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## The Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost August 26, 2018



*Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. Ephesians 5:31*

## **AS WE GATHER**

They're perfect! "Stain-resistant! Wrinkle-free! Easy-care!" Not only are the pants good-looking, but they're also functional. While store catalogs may use these terms to grab your attention and sell their products, the Bible uses similar words to proclaim the wonderful news of God's free grace for you! Jesus has redeemed you by His blood in order to "present the church to Himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish" (Ephesians 5:27). Like a bride beautifully adorned and awaiting her bridegroom, we anticipate the final coming of our Lord Jesus, even as we today receive Him who comes to us in His body and blood. Let us join together and give praise to the One who has declared us to be spotless!

## **PRELUDE and WELCOME**

**BIRTHDAY BLESSING** 8/31 Paul Krahenbuhl

♪ **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** "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty" #901

*Please Stand*

## **INVOCATION**

**Pastor:** In the name of the Father and of the ✕ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

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

## **OPENING SENTENCES**

**Pastor:** The fool says in his heart, "There is no God." They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds, there is none who does good.

**People:** **The Lord looks down from heaven on the children of man, to see if there are any who understand, who seek after God.**

Pastor: They have all turned aside; together they have become corrupt; there is none who does good, not even one.

**People: Have they no knowledge, all the evildoers who eat up My people as they eat bread and do not call upon the Lord?**

Pastor: There they are in great terror, for God is with the generation of the righteous.

**People: You would shame the plans of the poor, but the Lord is his refuge.**

Pastor: Oh, that salvation for Israel would come out of Zion!

**People: When the Lord restores the fortunes of His people, let Jacob rejoice, let Israel be glad.**

## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

Pastor: Brothers and sisters, let us together acknowledge that we have turned away from our faithful God. None of us is good, not even one. We all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. Therefore, let us come before our Father in heaven in repentance and faith, seeking His pardon and restoration for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Pastor: With humble hearts, let us pray.

**People: Faithful Father, have mercy upon us. We have failed to obey Your commands. Loving Savior, have mercy upon us. Wash us clean in Your saving blood. Comforting Spirit, have mercy upon us. Restore us to be Your own. Amen.**

Pastor: Because of God's mercy and grace, salvation has come to you! You are forgiven in your Father's eyes, washed spotless by the washing of water with the Word. You are united to Christ, so rejoice and be glad! As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

## **GLORIA IN EXCELSIS**

*music found in pew hymnal page 204*

♪ **To God on high be glory and peace to all the earth;  
Good-will from God in heaven proclaimed at Jesus' birth;  
We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name, we  
sing; Our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our  
heav'nly King.**

**To You, O sole begotten, the Father's Son, we pray;  
O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away.  
Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heart-felt cry,  
Where You in pow'r are seated At God's right hand on  
high.**

**For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord;  
Forever and forever, be worshiped and adored;  
You with the Holy Spirit alone are Lord Most High;  
In God the Father's glory. "A-men!" our glad reply.**

## **SALUTATION**

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Pastor:** Let us pray.

Almighty and merciful God, defend Your Holy Church, which You have made spotless with the blood of Your Son, that we hold fast to Your Word and rejoice in all of Your goodness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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

*Please be Seated*

✠ **WORD** ✠

**OLD TESTAMENT**    *Isaiah 29:11–19*

*(The Lord will again do wonderful things with His people.)*

Lector:    This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:    Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE**    *Ephesians 5:22-23*

*(Christ, the Bridegroom, makes the Church His Bride and gives Himself up for her.)*

Lector:    This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:    Thanks be to God.**

*Please Stand*

**ALLELUIA AND VERSE**        *We speak together.*

**Alleluia. Your words were found, and I ate them. Your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart. Alleluia.**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL**    *Mark 7:1-13*

*(Jesus rebukes those who reject God's commands in order to establish their own traditions.)*

Pastor:    The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 7<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**People:    Glory to You, O Lord.**

*(The Gospel lesson is read)*

Pastor:    This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**APOSTLES' CREED**        *found on the last page of your pew hymnal*

*Please be Seated*

**HYMN** “Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way” #857

**SERMON** *Pastor Tim Staffeld*

## **OFFERING AND ORGAN OFFERTORY**

*Please Stand*

### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

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

For the Christian Church, both here and throughout the world, that, united in the redeeming blood of Christ, we share the saving Gospel wherever we are and to whomever we meet, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** **Lord, send us forth to share Your Word.**

**Pastor:** For the living out of our vocations, that all who are blessed with callings in our homes, in our workplaces, in our larger society, and in the Church faithfully represent our Savior by what we say and do, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** **Lord, help us to serve You by serving others.**

**Pastor:** For husband and wife, child and family, widowed and single, that all who receive God’s grace in their various vocations know contentment in their estate and live noble, upright, and holy lives in, but not of the world, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** **Lord, grant Your blessing.**

**Pastor:** For all public servants who selflessly serve others, including the members of our armed forces, that they would be defended by our mighty God and take refuge in His merciful care, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, be their shield and defense.**

Pastor: For all who suffer in heart, mind, and body, especially Liz Kraft, Myron Kimber, Paul Krahenbuhl and Alice Vogt, that they receive healing mercies from above, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, restore and heal those we name before You.**

Pastor: For these and all other concerns that are upon our hearts and minds, that our gracious Father answer us for the sake of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, we ask for this grace in Jesus' name. Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

### **BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION**

Pastor: 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.

**People: Amen.**

**HYMN** "Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness" #563

## **POSTLUDE**

# THE MESSENGER

August 26, 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.

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

**SEPTEMBER PASTORS:** Sep 2 – Pr. Gary Stolle;  
Sep 9 – Pr. Keith Loesch; Sep 16 – Pr. Matt Priem;  
Sep 23 – Pr. Ed Trost; Sep 30 – Pr. Ron Flentgen

**OFFERING LAST SUNDAY:** \$347.50

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> is **"Eager to Preach the Good News"** Guest Speaker: Dr. Oswald Hoffmann 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.