

19th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 20 and 21, 2019

Welcome to Worship! God promises His people justice, and so Jesus teaches us to always pray and not lose heart. We sometimes interpret this to mean “if things are bad, just pray harder.” But God doesn’t work like that – He justified us in Christ’s resurrection, even before we could ask.

First time guests: Please stop by the Welcome Center for a travel mug and other gifts!

We love children! If your child gets fussy, please take him/her to the Comfort Place in the Atrium. You can hear the service there and will allow others to hear as well.

A Staffed Nursery is available at **9:00 A.M.** beneath the narthex.

Sunday School classes meet upstairs at 10:15. **Adult Bible Classes** are in the Fellowship Hall. The Adult Information Class does not meet today. Everyone is welcome!

Cell Phones: *Please remember to silence cell phones and electronics during worship.*

Holy Communion will be offered at **11:15A.M.** If you are not a confirmed member of the Lutheran church, please contact an Elder or Pastor before Communing. The Common Cup is served to those who do not take an individual cup. Gluten-free wafers are available by request. Wine with alcohol removed is in the center of the tray.

Large Print bulletins and **Hearing devices** are available from an usher.

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THE PRELUDE

THE HYMN: “Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”

Hymn 901

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THE PRAYER FOR THE DAY: (We pray together)

O Lord, almighty and everlasting God, You have commanded us to pray and have promised to hear us. Mercifully grant that Your Holy Spirit may direct and govern our hearts in all things that we may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of Your name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE WORD OF THE MONTH: (We speak together)

He saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began. 2 Timothy 1:9

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: Genesis 32:22–30 (Page 27)

The same night [Jacob] arose and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and everything else that he had. And Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched his hip socket, and Jacob’s hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, “Let me go, for the day has broken.” But Jacob said, “I will not let you go unless you bless me.” And he said to him, “What is your name?” And he said, “Jacob.” Then he said, “Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed.” Then Jacob asked him, “Please tell me your name.” But he said, “Why is it that you ask my name?” And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, saying, “For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been delivered.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

THE EPISTLE READING: 2 Timothy 3:14–4:5 (Page 996)

As for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work. I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by His appearing and His kingdom: preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

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THE GOSPEL READING: Luke 18:1–8 (page 877) **C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

[Jesus] told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. He said, “In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, ‘Give me justice against my adversary.’ For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, ‘Though I neither fear God nor respect man, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual

coming.” And the Lord said, “Hear what the unrighteous judge says. And will not God give justice to His elect, who cry to Him day and night? Will He delay long over them? I tell you, He will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord. C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

+++ **THE CREED: 9:00/7:00 APOSTLES’,** Page 207; **11:15 NICENE** Page 206

THE HYMN: “O God, Our Help in Ages Past” Hymn 733

THE SERMON: “Holding God to His Words”

THE OFFERING: (Please register Attendance and Communion)

THE MUSICAL OFFERING

THE PRAYERS

+++ **11:15 HOLY COMMUNION:** Pages 208-211; **Hymns: 570, 623, 722, 731**

THE BENEDICTION: Page 212

THE CLOSING HYMN: “Holy God, We Praise Thy Name” Hymn 940

Please take time after the closing hymn to greet and introduce yourself to those around you.

THE POSTLUDE

A Pastor will be available after the service in the chapel to take prayer requests or notes for care.

Preacher: Vicar Ronchetto **Liturgists:** Pastors Bloch & Rodriguez **Lector:** Matt Nieman

Pastor Blumenberg is officiating the wedding of Kayla Sims in Baltimore today.

Organist: Mrs. Katy Rudzinski

Thank you to Emma Mellencamp for her solo on October 13th.

Immanuel’s mission is to connect people to the life, calling, and community of Christ. Founded in 1870, Immanuel is a member of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod. We believe the Bible is God’s inspired Word and that we are saved by grace, through faith in Jesus Christ, who died for our sins. Please take a brochure from the Information Center, or visit us on-line at www.immanuelseymour.com.

Child Care Celebrates 5th Birthday!

Immanuel Lutheran Child Care Ministry has turned 5 years old! As we celebrate mile-stones for the children we care for, so we also thank God for our growth over the years and look forward to His blessings to come! **An Open House and celebration will take place Friday, October 25, from 4-6,** with a bounce house and other fun activities. You are welcome to stop by and celebrate! More than 60 children from infants through age 4 receive loving, Christ-centered care from our trained staff five days a week. While we have a waiting list, you are welcome to call Ashley at 812-522-3118 if you need care.

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