



Let the children come to Me

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH AND STUDENT CENTER

Rev. Marty Marks
Rev@godwithusilc.org

511 Russell Road
DeKalb, IL 60115

October 3, 2021
10:30 a.m. In Person
& Face Book Live

THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Theme for Worship: This morning we hear an interaction between Jesus and the Pharisees on the subject of divorce. We'll explore that conversation and while addressing the actual topic of divorce and family, get at the deeper issue underlying it. We'll see how we too sin as the Pharisees did and then rejoice in the forgiveness that comes from Jesus.

♪ **Pre-Service Music**
Ring of the Bells
Welcome

--Spiritwind

♪ **Opening Song: "Everything I Am"**

Everything I am, everything I have, everything I can, I bring to You.

For you alone are worthy so I come to give You praise, and everything I am I bring to You.

(2x)

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 \dagger of the world to come. Amen.**

Collect of the Day

P Let us pray.

C Merciful Father, Your patience and loving-kindness toward us have no end. Grant that by Your Holy Spirit we may always think and do those things that are pleasing in Your sight; 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

Genesis 2:18–25

¹⁸Then the LORD God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him.” ¹⁹So out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him. ²¹So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²²And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³Then the man said,

“This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh;
she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.”

²⁴Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. ²⁵And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading

Hebrews 2:1–13

¹Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. ²For since the message declared by angels proved to be reliable and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, ³how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard, ⁴while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will.

⁵Now it was not to angels that God subjected the world to come, of which we are speaking. ⁶It has been testified somewhere, “What is man, that you are mindful of him, or the son of man, that you care for him?”

⁷You made him for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned him with glory and

honor,⁸putting everything in subjection under his feet.”

Now in putting everything in subjection to him, he left nothing outside his control. At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to him. ⁹But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

¹⁰For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering. ¹¹For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one origin. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brothers, ¹²saying, “I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will sing your praise.”

¹³And again, “I will put my trust in him.”

And again, “Behold, I and the children God has given me.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Children’s Message

--Pastor Marty

Holy Gospel

Mark 10:2–16

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 10th chapter.

C **Glory to you O Lord**

²Pharisees came up and in order to test [Jesus] asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” ³He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” ⁴They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of divorce and to send her away.” ⁵And Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote you this commandment. ⁶But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ ⁷‘Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, ⁸and they shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two but one flesh. ⁹What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate.”

¹⁰And in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. ¹¹And he said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her, ¹²and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”

¹³And they were bringing children to him that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. ¹⁴But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. ¹⁵Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.” ¹⁶And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You O Christ.**

♪ Sermon Song: “Ancient Words”

- Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world; They resound with God’s own heart, O, let the ancient words impart; Words of life, words of hope, give us strength help us cope; in this world where’er we roam, ancient words will guide us home.**

Chorus: Ancient words, ever true, changing me, changing you; we have come with open hearts, O let the ancient words impart. (last time: We have come with open hearts, O let the ancient words impart. O let the ancient words impart.)

2. **Holy words of our faith handed down to this age, came to us through sacrifice; O, heed the faithful words of Christ; Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world; They resound with God’s own heart; O, let the ancient words impart.**

Sermon: “Best Practices”

--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/ Announcements

(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. 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.)

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.)

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.

C **We come in the name of Jesus.**

The Sacrament Is Distributed for Us to Receive

♪ Distribution Songs

♪ "Carry the Call"

Lord make us a light to the nations
Help us to shine like the Son
Lord we carry the message of Jesus
Help us to reach those
Who've yet to be won
We're called out of darkness
And into the light
A people that walk in the power
Of Your might

And we will run with the wind
Of Your Spirit
And we will answer the call
And we will flow with the river from
Heaven
Wherever the river may fall
We'll carry the call

Lord give us a heart for the people
And help us to touch everyone
Lord give us a hand of compassion
That they might be drawn
To the love of Your Son

We're called out of darkness
And into the light
A people that walk in the power
Of Your might

Wherever the river may fall
Wherever the river may fall
We'll carry the call
We'll carry the call
We'll carry the call

♪ “Shine Jesus Shine”

Lord, the light of Your love is shining in the midst of the darkness shining;
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us.
Set us free by truth You now bring us, Shine on me, shine on me.

Chorus: Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;
Blaze spirit blaze, set our hearts on fire. Flow river flow,
Flood the nations with grace and mercy.
Send forth Your Word, Lord, and let there be light.

1. Lord, I come to Your awesome presence,
From the shadows into the Your radiance;
By the blood I may enter Your brightness,
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness, Shine on me, shine on me. *Chorus*
2. As we gaze on Your kingly brightness, So our faces display Your likeness;
Ever changing from glory to glory,
Mirror'd here may our lives tell Your story,
Shine on me, shine on me. *Chorus*

♪ “We Bow Down”

1. You are Lord of creation and Lord of my life, Lord of the land and the sea;
You were Lord of the heavens before there was time, And Lord of all Lords You will be.
We bow down and we worship You, Lord. We bow down and we worship You, Lord.
We bow down and we worship You, Lord. Lord of all lords you will be.
2. You are King of creation and King of my life, King of the land and the sea;
You were King of the heavens before there was time, And King of all kings, You will be.
We bow down and we crown You the King. We bow down and we crown You the King.
We bow down and we crown You the King. King of all kings You will be.

The Benediction

Silent Prayers

Postlude

--*Spiritwind*

TODAY'S PARTICIPANTS – October 3, 2021		
Altar Guild: Carolyn McQuillan & Jackie Hanson		
	8:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Musicians/Vocalists	C-J Motisi; <i>pianist</i> , Don Haeseker, <i>vocalist</i>	Angela Pringnitz; <i>Spiritwind coordinator</i>
Acolyte	Hayden Harms	Heather Allen
Lay Reader	Sandy Lancaster	Amy Haeseker
Radio Narrator	Sue Harms	---
Videographer/Sound	Jackson & Kevin Harms	Doug Nelson
Slide Operator	Mark Misic	Rachel Schmitt
Ushers	Brian, Cindy & Rik Kozumplik	Matthew Haeseker, Ann Nelson, Cody Allen

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

Altar Flowers & Radio Broadcast: “To the glory of God and thanks to the people of Immanuel for the many blessings during our college years,” by Lutheran Student Alumni (LSA).

TO BE A SPONSOR: Contact the office to reserve a date.

Cost: \$45 Flowers.

\$225 One-hour radio broadcast of the church service; \$125 Half-sponsorships are also available. Make your check out to Immanuel, with a notation on the memo line saying, “flowers,” or “radio.” These checks may be placed in the offering plate or mailed to the church office.

OPEN FLOWER SPONSORSHIPS: November 28; January 2, 9 & 16

OPEN RADIO SPONSORSHIPS: January 9, 16, 23; February 6 & 20

Rev. Marty Marks, Pastor 815-501-3951; rev@godwithusilc.org

Linda Conrad, Angela Pringnitz, Music Coordination

C-J Motisi, Adult Choir Director, LCMS certified Lay Minister cj.cmssc@gmail.com 630-664-8005

Katie Martinez, Pre-School Director, 815-756-6669 (o); Katiem@ImmanuelDeKalb.com

Darlene Hillman, Office Manager, 815-756-6669; office@godwithusilc.org

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Monday – Thursday: 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Friday (when LL is in session) 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon

CHURCH PHONE: 815-756-6669; 756-6675; **Fax:** 815-756-9585

OFFICE E-MAIL: office@godwithusilc.org **CHURCH WEBSITE:** www.ImmanuelDeKalb.com

LITTLE LAMBS WEBSITE: www.littlelambsdekalb.com