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The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

ORGAN PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELL

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HYMN No. 902 - Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now

- 1 Lord Jesus Christ, be present now;
Our hearts in true devotion bow.
Your Spirit send with light divine,
And let Your truth within us shine.**
- 2 Unseal our lips to sing Your praise
In endless hymns through all our days.
Increase our faith and light our minds;
And set us free from doubt that blinds.**
- 3 Then shall we join the hosts that cry,
“O holy, holy Lord Most High!”
And in the light of that blest place
We then shall see You face to face.**

△ **4 All glory to the Father, Son,
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To You, O blessed Trinity,
Be praise throughout eternity!**

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INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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, and call upon Him in prayer and praise, 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.

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

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.

INTROIT – Psalm 119:162, 164–165, 167

P: I hope for your salvation, O LORD,

C: and I do your commandments.

P: I rejoice at your word

C: like one who finds great spoil.

P: Seven times a day I praise you

C: for your just and righteous decrees.

P: Great peace have those who love your law;

C: nothing can make them stumble.

P: My soul keeps your testimonies;

C: I love them exceedingly.

P: Glory be to the Father and to the Son

C: and to the Holy Spirit;

P: as it was in the beginning,

C: is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P: I hope for your salvation, O LORD,

C: and I do your commandments.

KYRIE



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro- claimed at Je-sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shipped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa-ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray

C: O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, by Your grace hear the prayers of Your Church. Grant that those things which we ask in faith we may receive through Your bountiful mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

P: Amen

Old Testament Reading – Habakkuk 1:1–4; 2:1–4

¹The oracle that Habakkuk the prophet saw.

*²O LORD, how long shall I cry for help,
and you will not hear?
Or cry to you “Violence!”
and you will not save?*

*³Why do you make me see iniquity,
and why do you idly look at wrong?
Destruction and violence are before me;
strife and contention arise.*

*⁴So the law is paralyzed,
and justice never goes forth.
For the wicked surround the righteous;
so justice goes forth perverted...*

*¹I will take my stand at my watchpost
and station myself on the tower,
and look out to see what he will say to me,
and what I will answer concerning my complaint.*

^{2:1}And the LORD answered me:

*“Write the vision;
make it plain on tablets,
so he may run who reads it.*

*³For still the vision awaits its appointed time;
it hastens to the end—it will not lie.
If it seems slow, wait for it;
it will surely come; it will not delay.*

*⁴“Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him,
but the righteous shall live by his faith.”*

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle – 2 Timothy 1:1–14

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God according to the promise of the life that is in Christ Jesus,

²To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

³I thank God whom I serve, as did my ancestors, with a clear conscience, as I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴As I remember your tears, I long to see you, that I may be filled with joy. ⁵I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well. ⁶For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, ⁷for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.

⁸Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, ⁹who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, ¹¹for which I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher, ¹²which is why I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that Day what has been entrusted to me. ¹³Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



C These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel – Luke 17:1-10

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the seventeenth chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹[Jesus] said to his disciples, “Temptations to sin are sure to come, but woe to the one through whom they come! ²It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck and he were cast into the sea than that he should cause one of these little ones to sin. ³Pay attention to yourselves! If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him, ⁴and if he sins against you seven times in the day, and turns to you seven times, saying, ‘I repent,’ you must forgive him.”

⁵The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” ⁶And the Lord said, “If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.

⁷“Will any one of you who has a servant plowing or keeping sheep say to him when he has come in from the field, ‘Come at once and recline at table’? ⁸Will he not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me, and dress properly, and serve me while I eat and drink, and afterward you will eat and drink’? ⁹Does he thank the servant because he did what was commanded? ¹⁰So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, ‘We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.’”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

C: 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.

HYMN No. 830 - Spread the Reign of God the Lord

- 1 Spread the reign of God the Lord,
Spoken, written, mighty Word
Ev'rywhere His creatures call
To His heav'nly banquet hall.**
- 2 Tell how God the Father's will
Made the world, upholds it still,
How His own dear Son He gave
Us from sin and death to save.**
- 3 Tell of our Redeemer's grace,
Who, to save our human race
And to pay rebellion's price,
Gave Himself as sacrifice.**
- 4 Tell of God the Spirit giv'n
Now to guide us on to heav'n,
Strong and holy, just and true,
Working both to will and do.**
- 5 Enter, mighty Word, the field;
Ripe the promise of its yield.
But the reapers, oh, how few
For the work there is to do!**
- 6 Lord of harvest, great and kind,
Rouse to action heart and mind;
Let the gath'ring nations all
See Your light and heed Your call.**

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SERMON

Text: Habakkuk 1:1–4; 2:1–4

Theme: Are You Disappointed With God?

PRAAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

(there is a time for silent prayer)

After each petition

P: Lord, in Your mercy

C: hear our prayer

At the conclusion of the prayer:

P: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

HYMN No. 333 - Once He Came in Blessing

- 1 Once He came in blessing,
All our sins redressing;
Came in likeness lowly,
Son of God most holy;
Bore the cross to save us;
Hope and freedom gave us.**

- 2 Now He gently leads us;
With Himself He feeds us
Precious food from heaven,
Pledge of peace here given,
Manna that will nourish
Souls that they may flourish.**

- 3 Soon will come that hour
When with mighty power
Christ will come in splendor
And will judgment render,
With the faithful sharing
Joy beyond comparing.**

- 4 Come, then, O Lord Jesus,
From our sins release us.
Keep our hearts believing,
That we, grace receiving,
Ever may confess You
Till in heav'n we bless You.**

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WELCOME - We welcome all worshippers to our services at Immanuel this week. As God comes to us in Word and in Sacrament may we experience His love and His power in the singing of praise and the living of our lives to His glory.

VISITORS - Welcome all visitors this week. Be sure to pick up a visitor packet from an usher or from our Information Rack in the east entrance.

RECORD OF FELLOWSHIP PADS -ALL members and visitors are asked to record their attendance at church and communion. Please return the record to the center aisle.

SERVICE ENLARGEMENTS, LARGE PRINT HYMNS & ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICES - are now available for the service each week. It will include the service, hymns, and the insert of readings. They will be available at both entrances next to the bulletins. Please return them after the service.

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY TOTES - are available at both entrances for children age kindergarten and younger. Please return them after the service.

NURSERY - Exit the southeast door, the nursery is the third door at the bottom of the stairs. The first door is the lounge where you may listen to the service on the speaker.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL is at 8:30AM in the west Sunday school room. They are looking deeper into the Lessons of the Day for that Sunday Service. During the Sunday School hour an adult Bible study class is also held. They will be using the bible study, *"Compassion in Action: Exploring Biblical Examples of Mental Health Care"*. All are invited to attend Sunday School or Bible Study.

CHURCH OFFICE - If you need to meet, speak, or make an appointment with the Church Secretary the office is open on Tuesday and Wednesday. If you need to meet or speak to Pastor Kuhlman you can always reach him on his cell and at his home.

Please note that the church will be locked at all times unless two people are present.

AVILLA FOOD PANTRY - Please do not forget the needy people in our community. You may place your food donations in the box in the east entrance.

BULLETIN BOARD - Cross Connection; Worship for Shut-Ins

FLOWERS – The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God by Phil and Vy Wysong.

MEETINGS AND EVENTS THIS WEEK: Monday - 6PM Elders, 6:30PM Trustees, 7PM Church Council

PRAYER LIST- Prayer for the sick & recovering: Ed Becker, Billie Gienger, Jerry Krock, Dan Phares, Carole Bishop, Cheryl Chester, young relative of a church member who is suffering mentally and parents who need wisdom and comfort.

NEWSLETTERS: October newsletters are in your mailboxes. November newsletter deadline is October 11th.

CONGREGATIONAL ASSEMBLY: Our 3rd quarter Congregational Assembly will be next Sunday, October 9th following morning worship. This will be our annual budget meeting.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BENEFIT TURKEY DINNER FUNDRAISER AT ST. JAMES RESTAURANT: Remember to mark your calendars for the St. James Restaurant's Annual Fundraising Dinner, Sunday, November 6th at the St. James Restaurant. Again, this year it will be carryout only from 11:00AM until 2:00PM. Local churches and St. James Restaurants donate and serve a fantastic, full thanksgiving meal, all for a minimum donation of \$8.00 per plate. This is by far the biggest, single fundraiser for the Avilla Christmas Charities and an awesome time for the communities to come together in fellowship. **Immanuel is asked to donate 23 pies and the sign up sheet is in the east**

entrance! Please deliver your pie or pies to the St. James Restaurant on Saturday, November 5th anytime and let them know they are for the Turkey Dinner. Thank you!!

DONATION DAY - Donation Day at Concordia Theological Seminary is Tuesday, October 11th. If you would like to donate gently used clothing or food items, please bring those items to Immanuel and they will be delivered. If you would like to attend, you may do so on the eleventh at 8:30 am in the Student Commons at the Seminary.

LWML SUNDAY – TODAY. We are collecting mites at the offering areas of the church. The mites are used to help fund mission projects. Please drop your loose change into the 5-gallon buckets.

LWML RALLY - The LWML Fall Zone Rally will be held next Saturday, October 8th.

PASTOR’S FALL CONFERENCE – Pastor’s fall conference will be Monday, October 24 and Tuesday, October 25.

CONGREGATIONAL OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2023 - We are going to be electing officers and board members in November. You will find a copy of the 2022 Board members and Officers in the September Newsletter. In reading the list you will see a number like this 1-2 next to each name (1-2 means first term, second year). We are getting an early start in finding congregational members that are interested in serving our Lord and Immanuel. If you are interested in any of the available positions (these will end with a 2 as the second number) contact a church council member. Please give prayerful consideration to volunteer, serve and help grow with our Lord’s guidance!

PORTALS OF PRAYER: Portals of Prayer devotional books for October-December are available at the back of the church and at the side entrance.

IMMANUEL STOVE DONATIONS - Immanuel is currently taking donations for a replacement for the stoves in the Fellowship

Hall. The thermostats need to be replaced and valves need to be replaced as well. The cost for the new thermostats is \$1000. Replacement for the valves are no longer available. Should you wish to contribute to the replacement of the stoves, make a contribution to the building fund and mark it as “stove”. Currently \$1410 has been contributed.

LOOK UP - Looking Up is your first step to seeing past your struggles. Mental and behavioral health issues can be a silent battle. But there’s always hope on the horizon. You can start by looking here for resources, information, and providers.

- <https://lookupindiana.org>
- Call 877-257-0208 - Available 24 hours every day
- Text LookUp to 494949 - Available 24 hours every day

INFORMATION RACK- last week’s bulletin; extra October Newsletters; Visitors Packet; October-December Portals of Prayer; Lutheran Witness; Cross Connection; Thrivent Dollars information; Lutherans for Life.

WEEKLY SERVICE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS are now on our website. The service can be found under Family Altar. The announcements in the bulletin each week can be seen on our website **under Blog and then correct month.**

LAST WEEK’S STATISTICS:

Worship Attendance:

- Sunday Morning: 67 + Jesus

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY – Share the love you share in Jesus.

*Please see next page for a list of Caregiver Support Groups
Caregiver Support Groups*

- **The Aging & In-Home Services of Northeast Indiana - 260-745-1200**

<https://agingihs.org/programs-resources/family-caregiver-center/family-caregiver-support-groups/>

The Aging & In Home Services of Northeast Indiana offers family caregiver support groups. There is no cost attend any of the Family Caregiver Center Support Groups. Pre-registration is requested by calling 260-745-1200 extension 307. Respite care is available upon request.

- **The Alzheimer's Association, Greater Indiana Chapter
Northeast Indiana Office - 260-420-5547**

<https://www.alz.org/indiana>

Caregiver specific resources: <https://www.alz.org/help-support/caregiving>

**The following congregations offer caregiver support groups through NE Indiana Alzheimer's Association:*

Holy Cross Lutheran Church
1st Tuesday of each month - 6:00 pm
3245 Crescent Ave.
Ft. Wayne, IN 46805
260-483-3173

Trinity English Lutheran Church
2nd Thursday of each month - 10:00-11:00 am in the church library
450 West Washington Blvd.
Ft. Wayne, IN 46802

- **Mental Health Grace Alliance**

<https://mentalhealthgracealliance.org/store/family-grace-group-workbooks>

Mental Health Grace Alliance offers Bible study books that combine relevant Bible studies, neuroscience, and practical tools to help family members who have a loved one experiencing a mental health difficulty to reduce caregiver stress and provide encouragement and hope. *Family Grace* is a 16-week study for adults, which can be done individually or in small groups. Group facilitator training and materials are available online.