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**The Fourth Sunday After Pentecost**

**June 17, 2018**

**VISITORS – WE WELCOME YOU** to this house of prayer this morning. May you feel at home among friends as we worship together. We invite you to sign your name in the guest book in the back of the church and hope you will return again soon.

This morning we celebrate the Sacrament of the Altar, a feast of forgiveness in which we partake of the true body and blood of Christ along with the visible elements of bread and wine. The Bible gives specific instructions about the Lord's Supper. As it can be received to one's blessing or to one's harm (1 Corinthians 11:27-29), the Lord's Table must be approached with a sincere faith and a Biblical understanding. That's why all who are new to the Lutheran faith are instructed about this sacred meal before attending the Lord's Supper. Moreover, this Sacrament is also a testimony of our oneness in what we believe (1 Corinthians 10:17). Therefore, we welcome to the Holy Supper all members of Immanuel who have been confirmed and those confirmed members of sister congregations with whom we are in fellowship through unity in teaching (LCMS and TAALC). All guests who wish to receive the Sacrament are asked to speak with Pastor Sorenson before the service. The faith that we believe and confess is a beautiful gift of God. If you are new to Immanuel, we warmly welcome and encourage you to learn about this faith.

Prelude/Father's Day Gifts  
Ringing of the Bell  
Welcome

Sentence for the Season of Pentecost

P: God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, which has been given to us.

**C: Amen.**

Introit of the Day, spoken responsively..... worship insert

An Act of Adoration

P: Let us adore our heavenly Father, who created us, who sustains us, who loves us with an everlasting love and gives us the light of the knowledge of His glory in the face of Jesus Christ.

**C: We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to be the Lord.**

P: Let us glory in the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, who, though He was rich, yet for our sakes became poor; who in every respect was tempted as we are, yet without sinning; who went about doing good and preaching the Gospel of the kingdom; who became obedient unto death, even death on a cross; who died and is alive forevermore; who has opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers; who is seated at the right hand of God in the glory of the Father; who will come again, as Judge and King.

**C: You are the King of glory, O Christ.**

P: Let us rejoice in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of life, by whom we are born into the family of God, and made members of the body of Christ; whose witness confirms us, whose wisdom teaches us, whose power enables us to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think.

**C: All praise to You, O Holy Spirit.**

An Act of Confession

P: O God our Father, since You have set forth the way of life for us in Your beloved Son, we confess with shame our slowness to learn of Him, our failure to follow Him, our reluctance to bear the cross.

**C: Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.**

P: Forgive us the poverty of our worship, our neglect of fellowship and of the means of grace, our hesitating witness for Christ, our evasion of responsibility in Your service, our imperfect stewardship of Your gifts.

**C: Have mercy on us and forgive us, O God.**

P: Forgive us that so little of Your love has reached others through us, that we have been thoughtless in our judgments, hasty in condemnation, grudging in forgiveness, slow to seek reconciliation, unwilling to help our neighbors as we ought.

**C: Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord. Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your steadfast love; according to Your abundant mercy blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and put a new and right spirit within us. Amen.**

P: 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.

**C: Amen.**

Hymn of Praise: #807, "When Morning Gilds the Skies"

Collect of the Day, spoken by Pastor

Old Testament Reading: Ezekiel 17:22-24

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Gradual of the Season, chanted by Pastor

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 5:1-10

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia #952

Holy Gospel: Mark 4:26-34

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 4th chapter.

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

*(The Gospel is read.)*

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ!**

The Nicene Creed ..... back cover of the hymnal

Hymn of the Day: #577, "Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast"

Sermon: "On Seeds, Shrubs, and Fathers"

Offering

Prayer of the Church

P: Let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

Admonition to the Communicants

The Lord's Prayer ..... back cover of the hymnal

The Words of Institution

Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: Amen.**

Distribution Hymns

#637, "Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord"

#651, "I Love Your Kingdom, Lord"

#809, "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

#702, "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

Post-Communion Prayer

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

Closing Hymn: #643, "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

Silent Prayer

Announcements

Postlude