worship Service, 7:00 PM
	Thursday	Zoom Only Bible Class, 7:00 PM
	Sunday	Adult Sunday School, 9:00 AM Worship & Holy Communion, 10:00 AM

	<u>East Doors</u>	<u>North Doors</u>	<u>Acolytes</u>
8/7	(Outdoor Service)		
8/14	Deana Harman	Jan Sherman	Josie Weihrauch
8/21	Laura & Mike Bennett	Ken & Linda Shultz	Luke Weihrauch
8/28	Volunteer	Bob Huber	Eric Davis

Accompanists: Connie Krueger **August Ushers** Paul Weihrauch, Denny Putman

Join us in Adult Bible Studies:

Adult Sunday School, 9:00 AM	God Lived Life	In person only
Wednesday Bible Class, 1:30 PM	Romans	In person & Zoom
Thursday Zoom Bible Class, 7:00 PM	Large Catechism	Zoom only

Welcome! We join together here to thank God for a new week of promise and possibilities. Let us welcome the opportunity of worship. Let us greet one another joyfully and lovingly! If you are searching for a church home, please feel free to talk to the pastor after the service.

Large print bulletins are available at the back of the fellowship hall.