

Come, Holy Spirit, and fill the hearts of Your faithful people and kindle in them the fire of Your love: You, who through diverse tongues gathered together the nations in the unity of faith.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH 15th Saturday After Pentecost
Church Phone: 812-867-5088 — August 31, 2024 --- 5:30 pm
Worship with Holy Communion

Opening Prayer // Opening Hymn: *“By Grace I’m Saved” 566 vs. 1-2*

Invocation: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C:** *Amen.*

P: O Lord, open my lips.	C: <i>And my mouth will declare Your praise.</i>
P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me;	C: <i>Make haste to help me, O Lord.</i>
P: God the Father, made the Plan	C: <i>He gave to us the Plan of the Gospel.</i>
P: Jesus carried out the Plan.	C: <i>He died on the Cross for our sins</i>
P: The Holy Spirit makes the Plan a part of our lives	C: <i>He opens our hearts</i>
P: The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit	C: <i>The Holy Trinity that grants life</i>
P: Our God made, carried out, and brought	C: <i>His plan of salvation to us.</i>
P: This is the day the Lord has made	C: <i>We will rejoice and be glad in it.</i>

Psalmody: *Psalm 119: 129-136*

P: Your statutes are wonderful; therefore I obey them. **C:** *The unfolding of Your words gives light; it gives understanding to the simple.*

P: I open my mouth and pant, longing for Your commands. **C:** *Turn to me and have mercy on me, as You always do to those who love Your name.*

P: Direct my footsteps according to Your word; let no sin rule over me. **C:** *Redeem me from the oppression of men, that I may obey Your precepts.*

P: Make Your face shine upon Your servant and teach me Your decrees. **C:** *Streams of tears flow from my eyes, for Your law is not obeyed.*

All: *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

Collect: O God, the source of all that is just and good, nourish in us every virtue and bring to completion every good intent that we may grow in grace and bring forth the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C:** *Amen.*

Hymn: *“Let Children Hear the Mighty Deeds” 867*

O.T. Lesson: *Deuteronomy 4: 1-2, 6-9* /// **Epistle Lesson:** *Ephesians 6: 10-20*

(Please rise) Holy Gospel: *Mark 7: 14-23* /// **Hymn:** *“Fruitful Trees, The Spirit’s Sowing” 691*

Children's Sermon /// **Sermon** /// **Confession of Faith: Nicene Creed** (back of hymnal)

Offering brought to the Altar

Prayers: The families of Egli, Kathy, Brad, Nathan and Lindsey; Eissler, Carolyn; and English, Blake, Jen, Brynn, Brook and Maryn.

Lord's Prayer (Back of Hymnal)

Confession of Sins

C: *Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, have mercy upon us. Forgive us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.*

Absolution: Upon this your confession, I by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Admonition to Communicants: I exhort you in Christ, that you give attention to the Testament of Christ in true faith, and above all take to heart the Words with which Christ presents His body and blood to us for forgiveness. That you take note of, and give thanks for, the boundless love that He showed us when He saved us from the wrath of God, sin, death, and hell by His blood; and that you then externally receive the bread and wine, that is, His body and blood, as a guarantee and pledge. Let us then in His name, according to His command, and with His own Words administer and receive His Sacrament.

Blessing of Elements /// **Distribution** /// **Hymn:** "Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing" 924

Closing Collect: *Heavenly Father, You grant us Your Spirit to open our eyes and enlighten our minds to serve You and fellow believers; lead us by Your Spirit to enable us to witness of Your love, live according to Your will, bring Your Word of life to others, rejoice in the goodness You have showered upon us, and reflect Your love in how we reach out to others; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.*

Benediction

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Kirk Horstmeyer, Pastor
Karen Whitehead, Organist

WHAT THE SCRIPTURES TEACHES CONCERNING THE LORD'S SUPPER

In I Corinthians 11 the Holy Spirit led Paul to write, "This is my body" and "This cup is the new covenant in my blood" to explain the spiritual truth of the Supper: Christ is truly present in His body and blood in the bread and wine. This is a mystery, a Heavenly gift; one we can only understand in faith. Paul further says, "Therefore whoever eats the bread and drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord" and, "let a man examine himself...for he who eats and drinks, eats and drinks judgment to himself if he does not judge the body rightly." There is no doubt from our Lord's Word, we are receiving His body and blood. The Father offers us forgiveness, unity of faith, strengthening of faith, etc.; it is never our right, we approach His altar only by His invitation. If you are visiting we ask that you please speak with the Pastor before receiving the Lord's Supper. We strive to lovingly carry out our responsibility to ensure the supper remains a blessing for all, never a curse. May His richest blessing be upon you all.

THIS WEEK

TONIGHT: Worship w/HC 5:30
SUNDAY: Worship w/HC 8 am, SS 9:10 am, Worship w/HC 10:15am
TUESDAY: Confirmation 6:00
THURSDAY: Bible Study 9:30 am and 6:00 pm
Next SATURDAY: Confirmation 9:30 am, Worship w/HC 5:30
Next SUNDAY: Worship 8 am, SS 9:10 am, Worship 10:15am


WEEKLY ATTENDANCE: Sat, Aug 24: 52 LS: 43; Sun, Aug 25: 8 am: 103; 10:15 am: 58

MEMBER PRAYER LIST: Next week we will be praying for the families of: Farney, Gaylen, Shelly, Savanna, McCormick and Steiger; Faw, Phillip, Whitney, Alayna and Logan; and Faw, Tarah and Taylynn.

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

FISH FRY WORK DAY: on Saturday, September 21st at 9 am we will have a work day to gather all Fish Fry items and move it to one location.



CHOIR PRACTICES will start on Wednesday, September 25th at 6pm. We are always looking for more members and if you like to sing (the only qualification you need), high school age and up, we would love to have you join us. The choir sings for Reformation, Thanksgiving, Advent services and for Christmas Eve. Practices are Wednesdays at 6pm - 7pm. Come on September 25th to give us a try and see what we will be singing this fall. It is a lot of fun and good fellowship. If you have any questions, please call or text Cheryl Bratten 812-604-9076. 

TRINITY -HENDERSON RETREAT: *"MASTERPIECE"* Retreat will be held at Trinity-Henderson, 501 N. Elm Street on Saturday, September 14th from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm (CST) Cost is \$10, collected at door. Questions? Please text Deb Ragan 270-872-9372; Millie Lotter 270-823-2103; Penny Letterman 812-568-7290. Please let us know if you are attending so we will know how much food to prepare.

ZONE RALLY: The Ladies of the West Zone of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League cordially invite you to our Zone Rally on Saturday, September 28, 2024, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 100 E Michigan Street, Evansville. Registration begins at 9:00 am

Rev Chad Eckels from St. Paul's will present the Bible Study.

The program for the Rally will be putting together *Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief* and making Greeting Cards for the Food Pantry. You do not need to bring anything for these kits or cards. Everything will be provided.

An *offering* will be collected for the Lutheran World Relief shipping fund.

Lunch will be provided by the ladies of St. Paul

Please use school entrance located at 111 E. Virginia Street

Please submit reservations by Friday, September 15 to Bev Racine at 812-867-2306.

Hope to see you there.