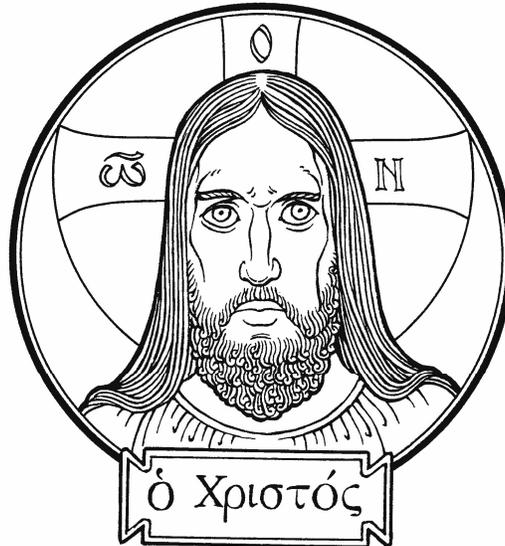


**Welcome to
Immanuel Lutheran Church**

A Congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

**August 23, 2020
The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**



*Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ (ὁ Χριστός),
the Son of the living God." (Matt 16:16)*

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Welcome to Immanuel! We ask all members and guests to please check in with the attendance person as you wait to be seated in the CLC. We hope you are blessed by God's grace in the worship service. Members, please inform the church office of needed prayers and visits.

If you would like to dedicate a bulletin in memorial of a loved one or celebration of God's grace in your life, please contact the church office.

Liturgy: 8:00 & 10:00 am: Setting One

Sermon: "The Christ-Driven Life" from Romans 11:33 - 12:8.

Hymns: 783 - Take My Life and Let It Be (sts. 1-2, 5-6)

Pianist: Barb Lutringer

Elders/Ushers:

8:00 a.m.: Jim Larson, Mark Bartsh, Robert Lamprecht

10:00 a.m.: Bob Walkes, Chris Stelling, Don Luckstein

Altar Duty August: Marion Johnson, Linda Burdick

Busy Bags: Will be available once COVID19 concerns are past.

Our Mission

Immanuel Lutheran Church exists to spread the Gospel in its truth and purity through Word and Sacraments in accordance with the Confession of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. Immanuel Lutheran School exists to share the Gospel, so children become disciples of Jesus.

Holy Communion Statement

The Lord's Supper is celebrated in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may proclaim His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive this sacrament, are asked to first speak with the pastor.

For our communicants: gluten-free host is available along with grape juice in the center of the individual cups for those who have allergies or sensitivities to those respective elements. Please request it as you approach the pastor or the elder.

OUR OFFERING OF WORSHIP:

Sunday, August 23: 82 Souls

OUR OFFERING OF MATERIAL GIFTS:

Sunday, August 23: \$ 4,426.00

OUR OFFERING OF PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

Those known to be hospitalized - The office is unaware of anyone hospitalized at this time. For any prayer requests wanted on the Congregational Prayer Chain, or in public worship services, call the church office (534-3700) or Barb Larson (534-2623) or E-mail office@immanuelplainview.org

God's richest blessing on those celebrating birthdays this week:

August 23: Megan Smith, Sandy Wohlers

August 24: Laurie Zabel, William Welke

August 26: Ashley Finne

*August 27: Brittany Eversman, Heather Grummons, Kathy Lehnertz,
Alvin Lutringer*

August 28: Shanna Decker-Lunasin, Dan Murphy, Erik Odden

August 29: Jeffrey Threinen, Kenneth Bigelow, Sherrie Decker

If someone's name was inadvertently omitted, please call the church office.



**STEPHEN
MINISTRY**

Pastor Augustine

(884-7390). Our Stephen Ministers are ready to care for you!

If you are going through a difficult time, our Stephen Ministers can bring God's warm love back into your life. They provide confidential, one-to-one Christian care. They will meet with you privately to listen, to support and encourage you, to pray with and for you, and to walk with you for the duration.

To find out more about Stephen Ministry and how you or someone you know could be matched with a Stephen Minister, talk with Stephen Leaders Becky Luckstein (534-2236 or 951-1716) or

The Lord Jesus Christ is the Son of the Living God

Jesus asked His disciples: "*But who do you say that I am?*" The question is also put to us: "Who do you say that He is?" Flesh and blood do not reveal this to us, but by the Ministry of the Gospel the Father in heaven reveals His Son to us on earth, who has become flesh and suffered death for our salvation. Thus we believe and confess that He is "*the Christ, the Son of the living God*" (Matt 16:16). As He died for our transgressions and was raised for our justification, He looses us from all our sins and preserves our life within His Church, against which even "*the gates of hell shall not prevail*" (Matt. 16:18–19). His salvation is forever, and His righteousness "*will never be dismayed*" (Is. 51:6). He comforts us with the Gospel in His Church, so that "*joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song*" (Is. 51:3). Therefore, "*according to the measure of faith that God has assigned*" (Rom. 12:3), we also offer ourselves "*as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God*" (Rom. 12:1) through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

(LCMS Lectionary Summary for August 23)

Life Quote for Sunday, August 23: "We run to help people in need; we run to deal with emergencies and crises and the problems of every day; we take the Good News to people we love, family and friends and neighbors alike. But there are also times we can sit—and rejoice that Jesus is risen, that evil is conquered, and that God's victory is certain." *Dr. Kari Vo (Lutheran Hour Ministries devotional writer)*

Life Thought in the Church Year for August 23 – Pentecost XII: Christians do not hide behind personal choice. We rejoice in community rather than autonomy (Romans 12:4-5). Our Heavenly Father has given us the privilege of receiving the unborn and the aged as neighbors. Our Lord and Savior gives us the responsibility of serving as brothers and sisters to those experiencing surprise pregnancies and terminal diagnoses. Instead of "my body, my choice," we get to delight in "my body, my gift!" (Romans 12:1).