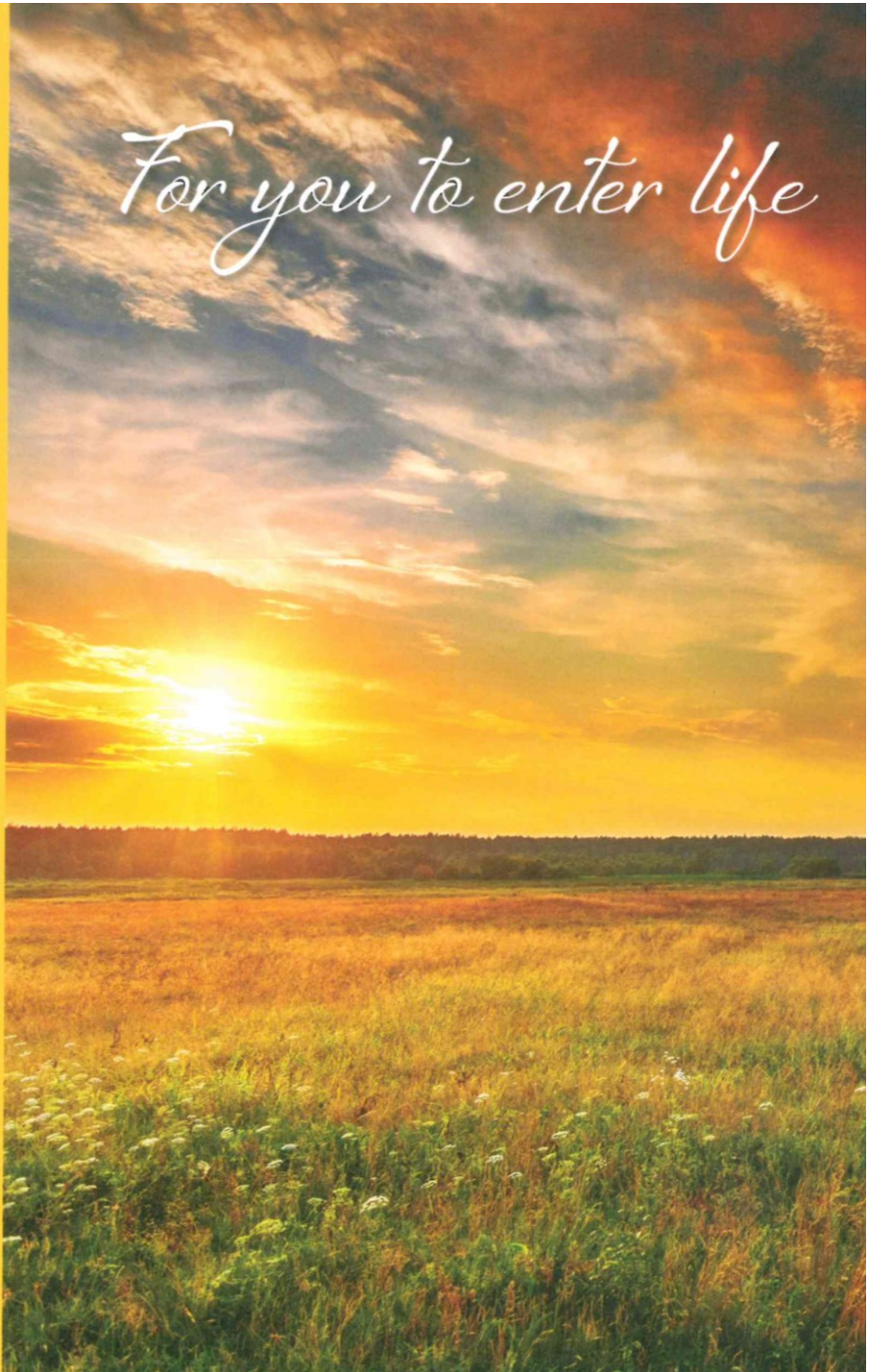


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# IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH AND STUDENT CENTER

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& Face Book Live

## THE 18<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER THE PENTECOST

**Theme for Worship:** This morning we will look at both our Old Testament lesson and our Gospel lesson. In both accounts, people are seemingly not properly aligned with Moses or Jesus yet are doing God's work. We'll seek to recognize those who are "friends" by what they do in God's Name. We'll also take stock of the seriousness of sin in the world.

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♪ Pre-Service Music

--*Spiritwind*

Ringing of the Bells

Welcome

♪ Opening Song "Lord Reign in Me"

1) Over all the earth You reign on high  
Every mountain stream every sunset sky  
But my one request Lord my only aim  
Is that You'd reign in me again

*Chorus:* Lord reign in me reign in Your pow'r  
Over all my dreams in my darkest hour  
You are the Lord of all I am  
So won't You reign in me again

2) Over every thought over every word  
May my life reflect the beauty of my Lord  
'Cause You mean more to me  
Than any earthly thing  
So won't You reign in me again *chorus*

### The Invocation

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

**C** Amen

## 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.

## Collect of the Day

**P** Let us pray.

**C** Everlasting Father, source of every blessing, mercifully direct and govern us by Your Holy Spirit that we may complete the works You have prepared for us to do; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## The Old Testament Lesson

*Numbers 11:4–6, 10–16, 24–29*

<sup>4</sup>Now the rabble that was among [the children of Israel] had a strong craving. And the people of Israel also wept again and said, “Oh that we had meat to eat! <sup>5</sup>We remember the fish we ate in Egypt that cost nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic. <sup>6</sup>But now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at. . . .”

<sup>10</sup>Moses heard the people weeping throughout their clans, everyone at the door of his tent. And the anger of the LORD blazed hotly, and Moses was displeased. <sup>11</sup>Moses said to the LORD, “Why have you dealt ill with your servant? And why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? <sup>12</sup>Did I conceive all this people? Did I give them birth, that you should say to me, ‘Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a nursing child,’ to the land that you swore to give their fathers?

<sup>13</sup>Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they weep before me and say, ‘Give us meat, that we may eat.’ <sup>14</sup>I am not able to carry all this people alone; the burden is too heavy for me. <sup>15</sup>If you will treat me like this, kill me at once, if I find favor in your sight, that I may not see my wretchedness.”

<sup>16</sup>Then the LORD said to Moses, “Gather <sup>16</sup>for me seventy men of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them, and bring them to the tent of meeting, and let them take their stand there with you. . . .”

<sup>24</sup>So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD. And he gathered seventy men of the elders of the people and placed them around the tent. <sup>25</sup>Then the LORD

came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. And as soon as the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied. But they did not continue doing it.

<sup>26</sup>Now two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the Spirit rested on them. They were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. <sup>27</sup>And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” <sup>28</sup>And Joshua the son of Nun, the assistant of Moses from his youth, said, “My lord Moses, stop them.” <sup>29</sup>But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD’s people were prophets, that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## The Epistle Lesson

*James 5:1–20*

<sup>1</sup>Come now, you rich, weep and howl for the miseries that are coming upon you.

<sup>2</sup>Your riches have rotted and your garments are moth-eaten. <sup>3</sup>Your gold and silver have corroded, and their corrosion will be evidence against you and will eat your flesh like fire. You have laid up treasure in the last days. <sup>4</sup>Behold, the wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, are crying out against you, and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. <sup>5</sup>You have lived on the earth in luxury and in self-indulgence. You have fattened your hearts in a day of slaughter. <sup>6</sup>You have condemned; you have murdered the righteous person. He does not resist you.

<sup>7</sup>Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. <sup>8</sup>You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. <sup>9</sup>Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. <sup>10</sup>As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. <sup>11</sup>Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

<sup>12</sup>But above all, my brothers, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath, but let your “yes” be yes and your “no” be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation.

<sup>13</sup>Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. <sup>14</sup>Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. <sup>15</sup>And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. <sup>16</sup>Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. <sup>17</sup>Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might

not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. <sup>18</sup>Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit.

<sup>19</sup>My brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back, <sup>20</sup>let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## Children's Message

--Pastor Marty

## The Holy Gospel

Mark 9:14-29

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 9<sup>h</sup> chapter.

### **C** Glory to you O Lord

<sup>38</sup>John said to [Jesus], "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." <sup>39</sup>But Jesus said, "Do not stop him, for no one who does a mighty work in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. <sup>40</sup>For the one who is not against us is for us. <sup>41</sup>For truly, I say to you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ will by no means lose his reward.

<sup>42</sup>"Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were hung around his neck and he were thrown into the sea. <sup>43</sup>And if your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than with two hands to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. <sup>45</sup>And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame than with two feet to be thrown into hell. <sup>47</sup>And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into hell, <sup>48</sup>where their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched.' <sup>49</sup>For everyone will be salted with fire. <sup>50</sup>Salt is good, but if the salt has lost its saltiness, how will you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You O Christ

## ♪ Sermon Song: "Seek Ye First"

1. **Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness,  
And all these things shall be added unto you. Al-le-lu, Al-le-lu-ia.**
2. **Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word  
That proceeds from the mouth of God. Al-le-lu, Al-le-lu-ia.**
3. **Ask, and it shall be given unto you. Seek, and ye shall find.  
Knock, and door shall be opened unto you. Al-le-lu, Al-le-lu-ia**

## Sermon: “Recognize your Friends”

--Rev Marty Marks

### Confession and Absolution

**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; plates will not be passed during the worship service. Immanuel has 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](http://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.)*

### Announcements

### 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

- © 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 Closing Song: "Grace Alone"

- 1) Ev'ry promise we can make, ev'ry prayer and step of faith,  
Ev'ry difference we will make, is only by His grace.  
Ev'ry mountain we will climb, ev'ry ray of hope we shine,  
Ev'ry blessing left behind, is only by His grace.**

*Chorus:* **Grace alone, which God supplies,  
Strength unknown he will provide.  
Christ in us, our Cornerstone.  
We will go forth in grace alone.**

- 2) Ev'ry soul we long to reach, ev'ry heart we hope to teach,  
Ev'rywhere we share His peace, is only by His grace.  
Ev'ry loving word we say, ev'ry tear we wipe away,  
Ev'ry sorrow turned to praise, is only by His grace. *Chorus***

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## The Benediction

Silent Prayers

Postlude

--*Spiritwind*

<b>TODAY'S PARTICIPANTS – September 26, 2021</b>		
Altar Guild: Carolyn McQuillan & Jackie Hanson		
	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>
<b>Musicians/Vocalists</b>	Linda Conrad, <i>organist</i> C-J Motisi; <i>pianist, vocals</i>	Angela Pringnitz; <i>Spiritwind coordinator</i>
<b>Acolyte</b>	Mark Misic	Chloe Marks
<b>Lay Reader</b>	Russ Coulombe	Angela Pringnitz
<b>Radio Narrator</b>	Julie-Ann Fuchs	---
<b>Videographer/Sound</b>	Ted Stone	Krista Marks
<b>Slide Operator</b>	Glenn Fuchs	Nathan Allen
<b>Ushers</b>	Ken Boldt, Donna Boldt, Alexis Cruz	Dennis Maakestad Kevin Harms

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

**Altar Flowers:** “To the Glory of God,” by Diane Griffith.

**Radio Broadcast:** “To the glory of God for blessing us with 47 years of marriage,” by Dennis & Jane Schroeder.

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