

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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WEEKEND WORSHIP



*I was glad when they said to me,
"Let us go to the house of the Lord!"
Psalm 122:1*



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Worship Notes

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost – September 9 - 10, 2023

*We welcome our members and guests who are worshiping with us today,
and pray God's rich blessings upon you during this time of worship!*

THEME

God's laws are just. His prophets and pastors exercise authority in condemning sin, wickedness, and evil. Iniquities cannot be ignored; all are subject to God's authority. We are also subject to earthly governments and authorities who strive to restrain unruly behavior. As citizens in both kingdoms, our conduct should reflect humility, love, duty, and honesty. As members of the Church, it is just that we are called to care for and regain unrepentant sinners.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Our Hymn of the Day this weekend, *Chief of Sinners Though I Be*, was written by Irish composer William M'Comb. It's unknown when it was first published.

This hymn expresses the faith of a forgiven sinner. The first four stanzas are a meditation on Christ's redemptive work; the fifth turn the meditation into a prayer for perseverance. The author weaves together images and phrases that recall several Bible passages in order to confess his confidence in the work of Jesus on behalf of sinners, applying them especially to the individual, that is to *me* personally.

This hymn also touches upon other important doctrines – that salvation is the work of the Holy Spirit (stanza 2, "Love that found me ... when I sought Him not"), Christian exclusivism (stanza 3, "Only Jesus can impart"), and the Means of Grace (stanza 5, "By Your Spirit and Your Word").

The 19th century English tune is by Richard Redhead, and is most often known as GETHSEMANE. It is most commonly associated with the Lenten hymn, *Go to Dark Gethsemane*.

Our Liturgy: Confession

Luther's Small Catechism - Confession and the Office of the Keys

What is Confession?

Confession has two parts. First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.

What sins should we confess?

Before God we should plead guilty of all sins, even those we are not aware of, as we do in the Lord's Prayer; but before the pastor we should confess only those sins which we know and feel in our hearts.

Which are these?

Consider your place in life according to the Ten Commandments: Are you a father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife, or worker? Have you been disobedient, unfaithful, or lazy? Have you been hot-tempered, rude, or quarrelsome? Have you hurt someone by your words or deeds? Have you stolen, been negligent, wasted anything, or done any harm?

What is the Office of the Keys?

The Office of the Keys is that special authority which Christ has given to His Church on earth to forgive the sins of repentant sinners, but to withhold forgiveness from the unrepentant as long as they do not repent.

Where is this written?

This is what St. John the Evangelist writes in chapter twenty: The Lord Jesus breathed on His disciples and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

What do you believe according to these words?

I believe that when the called ministers of Christ deal with us by His divine command, in particular when they exclude openly unrepentant sinners from the Christian congregation and absolve those who repent of their sins and want to do better, this is just as valid and certain, even in heaven, as if Christ our dear Lord dealt with us Himself.

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Divine Service

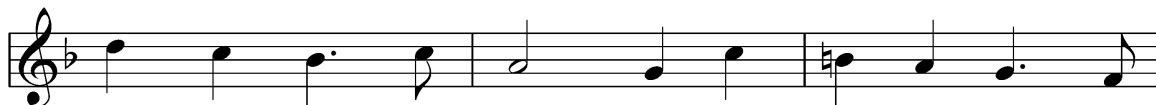
Prelude, Ringing of the Church Bells, & Welcome to Worship

Hymn - When the Heart by Sin Is Broken

OAAR 350



1 When the heart by sin is bro - ken, When the
2 Look in - to your - self and pon - der Ev - 'ry
3 For these sins then make con - fes - sion; Come to



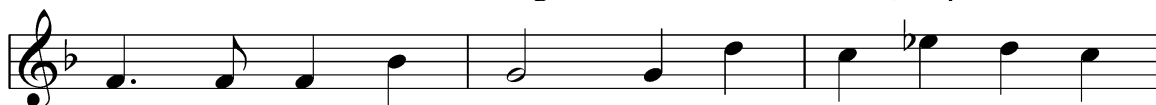
con - science burns with - in, Let God's heal - ing word be
way the heart of - fends, How your words and ac - tions
God, though filled with shame. Then re - ceive the ab - so -



spo - ken To re - store your soul a - gain.
wan - der From the path that God in - tends.
lu - tion That God's min - is - ter pro - claims.



Come to God with hon - est plead - ing; Ev - 'ry
Think where you have harmed your neigh - bor, Missed the
In this word is grace from heav - en, Spo - ken



fault to Him make known. Trust that Christ is in - ter -
Ten Com-mand-ments' goal, Dis - o - beyed, or failed to
on be - half of God; Know that you have been for -



ced - ing For you at the Fa - ther's throne.
la - bor In your God - ap - point - ed role.
giv - en By your gra - cious, lov - ing Lord.

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Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation, Confession of Sins, and Absolution

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

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. 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

L How great are your works, O LORD!

C Your thoughts are very deep!

L It is good to give thanks to the LORD,

C to sing praises to your name, O Most High;

L to declare your steadfast love in the morning,

C and your faithfulness by night,

L to the music of the lute and the harp,

C to the melody of the lyre.

L For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work;

C at the works of your hands I sing for joy.

C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

L How great are your works, O LORD!

C Your thoughts are very deep!

Hymn of Praise

LSB 949



1 Heav'n-ly hosts in cease-less wor-ship "Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly" cry;
2 All cre-a-tion, all re-demp-tion, Join to sing the Sav-ior's worth;



"He who is, who was and will be, God Al-might-y, Lord Most High."
Lamb of God, whose blood has bought us, Kings and priests, to reign on earth.



Praise and hon - or, pow'r and glo-ry, Be to Him who reigns a - lone!
 Wealth and wis-dom, pow'r and glo-ry, Hon-or, might, do - min-ion, praise,



We, with all His hands have fash-ioned, Fall be - fore the Fa - ther's throne.
 Now be His from all His crea - tures And to ev - er - last - ing days!

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Salutation and Collect of the Day

L The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

L Let us pray.

O God, from whom all good proceeds, grant to us, Your humble servants, Your holy inspiration, that we may set our minds on the things that are right and, by Your merciful guiding, accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 33:7-9

"Warn the wicked."

⁷"So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. ⁹But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalmody

Psalm 32:1-7

"Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven."

L ¹Blessèd is the one whose transgression is forgiven,

C whose sin is covered.

L ²Blessèd is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity,

C and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

L ³For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away

C through my groaning all day long.

L ⁴For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;

C my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

L ⁵I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity;

C I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

L ⁶Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found;

C surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him.

L ⁷You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble;

C you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Epistle

Romans 13:1-10

"There is no authority except from God."

¹Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. ²Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment.

³For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, ⁴for he is God’s servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God’s wrath on the wrongdoer. ⁵Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God’s wrath but also for the sake of conscience. ⁶For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. ⁷Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed. ⁸Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia Hymn

LSB 952

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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Holy Gospel

Matthew 18:1-20

L The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

“If your brother sins against you ...”

¹At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?”

²And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them ³and said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. ⁴Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

⁵"Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, ⁶but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.

⁷"Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes! ⁸And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. ⁹And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire.

¹⁰"See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. ¹¹For the Son of Man came to save the lost. ¹²What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? ¹³And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. ¹⁴So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

¹⁵"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. ¹⁶But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them."

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Children's Message *(If children are present)*

Hymn - Chief of Sinners Though I Be

LSB 611



1 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Je - sus shed His
 2 Oh, the height of Je - sus' love, High - er than the
 3 On - ly Je - sus can im - part Balm to heal the
 4 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Christ is all in
 5 O my Sav - ior, help af - ford By Your Spir - it



blood for me, Died that I might live on high,
 heav'ns a - bove, Deep - er than the depths of sea,
 wound - ed heart, Peace that flows from sin for - giv'n,
 all to me; All my wants to Him are known,
 and Your Word! When my way - ward heart would stray,



Lives that I might nev - er die. As the branch is
 Last - ing as e - ter - ni - ty! Love that found me—
 Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n, Faith and hope to
 All my sor - rows are His own. He sus - tains the
 Keep me in the nar - row way; Grace in time of



to the vine, I am His, and He is mine.
 won - drous thought! Found me when I sought Him not.
 walk with God In the way that E - noch trod.
 hid - den life Safe with Him from earth - ly strife.
 need sup - ply While I live and when I die.

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Sermon

The offerings are placed on the altar as the hymn is sung

Offertory Hymn

LSB 786



1 Lord of all good, our gifts we bring You now;
2 We give our minds to un - der - stand Your ways;
△ 3 Fa - ther, whose boun - ty all cre - a - tion shows;

Use them Your ho - ly pur - pose to ful - fill.
Hands, eyes, and voice to serve Your great de - sign;
Christ, by whose will - ing sac - ri - fice we live;

To - kens of love and pledg - es they shall be
Hearts with the flame of Your own love a - blaze—
Spir - it, from whom all life in full - ness flows:

That our whole life is of - fered to Your will.
Thus for Your glo - ry all our pow'rs com - bine.
To You with grate - ful hearts our - selves we give.

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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.

Prayer of the Church

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

After each petition:

L Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

Our prayers conclude:

L 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

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.

Benediction

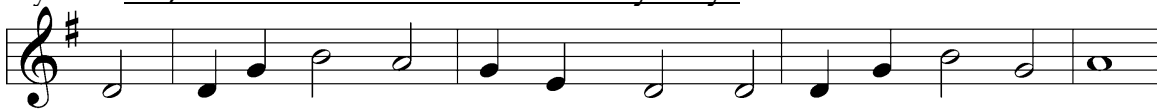
L Let us bless the Lord!
C Thanks be to God!

L The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord make His face shine on us and be gracious to us. The Lord look upon us with favor and † give us peace.
C Amen.

Sit

Hymn - Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways

LSB 707



1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways To keep His stat - utes still!
2 Or - der my foot - steps by Thy Word And make my heart sin - cere;
3 As - sist my soul, too apt to stray, A strict - er watch to keep;
4 Make me to walk in Thy com - mands—'Tis a de - light - ful road—



Oh, that my God would grant me grace To know and do His will!
Let sin have no do - min - ion, Lord, But keep my con - science clear.
And should I e'er for - get Thy way, Re - store Thy wan - d'ring sheep.
Nor let my head or heart or hands Of - fend a - gainst my God.

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Silent Prayer, Announcements, & Postlude

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You may prepare for next weekend by reading:

Genesis 50:15-21

Joseph is reconciled to his brothers.

Psalms 103:1-12

"The LORD is merciful and gracious."

Romans 14:1-12

We belong to the Lord.

Matthew 18:21-35

Parable of the unforgiving servant

At Immanuel Lutheran Church, we
are committed to living out our mission:



“Connected in Jesus | Compassion for All”

Please pick up a printed copy of the announcements
so you know what’s going on this week at Immanuel!

Serving Today:

Presiding Minister & Preacher:

Liturgist & Lector:

Pianist:

Organist & Pianist:

Elders:

Pastor Alex Schrader

Sunday – Vicar Davin Alberson

Saturday – Rachel Erdmann

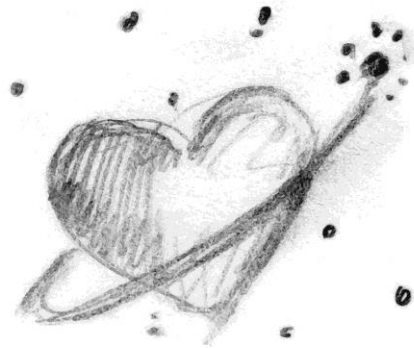
Sunday – Paul Snyder

8:00 – Todd Mirly 10:30 – Greg Miller

Chancel Flowers:

The flowers in the chancel this weekend are given with thanks and praise to God by the Huckshold family!

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PLACE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL
THE CHART IS AVAILABLE IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL!**



**“Forgive your
brother or sister
from your heart.”**

MATTHEW 18:35, NRSV