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THE 17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST September 20 & 21, 2026

Welcome to Worship! What does a life worth living look like? Some might measure it by quality-of-life issues, such as health, income, or position. God's Word today provides God's insights into the value our life has to Him, as well as how the way we live shows God's worth to us.

1st Time Guests: We're glad you're here and invite you to stop by the *Welcome Center* near the center aisle after the service for a gift. It's a chance to learn more about our congregation and ministries. We hope you'll join us again soon!

Please register your attendance and Communion in the Record of Fellowship.

A **"Wee Wiggle Room"** is below the Narthex. A Comfort Room is in the Atrium.

Children's Activity Bags are located in the Narthex. Please return after worship.

Bible Classes meet in Fellowship Hall. **Sunday School** meets upstairs. Adult Information Class meets upstairs in Heritage Room.

Where do I put my offering? You can place gifts in the offering plate near each entrance or the boxes on the west wall of the narthex or in the chapel.

Cell Phones: *Please remember to silence cell phones and electronics during worship.*

Holy Communion will be at the 11:15 service. If you are not a confirmed member of the Lutheran Church and wish to receive a blessing, please cross your arms at the rail. Gluten free wafers are in plastic sleeves. If you prefer an individual cup, please take one from the tray. Wine with alcohol removed is in the tray center.

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THE PRELUDE: 9:00 & 7:00 "Our Father Who From Heaven Above" -G.P. Telemann
11:15 "I Am Jesus' Little Lamb"

THE HYMN: "When Morning Gilds the Skies"

Hymn 807

- 1 When morning gilds the skies, My heart, awaking, cries,
"May Jesus Christ be praised!" When evening shadows fall,
This rings my curfew call: "May Jesus Christ be praised!"
- 2 When mirth for music longs, This is my song of songs:
"May Jesus Christ be praised!" God's holy house of prayer
Hath none that can compare With "Jesus Christ be praised!"
- 3 No lovelier antiphon In all high heav'n is known
Than "Jesus Christ be praised!" There to the_ eternal Word
The_ eternal psalm is heard: "May Jesus Christ be praised!"
- 4 Ye nations of mankind, In this your concord find:
"May Jesus Christ be praised!" Let all the earth around
Ring joyous with the sound: "May Jesus Christ be praised!"

5 Sing, suns and stars of space, Sing, ye that see His face,
Sing, "Jesus Christ be praised!" God's whole creation o'er,
Both now and evermore Shall Jesus Christ be praised!

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+++ 9:00 THE BAPTISM of COLIE PALMER WASKOM, Page 268

Parents: Brady Waskom & Emily Foster Sponsors: Clint & Ashley Waskom

THE INVOCATION, page 203

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. C Amen.

THE EXHORTATION:

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

THE CONFESSION OF SINS:

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

THE ABSOLUTION:

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

THE KYRIE: C Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS:

C To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth;

Goodwill from God in heaven Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!

We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name we sing—

Our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our heav'nly King.

To You, O sole-begotten, The Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated At God's right hand on high –

For You alone are holy, You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever, Be worshiped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.

THE PRAYER FOR THE DAY: (We pray together)

Lord God, heavenly Father, since we cannot stand before You relying on anything we have done, help us trust in Your abiding grace and live according to Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE WORD OF THE MONTH: (We speak together) Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. **Philippians 2:4**

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: **Isaiah 55:6-9**

“Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God!**

+++ 9:00 & 7:00 THE ANTHEM: “Lord, Help Us Ever to Retain”

THE EPISTLE READING: **Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30**

I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear. . . . for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to

you again. Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

L: This is the Word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God!

THE ALLELUIA AND VERSE, C: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE GOSPEL: Matthew 20:1-16 C: Glory to You, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] "The kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and to them he said, 'You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.' So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You go into the vineyard too.' And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.' And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?' So the last will be first, and the first last."

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to You, O Christ!

+++ 11:15 THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of

the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

+++ 7:00 APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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.

THE HYMN: "Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling"

Hymn 827

- 1 Hark, the voice of Jesus calling, "Who will go and work today?
Fields are white and harvests waiting— Who will bear the sheaves away?"
Loud and long the Master calleth; Rich reward He offers thee.
Who will answer, gladly saying, "Here am I, send me, send me"?
- 2 Some take up His task in morning, To their Lord responding soon;
Some are called in heat of midday, Others late in afternoon;
Even as the sun is setting, Some are sent into the fields,
There to gather in the bounty That God's Word so richly yields.
- 3 For as rain and snow from heaven Water seeds in dusty soil,
Causing them to bud and flower, Giving bread to those who toil;
So the Lord sends forth His promise, Words of life and joy and peace—
Never void to Him returning, Bearing fruit with great increase.
- 4 Harken to the Lord whose coming Marks the time when grace shall end,
When with His angelic reapers He in glory shall descend.
Soon the night, the final harvest; Soon the time for work shall cease.
Then the souls His grace has garnered Shall enjoy His Sabbath peace.

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THE SERMON: "Living Worthy"

THE OFFERTORY HYMN: "Seek Ye First"

Hymn 712

1. Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness. And all these things shall be added unto you! Allelu, alleluia!

2. Ask and it shall be given unto you, seek and ye shall find, Knock and the door shall be opened unto you, Allelu, Alleluia!
3. Man does not live by bread alone, but by ev'ry word That proceeds from the mouth of the Lord, Allelu, Alleluia!

THE PRAYERS

+++ 11:15 HOLY COMMUNION, page 208

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... evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;**

Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.

Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;

Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord's Prayer

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ,... This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

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

Agnus Dei

C **O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;**

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;

Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray

Anthem: "Lord, Help Us Ever to Retain"; Distribution Hymns: 680, 742, 631, 853

680 Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise

- 1 Thine the amen Thine the praise Alleluias angels raise
Thine the everlasting head Thine the breaking of the bread
Thine the glory Thine the story Thine the harvest then the cup
Thine the vineyard then the cup is lifted up lifted up.
- 2 Thine the life eternally Thine the promise let there be
Thine the vision Thine the tree All the earth on bended knee
Gone the nailing gone the railing Gone the pleading gone the cry
Gone the sighing gone the dying what was loss lifted high.

- 3 Thine the truly Thine the yes Thine the table we the guest
Thine the mercy all from Thee Thine the glory yet to be
Then the ringing and the singing Then the end of all the war
Thine the living Thine the loving evermore evermore.
- 4 Thine the kingdom Thine the prize Thine the wonder full surprise
Thine the banquet then the praise Then the justice of Thy ways
Thine the glory Thine the story Then the welcome to the least
Then the wonder all increasing at Thy feast at Thy feast.
- 5 Thine the glory in the night No more dying only light
Thine the river Thine the tree Then the Lamb eternally
Then the holy holy holy Celebration jubilee
Thine the splendor Thine the brightness only Thee only Thee.

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742 For Me to Live Is Jesus

- 1 For me to live is Jesus, To die is gain for me;
So when my Savior pleases, I meet death willingly.
- 2 For Christ, my Lord, my brother, I leave this world so dim
And gladly seek another, Where I shall be with Him.
- 3 My woes are nearly over, Though long and dark the road;
My sin His merits cover, And I have peace with God.
- 4 Lord, when my pow'rs are failing, My breath comes heavily,
And words are unavailing, O hear my sighs to Thee.
- 5 In my last hour, O grant me A slumber soft and still,
No doubts to vex or haunt me, Safe anchored in Thy will;
- 6 And so to Thee still cleaving When death shall come to me,
I fall asleep believing And wake in heav'n with Thee!

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631 Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face

- 1 Here, O my Lord, I see Thee face to face; Here would I touch and handle things
unseen; Here grasp with firmer hand the_ eternal grace, And all my weariness upon
Thee lean.
- 2 Here would I feed upon the bread of God, Here drink with Thee the royal wine of
heav'n; Here would I lay aside each earthly load, Here taste afresh the calm of sin
forgiv'n.

- 3 This is the hour of banquet and of song; This is the heav'nly table spread for me;
Here let me feast and, feasting, still prolong The brief bright hour of fellowship with
Thee.
- 4 I have no help but Thine; nor do I need Another arm but Thine to lean upon.
It is enough, my Lord, enough indeed; My strength is in Thy might, Thy might
alone.
- 5 Mine is the sin, but Thine the righteousness; Mine is the guilt, but Thine the
cleansing blood; Here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace: Thy blood, Thy
righteousness, O Lord my God.
- 6 Too soon we rise; the vessels disappear; The feast, though not the love, is past and
gone; The bread and wine remove, but Thou art here; Nearer than ever; still my
shield and sun.
- 7 Feast after feast thus comes and passes by, Yet, passing, points to that glad feast
above,
Giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy, The Lamb's great marriage feast of bliss and
love.

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853 How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord

- 1 How clear is our vocation, Lord, When once we heed Your call:
To live according to Your Word And daily learn, refreshed, restored,
That You are Lord of all And will not let us fall.
- 2 But if, forgetful, we should find Your yoke is hard to bear;
If worldly pressures fray the mind, And love itself cannot unwind
Its tangled skein of care: Our inward life repair.
- 3 We marvel how Your saints become In hindrances more sure;
Whose joyful virtues put to shame The casual way we wear Your name
And by our faults obscure Your pow'r to cleanse and cure.
- 4 In what You give us, Lord, to do, Together or alone,
In old routines or ventures new, May we not cease to look to You,
The cross You hung upon — All You endeavored done.

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Nunc Dimittis

C O Lord, now let Your servant Depart in heav'nly peace, For I have seen the glory
Of Your redeeming grace: A light to lead the Gentiles Unto Your holy hill, The
glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel. All glory to the Father, All glory to the
Son, All glory to the Spirit, Forever Three in One; For as in the beginning, Is now,
shall ever be, God's triune name resounding Through all eternity.

THE POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

THE BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION

P Let us bless the Lord. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

P The Lord bless you and keep you... **C** **Amen**

THE CLOSING HYMN: "Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings" Hymn 782

1 Gracious God, You send great blessings New each morning all our days.
For Your mercies never ending, For Your love we offer praise. Refrain

ref Lord, we pray that we, Your people Who Your gifts unnumbered claim,
Through the sharing of Your blessings May bring glory to Your name.

2 By Your Word You formed creation Filled with creatures large and small;
As we tend that endless treasure May our care encircle all. Refrain

3 In His earthly life, our Savior Knew the care of faithful friends;
May our deeds of dedication Offer love that never ends. Refrain

4 Heav'nly Father, may our caring Bear the imprint of Your grace;
With the Son and Holy Spirit, Praise be Yours in ev'ry place! Refrain

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THE POSTLUDE: "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less" -Ryan Meyer

Preacher: Pastor Blomenberg **Liturgists:** Pastor Fredstrom & Vicar Genszler

Lector: Pastor Bloch **Organist:** Mr. Paul Scheiderer **Violinist:** Lyla Croquart

Special Music by Immanuel Lutheran School Students

Pastor Fredstrom is leading the 9:00 worship service at Lord of Life in North Vernon this morning.

Immanuel's mission is to connect people to the life, calling, and community of Christ. Founded in 1870, Immanuel is a member of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod. We believe the Bible is God's inspired Word and that we are saved by grace, through faith in Jesus Christ, who died for our sins. Please take a brochure from the Information Center or visit us on-line at www.immanuelseymour.com.