

***Welcome to Immanuel Lutheran Church***

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***Sunday, October 6, 2024***

***20th Sunday after Pentecost,***

***Lectionary 27, Year B***



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

**Prelude**

**Announcements**

**Introduction**

Today's gospel combines a saying that makes many of us uncomfortable with a story we find comforting. Jesus' saying on divorce is another of his rejections of human legislation in favor of the original intent of God's law. Jesus' rebuke of the disciples who are fending off the children should challenge us as well. What does it mean to receive the kingdom of God as a child does?

*Please stand if able.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,  
who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**P:** Gracious God,

**C:** have mercy on us.

**We confess that we have honored you with our lips,  
but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues.  
The cravings at war within us  
cause conflicts and disputes.  
In our desire to be first  
we make distinctions among ourselves.  
We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last.  
In your great mercy, forgive us our sins.  
Draw near to us with grace in time of need,  
and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ,  
our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.**

**P:** God promises to forgive our iniquity  
and to remember our sin no more.  
By grace you have been saved.  
In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ,  
the source of eternal healing,  
your sins are forgiven.  
**Amen.**

**Gathering Hymn “Let Us Build a House Where Love Can Dwell” #641**  
*All Are Welcome*

**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.**

**Kyrie**

**Have Mercy On Us Lord**

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**Prayer of the Day**

**P:** Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one  
another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like

little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

### **First Reading: Genesis 2:18-24**

<sup>18</sup>The LORD God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.” <sup>19</sup>So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. <sup>20</sup>The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. <sup>21</sup>So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. <sup>22</sup>And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. <sup>23</sup>Then the man said,

“This at last is bone of my bones  
and flesh of my flesh;  
this one shall be called Woman,  
for out of Man this one was taken.”

<sup>24</sup>Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

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

### **Psalm: Psalm 8**

<sup>1</sup>O | LORD our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in | all the earth!—  
<sup>2</sup>**you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of  
in- | fants and children;**  
**you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe | and  
avenger.**

<sup>3</sup>When I consider your heavens, the work | of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars you have set | in their courses,

<sup>4</sup>**what are mere mortals that you should be mind- | ful of them,**

**human beings that you should | care for them? R**

<sup>5</sup>Yet you have made them little less | than divine;  
with glory and hon- | or you crown them.

<sup>6</sup>**You have made them rule over the works | of your hands;  
you have put all things un- | der their feet:**

<sup>7</sup>all | flocks and cattle,  
even the wild beasts | of the field,

<sup>8</sup>**the birds of the air, the fish | of the sea,  
and whatever passes along the paths | of the sea.**

<sup>9</sup>O | LORD our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in | all the earth! R

### **Second Reading: Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12**

<sup>1</sup>Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, <sup>2</sup>but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. <sup>3</sup>He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, <sup>4</sup>having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

<sup>2:5</sup>Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. <sup>6</sup>But someone has testified somewhere,

“What are human beings that you are mindful of them,  
or mortals, that you care for them?

<sup>7</sup>You have made them for a little while lower than the angels;  
you have crowned them with glory and honor,

<sup>8</sup>subjecting all things under their feet.”

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, <sup>9</sup>but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

<sup>10</sup>It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in

bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. <sup>11</sup>For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, <sup>12</sup>saying,

“I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters,  
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.”

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

*Please stand for the Gospel.*

**Gospel Acclamation**

**“Alleluia”**

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**Gospel: Mark 10:2-16**

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>2</sup>Some Pharisees came, and to test [Jesus] they asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” <sup>3</sup>He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” <sup>4</sup>They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.” <sup>5</sup>But Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. <sup>6</sup>But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ <sup>7</sup>‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, <sup>8</sup>and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. <sup>9</sup>Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”

<sup>10</sup>Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. <sup>11</sup>He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; <sup>12</sup>and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”

<sup>13</sup>People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. <sup>14</sup>But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. <sup>15</sup>Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” <sup>16</sup>And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

**P:** The gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

**Message**

**Kathy Robinson**

**Hymn of the Day**      **“If You But Trust in God to Guide You”**      **#769**

*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:**

**Al Solomonson**

Challenged by God’s Word in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and the whole creation.

**After “God of grace”, please respond with “Hear our prayer”.**

*A brief silence.*

**P:** Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**Offertory Hymn**      **“The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing”**      **#531**

*The Feast Is Ready*

*The usher will bring up the offering plate.*

*Please stand if able.*

**Offering Prayer**

**P:** Blessed are you, O God,  
source of every gift of your creation.

By these gifts and with our lives,  
help us to serve one another and all in need,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

### **Benediction**

God all mighty,  
God most merciful

✠ bless you, keep you,  
and give you peace. **Amen.**

### **Sending Hymn**

**“Now Thank We All Our God”**

**#839**

### **Dismissal**

**P:** Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

### **Postlude**

**Attendance on 09/29/2024: 24**

**Prayer Concerns: We pray for healing and comfort for Dan Gibbons,  
brother of Jane Riley-Smith.** (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:** Delores K.

**Reader:** Al Solomonson

**Usher:** Dan Westaby

**Altar Guild:** Kathy Knox, Joanne Distelhorst, Pattie Bricko and Holly Westaby

Welcome to Immanuel! We've been waiting for you! If you are interested in becoming a member here, please stop and pick up one of our Welcome packets on the table in the Narthex. We are eager to know you and we're excited to share with you the marvelous ways God is working in our church.

### Immanuel: Open for Business...(God's Business)



Do you practice Immanuel stewardship? Immanuel people have compassion, generosity, and energy! And...it's free! Hurry, this deal only lasts till eternity!

Immanuel Jeopardy - - October 20 (coffee hour)

Commitment Sunday - - November 3

### Food Pantry Donations

**The Neighbors' Place welcomes donations for their food pantry. They are especially in need of toilet paper, shampoo, lotion, laundry soap, dish soap, juice, beef stew, mayo, cookies, canned fruit, and sugar.** If you would like to donate non-perishable foods or basic supplies, you may place them on the black cart next to the pew near the Gathering Room and they will be delivered to the Neighbors' Place.

**Coats and Other Items for Kids.** All items collected will be distributed to Wausau & DC Everest schools through **October 27, 2024**. The drop off table is set up in the Gathering Room. Listing of items needed (gently used or new – sizes for little kids to adult kids): Coats, Jackets, Snow Pants, Sweatshirts, Hooded Sweatshirts, Sweatpants, Hats, Gloves, Mittens, Boots and **NEW Underwear and Socks**.

**Highland Community Church Women's Fall Conference is October 19<sup>th</sup> from 9AM to 4 PM. Registration opens on September 1<sup>st</sup>, contact Sue at 715-842-5683 or go to HCC-Register.com**

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

**Strong Bones Senior Exercise Group** meets every Tuesday and Thursday in the old Nursery at 10:30 am. The class is open to anyone wishing to improve balance and maintain strength to prevent falls. New faces are happily welcome.