

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH AND STUDENT CENTER

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10:30 AM Radio Service

THE 20TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST/ LWML SUNDAY

Theme for Worship: In our Gospel lesson today the leaders of the Jewish church try to trap Jesus in what appears to be a “no win” argument. We’ll see how the world often presents us with the same “false dichotomies.” We’ll see how Jesus breaks through this issue back then and still today. We’ll also spend some time recognizing the work of the LWML and their example to us all.

Pre-Service Music ♪

Ringin of the Bells

Radio Welcome

Pastor Marty Welcome

Opening Hymn ♪ “Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear”

--LSB 908 vs 1 & 3

1 Lord, open now my heart to hear,
And through Your Word to me draw near;
Let me Your Word e’er pure retain;
Let me Your child and heir remain.

3 To God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit, Three in One,
Shall glory, praise, and honor be
Now and throughout eternity.

The Invocation

P We begin in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Collect of the Day

P Let us pray.

O God, the protector of all who trust in You, have mercy on us that with You as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 45:1-7

¹Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped, to subdue nations before him and to loose the belts of kings, to open doors before him that gates may not be closed: ²“I will go before you and level the exalted places, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, ³I will give you the treasures of darkness and the hoards in secret places, that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. ⁴For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I name you, though you do not know me. ⁵I am the LORD, and there is no other, besides me there is no God; I equip you, though you do not know me, ⁶that people may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is none besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other. ⁷I form light and create darkness, I make well-being and create calamity, I am the LORD, who does all these things.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

The Epistle Reading

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. ²We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, ³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. ⁹For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

A This is the Gospel of the Lord

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Children's Message

--Pastor Marty

Holy Gospel

Matthew 22:15–22

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 22nd chapter.

C Glory to you O Lord

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle [Jesus] in his talk. ¹⁶And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone’s opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?” ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰And Jesus said to them, “Whose likeness and inscription is this?” ²¹They said, “Caesar’s.” Then he said to them, “Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” ²²When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You O Christ

Sermon Hymn ♪ “We Give Thee But Thine Own”

--LSB 781 vs 1,2 & 6

1 We give Thee but Thine own,
Whate’er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone,
A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

2 May we Thy bounties thus
As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou bleesest us,
To Thee our firstfruits give!

6 And we believe Thy Word,
Though dim our faith may be:
Whate’er for Thine we do, O Lord,
We do it unto Thee.

Sermon: “False Dichotomies” Confession and Absolution

--Rev Marty Marks

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.

Silence for reflection on God’s Word and for self-examination.

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.

The Offering

(An offering plate is available in the narthex; pates will not be passed during the worship service. Immanuel is also excited that we now have the ability to accept offerings through online giving. Families can easily give one-time or set up as recurring gifts. Simply make a secure donation via electronic check by visiting www.ImmanuelDeKalb.com. If you choose to set up a recurring gift, you will be prompted by email to create your own online donor account to manage your gifts.)

A Responsive Reading of the LWML Pledge

Explanation

(The Lutheran Women's Missionary League has an 80-year history. Part of that history is the League Pledge written in 1955 by the Rev. William Fricke, which reminds us of the essence of our reasons for being in mission and our pledge of commitment to our Lord. Every time we recite the League Pledge we are recommitting ourselves to God's Mission Work. This is a commitment we make intentionally and with honor.)

P What is a pledge?

C A pledge is a promise, a vow, an intent. **Leader: LWML women hold to a promise of service. Today, as we read our pledge together, let us look closely at why we are making the promise, what we are promising, and how we intend to carry out that promise in action.**

P Why do we make this pledge? The answer is in the pledge itself. Let's recite together:

C "In fervent gratitude for the Savior's dying love and His blood-bought gift of redemption" and "in obedience to His call for workers in the harvest fields."

P We are pledging in gratitude and in obedience to our risen Lord and Savior. What do we promise?

C "We dedicate ourselves to Him with all that we are and have" and "we pledge Him our willing service wherever and whenever He has need of us."

P We are pledging to be fully engaged and serve willingly. How do we show our commitment?

C "What do we consecrate to our Savior?"
our hands to work for Him, our feet to go on His errands, our voice to sing His praises,
our lips to proclaim His redeeming love, our silver and our gold to extend His Kingdom,
our will to do His will, and every power of our life.

P By the power of the Spirit, we are pledging our whole selves; body, heart and mind. Consecrate means to devote or dedicate to some purpose. As Lutheran Women in Mission, we consecrate our whole selves to the spreading of His Gospel message through Bible study, service, and supporting LWML Mission Grants.

C Our goal: "the great task of bringing the lost and the erring into eternal fellowship with Him."

P Note the words “we” and “our” used in this pledge. We don’t make this commitment alone. We make it with our sisters and brothers in Christ. Together, a mighty blessed collection of His creation. And not only are we making this pledge to God, we are also making it to one another. Promising to work in partnership and harmony as women who Serve the Lord with Gladness!
And together we say:

C “Amen.” Lord, let it be for us. Amen.

The Intercessory Prayers

The Leader says prayers for specific and general concerns of God’s people, following each petition with “Lord in your mercy” to which the congregation responds with “Hear our prayer.”

The 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

The Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

(The Lord’s Supper is celebrated in this service in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us. If you share this confession, we invite you to commune with us. If you have doubts or questions concerning this confession of our faith community, we ask that you withhold participation until receiving clarification or instruction from our pastor. The pastor will also offer a blessing to any unconfirmed children who desire it. Special instruction about how to partake in the supper will be explained during the service in response to Covid-19 precautions.)

P The Sacrament of Holy Communion delivers to us the forgiveness of sins earned for us by the sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross. His real Body and Blood come to us in, with and under the bread and wine. Not only are our sins forgiven through this meal, our faith is strengthened, and the Holy Spirit guides us to be better and more effective servants to God. To help prepare our hearts and minds as we receive these gifts, please join me in praying:

P & **C** Father I trust in Your Son, Jesus, as my Savior. As I prepare to receive His real Body and Blood into me, please make my heart inclined to receive it in a way pleasing to You. Create a true sense of repentance in my heart and a sincere desire to follow You after it is received. Please empower me to serve You better in a sense of unity with You and with others. Amen.

The Words of Institution

P Our Lord Jesus Christ on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples and said, “Take, eat, this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me. In the same way, also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: Drink of it all of you; this is My blood of the new testament, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do as often as you drink it in remembrance of Me.

P Come, the table is prepared and the Lord awaits.
The Sacrament Is Distributed for Us to Receive
Distribution Hymns ♪

♪ “O Bless the Lord, My Soul”

1 O bless the Lord, my soul!
Let all within me join
And aid my tongue to bless His name
Whose favors are divine.

3 'Tis He forgives thy sins;
'Tis He relieves thy pain;
'Tis He that heals thy sicknesses
And makes thee young again.

♪ “O Living Bread from Heaven”

1 O living Bread from heaven,
How well You feed your guest!
The gifts that You have given
Have filled my heart with rest.
Oh, wondrous food of blessing,
Oh, cup that heals our woes!
My heart, this gift possessing,
With praises overflows.

♪ “Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

1 Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood,
From Thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure:
Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

3 Nothing in my hand I bring;
Simply to Thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to Thee for dress;
Helpless, look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly;
Wash me, Savior, or I die.

C We come in the name of Jesus.

--LSB 814 vs. 1-4

2 O bless the Lord, my soul,
Nor let His mercies lie
Forgotten in unthankfulness
And without praises die!

4 He crowns thy life with love
When ransomed from the grave;
He that redeemed my soul from hell
Hath sov'reign pow'r to save.

2 My Lord, You here have led me
To this most holy place
And with Yourself have fed me
The treasures of Your grace;
For You have freely given
What earth could never buy,
The bread of life from heaven,
That now I shall not die.

--LSB 761

2 Not the labors of my hands
Can fulfill Thy Law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone;
Thou must save, and Thou alone.

4 While I draw this fleeting breath
When mine eyelids close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown,
See Thee on Thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee.

The Benediction
Silent Prayers
Announcements

PARTICIPANTS – October 18, 2020	
Altar Guild: Carolyn McQuillan	
8:00 a.m.	
Musicians/Vocalists	Linda Conrad; <i>organist</i> C-J Motisi; <i>pianist, vocalist</i>
Pastor	Rev. Marty Marks
Lay Reader	Tom Sawyer
Radio Narrator	Julie-Ann Fuchs
Sound Operator	Glenn Fuchs
Videographer	Krista Marks
Head Usher	Dan Lohmeier

THE WORSHIP SERVICE IS BROADCAST EACH SUNDAY AT 10:30 A.M. ON WLBK 1360.

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Radio Broadcast: “To the glory of God and in memory of Lucille Whitman.”

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