

Immanuel Lutheran Church Rev. Dr. Joel G. Koepp 229 11th Ave. West Grinnell, IA 50112

Office: 641-236-6691

Pastor Koepp's Cell: 507-829-3901

Pastor Koepp's Email: koeppj@hotmail.com

Church Office Email: immanuelutheran@iowatelecom.net

Website: http://www.immanuelgrinnell.org

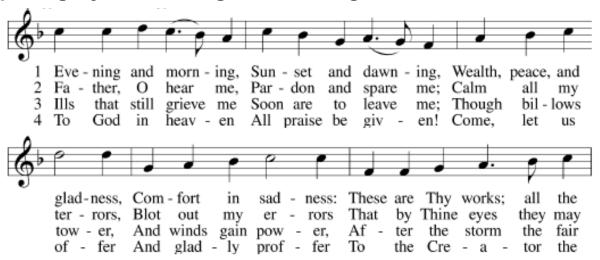
## + NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY +

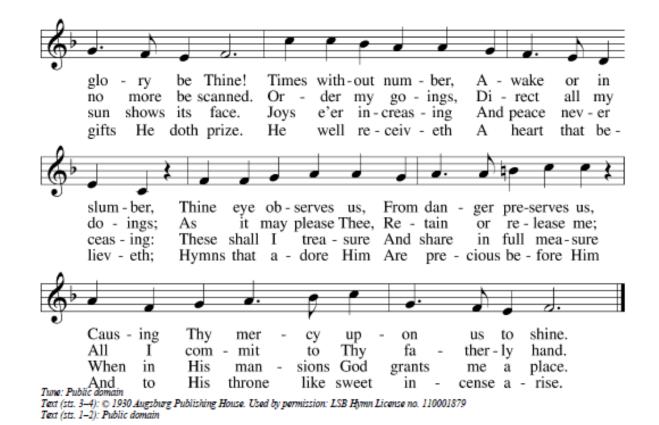
Prayer and Preaching August 1, 2021

#### As We Gather ~ The Steward's Shrewdness Sanctified

"The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness" (Luke 16:1–9). The steward's shrewdness is praiseworthy for two reasons. First, he knew the master would be merciful. He trusted that the master would honor the debts he forgave in the master's name. In the same way, though we have squandered our heavenly Father's possessions in selfishness and sin, Jesus is the Steward who has canceled our debt, knowing that His forgiveness will be honored by the Father because of the holy cross. Secondly, the steward was shrewd in using oil and wheat to provide for his earthly welfare. So also do these earthly elements aid us when pressed into heavenly use in the anointing of baptism and the wheat of the Lord's Supper. Those who have the Sacraments will have an eternal home when their earthly home fails. These provide us aid in times of temptation (1 Cor. 10:6–13). For the Lord is our strength and a shield to all who trust in Him (2 Sam. 22:26–34).

### Opening Hymn 'Evening and Morning'





**Opening Versicles: Common** 

- L This is the day which the Lord has made;
- C let us rejoice and be glad in it.
- L From the rising of the sun to its setting,
- C the name of the Lord is to be praised.
- L Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;
- C I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.
- L Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.
- C Teach me Your paths.
- L Sanctify us in Your truth.
- C Your Word is truth.
- L From the rising of the sun to its setting,
- C the name of the Lord is to be praised.
- C 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.





Reading 2 Samuel 22:26–34

26"With the steadfast faithful you show yourself to be steadfast faithful; with the blameless man you show yourself to be blameless;

27with the pure you show yourself to be pure, and with the crooked you show yourself to be shrewd.

28You save a lowly people,

but your eyes are on the haughty to bring them down.

29For you are my lamp, YHWH, and YHWH lightens my darkness. 30For with you I can rush against a troop, and with my God I can leap over a wall. 31This God—his way is blameless; the word of YHWH is pure;

he is a shield for all those who take refuge in him.

32"For who is God, other than YHWH? And who is a rock, other than our God? 33He is the God who clothes me with strength and makes my way blameless. 34He makes my feet like a deer and makes me stand on the heights."

This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

#### **Introit**

Psalm 54:1-3, 7; antiphon: vv. 4-5



Behold, God is my | helper;\* the Lord is the upholder | of my life.

He will return the evil to my | enemies;\*

in your faithfulness put an | end to them.

O God, save me, | by your name,\* and vindicate me | by your might.

O God, | hear my prayer;\*

give ear to the words | of my mouth.

For strangers have risen against me; ruthless men | seek my life;\*

they do not set God be- | fore themselves.

For he has delivered me from every | trouble,\*

and my eye has looked in triumph on my | enemies.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,\*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Behold, God is my | helper;\*

the Lord is the upholder | of my life.

Reading

1 Corinthians 10:6–13

6Now these things took place as types of us, for us not be desirers of evil, just as also they desired; 7neither be idolaters, just as some of them; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play."

8Neither be sexually immoral, just as some of them were sexually immoral, and twenty-three thousand fell one day. 9Neither put Christ to the test, just as some of them tested and were destroyed by serpents. 10Neither murmur, just as some of them murmured and were destroyed by the Destroyer. 11But these types happened continually to them, and were written regarding to teach us, upon whom the end of the ages has reached. 12So that the one believing he is standing, watch that he does not fall. 13No temptation has come upon you that is not from man, and God is faithful. He will not let you alone with the temptation above what you are able, but will make you with the temptation also an exit for you to be able to endure.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Reading Luke 16:1–13

1[Jesus] also said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. 2And he called him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.' 3And the manager said to himself, 'What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. 4I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.' 5So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he said to the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' 6He said, 'A hundred measures of oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.' 7Then he said to another, 'And how much do you owe?' He said, 'A hundred measures of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, and write eighty.' 8The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. 9And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings.

10"One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. 11If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? 12And if you have not been faithful in that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own? 13No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money."

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

LSB 263

#### **Responsory: Common**

L Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.

C Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

L Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.

C Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

L Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

C Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

#### **Ten Commandments**

You shall have no other gods.

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

Honor your father and your mother.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

#### **Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And 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 thence 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 Heverlasting. Amen.

#### **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.

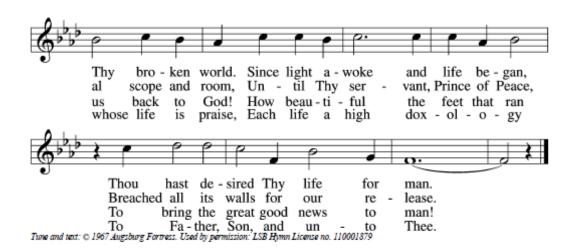
#### **Sermon**

"Completely Surrounded"

Psalm 54

### Hymn 'O God, O Lord of Heaven and Earth'





## **Offering**

**Prayer** 

In peace let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For . . . [additional bids for prayer may be inserted here] . . . let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Collect of the Day

- Let Your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of Your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions, make them to ask such things as shall please You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

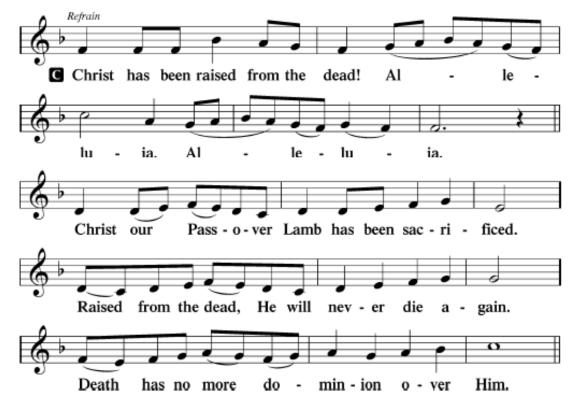
**Collect for the Word** 

- Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

**Morning Prayer** 

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

#### New Testament Canticle





Benedicamus LSB 267

Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

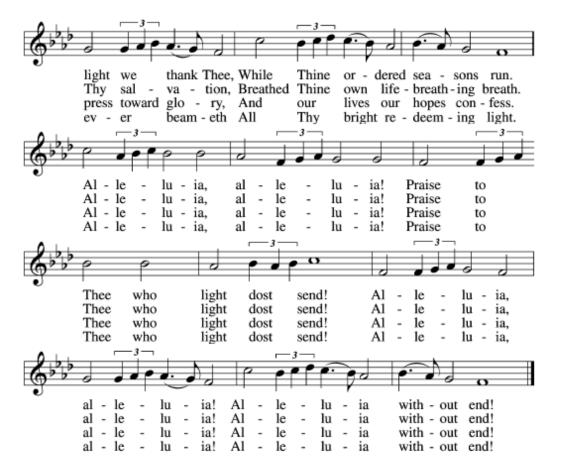
Benediction LSB 267

The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ♣ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.

C Amen.

## Closing Hymn 'Thy Strong Word'





5 Give us lips to sing Thy glory, Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim, Throats that shout the hope that fills us, Mouths to speak Thy holy name. Alleluia, alleluia! May the light which Thou dost send Fill our songs with alleluias, Alleluias without end!

D 6 God the Father, light-creator, To Thee laud and honor be. To Thee, Light of Light begotten, Praise be sung eternally. Holy Spirit, light-revealer, Glory, glory be to Thee. Mortals, angels, now and ever Praise the holy Trinity!

Text: © 1969 Concordia Publishing House. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110001879

#### <u>Acknowledgments</u>

Service of Prayer and Preaching from Lutheran Service Book Unless otherwise indicated, Scripture quotations are from the ESV® Bible (The Holy Bible, English Standard Version®), copyright © 2001 by Crossway, a publishing ministry of Good News Publishers. Used by permission. All rights reserved. Created by Lutheran Service Builder © 2021 Concordia Publishing House.

# Immanuel Spirit

**Scripture Lessons for next Sunday:** Jeremiah 8:4–12, 1 Corinthians 12:1–11 and Luke 19:41–48.

**Stewardship:** Luke 16:8-9 – "... For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings." The things of this world, including wealth, are merely tools. They can be used for good or ill. They can be squandered or used efficiently. How we use them will be determined by what is most important to us. What is most important to you in your life? Does the way you use the things of this world reflect that?

Building Healthy Families for Aug. 1st: Did you know a snail can sleep for three years? What a long nap! Although we do not sleep that long, Jesus offers a greater rest. In Matthew 11:28 he tells us, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." During the coming week, take Jesus up on His offer for rest from the worries of this world. ~ Lutheran Family Service of lowa: Des Moines (515) 251-4900. www.LutheranFamilyService.org

**Life Quote for Aug. 1st:** "Your Heavenly Father loves you in spite of your many failings. The Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, is now interceding on your behalf at the throne of God every time you stumble and fall. The Holy Spirit of the blessed Trinity is at your side convicting you of your sin but then also assuring you that every last one of your sins has been totally forgiven. He, the Spirit, then also plants deep into your heart God's gift of faith and hope." Rev. Dr. Wallace Schulz, The Lutheran Hour ~ A "Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life www.lutheransforlife.org

Lutheran Hour Ministries for Aug. 8th: Hear "Seeing The Savior Sore" based on Ephesians 4:26 by Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer. "Archives August". Jesus got upset when religious people got in the way of those He wanted to reach. ~ Listen next Sunday on 600 WMT at 6:30 a.m., 1190 KFJB at 8:30 a.m., WHO-1040 at 7:30 a.m., & 1410 KGRN at 7:30 a.m.

13

Life Thoughts in the Church Year: Trinity IX – Temptations to idolatry exist today as they did in biblical times. The great idol "Death" draws many to its altar. They look to death for rescue from a crisis pregnancy or chronic disease or pain. Death's allure is so great it even tempts Christians to bow before it. But we have a way out of such temptations to faithlessness: "God is faithful" (1 Corinthians 10:1-13). Christ our "Rock" never leaves us (10:4). We can trust in Him. Rock of our salvation, may Your faithful service to us through Your cross and resurrection move us to be faithful to You. Amen.

MARK BIBLE STUDY... The Word of the Lord Endures Forever is a daily 15-minute verse-by-verse Bible study produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Will Weedon. Pastor Weedon will begin a study this week on the Book of Mark. You can listen on-demand at thewordendures.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

Audio: LifeMoments from Lutherans For Life and KFUO Radio: "Hear the sanctity of life throughout Scripture and all year long! Life-Moments from Lutherans For Life listens to each week's appointed lectionary readings with life ears and applies God's Word to life hurts." <a href="https://www.kfuo.org/category/lifemoments/">https://www.kfuo.org/category/lifemoments/</a>

**KFUO Radio**, a media ministry extension of LCMS congregations, shares Christ for you anytime, anywhere on KFUO.org via worship services, Bible and theology studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music. You can find programs on demand at kfuo.org and wherever you get your podcasts! Find us on social: @KFUOradio on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUO.org: Study practical application of our Lutheran Confessions on Concord Matters (8/7 at 10:00 a.m. CT), finish the book of Jeremiah on Sharper Iron's "A Time to Destroy and a Time to Build" (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), and hear conversations about faith and family on Moments with KFUO Radio (weekdays at 12:00 p.m. CT). Find these programs on demand at kfuo.org or on the KFUO Radio app!

Council Meeting next Sunday, August 8th at 8am.

**Cleaning:** Household(s) responsible for the week of 8/1--8/7 is **Honold**. Household(s) responsible for the week of 8/8--8/14 is **Huedepohl**. If it is your week to clean church & you have other obligations or prefer to write a check rather than cleaning, the cost is \$50. Please contact the church office at <a href="maintain: immanuelutheran@iowatelecom.net">immanuelutheran@iowatelecom.net</a> no later than the Thursday of the week before it is your week to clean.

Our Savior Lutheran Church in Newton is inviting the children of Immanuel to join them in VBS August 13-15. For more information or to sign up, contact Our Savior in Newton:

1900 N. 4th Ave. E., Newton, IA 50208

Tel: (641) 792.1084

Email: oursavr@windstream.net

Pastor Daniel Provost: Tel: (507) 440.3147

Email: pastorprovost@hotmail.com

August calendars and newsletters are in your boxes and on the entryway table.

**Please check your boxes** for a new issue of *IDE Today* and check out the entryway table for complimentary copies of *Lutheran Life*. Download their free app at cph.org/llapp and keep *Lutheran Life* and other CPH resources with you no matter where God guides you.

# Celebrating Baptismal Birthdays This Week

Ken Mergen...Today

## **Celebrating Birthdays This Week**

Ken Mergen & Patrick Mahaffey...Monday Kevin Schultz...Tuesday

## **Celebrating Anniversaries This Week**

Dennis & Bonnie Moon...Tuesday

Marvin & Ruth Honold 60th Anniversary...Thursday

We pray God's blessings upon you in the coming year.



If anyone is interested and willing to teach yearly, monthly, or weekly, the Board of Education is wanting and willing to be flexible in scheduling teachers.

For more information, contact the Board of EducationDanielle McDonough
Sherry Baker
Markie Koepp

# THE LWML NOISY BUCKET IS BACK!!!

Start saving your change – the NOISY BUCKET will be out on **Sunday**, **August 29**, **2021** (**Immanuel's Christian Education Sunday**)! We will be collecting change (and paper money) for the lowa East District LWML Mission Grants. Due to the Corona virus, churches not having LWML meetings, our zones not having rallies, and churches not having in-person services, the District Mites are behind for the 2020-2022 by about \$50,000. We put all things in God's hands – our Mission Grant projects (a list of those is on the bulletin board by the kitchen), our blessings, and our contributions. Thank you in advance for your contributions on Sunday, August 29th.

In other LWML news, I want to thank the members of Immanuel that contributed items for the **Gifts from the Heart** projects that were collected at our National Convention held in Lexington, KY from June 24-27: Overall, almost **500** boxes and packages of diapers, almost **500** baby blankets, almost **900** burp cloths and bibs, over **1320** packages of baby wipes, and almost **1200** toys, teethers, and pacifiers were collected for the **Assurance for Life Ministries** in Lexington; **6008** pairs of eyeglasses were collected for **MOST Ministries** (Mission Opportunities Short Term), and **\$33,270** in gift cards, plus **444** more gift cards that were not marked monetarily for our two **Seminaries** (Ft. Worth and St. Louis) **Food Banks and Co-ops**. In addition to all of these contributions our church (ladies and children) colored cards for cancer patients for **Phil's Friends** and also sent bracelets and crocheted puppets to **MOST Ministries**.

Events coming up for **ALL** women of Immanuel to be thinking about attending are:

- 1. September 11, 2021 Fall Retreat at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca see information and Registration in the bulletin. Kids are WECOME!!
- 2. October 30, 2021- Marshalltown Zone Rally held at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Lacona. Gary Thies will be the guest speaker.
- 3. June 10-11, 2022 Iowa East LWML Convention at Hilton Garden Inn, Cedar Falls.

In closing, remember all women that are members of Immanuel are considered members of LWML also. If you are free from 11:30 – 1:00, on the 2nd Monday **any** month, we welcome you to attend our meeting and Bible study with Pastor Koepp.

Serving the Lord with gladness, Pam H.

## ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS

## For the week of July 25, 2021

Attendance 39 Communion 26

General Fund \$3300.00

Missions N/A

## **WEEK AHEAD**

Today 9:00am Ninth Sunday after Trinity

2nd Plate Missions Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca

Greeter: Thorpe

**Usher: Patrick Mahaffey** 

Servers: Denise Cadwell/Julie Roberts

Acolyte/Crucifier: Sloane/Cole

Elder: Joel McDonough

Pastor in Minnesota through Thursday

Higher Things Confirmation Camp Aug 3rd-6th

Next Sun. 8:00am Council Meeting

9:00am Tenth Sunday after Trinity

10:30am Bible Study

Greeter: Ford

Usher: Jeff Korth

Servers: Esther Huedepohl/Richelle Mahaffey

Acolyte/Crucifier: Finn/Lauren

Elder: Darlo Kelting