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## The Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost September 9, 2018



*They were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."*

*Mark 7:37*

## **AS WE GATHER**

Every election cycle, millions upon millions of dollars are poured into campaigns across our land. Yard signs are displayed with candidates' names imprinted in patriotic colors. Political pundits make their case for why their candidate is good and the other side's is bad. Perhaps these are all warning signs that we can be tempted to put our trust in elected officials to save us from our woes, rather than in the Lord. Today's Psalm reminds us, "Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation" (Psalm 146:3). Rather than putting our trust in princes, politicians, and presidents, we put our trust in the Prince of Peace. Jesus Christ is the one, the only one, in whom there is salvation.

### **PRELUDE**

### **WELCOME**

### **BIRTHDAY BLESSING** 9/15 Jonathan Engler

♪ **Thanks for our friends who celebrate  
And God's rich blessings contemplate.  
Praise for another year on earth.  
Praise to the Lord who gives us birth. Amen.**

### **✠ PREPARATION ✠**

**HYMN** "Word of God, Come Down on Earth" #545

*Please Stand*

### **INVOCATION**

**Pastor:** We begin in the name of the Father, the Son ✠  
and the Holy Spirit.

**People:** Amen.

### **OPENING SENTENCES**

**Pastor:** Praise the LORD!

**People:** Praise the LORD, O my soul!

**Pastor:** I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

**People:** I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

**Pastor:** Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy,

**People:** **when I cry to You for help, when I lift up my hands toward Your most holy sanctuary.**

**Pastor:** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, 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.

**People:** **Blessed be the Lord! For He has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy. Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

**Pastor:** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** **Amen.**

## **PSALM OF THE DAY**

**Pastor:** O Lord, open Thou my lips,

**People:** ♪ **And my mouth shall show forth Thy praise.**

**Pastor:** Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

**People:** ♪ **make haste to help me, O Lord.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son ✠ and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Hallelujah!**

## **ANTIPHON**

**Pastor:** The Lord has enlightened us in the true faith.

**People:** **O come, let us worship Him.**

**Pastor:** Oh, come, let us worship the Lord.

**People:** ♪ **For He is our maker.**

## **VENITE**

♪ **O come, let us sing unto the Lord,  
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our  
salvation.**

**Let us come before His presence with  
thanksgiving,  
and make a joyful noise unto Him with psalms.**

**For the Lord is a great God  
and a great king above all gods.  
In His hand are the deep places of the earth;  
the strength of the hills is His also.**

**The sea is His, and He made it,  
and His hands form-ed the dry land.  
O come, let us worship and bow down,  
let us kneel before the Lord, our maker.**

**For He is our God,  
and we are the people of His pasture  
and the sheep of His hand.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son ✠ and to the  
Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and  
ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

*Please be Seated*

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**      *Isaiah 35:4-7a*  
(The ears of the deaf will be unstopped.)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE** *James 2:1-10, 14-18*

*(I will show you my faith by what I do.)*

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*Please Stand*

**VERSE**

**Alleluia. The Lord builds up Jerusalem; He gathers the outcasts of Israel. He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. Alleluia.**

**HOLY GOSPEL** *Mark 7: (24-30) 31-37*

*(The healing of the deaf and mute man.)*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the seventh chapter.

**People: Glory to You, O Lord.**

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to You, O Christ.**

**THE APOSTLE'S CREED**

*Please be Seated*

**HYMN** "Praise the Almighty" #797

**SERMON** "Jesus Makes All the Difference!" Pastor Keith Loesch

**OFFERING AND OFFERTORY**

*Please Stand*

## **KYRIE**

♪ **Lord, have mercy upon us;  
Christ, have mercy upon us;  
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**Pastor:** We come before our Lord in prayer, saying along with the psalmist, “To You, O Lord, I call; my rock, be not deaf to me.”

O Lord, like those of whom the prophet Isaiah wrote, we too often have anxious hearts. Give us Your Holy Spirit that we might be strong and fear not. Let us take You up on Your gracious invitation to cast all our anxieties on You because You care for us. To You, O Lord, I call;

**People: my rock, be not deaf to me.**

**Pastor:** O Lord, through Your servant James, You admonish us to show no partiality. Give us the desire to show love to and welcome all people into our midst, regardless of outward appearances. To You, O Lord, I call;

**People: my rock, be not deaf to me.**

**Pastor:** O Lord, Your Son, Jesus Christ, cast out demons and gave hearing to the deaf. Grant that we trust in Your will today for healing and restoration. We ask that, according to Your will, You would lay Your hand upon those who are need of healing, especially Liz Kraft, Myron Kimber, Paul Krahenbuhl and Alice Vogt. To You, O Lord, I call;

**People: my rock, be not deaf to me.**

**Pastor:** O Lord, You have done all things well. You pronounced all things as good at the creation of the world. Give us wisdom and resources to care for Your creation as faithful stewards of Your gifts to us. To You, O Lord, I call;

**People: my rock, be not deaf to me.**

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy.

**People: Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

### **SALUTATION**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: ♪ And with thy spirit.**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: O Lord, let Your merciful ears be open to the prayers of Your humble servants, and grant that what they ask may be in accord with Your gracious will; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

## **BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION**

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

**People: ♪ Thanks be to God.**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**People: ♪ Amen.**

**HYMN** "Jesus Shall Reign" #832

## **POSTLUDE**

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# THE MESSENGER

September 9, 2018

**WELCOME!** Dear guest, we pray that your worship with us is as spiritually enriching for you as your presence is encouraging to us. We invite you to sign our guest book in the foyer and “Like” us on Facebook or follow us on Instagram. Please leave your email address if you would like periodic updates from Immanuel. Most importantly, come back and worship with us again next Sunday.

**IN OUR PRAYERS:** Liz Kraft, Myron Kimber, Paul Krahenbuhl and Alice Vogt

**SEPTEMBER PASTORS:** 16 Sep. Pr. Ron Flentgen;  
23 Sep. Pr. Ed Trost; 30 Sept. Pr. Matt Priem

**LAST SUNDAY’S OFFERING:** \$893

**IMMANUEL SCHOOL REUNION:** Inviting all previous students and members of Immanuel to a reunion.

Date: September 16, 2018: 11:00 - Church service at Immanuel; Noon - Reunion Lunch in Church Basement; 3:30 - Reunion continues at Kevin Luetjen's home at 5106 W 155th Terr. Overland Park, KS. Please help locate classmates! RSVP to Kevin Luetjen at [kluetjen@kc.rr.com](mailto:kluetjen@kc.rr.com) or 913-710-2476

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR** theme for next Sunday, September 16 is **"The Mystery of God"** Guest Speaker: Dr. Oswald Hoffmann. The undeniable hiddenness of God becomes the openness of God when you see His Son, Jesus Christ (Isaiah 55:6-9). Hear *The Lutheran Hour* on stations KCMO (AM 710) at 8:00am, KCCV (FM 92.3) at 8:00am, KCCV (AM 760) at 8:30am, and KCCV (FM 101.5) at 8:30am.