

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

September 13, 2026

10:30 am



Welcome to Immanuel! As we worship together, let us rejoice in the love that God has shown us in Jesus Christ and share that love with each other.

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Pastor: Leah Stolte-Doerfler **Reader:** Bob Knudtson

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Musicians/Song Leaders: Justine Johnson, Patty Leach, Traci Mosher & Debbie Satern

Flowers provided by Dan & Debbie Satern in memory of Wally Satern and Becky Rice.

16th Sunday after Pentecost

Today's hymns are projected on the wall.

Please stand as you are able where the asterisk (*) appears.

Prelude

"Surely the Presence"

CH #219

PL **Welcome**

PL **Mission Statement:** Our mission is to welcome, accept and encourage all people as we follow Jesus.

GATHERING

*Call to Worship

PL Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me.

C Bless God's holy name.

PL God forgives. God heals. God transforms with steadfast love.

C Bless God's holy name.

*Opening Song

"10,000 Reasons"

Words on Screen

Kid's Time

Pastor Leah Stolte-Doerfler

BACKPACK BLESSINGS

PL When it's the night before school, and I'm picking out my clothes and making sure I have all my school supplies...

Kids: Jesus is with me.

PL When I'm waking up and eating a healthy breakfast to start the day...

Kids: Jesus is with me.

PL When I meet my teachers and new friends...

Kids: Jesus is with me.

PL In the classroom and on the playground...

Kids: Jesus is with me.

PL When I'm praying at night and thanking God for my family, my friends and my school...

Kids: Jesus is with me.

PRAYER

PL Let us pray.

C O God, we pray for these cherished children, whom we have promised to love and nurture. Keep them safe, keep them excited, keep them ever seeking to learn more and to develop their gifts. Through their study, may they gain the tools to grow in love and faith and service to others.

PL O God, we ask a blessing on these backpacks in which they carry their books, lunches, papers, and projects, signs of their hopes and dreams as well as their worries.

We pray for teachers and school staff. Give your servants the wisdom to find inspiration for each child. Give them the energy and creativity and love that will make their work a blessing to our children.

C And all of God's people said, "Amen!"

Noisy Offering - pencils to donate to local schools

Children are Dismissed for Sunday School

*Greeting

PL Siblings in Christ, beloved children of God: grace, mercy, and peace be with you all.

C And also with you.

*PL **Prayer of the Day** (prayed by all)

O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

A **First Reading: Genesis 50:15-21**

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this

instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them. (NRSV)

A The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

Psalm: Psalm 103:1-13

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all God's benefits—

who forgives all your sins

and heals all your diseases;

who redeems your life from the grave

and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy;

who satisfies your desires with good things

so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

O Lord, you provide vindication

and justice for all who are oppressed.

You made known your ways to Moses

and your works to the children of Israel.

Lord, you are full of compassion and mercy,

slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love;

you will not always accuse us,

nor will you keep your anger forever.

You have not dealt with us according to our sins,

nor repaid us according to our iniquities.

For as the heavens are high above the earth,

so great is your steadfast love for those who fear you.
As far as the east is from the west,
so far have you removed our transgressions from us.
As a father has compassion for his children,
so you have compassion for those who fear you, O Lord. (NRSV)

A Second Reading: Romans 14:1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat, for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on slaves of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it for the Lord. Also those who eat, eat for the Lord, since they give thanks to God, while those who abstain, abstain for the Lord and give thanks to God. For we do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then, each one of us will be held accountable. (NRSV)

A The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

*Gospel Acclamation *"He is Lord"* CH #34

*PL The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

***PL Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35**
Peter came and said to [Jesus,] "Lord, if my brother or sister sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. "For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him, and, as he could not pay, the lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him by the throat he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart." (NRSV)

*PL The Gospel of the Lord

C Praise to you, O Christ

Message Pastor Leah Stolte-Doerfler

Song of the Day *"Freely, Freely"* CH #436

*The Prayers

A Reminded of God's gracious and abundant love, we offer our prayers, confident that God hears us. *A brief silence.* Move your church throughout the world away from judging and despising others. Lead us to embody the forgiveness you have given us in Jesus. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A The endless beauty of your creation reminds us of your mercy. Protect those who care for farms and ranches. Guide those who lead us to wonder at your creation. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Raise up leaders to hold all in authority accountable for any misuse of the power entrusted to them. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Calm the fears of all in need with your promises. Compassionately free the lives of any who feel bound by their failures. Remember your children in need. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Ground this congregation in the welcome you show us in forgiving our sin. Inspire each of us to welcome others for your honor and glory. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A With you is found the joy and promise of eternal life. Keep us in that joy as we remember all those who have gone before us. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Grant the prayers we have offered, what we have forgotten to ask, and whatever else you see that we need. We ask this in Jesus' name.

C Amen.

MEAL

Offering

Offertory	<i>"Forgiveness"</i>	Words on Screen
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*PL Offertory Prayer (prayed by all)

God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always. Amen.

*PL Words of Institution

*The Lord's Prayer (prayed by all)

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 Communion of Christ's People

Communion Songs	<i>"O Come to the Altar"</i>	Words on Screen
	<i>"Hymn of Heaven"</i>	Words on Screen

PL May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever.

C Amen.

Prayer after Communion (prayed by all)

Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

SENDING

Announcements

*Sending Song	<i>"Holy Forever"</i>	Words on Screen
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*Blessing

PL The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind, in the body of Christ Jesus.

C **Amen.**

PL The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding of the Spirit.

C **Amen.**

PL The God of grace ☩ bless you now and forever.

C **Amen.**

*Dismissal

PL Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

"Holy Forever"

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*Welcome to Immanuel! We are so glad you worshiped with us today!
If you are new to Immanuel, please sign in on the sheet outside the first sanctuary door.*

Rally Sunday - Today!

After service all are invited to a hot dog lunch and fellowship. Please join a service project for *God's Work Our Hands*.

- *Church clean up
- *Mark Twain Elementary grounds project
- *Kitchen clean up
- *Prayer Beads, Knitting, Crocheting
- *Hygiene bags
- *Other options TBA

Men's Fellowship Breakfast - September 14

The next men's fellowship breakfast will be Monday, September 14 from 6:30 - 8:00 am. All men are invited! See Andrew Bush with questions.

Kitchen Cleaning - September 14

Join us Monday, September 14 at 9 am. All are welcome.

Rummage Sale - October 2 & 3

This is a big event and we would appreciate anyone who can volunteer. Help will be needed September 27-October 3 to set up, work the sale, and clean up. All proceeds go to Missions. Let us know if you can help! *Clean and sellable donations may be dropped off along the north wall in the gym during office hours. Please wait until September 27 to bring large donations and do not drop items off outside.*

Bible Study on the Gospel of John - Wednesdays, 10:30 am

Join us Wednesdays, **beginning September 23**. We will meet for 21 weeks to cover the 21 chapters of John, starting with chapter 1 on the 23rd. Optional: Purchase 'John for Everyone' by N.T. Wright as a supplement. Pastor Joe Medley and Pastor Patricia Hughes are our volunteer leaders.

New Members & Transfers - November 8

Are you interested, ready to celebrate being on this faith journey together? We will receive new members on November 8 during the 10:30 service. Please reach out to Pastor Leah if you have questions or are ready for a conversation. {503.302.7712}

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