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THE 18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST September 27 & 28, 2026

Welcome to Worship, where Jesus, our Lamb of God, meets sinners with His authority and grace. Here He calls us to repentance, forgives our rebellion, strengthens us through His Word and Sacrament, and makes us His own—His beloved children and living temples.

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 hospitality gift. It's a chance to learn more about our congregation & ministries. We hope you'll join us again!

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.

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

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

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 offered at **9:00 & 7:00**. If you are not a confirmed member of the Lutheran Church and wish to receive a blessing, cross your arms when 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 center.

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THE PRELUDE: "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word" -Dietrich Buxtehude

THE OPENING HYMN: "All Christians Who Have Been Baptized" **Hymn 596**

- 1 All Christians who have been baptized, Who know the God of heaven,
And in whose daily life is prized The name of Christ once given:
Consider now what God has done, The gifts He gives to ev'ryone
Baptized into Christ Jesus!
- 2 You were before your day of birth, Indeed, from your conception,
Condemned and lost with all the earth, None good, without exception.
For like your parents' flesh and blood, Turned inward from the highest good,
You constantly denied Him.
- 3 But all of that was washed away — Immersed and drowned forever.
The water of your Baptism day Restored again whatever
Old Adam and his sin destroyed And all our sinful selves employed
According to our nature.

- 4 In Baptism we now put on Christ— Our shame is fully covered
With all that He once sacrificed And freely for us suffered.
For here the flood of His own blood Now makes us holy, right, and good
Before our heav'nly Father.
- 5 O Christian, firmly hold this gift And give God thanks forever!
It gives the power to uplift In all that you endeavor.
When nothing else revives your soul, Your Baptism stands and makes you whole
And then in death completes you.
- 6 So use it well! You are made new — In Christ a new creation!
As faithful Christians, live and do Within your own vocation,
Until that day when you possess His glorious robe of righteousness
Bestowed on you forever!

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+++ 11:15 THE BAPTISM of EMMETT LEE STAM, Page 268

Parents: Eric & Jaylyn (Quade) Stam Sponsors: Ben & Kayla Thompson

THE INVOCATION

- P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**
P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

THE CONFESSION

- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We
have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and
by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we
have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and
eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk
in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. 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

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C Amen.

THE HYMN OF PRAISE: "Gloria in Excelsis"

P Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

C Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:

We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:

You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.

For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,

You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE PRAYER FOR THE DAY: (we pray together)

Almighty God, You exalted Your Son to the place of all honor and authority. Enlighten our minds by Your Holy Spirit that, confessing Jesus as Lord, we may be led into all truth; through the same Jesus Christ, 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: 18:1-4, 25-32

The word of the LORD came to me: "What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, 'The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge'? As I live, declares the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Behold, all souls are mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is mine: the soul who sins shall die. . . . "Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? When a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done he shall

die. Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life. Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' O house of Israel, are my ways not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? "Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, declares the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Lord GOD; so turn, and live."

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

THE EPISTLE READING: Philippians 2:1-18

If there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure. Do all things without grumbling or questioning, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

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

THE ALLELUIA AND VERSE: C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

THE GOSPEL READING: Matthew 21:23-32 C: (Sung) Glory to You, O Lord.

When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus answered them, "I also will ask you one question, and if you tell me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things. The baptism of John, from where did it come? From heaven or from man?" And they discussed it among themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'From man,' we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what

authority I do these things. "What do you think? A man had two sons. And he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' And he answered, 'I will not,' but afterward he changed his mind and went. And he went to the other son and said the same. And he answered, 'I go, sir,' but did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. And even when you saw it, you did not afterward change your minds and believe him."

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

+++ 9:00 & 7:00 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.

THE HYMN: "Lord, Keep Steadfast in Your Word"

Hymn 655

- 1 Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word; Curb those who by deceit or sword
Would wrest the kingdom from Your Son And bring to naught all He has done.
- 2 Lord Jesus Christ, Your pow'r make known, For You are Lord of lords alone;
Defend Your holy Church that we May sing Your praise eternally.
- 3 O Comforter of priceless worth, Send peace and unity on earth;
Support us in our final strife And lead us out of death to life.

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THE SERMON: "Planting His Flag in Our Hearts"

THE OFFERTORY HYMN: "Take My Life and Let It Be"

Hymn 783

- 1 Take my life and let it be Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days, Let them flow in ceaseless praise.
- 2 Take my hands and let them move At the impulse of Thy love;
Take my feet and let them be Swift and beautiful for Thee.

- 3 Take my voice and let me sing Always, only for my King;
Take my lips and let them be Filled with messages from Thee.
- 4 Take my silver and my gold, Not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect and use Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.
- 5 Take my will and make it Thine, It shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart, it is Thine own, It shall be Thy royal throne.
- 6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself, and I will be Ever, only, all for Thee.

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THE OFFERTORY: Page 159

What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?

I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.

I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.

**I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,
in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

THE PRAYERS

+++ 9:00 & 7:00 THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT, page 160

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:

**C Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of
your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING, LORD'S PRAYER AND WORD'S OF OUR LORD

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

C Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

9:00 Anthem: "Psalm 25"; Hymns: 614, 857, 637, 813, 636

614 "As Surely as I Live," God Said

1 "As surely as I live," God said, "I would not see the sinner dead.

I want him turned from error's ways, Repentant, living endless days."

- 2 And so our Lord gave this command: "Go forth and preach in ev'ry land;
Bestow on all My pard'ning grace Who will repent and mend their ways.
- 3 "All those whose sins you thus remit I truly pardon and acquit,
And those whose sins you will retain Condemned and guilty shall remain.
- 4 "What you will bind, that bound shall be; What you will loose, that shall be free;
To My dear Church the keys are giv'n To open, close the gates of heav'n."
- 5 The words which absolution give Are His who died that we might live;
The minister whom Christ has sent Is but His humble instrument.
- 6 When ministers lay on their hands, Absolved by Christ the sinner stands;
He who by grace the Word believes The purchase of His blood receives.
- 7 All praise to You, O Christ, shall be For absolution full and free,
In which You show Your richest grace; From false indulgence guard our race.
- 8 Praise God the Father and the Son And Holy Spirit, Three in One,
As was, is now, and so shall be World without end, eternally!

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857 Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way

- 1 Lord, help us walk Your servant way Wherever love may lead
And, bending low, forgetting self, Each serve the other's need.
- 2 You came to earth, O Christ, as Lord, But pow'r You laid aside.
You lived Your years in servanthood; In lowliness You died.
- 3 No golden scepter but a towel You place within the hands
Of those who seek to follow You And live by Your commands.
- 4 You bid us bend our human pride Nor count ourselves above
The lowest place, the meanest task That waits the gift of love.
- 5 Lord, help us walk Your servant way Wherever love may lead
And, bending low, forgetting self, Each serve the other's need.

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637 Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord

- 1 Draw near and take the body of the Lord, And drink the holy blood for you
outpoured; Offered was He for greatest and for least, Himself the victim and
Himself the priest.
- 2 He who His saints in this world rules and shields, To all believers life eternal yields;
With heav'nly bread He makes the hungry whole, Gives living waters to the
thirsting soul.

- 3 Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere, And take the pledges of salvation here. O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow As in this feast of love You bless us now.

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813 Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng

- 1 Rejoice, O pilgrim throng! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing;
Your festal banner wave on high, The cross of Christ your king. Refrain

ref Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

- 2 With voice as full and strong As ocean's surging praise,
Send forth the sturdy hymns of old, The psalms of ancient days. Refrain

- 3 With all the angel choirs, With all the saints on earth
Pour out the strains of joy and bliss, True rapture, noblest mirth. Refrain

- 4 Yet on and onward still, With hymn and chant and song,
Through gate and porch and columned aisle The hallowed pathways throng.
Refrain

- 5 Still lift your standard high, Still march in firm array,
As pilgrims through the darkness wend Till dawns the golden day. Refrain

- 6 At last the march shall end; The wearied ones shall rest;
The pilgrims find their home at last, Jerusalem the blest. Refrain

- 7 Praise Him who reigns on high, The Lord whom we adore:
The Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, One God forevermore. Refrain

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636 Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

THE POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

- C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.**

THE POST COMMUNION COLLECT

THE BENEDICTION

THE CLOSING HYMN: "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

Hymn 525

- 1 Crown Him with many crowns, The Lamb upon His throne;
Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns All music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless king Through all eternity.
- 2 Crown Him the virgin's Son, The God incarnate born,
Whose arm those crimson trophies won Which now His brow adorn:
Fruit of the mystic rose, Yet of that rose the stem,
The root whence mercy ever flows, The babe of Bethlehem.
- 3 Crown Him the Lord of love. Behold His hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above, In beauty glorified.
No angels in the sky Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bend their wond'ring eyes At mysteries so bright.
- 4 Crown Him the Lord of life, Who triumphed o'er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife For those He came to save.
His glories now we sing, Who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring And lives that death may die.
- 5 Crown Him the Lord of heav'n, Enthroned in worlds above,
Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n The wondrous name of Love.
Crown Him with many crowns As thrones before Him fall;
Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns, For He is king of all.

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THE POSTLUDE: "Praise to the Lord" -J.G. Walther

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Preacher: Pastor Bloch **Lector:** Vicar Genszler

Liturgist: Pastor Blumenberg **Organist:** Mr. Paul Scheiderer

9:00 Special Music by Adult & Youth Choir, Woodwinds, and Handbells

Pastor Fredstrom is out today due to Special Voter's meeting.

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.