

Welcome to Immanuel Lutheran Church

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Sunday, August 10, 2025

Lectionary 19, Year C

9th Sunday after Pentecost



Please welcome Kathy Robinson as she leads us in Worship today.

Prelude

Announcements

Introduction

Today's texts offer instruction and encouragement for all who are occasionally overwhelmed by the "unhappy business" of life. Jesus urges us to take care and be on guard against all kinds of greed. We who have died with Christ in holy baptism have also been raised with him and are encouraged to elevate our thinking, seeking the "things that are above." To that end we seek the sustenance of the Lord's supper and the encouragement of God's word.

Please stand if able.

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

In the name of the Father,

and of the ✙ Son,

and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

you free us to love others,

but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.

**You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,
but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.
You surround us with patience, kindness,
and generosity,
but we grow weary in doing what is right.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Do not give up on us.
Heal us, break our bonds,
and show us the path of life.
Amen.**

You belong to Christ Jesus
and you are God's children through faith.
In the cross of ✝ Christ,
and through the power of the Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.
Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.
Amen.

Gathering Hymn “Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying” #436

Greeting: “The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all” (2 Corinthians 13:14).
C: And also, with you.

Prayer of the Day

P: Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Please be seated.

First Reading: Genesis 15:1-6

God promises childless and aging Abram that a child of his own will be his heir and that his descendants will number as many as the stars. Abram trusts God's promise, and through this faith he is considered righteous.

¹ After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ² 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?" ³ And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴ But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵ He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶ And he believed the LORD, and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

R: Word of God. Word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm: Psalm 33:12-22

R: Please read responsively to Psalm: 49:1-12

My mouth shall speak of wisdom. (Ps. 49:3)

Let your lovingkindness be upon us, as we place our hope in you. (Ps. 33:22)

¹² Happy is the nation whose God ¹ is the LORD!

Happy the people chosen to ¹ be God's heritage!

¹³ **The LORD looks ¹ down from heaven,
and sees all ¹ humankind.**

¹⁴ God sits firmly en- ¹ throned and watches
all who dwell ¹ on the earth.

¹⁵ **God fashions ¹ all their hearts
and observes ¹ all their deeds. R**

¹⁶ A king is not saved by the size ¹ of the army,
nor are warriors rescued by ¹ their great strength.

¹⁷ **The horse gives vain ¹ hope for victory;
despite its great strength it ¹ cannot save.**

¹⁸ Truly, your eye is upon those who fear ¹ you, O LORD,

upon those who wait for your | steadfast love,
¹⁹ **to deliver their | lives from death,
and to keep them alive in | time of famine. R**
²⁰ Our innermost being waits for | you, O LORD,
our helper | and our shield.
²¹ **Surely, our heart rejoic- | es in you,
for in your holy name we | put our trust.**
²² Let your lovingkindness, O LORD, | be upon us,
even as we place our | hope in you. **R**

Second Reading: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Abraham and Sarah exemplify the vision of faith that people of God enact in every age. Their hope and trust in God's promise allowed them to face an unknown future and to receive the promise of God.

¹ Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ² Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³ By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

⁸ By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance, and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹ By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰ For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹ By faith, with Sarah's involvement, he received power of procreation, even though he was too old, because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹² Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

¹³ All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴ for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵ If they had been thinking

of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ But as it is, they desire a better homeland, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

R: Word of God. Word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Please stand for the Gospel.

Gospel Acclamation

“Alleluia”

pg. 142

Gospel: Luke 12:32-40

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus encourages disciples to invest their hearts and live fully into God's reign. Instead of facing life with fear, those who know God's generosity are always ready to receive from God and to give to others.

[Jesus said:] ³² “Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

³⁵ “Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶ be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷ Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸ If he comes during the middle of the night or near dawn and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

³⁹ “But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰ You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Pulpit Hymn

“Have No Fear, Little Flock”

#764

Sermon

Kathy Robinson

Silence for reflection.

Hymn of the Day

“O Master, Let Me Walk with You”

#818

Please stand if able.

Apostles’ Creed

See the yellow sheet in the back of your hymnal.

Sharing of the Peace

P: The Peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also, with you.

P: I invite you to share the Peace however you feel comfortable.

Please be seated for the Prayers.

Prayers of Intercession

Read by our Lector today:

Adam Doede

In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world.

After “God of Grace” please respond with “hear our prayer”

A brief silence.

The Lord’s Prayer

Offertory Hymn

“My God, How Wonderful Thou Art”

#863

The usher will bring up the offering plate.

Please stand if able.

Offering Prayer

P: Creator God,
in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good
and the harvest is plentiful.
Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth
and our labor,
that we may work for the good of all;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.

Blessing

The love of God abound in you;
the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;
and the life of the Spirit
✝ bless you and give you peace.
Amen.

Sending Hymn

“Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer”

#618

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.
C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Attendance on 8/3/2025: 27

Prayer Concerns: Mary Ann Klinker, Joan Bonstead, Judi McGill and Bob Henning for medical challenges. Joan Winterhoff, Karen Spoehr. (For updates, please contact the ILC Office)

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Our Sister Church is the Lobatla Parish. Pastor Elijah Lekwate. Email for Justice Pule: pulejustice74@gmail.com

Volunteers needed to Host Coffee Hours. The sign-up sheet is in the kitchen.

Serving us Today

Leader: Kathy Robinson

Organist/Pianist: Karen Z

Reader: Adam Doede

Ushers: Bob Doede

Video Recorder: Bob Henning

Altar Guild: Kathy Knox, Joanne Distelhorst, and Pattie Bricko

The Men's Discussion Group meets Thursdays at 7:30 am, in the Koinonia room. New participants are always welcome.

Kathy Robinson will be heading to Michigan for a yearlong internship. This is important, exciting part of pastoral development and it is wonderful to be sending her off with our support and prayers. On Sunday August 17, 2025, we will celebrate her sending during our fellowship hour. Help us send her off! Please consider writing a card or a note with prayers and encouragement that we can include in a small care package to send with her, as well as other tokens of appreciation. You can drop these at the church by Sunday August 17, 2025. If you prefer you can email your note to Pastor Karoline Schwantes from St. Stephens (prkaroline@sslclwau.com) by Sunday August 17th and we will include it in her care package. In your note please be sure to include a return address so she can respond while she's away. There will be a small box at the back of the church you can put them in.

There are many scrapbooks available in the Conference Room for viewing. They are in fragile condition, but feel free to browse them at your convenience.

August 2025 Worship Servers					
DATE	PIANIST / ORGANIST	READER	USHER / GREETERS	VIDEO TAPER	WORSHIP LEADER
8/3/2025	Judy Kort	Al Solomonson	Kathy and Bruce Knox	Bob Henning	Kathy Robinson
8/10/2025	Karen Z.	Adam Doede	Bob Doede	Bob Henning	Kathy Robinson
8/17/2025	Daniel Larson	Doug Helling	Mike Schwede	Bob Henning	Kathy Robinson
8/24/2025	Karen Z.	Sue Schwede	Mike Schwede	Bob Henning	Rev. Doug Helling
8/31/2025		Doug Helling	Kathy and Bruce Knox	Bob Henning	Rev. Doug Helling
Altar Guild: Kathy Knox, Joanne Distelhorst, and Pattie Bricko					
We do not have a supply Pastor for Sunday, August 24, 2025 and Sunday, August 31, 2025					