



## 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Immanuel Lutheran Church ELCA

Forest City, Iowa

Pastors Rod Hopp & Zech Anderson, Intern Elizabeth Carr

June 23, 2024 9:15am

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*Building community in the name and likeness of Jesus Christ.*

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*Now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation! Now we are in the storm, the boat almost swamped; but Jesus is here now, and when we call him, he will calm the storm. Even the wind and waves listen to him as they would to their creator. We also listen to him and are called to believe in the power of God's word in him, a power greater than all that we fear.*

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

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### PRELUDE

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy. **Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God, our provider,

**help us. Some of us are drowning in a whirlwind of business and others in a whirlpool of boredom. We question your ways and instead set sail to our own coordinates. We chase after the wind and come up empty. It is hard to believe you are a firm foundation beneath our feet as we tread the water of life. It's hard to remember that, in you, we already have all we need. We're lost. We're empty. We're afraid that emptiness is all there is. Forgive us; fill us, and draw us to your heart whether we're in over our heads or feeling alone. Help us to look to you to calm the storm, to provide all our needs, and help us to grow in faith, love, and obedience to your will. Amen.**

Beloved children of God, God is with you every minute of every day. In Jesus, the manna from heaven, God feeds and nourishes you. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, God accompanies you and provides more than enough. Through Jesus, † the bread of life, God's mercy, grace, and love are yours: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

**Amen.**

### GATHERING SONG: "Thank You, Lord"

I come before You today, and there's just one thing that I want to say:

Thank You, Lord, thank You, Lord;

For all You've given to me, for all the blessings that I cannot see,

Thank You, Lord, thank You, Lord;

*With a grateful heart, with a song of praise, with an outstretched arm I will bless Your name.*

*Thank You, Lord, I just want to thank You, Lord;*

*Thank You, Lord, I just want to thank You, Lord.*

For all You've done in my life, You took my darkness and gave me Your light;

Thank You, Lord, thank You, Lord;

You took my sin and my shame, You took my sickness and healed all my pain,

Thank You, Lord, thank You, Lord; {chorus}

## GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God of creation, eternal majesty, you preside over land and sea, sunshine and storm. By your strength pilot us, by your power preserve us, by your wisdom instruct us, and by your hand protect us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Job 38:1-11 *The creator of earth and sea*

PSALM: Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32 [read responsively]

<sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good, for God's mercy endures forever.

<sup>2</sup>**Let the redeemed of the LORD proclaim  
that God redeemed them from the hand of the foe,**

<sup>3</sup>gathering them in from the lands;

from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

<sup>23</sup>**Some went down to the sea in ships, plying their trade in deep waters.**

<sup>24</sup>They beheld the works of the LORD, God's wonderful works in the deep.

<sup>25</sup>**Then God spoke, and a stormy wind arose, which tossed high the waves of the sea.**

<sup>26</sup>They mounted up to the heavens and descended to the depths;  
their souls melted away in their peril.

<sup>27</sup>**They staggered and reeled like drunkards, and all their skill was of no avail.**

<sup>28</sup>Then in their trouble they cried to the LORD,  
and you delivered them from their distress.

<sup>29</sup>**You stilled the storm to a whisper and silenced the waves of the sea.**

<sup>30</sup>Then were they glad when it grew calm,  
when you guided them to the harbor they desired.

<sup>31</sup>**Let them give thanks to you, LORD, for your steadfast love  
and your wonderful works for all people.**

<sup>32</sup>Let them exalt you in the assembly of the people;  
in the council of the elders, let them sing hallelujah!

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 6:1-13 *Paul's defense of his ministry*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "Word of God Speak"

*Word of God, speak. Would You pour down like rain, washing my eyes to see,  
Your majesty, to be still and know that You're in this place?*

*Please let me stay and rest in Your holiness. Word of God speak. {repeat refrain}*

GOSPEL: Mark 4:35-41 *Christ calming the sea*

Announcement: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Conclusion: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON / SERMON

Intern Elizabeth

HYMN OF THE DAY: **"Lead Me, Guide Me"**

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APOSTLES' CREED: **"I Believe in God the Father"**

I believe in God the Father, maker of all heav'n and earth.  
And in Jesus Christ, our Savior, God's own Son, of matchless worth;  
By the Spirit was conceived of the virgin Mary born,  
He in whom I have believed; God Almighty three in one.  
Suffered under Pontius Pilate, crucified, for me he died.  
Laid within the grave so silent, gates of hell he opened wide;  
For the stone-sealed tomb was empty; on the third day he arose;  
Into heaven made his entry, mighty conquer'r of his foes.  
At God's right hand he is seated, till his coming, as he said;  
Final judgment will be meted to the living and the dead;  
I confess the Holy Spirit, who was sent through Christ the Son  
To apply salvations merit: God, the Spirit Three in One.  
I believe the church of Jesus, universal e'er remains;  
We are one through all the ages in communion of the saints.  
I believe sins are forgiven, that our bodies will be raised  
To eternal life in glory, ever let his name be praised.

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH: *L: Merciful God, C: receive our prayer.*

**Ruby Sue** Albertsen

**Jill** (Lewison) Nedved

**Jennie** Spencer

**Liam** Bartleson

**Mark** Newcom

**Lucky** Truong

**Hayden** Despenas

**Tim** Schmidt

**Missionary Karen** Anderson

**Doris** Johnson

**Isaac** Schneider

**Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Magallanes**

**Donna** Kvale

SHARING OF THE PEACE

*L: The peace of Christ be with you always. C: And also with you.*

OFFERING / OFFERTORY: **"Give Thanks"** CCLI Song # 20285; Henry Smith © 1978 Integrity's Hosanna!

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One;

Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son. [repeat]

And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say,

"I am rich," because of what the Lord has done for us; [repeat]. Give thanks.

## OFFERING PRAYER

Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. **Amen.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION / LORD'S PRAYER / COMMUNION

## POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

### SENDING SONG: **"God of Wonders"**

Lord of all creation, of water earth, and sky;  
The heavens are Your tabernacle. Glory to the Lord on high!

*God of wonders beyond our galaxy. You are holy, holy.*

*The universe declares Your majesty, You are holy, holy.*

*Lord of heaven and earth, Lord of heaven and earth.*

Early in the morning, I will celebrate the light.

When I stumble in the darkness I will call Your name by night. (chorus)

*Hallelujah, to the Lord of heaven and earth. Hallelujah, to the Lord of heaven and earth.*

*Hallelujah, to the Lord of heaven and earth. You are holy.*

*God of wonders beyond our galaxy, You are holy, holy.*

*Precious Lord, reveal Your heart to me. Father, hold me, hold me.*

*Hallelujah (to the Lord of heaven and earth)! (4 times)*

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**BLESSING:** The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,  
✠ be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

**DISMISSAL:** Go in peace. You are the body of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

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## Worship Participants:

Assisting Minister: Kathy McEnelly

Piano: Rylie Walton

Band: Geno Lopes-bass, Antonio Lopes-drums

Song Leaders: Steve Olmstead, Jaci Thorson, Pastor Zech

Communion Servers: Joan Beebe, Laura Winter

Reader: Denise Holst

Greeter: Shirley Rollefson

Ushers: Jim Lund, Gary McCarthy, Tina Berg

Audio/Video Techs: Karl Wooldridge/Ken Ferjak

Altar Care: Kathy Leuwerke

Communion Set Up: Ruth Melby

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