

WEST IDA IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

160 Years of Serving Together

Sunday, August 7, 2022

9th Sunday after Pentecost

Jesus says, "It is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." It is God's promise from the beginning—to Abraham, to the early church, and to the "little flock" of which we are a part in today's assembly. Faith, God's baptismal gift, trusts the promises of God. Have no fear.

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose steadfast love endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way.

Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table.

When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side.

Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors.

Amen.

Hear the good news! God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves.

Amen.

Gathering Hymn – "Soul Adorn Yourself with Gladness" ELW#589

Greeting

P) The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C) **And also with you.**

Setting Three – ELW page 138

Prayer of the Day

P) Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C) **Amen**

Children's Message

The Readings for This Day

AM) The first reading is from Genesis 15:1-6

AM) ¹After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ²But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my

house is to be my heir." ⁴But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

AM) Word of God, word of life.

C) Thanks be to God.

AM) The responsive reading today is Psalm 33: 12-22

AM) Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD! Happy the people chosen to be God's heritage!

C) The LORD looks down from heaven, and sees all humankind.

AM) God sits firmly enthroned and watches all who dwell on the earth.

C) God fashions all their hearts and observes all their deeds.

AM) A king is not saved by the size of the army, nor are warriors rescued by their great strength.

C) The horse gives vain hope for victory; despite its great strength it cannot save.

AM) Truly, your eye is upon those who fear you, O LORD, upon those who wait for your steadfast love,

C) to deliver their lives from death, and to keep them alive in time of famine.

AM) Our innermost being waits for you, O LORD, our helper and our shield.

C) Surely, our heart rejoices in you, for in your holy name we put our trust.

AM) Let your lovingkindness, O LORD, be upon us, even as we place our hope in you.

AM) The Second Reading is Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

AM) ¹Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

¹³All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

AM) The Word of the Lord.

C) Thanks be to God.

P) Please stand in body or spirit for the reading of the Gospel.

Gospel Acclamation

C) **Alleluia. Keep awake and be ready, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. Alleluia.**

P) The holy Gospel according to **Luke 12:32-40**

C) **Glory to You, O Lord.**

P) [Jesus said:] ³²Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.
³⁵Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.
³⁹But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

P) The Gospel of the Lord.

C) **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day – "Blessed Assurance" ELW#638

Prayers of Intercession

P) Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

*(Each petition will end God in your mercy; The congregation will respond with **receive our prayer.**)*

P) Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom.

C) **Amen.**

Sharing of the Peace

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

The Offering is Gathered

Thank you to all who have sent or brought your tithes and offerings.

If, because of employment or financial difficulties, you are unable to bring or send your offerings at this time, please know the church will be helped by your offerings of prayers.

Thank you for giving from your heart – because God LOVES a cheerful giver!

(If you would like to donate electronically, you may do so at our website or Facebook page)

Offertory Hymn – "Create in Me" ELW#188

Offertory Prayer

P) God of abundance: you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus.

C) **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

- P) The Lord be with you. C) **And also with you.**
P) Lift up your hearts. C) **We lift them to the Lord.**
P) Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C) **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
P) It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:
C) **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna is the highest. Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna is the highest.**
P) In the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is My body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of Me.
P) Again, after supper, He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in My blood shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of Me.
P) Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we will sing the "Manifesto"

Invitation to Communion

- P) The risen Christ dwells with us here. All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.
P) The body of Christ, given for you. C) **Amen.**
P) The blood of Christ, shed for you. C) **Amen.**

*Communion Hymns – "Lamb of God" setting #3
"How Great Thou Art" ELW#856*

Prayer after Communion

- L) Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus.
- C) **Amen**

Announcements

Blessing

- P) The God of peace, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always.
- C) **Amen**

Sending Hymn – "Waymaker" ccli#7115744

Dismissal

- P) Go in peace. Love your neighbor.
- C) **Thanks be to God.**

Announcements

SISTERS BIBLE STUDY -meets at 6p on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month. Come as you are, and join us!

Serving Today:

Usher:	Ed Ruehs Jr.
Communion Assistant:	Pete Grundy
Coffee Hour:	Melanie Mero
Reader:	Emily Frank

Serving August 14th:

Usher:	Kurt Kraftchick
Communion Assistant:	Paul Kraftchick
Collection Counters:	Paul Kraftchick & Kathie Kominek
Reader:	Kathie Kominek
Coffee Hour:	Available to volunteer

Our next God Works! opportunity will be August 30th. If you have menu ideas or want to help, consider participating; we need "all of us" to make this happen. Talk to Chris Eddolls 734-269-2314.

COFFEE HOUR sheet has been updated for August and September. The new sheet is in the parish hall for your consideration.

SYNOD PROJECT - The Homeless Remembrance Blanket Project will be an art installation at the nation's capitol on December 21, 2022 - the day we think, not only of those who live unstably housed, but of those who die that way.

Generous blanket makers, knitting, crocheting or quilting will create a special gift for a total stranger experiencing homelessness. We would like twin and full sized blankets. 45 x 80 inches or 60 x 80 inches.

After the event at the capitol - the blankets will be distributed to those in need.

Each state is encouraged to make 100 or more blankets - shipping 10 of them to the event in DC and distributing the others through outreach organizations across their state.

Michigan FaceBook group link: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/640579887222586>

[#MemorialBlanket - Michigan | Facebook](#)

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This Week We Pray For

Gary Allyn (healing)	JoAnne Lietaert (healing)
Randy Appling (healing)	Cora Loga (healing)
Maddie Carew (healing)	Pr. Sarah Mayor - Flatt (healing)
Sean Carew (healing)	Terry McDonald Carmen (healing)
Bonnie Cornprobst (healing)	Nathan, 2yrs old (healing)
Diane (Ruth Paselk's sister) (healing)	Tom Paselk (healing)
Bill and Sharon Dzierlatka (healing)	John Quiel (healing)
Hope Carew (healing)	Frank Rosza (healing)
Sondra Ewing (healing)	Chuck Ruehs (healing)
David Frank (healing)	Elaina Rusnak (healing)
Steve Frank (healing)	Bill Salow (healing)
Genesis Lutheran Church, Detroit (peace)	Tim Eddolls (healing)
Darla Gere (healing)	Frank Turner (healing)
Tonya Hahn (healing)	Sandi Vance (healing)
Sharon Hargraves (healing)	Rachael Weiler (healing)
Audrey Harris (healing)	Phil Sontag (healing)
Glen Hoppert (healing)	Fred Inman (healing)
Inactive Members	Pete Grundy (healing)
Fred Kominek (healing)	Donna Allyn (healing)
Immanuel's Confirmation Students	Mary Lassey Family (grieving)
Joe Drouillard (healing)	Olivia Dowler Family (grieving)

Prayers for Those in the Military

Alexis Bailey (Stateside)	Matthew Molek (stateside)
Aaron Bunke (stateside)	Joey & Megan Noeske (Guard & Reserves)
Derek Carlson (stateside)	Brandon Rozanski (stateside)
Christina Dickerson (stateside)	Evan Sauer (stateside training)
Jaime Engel (stateside)	Ted Warren (stateside)
Nathan Foster (Pentagon)	

Upcoming Commemorations

Dominic, founder of the Order of Preachers (Dominicans), died 1221

Monday, August 8, 2022

Dominic was a Spanish priest who saw the wealth of the clergy as a stumbling block for the church, so he formed a movement, the Order of Preachers (commonly called Dominicans) devoted to itinerant preaching and living in poverty.

Lawrence, deacon, martyr, died 258

Wednesday, August 10, 2022

As one of the seven deacons of the church at Rome, Lawrence was responsible for the church's financial matters and for the care of the poor. Asked by the emperor to gather the church's treasure, he presented a collection of orphans, lepers, and the like. The enraged emperor had him put to death.

Clare, Abbess of San Damiano, died 1253

Thursday, August 11, 2022

A contemporary of Francis of Assisi, Clare and a growing number of companions established a women's Franciscan community, called the Order of Poor Ladies, or Poor Clares. She inspired other women to pursue spiritual goals.

Florence Nightingale, died 1910; Clara Maass, died 1901; renewers of society

Saturday, August 13, 2022

Nightingale was born in England, and horrified her wealthy family by deciding to become a nurse. She led a group of nurses in ministering in the midst of the Crimean War, and worked for hospital reform. Maass, a native of New Jersey, was also a war nurse, and volunteered as a subject for research on yellow fever. She died of the disease.

Prayers of Intercession

The prayers are prepared locally for each occasion. The following examples may be adapted or used as appropriate.

Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

A brief silence.

Let your lovingkindness be upon your church. Fill all who proclaim the gospel with your Spirit. Equip your flock to speak your word of promise and hope in the midst of fear and uncertainty. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Let your lovingkindness be upon your creation. Dwell among us and sustain our earthly home. In places of famine, provide nourishment. In places of plenty, fashion us to be good stewards of your bounty. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Let your lovingkindness be upon your world. Be our helper and our shield in places torn by strife and violence (*especially*). Raise up courageous leaders to govern with compassion and justice. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Let your lovingkindness be upon your children. Look upon all who wait for your steadfast love. Console those who grieve and embrace those who cry out to you (*especially*). Help us to trust your promise and not be afraid. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Let your lovingkindness be upon this community. Fashion our hearts to strive for the way of peace. Strengthen the outreach ministries of this congregation (*specific ministries may be named*) and all who care for those in need. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

With thanksgiving we remember all who have died in faith and now rest in you. As they placed their hope in you, so strengthen us to trust in your promise of new life. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom.

Amen.