

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 50:15-21

When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died: 'Say to Joseph, "Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.'" And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

Choir: *"Lord Christ the Children's Friend"*

Epistle Reading: Romans 14:1-12

As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand. One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. For 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, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living. Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; ¹¹for it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God." So, then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

Then Peter came up and said to him, "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times. "Therefore, the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have

patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.' So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

Announcements

Noah's Ark Preschool Kwik Trip Car Wash Fundraiser:

The Noah's Ark Preschool Kwik Trip Car Wash Fundraiser is now underway! Sign-up sheets are available in the **Narthex**.

Thank you for supporting Noah's Ark Preschool!

Thank You!

Immanuel would like to take this opportunity to thank **Mavis Smith** for being our guest organist this morning. We truly appreciate you sharing your time and musical gifts with us!

Thank you, Mavis, for helping make our worship service special!

Immanuel:

It's that time of year again—we are getting ready for our annual **German Dinner!** Next Sunday, September 20, the donation sheets and volunteer sign-up sheets will be available for everyone to sign up. Tickets will go on sale Sunday, September 27. So, mark those dates on your calendar and keep them in mind! ***We appreciate everyone who helps make our German Dinner a success!***

Thank you to our Choir and Bell Choir for adding such beautiful music to our service this Rally Sunday! We truly appreciate all your dedication and the time you give to share your gifts with our congregation.

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Divine Service
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Opening Hymn **# 673**
"Jerusalem, My Happy Home"

Invocation

Sermon Theme: *"In the Name"*

Confession/Absolution

Introit **Bulletin**
Kyrie **pg. 204**
Gloria in Excelsis

Salutation **pg. 205**
Collect **Bulletin**

Scripture Readings

Old Testament Reading

Choir: *"Lord Christ the Children's Friend"*

Epistle Reading

Alleluia and Verse

Holy Gospel

Apostles' Creed **pg. 207**

Sermon Hymn **# 686**
"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Sermon

"I Believe"

Introduction of the Confirmation Class

Collection of Offerings: Bell Choir:
"Jesus Love Me This I Know"

Prayers

Lord's Prayer **pg. 209**
Sermon Theme: *"The Lord Bless You"*

Benediction

Sung: Amen, amen, amen

Closing Hymn **# 662**
"Onward, Christian Soldiers"

Measure of Our Stewardship

Attendance: Sunday – September 6 - 69

Contributions: General-\$1,201 | Missions-\$40 | Building Fund-\$0 | Cemetery-\$0 | Noah’s Ark Preschool-\$30 | Portals of Prayers-\$0 | Special Offerings-\$0 | Lutheran Witness-\$0 | Plate-\$75 | Total- **\$1,346**

Weekly Happenings at Immanuel

Sunday, Sept 13th ***Rally Sunday***

9:00 am | Worship Service
10:00 am | Sunday School Begins
10:15 am | Adult Bible Study
Pastoral Care Collections

Tuesday, Sept 15th

Brownston Visits

Wednesday, Sept 16th

9:00 am | Bible Class
1:30 pm | Afternoon Worship Service/Holy Communion
6:00-7:15 pm | Confirmation Classes

Friday, Sept 18th

9:00 am | online 100 Bible Stories

Sunday, Sept 20th ***Presentation of Catechisms to the 1st Graders***

9:00 am | Worship Service/Baptism
10:00 am | Sunday School
10:15 am | Ladies Aid Serving Coffee
10:15 am | Adult Bible Study
Pastoral Care Collections

Common Cup Food Drive

The Board of Education is asking for donations for the **Common Cup Program**, which provides snacks for school-aged children of families in need. Next Sunday will be our last scheduled collection day, but donations are always welcome! If you would like to donate after that, simply bring your items to the church office. Please see the flyer posted on the bulletin board in the narthex for a list of needed items.

Thank you for helping support children in our community!

Pastoral Care Committee Collection:

The Pastoral Care Committee will be collecting donations after the worship service today and on the following Sundays: **September 20 and September 27.**

Thank you for your generosity and support from the Pastoral Care Committee!

Immanuel:

Your church directories are here! You can pick yours up after worship service or stop by the church office during office hours to pick one up.

We hope you enjoy your new church directory!

More Announcements Inside Bulletin!

Thank You:

Deacons: Jerry Zaske | Nathan Zellmann
Guest Organist: Mavis Smith
Head Usher: Trent Benson
Assistant Head Usher: Vacant
Ushers: Jackson Mackenthun | Dalilah Mackenthun
Acolytes: Jameson Mackenthun | Natalie Silfverston

Included In Our Prayers This Week

Family of Darlene Pikal, Wes & Barb Hoyhtya, Duane Becker, Dawn Wolter; Seminary Adopt-A-Student, Jeffrey Goetz & Stephen Peeler. Our Missionaries – Rev James Sharp and Rev Dr. Walter Steele and their families, and all those We name privately in our hearts.

Announcements

2026–2027 Immanuel Student Tuition Scholarships

Immanuel will once again be offering scholarships for families who send their children (Preschool–12th Grade) to a Lutheran school affiliated with the Missouri or Wisconsin Synod.

 All forms must be submitted by **September 30th**. Scholarship forms are available in the Narthex, church office or on the website under Education/Student Tuition Scholarship.

Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Rally Sunday Worship Service

***Sermon Theme: "In The Name", "I Believe",
The Lord Bless You"***

September 13, 2026

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Introit

Deliver me from my enemies, O LORD! *

I have fled to you for refuge!

Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy! *

In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!

Enter not into judgment with your servant, *

for no one living is righteous before you.

**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.**

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Collect of the Day

O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of Your Church, especially in times of persecution, and grant that what we ask in faith we may obtain; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.