

# IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

*But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.*

*1 Peter 2:9*



SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

8:00 AM



## AS WE GATHER

When Paul wrote to his co-worker Timothy that he was “bound with chains as a criminal” (2 Timothy 2:9), he knew well the situation he was in. The final chapter of Acts finds Paul as a captive in Rome, accepting this imprisonment as a prelude to his death. He writes to Timothy “the time of my departure has come” (2 Timothy 4:6). In the centuries since Paul gave his prison witness, countless Christian men and women have been imprisoned for their Gospel witness. We are encouraged to be faithful witnesses in our time by Paul, who writes to his young associate Timothy: “Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith” (1 Timothy 6:11–12a). Paul’s words from prison are good instruction for every situation!

## AS YOU WORSHIP WITH US

- **Assisted Listening Devices** are available from an Elder or Usher.
- **If you do not wish to receive Holy Communion but would like a blessing, simply come forward during the distribution, cross your arms when you approach the Pastor and he will speak a blessing.**
- **Holy Communion** is offered to those who have been instructed in what the Scriptures teach about Communion. We believe the Bible teaches:
  - 1) Jesus Christ is our only Lord and Savior from all sin, death, and the power of evil;
  - 2) The Risen Christ is really present in the Sacrament and that with the bread and wine we receive His Body and Blood; and
  - 3) We resolve to dedicate our lives to the service of our Lord in His Body, the Church, through worship, sacrificial giving, and thankful living.
- **Non-alcoholic wine** is available for those who prefer this substitute. **Gluten-free wafers** are also available. Please inform the pastor of your preference when you approach.



## DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING ONE

### ✠ PREPARATION ✠

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LSB 827

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(The prophet encourages God’s people.)

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(Paul writes that to live is Christ.)

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HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 20:1–16*  
(The parable of the laborers in the vineyard)

HYMN OF THE DAY “Christ the Eternal Lord” LSB 829

SERMON “It’s Not Fair” Pastor Donald

CREED *Apostles’ Creed* p. 159

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH (Need prayer? Text 224-801-2902)

Pastor: Friends in Christ, I urge you all to lift up your hearts to God and pray with me as Christ our Lord has taught us and freely promised to hear us....

*Petition Response:*

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: We trust, O Lord, in Your great mercy to hear and answer us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

**OFFERING**

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**HYMN**

*“Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings”*

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