

Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church

*“Inspired by God’s grace
to love and serve all”*

*But immediately Jesus spoke to
them, saying, “Take heart; it is I.
Do not be afraid.”*

Matthew 14:27



AUGUST 9, 2020

9:00AM

TIME AFTER PENTECOST

Gathering

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

Amen

Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Reconciling God,

We confess that we do not trust your abundance, and we deny your presence in our lives. We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts.

We fail to believe that you provide enough for all. We abuse your good creation for our own benefit.

We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us. We sin in thought, word, and deed.

By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us; and in your Spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in newness of life.

Amen

Beloved of God, by the radical abundance of divine mercy we have peace with God through † Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace. Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope. For hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Pastoral 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

Let us Pray.

O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver you sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

Music

Word

First Lesson 1 Kings 19:9-18

⁹ At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there.

Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” ¹⁰ He answered, “I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.”

¹¹ He said, “Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by.” Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting moun-

tains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; ¹² and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. ¹³ When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” ¹⁴ He answered, “I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.” ¹⁵ Then the LORD said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶ Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. ¹⁷ Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. ¹⁸ Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.”

The Word of the Lord Thanks be to God

Psalms 85:8-13

⁸ Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,
for he will speak peace to his people,

to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.

⁹ Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.

¹⁰ Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

¹¹ Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky.

¹² The LORD will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.

¹³ Righteousness will go before him, and will make a path for his steps.

Second Lesson Romans 10:5-15

⁵ Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” ⁶ But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷ “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸ But what does it say?

“The word is near you,
on your lips and in your heart”

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹ because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹ The scripture says, “No one who believes in

him will be put to shame.” ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³ For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

¹⁴ But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? ¹⁵ And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel

Matthew 14:22-33

²² Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴ but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. ²⁵ And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. ²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear. ²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.” ²⁸ Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” ²⁹ He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water,

and came toward Jesus. ³⁰ But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” ³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” ³² When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³ And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

*The Gospel of the Lord **Praise to you, O Christ***

Children’s Sermon
Sermon

Pastor Tammy Barthels

Music

Our Worship continues with professing our faith using the words of the Nicene Creed.

NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father,
the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one
being with the Father;**

through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and
became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under
Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and
was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance
with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is
seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again
in glory to judge the living and the dead, and
his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of
life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with
the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who
has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We
acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of
the world to come. Amen**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer***

Sharing of the Peace

*The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.*

Sacramental Prayer

*Until we can meet again as the whole Body of Christ,
break the One Bread and share the One Cup, I invite
us to pray this prayer.*

Let us pray...

Lord Jesus Christ,

You are the bread of life that nourishes and sustains us.

Since we today cannot gather to share the bread and cup

Dwell in our hearts

And reveal to us again that we are the body of Christ:

In our vulnerable flesh,

Through our baptism into your death and resurrection,

And in service to the world you love.

Be for us manna in the wilderness.

Open our eyes to see you present in every meal,

And in all who hunger for bread,

For human touch, for justice

And for healing and hope.

We pray in your name, our healer and companion. Amen

The Lord's Prayer

*Gathered into one with the Holy Spirit let us pray as
Jesus taught us.*

**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**

Sending

BLESSING

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor
things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor
height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will
be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ
Jesus.

God, the creator, Jesus, the Christ,
And the Holy Spirit, the comforter,
Bless you and keep you in eternal love.
Amen.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

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