



**IF GOD IS FOR US, WHO CAN BE AGAINST US?**

**ROMANS 8:31**

Immanuel Lutheran Church \* St. Charles, MO

# The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

## July 26, 2020-8:00 am & July 27, 2020-6:30 pm

### *Welcome*

#### *Opening Hymn*—"When Peace, like a River" - #763

1 When peace, like a river, attendeth my way;  
When sorrows, like sea billows, roll;  
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,  
It is well, it is well with my soul. Refrain

Refrain: It is well (It is well)  
with my soul, (with my soul),  
It is well, it is well with my soul.

2 Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,  
Let this blest assurance control,  
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate  
And hath shed His own blood for my soul. Refrain

3 He lives—oh, the bliss of this glorious thought;  
My sin, not in part, but the whole,  
Is nailed to His cross, and I bear it no more.  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! Refrain

4 And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight,  
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,  
The trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend;  
Even so it is well with my soul. Refrain

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#### *Confession & Absolution*—Divine Service, Setting Five (LSB 213)

Leader: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Leader: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: **who made heaven and earth.**

Leader: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

People: **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

Leader: O almighty God, merciful Father,

**People: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

Leader: 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.

**People: Amen.**

## † Service of the Word †

### *The Psalm of the Day—Psalm 125*

Leader: Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abides forever.

**People: As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the Lord surrounds his people, from this time forth and forevermore.**

Leader: For the scepter of wickedness shall not rest on the land allotted to the righteous, lest the righteous stretch out their hands to do wrong.

**People: Do good, O Lord, to those who are good, and to those who are upright in their hearts!**

Leader: But those who turn aside to their crooked ways the Lord will lead away with evildoers!

**All: 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.**

### *Collect of the Day*

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love, that, receiving what You have promised, we may love what You have commanded; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

## ***The Old Testament Reading—Deuteronomy 7:6-9 ESV***

<sup>6</sup>For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. <sup>7</sup>It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, <sup>8</sup>but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. <sup>9</sup>Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## ***The Epistle Reading—Romans 8:28-39 ESV***

<sup>28</sup>And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup>For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. <sup>30</sup>And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified. <sup>31</sup>What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup>He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? <sup>33</sup>Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup>Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. <sup>35</sup>Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? <sup>36</sup>As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;  
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

<sup>37</sup>No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup>For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup>nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## ***The Gospel Reading—Matthew 13:44-52 ESV***

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.

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

<sup>44</sup>[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. <sup>45</sup>Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, <sup>46</sup>who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it. <sup>47</sup>Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. <sup>48</sup>When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. <sup>49</sup>So it will be at

the close of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous <sup>50</sup>and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

<sup>51</sup>"Have you understood all these things?" They said to him, "Yes." <sup>52</sup>And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

### ***Sermon Hymn*—"God Loved the World So That He Gave" - #571**

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| <p><b>1 God loved the world so that He gave<br/>His only Son the lost to save,<br/>That all who would in Him believe<br/>Should everlasting life receive.</b></p> <p><b>2 Christ Jesus is the ground of faith,<br/>Who was made flesh and suffered death;<br/>All then who trust in Him alone<br/>Are built on this chief cornerstone.</b></p> <p><b>3 God would not have the sinner die;<br/>His Son with saving grace is nigh;<br/>His Spirit in the Word declares<br/>How we in Christ are heaven's heirs.</b></p> | <p><b>4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son<br/>Forgives all sins which you have done;<br/>And, justified by Jesus' blood,<br/>Your Baptism grants the highest good.</b></p> <p><b>5 If you are sick, if death is near,<br/>This truth your troubled heart can cheer:<br/>Christ Jesus saves your soul from death;<br/>That is the firmest ground of faith.</b></p> <p><b>Δ 6 Glory to God the Father, Son,<br/>And Holy Spirit, Three in One!<br/>To You, O blessed Trinity,<br/>Be praise now and eternally!</b></p> |
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### ***Sermon***

**"What shall we say in response to these things?" - Romans 8:31**

#### **"Jesus Loves Me"**

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| <p><b>1 Jesus loves me! This I know,<br/>For the Bible tells me so.<br/>Little ones to Him belong;<br/>They are weak, but He is strong.</b></p> <p><b>2 Jesus loves me! He who died<br/>Heaven's gates to open wide.<br/>He has washed away my sin,<br/>Lets His little child come in. Refrain</b></p> | <p><b>Refrain: Yes, Jesus loves me!<br/>Yes, Jesus loves me!<br/>Yes, Jesus loves me!<br/>The Bible tells me so.</b></p> |
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## *The Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life † everlasting. Amen.**

## *Offering*

### *The Prayers*

**Each portion of the prayers conclude –**

*Pastor: Lord in Your mercy.*

*People: Hear our prayer.*

#### **Special Intercessions**

- † The family of Denise N who died on July 22nd.
- † Marie P who will celebrate her 100th birthday on July 30th.
- † Reagan Elise C who is being welcomed into God's family through Holy Baptism on July 25.
- † Danielle T & Zachary T who will be married on August 1st.
- † For Christ's help and hope for those fighting cancer: (please notify the Church Office of updates for long-term cancer patients-we will gladly include them in prayer) Denise B, Jim P, Frank T, Karen M, Ulla W, Nicole T, Jodi B, Vicki L, Leland P, Lonna C, Tate V, Doris G, Elaine P, Tim A, Nadine B, Diane M, Julie S, Bill H, Joni D, Marilyn S, Dale O, Susan M, Tate S, Julia (daughter of Sally C.), Gary R, Donna K, Rachel M, Anita G, Christopher G, James K, John G, Brenda L, Pat C, Donna F, Diane D, Nicki S, Carol S, Dorothy H , Donna Feise, Diane Dietrich, Nicki Strasser, Carol Steinbruegge, Dorothy Hallemeier
- † JoAnne K who will undergo surgery on July 29th.
- † Lucy F (4-month old) recently diagnosed with a rare genetic disease (F's are related to Jodi B);  
Belle K (neighbor of Immanuel; 90+ years of age) diagnosed with COVID-19.
- † Hospitalized this past week: Dorothy H

## *The Lord's Prayer*

Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth  
as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.

## *Benedicamus & Benediction*

Leader: Let us bless the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Leader: 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.

**People: Amen.**

## *Closing Hymn—“Go, My Children, with My Blessing” - #922*

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| <p>1 Go, My children, with My blessing,<br/>Never alone.<br/>Waking, sleeping, I am with you;<br/>You are My own.<br/>In My love's baptismal river<br/>I have made you Mine forever.<br/>Go, My children, with My blessing—<br/>You are My own.</p>                        | <p>3 Go, My children, fed and nourished,<br/>Closer to Me;<br/>Grow in love and love by serving,<br/>Joyful and free.<br/>Here My Spirit's power filled you;<br/>Here His tender comfort stilled you.<br/>Go, My children, fed and nourished,<br/>Joyful and free.</p> |
| <p>2 Go, My children, sins forgiven,<br/>At peace and pure.<br/>Here you learned how much I love you,<br/>What I can cure.<br/>Here you heard My dear Son's story;<br/>Here you touched Him, saw His glory.<br/>Go, My children, sins forgiven,<br/>At peace and pure.</p> | <p>4 I the Lord will bless and keep you<br/>And give you peace;<br/>I the Lord will smile upon you<br/>And give you peace:<br/>I the Lord will be your Father,<br/>Savior, Comforter, and Brother.<br/>Go, My children; I will keep you<br/>And give you peace.</p>    |

# *Go In Peace!*

## **Participants**

**Preacher** .....Rev. Scott Schmieding  
**Liturgist** ..... Rev. Allen Schade (Sunday)  
**Organist** ..... Mr. Loren Muench (Sunday); Mr. Warren Kilz (Monday)  
**Video/Audio Technician** .....Jonathan Anderson

## **Announcements**

### **DESPERATELY NEEDED—Screen Operators & Sound Technicians**

Individuals (high school age on up) are needed to operate the computer/screens in the Fellowship Hall and the sound board and camera in the Sanctuary. Training is available (and neither task is difficult!). Schedules are very flexible and each person is assigned only one service per month. Contact Mike Welch at five.peeps@yahoo.com or text 636.448.7398

### **Card Shower for Vicar Ian**

We will thank God and say farewell to Vicar Ian & Brittany Thormodson on the weekend of August 2nd-4th (Vicar Ian will preach for the last time of his vicarage at all services). We would like to shower them with cards as they return to Concordia Seminary for his final year of preparation to serve as an LCMS Pastor. Please bring your cards with you to worship that weekend or send them to the Church Office.