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Pentecost 9

He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"



"You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Matthew 16:15-16

**We Welcome Our Visitors** who are with us this morning.

We hope that you are uplifted by the Gospel at our worship service.

We invite you to join us every Sunday. Please sign our guestbook in the entry.

If you would like more information about our church, please contact the pastor.

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✠ Preparation for Worship: Read Psalm 118 (Lutheran Service Book or Pew Bible) ✠

**Greeting and prayer:** (Pastor)

**Opening Hymn: 645 *Built on the Rock***

LSB 645

### **THE INVOCATION**

*We invoke ("call upon") the name of the one true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

*(Adapted from TLH, p. 5)*

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

**C**



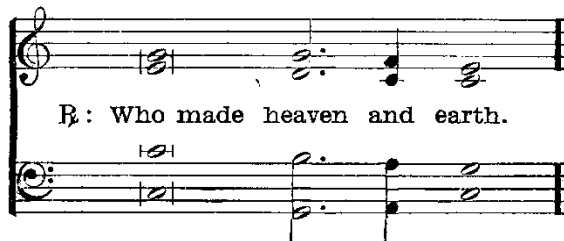
### **THE CONFESSION OF SINS**

*We come before our Holy God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.*

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

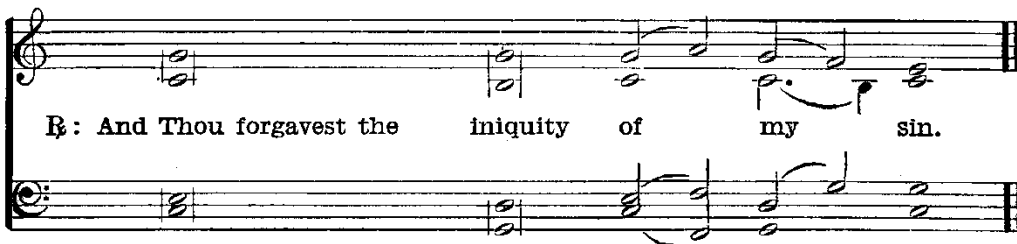
**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord.

**C**



**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

**C**



**P** Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C** **O most merciful God, You have given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**P** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in His name He gives power to become the sons of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

**C**



## THE GLORIA PATRI

Latin for "Glory to the Father" (TLH, p. 6)

C

Glo - ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;

The first system of musical notation for 'THE GLORIA PATRI'. It consists of a treble and a bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The melody is written in a simple, homophonic style. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes. The lyrics 'Glo - ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;' are written below the treble staff.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

The second system of musical notation for 'THE GLORIA PATRI'. It continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. The lyrics 'As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.' are written below the treble staff.

## THE KYRIE

Latin for "O Lord." We approach our Lord with a cry for help in all the needs of our earthly life. (TLH, p. 7)

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -

The first system of musical notation for 'THE KYRIE'. It consists of a treble and a bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The melody is written in a simple, homophonic style. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes. The lyrics 'Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -' are written below the treble staff.

on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

The second system of musical notation for 'THE KYRIE'. It continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. The lyrics 'on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.' are written below the treble staff.

## THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

*In Latin "Gloria in excelsis Deo" means "Glory to God in the highest." We rejoice In our Lord who came to earth to bring us His peace. (TLH, p. 7)*

Y: Glory be to God on high: B: And on earth peace, good will toward

men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,

we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;

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O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

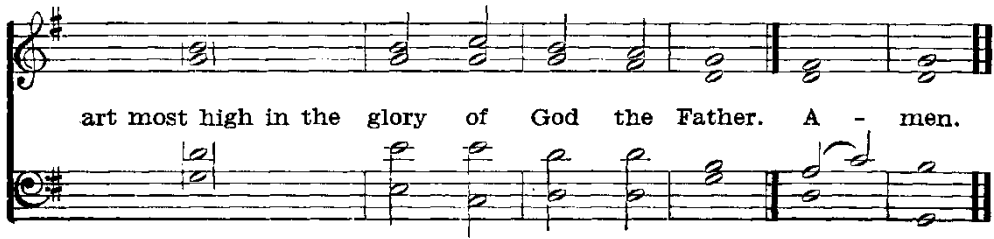
That takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up - on us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,



### **THE SALUTATION** *(Greeting)*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C**



### **THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY**

*The main thoughts for the day are "collected" together in this prayer.*

**P** We pray:

O God, whose strength is made perfect in weakness, grant us humility and childlike faith that we may trust You completely. Move our hearts to love and serve You all our days. We pray this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C**



## **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

*God speaks to us.*

### **First Reading**

### ***Isaiah 51:1-6 (NKJV)***

"Listen to Me, you who<sup>1</sup> follow after righteousness, You who seek the LORD:

Look to the rock from which you were hewn,

And to the hole of the pit from which you were dug.

<sup>2</sup> Look to Abraham your father, And to Sarah who bore you;

For I called him alone, And blessed him and increased him."

<sup>3</sup> For the LORD will comfort Zion, He will comfort all her waste places;

He will make her wilderness like Eden, And her desert like the garden of the LORD;

Joy and gladness will be found in it, Thanksgiving and the voice of melody.

<sup>4</sup> "Listen to Me, My people; And give ear to Me, O My nation:

For law will proceed from Me, And I will make My justice rest As a light of the peoples.

<sup>5</sup> My righteousness is near, My salvation has gone forth,

And My arms will judge the peoples; The coastlands will wait upon Me,

And on My arm they will trust.

<sup>6</sup> Lift up your eyes to the heavens, And look on the earth beneath.

For the heavens will vanish away like smoke,

The earth will grow old like a garment, And those who dwell in it will die in like manner;

But My salvation will be forever, And My righteousness will not be abolished.

## **THE GRADUAL**

*When God speaks to us in His Word it is natural for us to respond. We sing "Hallelujah!"—meaning "Praise the Lord!"*  
(TLH p. 10)

**P** Blessed are they that hear the word of God and keep it. Hallelujah!





## PSALM OF THE DAY

**Antiphonal Psalm: Psalm 118:21-23; 26-28** (Worship Supplement – p. 29)

### I WILL PRAISE YOU

*Antiphon*



*Psalm Tone*



I will praise You, for You have answered me,\*  
And have become my salvation.

The stone which the builders rejected  
Has become the chief cornerstone.\*  
This was the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

*Antiphon*

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!\*

We have blessed you from the house of the LORD.

God is the LORD, and He has given us light;\*

Bind the sacrifice with cords to the horns of the altar.

You are my God, and I will praise You;\*

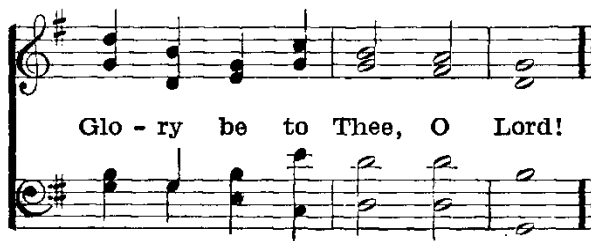
You are my God, I will exalt You.

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.

*Antiphon*

**P** The Gospel reading is from Matthew 16:1-12.

**G**



## Gospel Reading

## Matthew 16:1-12 (NKJV)

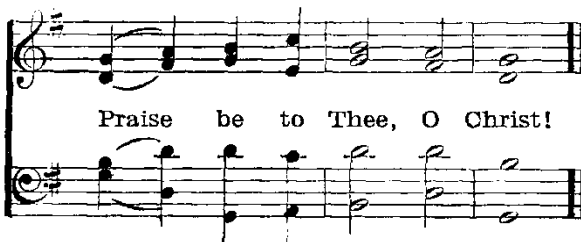
Then the Pharisees and Sadducees came, and testing Him asked that He would show them a sign from heaven. <sup>2</sup> He answered and said to them, "When it is evening you say, 'It will be fair weather, for the sky is red'; <sup>3</sup> and in the morning, 'It will be foul weather today, for the sky is red and threatening.' Hypocrites! You know how to discern the face of the sky, but you cannot discern the signs of the times. <sup>4</sup> A wicked and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and no sign shall be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah." And He left them and departed.

<sup>5</sup> Now when His disciples had come to the other side, they had forgotten to take bread. <sup>6</sup> Then Jesus said to them, "Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the Sadducees."

<sup>7</sup> And they reasoned among themselves, saying, "It is because we have taken no bread." <sup>8</sup> But Jesus, being aware of it, said to them, "O you of little faith, why do you reason among yourselves because you have brought no bread? <sup>9</sup> Do you not yet understand, or remember the five loaves of the five thousand and how many baskets you took up? <sup>10</sup> Nor the seven loaves of the four thousand and how many large baskets you took up? <sup>11</sup> How is it you do not understand that I did not speak to you concerning bread?—but to beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees." <sup>12</sup> Then they understood that He did not tell them to beware of the leaven of bread, but of the doctrine of the Pharisees and Sadducees.

**P** Here ends our Gospel reading.

**G**



## **THE APOSTLES' CREED**

*We boldly confess what we believe. (W.S. p. 15)*

- ☐ I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**
- I believe 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 there 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.**

**Hymn of the Day: 647 *Lord Jesus Christ, the Church's Head***

*LSB 647*

### **Sermon Text: Matthew 16:13-20 (NKJV)**

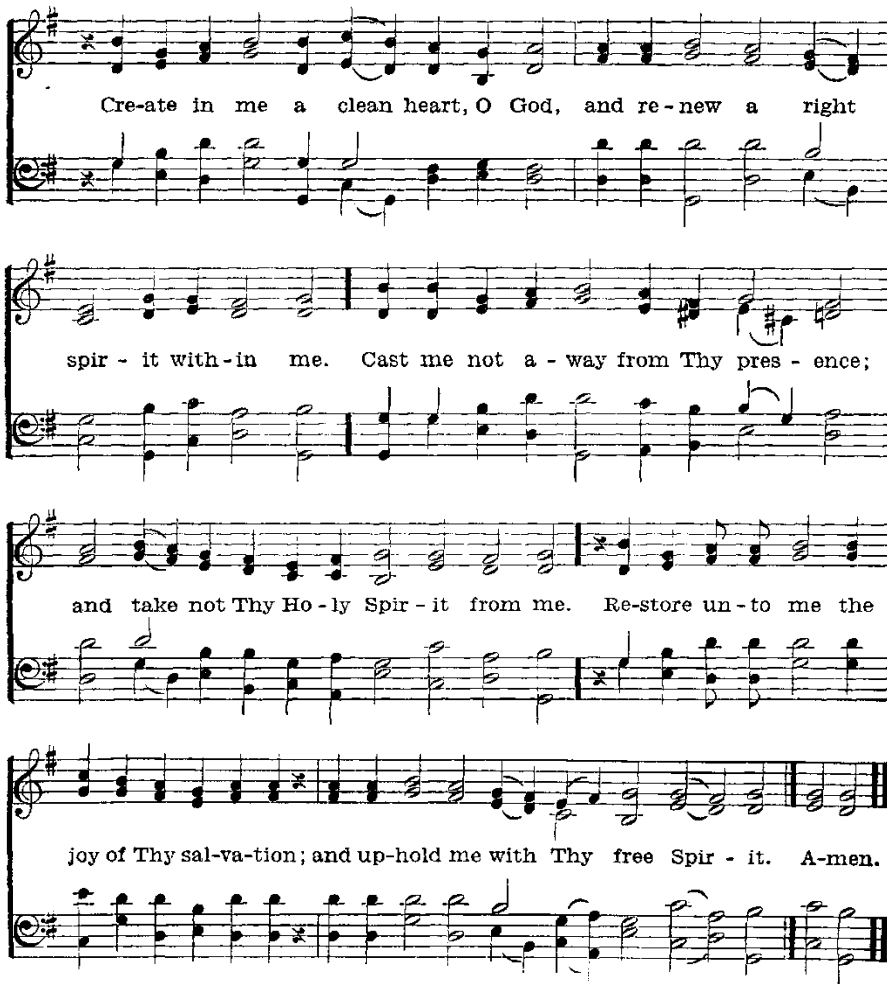
<sup>13</sup>When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, "Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?" <sup>14</sup>So they said, "Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." <sup>15</sup>He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" <sup>16</sup>Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." <sup>17</sup>Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. <sup>18</sup>And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. <sup>19</sup>And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth <sup>1</sup>will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." <sup>20</sup>Then He commanded His disciples that they should tell no one that He was Jesus the Christ.

### **Sermon Theme: Confessionalism Lives in Christ**

✠ Preaching Today: Professor John Ude – Immanuel Lutheran College, Eau Claire, WI

## **THE OFFERTORY**

(TLH p. 12-13)



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right  
spir - it with-in me. Cast me not a - way from Thy pres - ence;  
and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re-store un - to me the  
joy of Thy sal - va - tion; and up - hold me with Thy free Spir - it. A-men.

**Sermon Hymn: 912 Christ is Our Cornerstone** (please stand for last verse)

LSB 912

## **THE OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS**

*In tangible evidence of our gratitude, we offer the Lord the gift of our money, remembering that He has first given to us that we might have to give to Him.*

## **THE GENERAL PRAYER**

(Pastor)

## **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 BENEDICTION**

*The blessing given by God for the blessing of His people (Numbers 6:24-26). (TLH p. 14)*

- ☐** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



**Closing Hymn: 924 *Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessings* (please remain standing)**

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## **Announcements**



**Welcome!** We welcome all our visitors this morning.  
Please sign our guest book and come worship with us again soon.

Today:  
8/10/25

**Choir – 8am**

**Worship – 9am**

Guest Preaching: Professor John Ude – Immanuel Lutheran College

This Week:

Tuesday – **Worship Service at New Perspective** (Franklin) – **11am**

**Board of Education Meeting – 5:30pm**

**Board of Elders – 6pm**

Wednesday – **Worship Service at The Villa** (Greenfield) **10am**

**Wednesday Bible Class – 6:30pm** (Zoom & In-Person)

Church Cleaning: Team #10 (8/9-8/15); Team #1 (8/16-8/22)

Next Sunday: **Choir – 8am**  
8/17/25 **Worship – 9am**

**In Your Mailboxes** – ILC Building Project Update

**Thank you!** – We thank Professor John Ude for bringing us the Word of God this morning! May the Lord bless your upcoming school year at Immanuel. Pastor Luke will be returning from vacation, Lord willing, this evening.

**No Ushering Out at the End of Worship Services (August – October)** –

From the Voters' Meeting minutes: "A recommendation was made by the Board of Elders to suspend ushering after services until the next quarterly meeting, as suggested by several members during annual visits. A motion was called, seconded, and carried to approve the recommendation to suspend post-service ushering for three months." The voters will revisit this and vote on it at our October meeting. We welcome you to share your feedback with our Elders and/or Pastor Luke over the next few months.

**Children's "Busy Bags" Available in Church Entryway** – A number of canvas "Busy Bags" with a few quiet, nonfood items to help keep kids occupied/quiet during church are now available in our church entryway. The bags include Jesus/Christian-themed books and quiet activities to help keep young children centered on the whole reason we are at church! These bags are intended for younger/non-school age children. Our hope is that these bags will encourage young families to keep coming to church, and remind them we do want their kids in church as well! (We also give a big "Thank You!" to Michaela Winters and her family for designing and assembling the "Busy Bags!")

**Wednesday Evening Bible Study @ 6:30pm** – Please make plans to join us either in-person or online via Zoom for our Wednesday Evening Bible Class. We are studying selected Psalms.

To join online please click on Pastor Luke's Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8729663333>

**Messiah Lutheran School Volunteers Wanted** -

School is just around the corner, and we'd love to have you involved! All are encouraged to explore volunteer opportunities and join us as they are able. Scan the QR code to sign up or see Mr. Tiefel for more information!



**Choir Practice Has Resumed – Sundays @ 8am** – Come join our choir! Practices have started up again **Sundays at 8am**. 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders are also welcome to join the choir. If you have questions or would like more information, please speak with our Music Director, Stephanie Goodrie.



**Lawn Mowing Sign-Up Sheet** – We are in need of volunteers each week to help with the lawn mowing on the church property. Please sign the sheet on the cupboard in the church hallway. Please join us in helping keep our property beautiful this summer, to the glory of the Lord!

**ManUp! Registration Deadline** – Please note that the ManUp! Retreat registration fee doubles after August 31<sup>st</sup> (see below). Register today!



**September 25-28, 2025 @ Wyalusing**

**We are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.**  
– Ephesians 2:10 –

**Info/Registration: [manup.clclutheran.org](http://manup.clclutheran.org)**  
**Register by: September 1, 2025**

**\$75 includes bed and all meals**  
**\$150 after September 1st**

Need help covering the registration fee?  
Grants up to \$50 are available for attendees who are 25 and younger.  
See the registration page for details.

**MANUP!**  
LEADING IN CHRIST'S IMAGE



**Midwest Women's Retreat** - Immanuel Mankato invites women of area congregations to a one day retreat on **Saturday, October 25th from 9am-4pm**. The theme for the retreat is "Finding our True Identity as a Reflection of Christ's Image." Presentations will include our Identity in Christ, our Identity Reflected to the world, and Confidence in our Identity. Childcare will be available. To register go to <https://tinyurl.com/3jp5ax8y>. The cost is \$20 if you register before September 24 and is free for young girls under 19. Contact Jen Theneman (507-340-1640 [jtheneman@live.com](mailto:jtheneman@live.com)) with any questions.

Bible Readings:	
8/10	Num. 36 Psalm 41 John 15:1-17
8/11	Deut. 1:1-25 Psalm 42 John 15:8-16:4
8/12	Deut. 1:26-46 Psalm 43 John 16:4-24
8/13	Deut. 2:1-23 Psalm 44 John 16:25-33
8/14	Deut. 2:24-3:11 Psalm 45 John 17:1-26
8/15	Deut. 3:12-29 Psalm 46 John 18:1-18
8/16	Deut. 4:1-14 Psalm 47 John 18:19-40



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OFFERING

August Ushers		Cleaning Team 8/16-8/22	
Joshua Rodebaugh Andrew Albrecht Ken Abrahamson		<u>Team 1</u> K/M Winters A/L Hart P/E Tiefel E. Gurgel M/T Mueller	
<b>August Slideshow</b> Caleb Gerbitz			
Fruits of Faith		Last Week:	To Date:
Budgetary Offerings:		\$6,674.26	\$34,123.76
Budgetary Needs:		\$8,642.65	\$43,213.25
Over (Under) Budget:		(\$1,968.39)	(\$9,089.49)
Sunday School:		\$1.00	\$4.90
Missions:		\$100.00	\$525.00
MDF:		\$60.00	\$135.00
Kinship:		\$30.00	\$206.56
MSAF:		\$100.00	\$150.00
<b>Attendance Last Sunday (8/3): 122</b>			

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