FULL VERSION
August 3, 2025
9:00 a.m.
In Person, YouTube
&Facebook Live;
Broadcast:
10:30 a.m. on
WLBK 1360 Radio

**About the Cover:** It is foolish to reduce our lives to procuring possessions just to let them go when we die. These things do not compare to the eternal treasures Christ won for us. We can let go of our need to store up earthly treasures because we know what the Lord promises in the life to come. (Romans 8:32)

Life does not consist in the abundance of ... possessions



LUKE 12:15

# IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH AND STUDENT CENTER

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511 Russell Road DeKalb, IL 60115 August 3, 2025 9 a.m. in person, YouTube & FB live 10:30 a.m. Radio Service

THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Preservice Music
The Ringing of the Bells
Welcome

□Opening Hymn: "Christ Be My Leader"

---LSB # 861

- 1 Christ be my Leader by night as by day; Safe through the darkness, for He is the way. Gladly I follow, my future His care, Darkness is daylight when Jesus is there.
- 2 Christ be my Teacher in age as in youth, Drifting or doubting, for He is the truth. Grant me to trust Him; though shifting as sand, Doubt cannot daunt me; in Jesus I stand.
- 3 Christ be my Savior in calm as in strife; Death cannot hold me, for He is the life. Nor darkness nor doubting nor sin and its stain Can touch my salvation: with Jesus I reign.

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#### The Invocation

- P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

### **Confession and Absolution**

- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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

- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



The Hymn of Praise: "This Is the Feast"

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- P Let us pray.
- P & C O Lord, grant us wisdom to recognize the treasures You have stored up for us in heaven, that we may never despair but always rejoice and be thankful for the riches of Your grace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

### Service of The Word

### **Old Testament Reading**

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-26

<sup>2</sup>Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. . . .

<sup>12</sup>I the Preacher have been king over Israel in Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup>And I applied my heart to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven. It is an unhappy business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with. <sup>14</sup>I have seen everything that is done under the sun, and behold, all is vanity and a striving after wind. . . .

<sup>18</sup>I hated all my toil in which I toil under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to the man who will come after me, <sup>19</sup>and who knows whether he will be wise or a fool? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. <sup>20</sup>So I turned about and gave my heart up to despair over all the toil of my labors under the sun, <sup>21</sup>because sometimes a person who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave everything to be enjoyed by someone who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. <sup>22</sup>What has a man from all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun? <sup>23</sup>For all his days are full of sorrow, and his work is a vexation. Even in the night his heart does not rest. This also is vanity.

<sup>24</sup>There is nothing better for a person than that he should eat and drink and find enjoyment in his toil. This also, I saw, is from the hand of God, <sup>25</sup>for apart from him who can eat or who can have enjoyment? <sup>26</sup>For to the one who pleases him God has given wisdom and knowledge and joy, but to the sinner he has given the business of gathering and collecting, only to give to one who pleases God. This also is vanity and a striving after wind.

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

# **Epistle**

Hebrews 10:23-25; 12:1-3

<sup>23</sup> Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup> And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, <sup>25</sup> not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

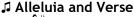
Hebrews 12:1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, <sup>2</sup> fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the

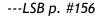
throne of God. <sup>3</sup> Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

# The Children's Message

Rev. John Prohl







Holy Gospel Luke 12:13–21

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St Luke the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter. ■



<sup>13</sup>Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus], "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." <sup>14</sup>But he said to him, "Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?" <sup>15</sup>And he said to them, "Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." <sup>16</sup>And he told them a parable, saying, "The land of a rich man produced plentifully, <sup>17</sup>and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' <sup>18</sup>And he said, 'I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. <sup>19</sup>And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' <sup>20</sup>But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' <sup>21</sup>So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



□ Sermon Hymn: "May We Thy Precepts, Lord, Fulfill"

---LSB 698

1 May we Thy precepts, Lord, fulfill And do on earth our Father's will As angels do above; Still walk in Christ, the living way, With all Thy children and obey The law of Christian love.

- 2 So may we join Thy name to bless,
  Thy grace adore, Thy pow'r confess,
  From sin and strife to flee.
  One is our calling, one our name,
  The end of all our hopes the same,
  A crown of life with Thee.
- 3 Spirit of life, of love and peace,
  Unite our hearts, our joy increase,
  Thy gracious help supply.
  To each of us the blessing give
  In Christian fellowship to live,
  In joyful hope to die.

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Sermon Rev. John Prohl

### Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

# The Offering - the plates are brought forward

(An offering plate is available in the narthex; plates will not be passed during the worship service. Immanuel has the ability to accept offerings through online giving. Families can easily give one-time or set up as recurring gifts. Simply make a secure donation via electronic check by visiting www.ImmanuelDeKalb.com. If you choose to set up a recurring gift, you will be prompted by email to create your own online donor account to manage your gifts.)



### **Announcements**

# Prayers of the Church

The Leader says prayers for specific and general concerns of God's people, following each petition with "Lord in your mercy" to which the congregation responds with "Hear our prayer."

### Service of the Sacrament

(The Lord's Supper is celebrated in this service 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 with 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. If you share this confession, we invite you to commune with us. If you have doubts or questions concerning this confession of our faith community, we ask that you withhold participation until receiving clarification or instruction from our pastor. The pastor will also offer a blessing to any unconfirmed children who desire it.)

#### **Preface**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts,

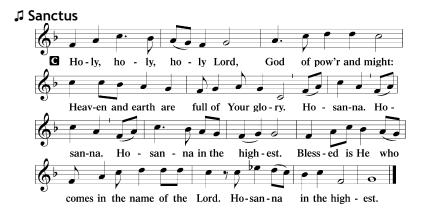
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C And also with you.

**C** We lift them to the Lord.

**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:



### Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

# Lord's Prayer

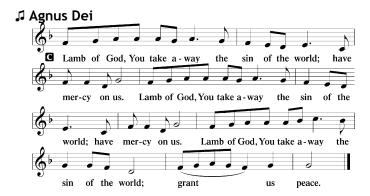
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the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

### The Words of Our Lord

- P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."
- In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

### Pax Domini

- **P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen



# Distribution Hymns:

- ☐ "Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared"
  - Lord Jesus Christ, You have prepared
     This feast for our salvation;

     It is Your body and Your blood,
     And at Your invitation

     As weary souls, with sin oppressed,
     We come to You for needed rest,
     For comfort, and for pardon.
  - 2 Although You did to heav'n ascend,
    Where angel hosts are dwelling,
    And in Your presence they behold
    Your glory, all excelling,
    And though Your people shall not see
    Your glory and Your majesty
    Till dawns the judgment morning,

LSB #622 vs 1 - 4; 8

- 3 Yet, Savior, You are not confined
  To any habitation;
  But You are present even now
  Here with Your congregation.
  Firm as a rock this truth shall stand,
  Unmoved by any daring hand
  Or subtle craft and cunning.
- 4 We eat this bread and drink this cup,
  Your precious Word believing
  That Your true body and Your blood
  Our lips are here receiving.
  This Word remains forever true;
  All things are possible with You,
  For You are Lord Almighty.
- 8 For Your consoling supper, Lord,
  Be praised throughout all ages!
  Preserve it, for in ev'ry place
  The world against it rages.
  Grant that this sacrament may be
  A blessèd comfort unto me
  When living and when dying.

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- 1 The Lord, my God, be praised,
  My light, my life from heaven;
  My maker, who to me
  Has soul and body given;
  My Father, who will shield
  And keep me day by day
  And make each moment yield
  New blessings on my way.
  - 2 The Lord, my God, be praised,
    My trust, my life from heaven,
    The Father's own dear Son,
    Whose life for me was given,
    Who for my sin atoned
    With His most precious blood
    And gives to me by faith
    The highest heav'nly good.

### LSB #794

- 3 The Lord, my God, be praised,
  My hope, my life from heaven,
  The Spirit, whom the Son
  In love to me has given.
  His grace revives my heart
  And gives my spirit pow'r,
  Help, comfort, and support
  In sorrow's gloomy hour.
- △ 4 The Lord, my God, be praised, My God, the ever-living,
   To whom the heav'nly host Their laud and praise are giving.
   The Lord, my God, be praised, In whose great name I boast,
   God Father, God the Son, And God the Holy Ghost.

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### LSB #643

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1 Sent forth by God's blessing,

Our true faith confessing,

The people of God from His dwelling take leave.

The Supper is ended.

O now be extended

The fruits of this service in all who believe.

The seed of His teaching,

Receptive souls reaching,

Shall blossom in action for God and for all.

His grace did invite us,

His love shall unite us

To work for God's kingdom and answer His call.

### 2 With praise and thanksgiving

To God ever-living,

The tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face.

Our faith ever sharing,

In love ever caring,

Embracing His children of each tribe and race.

With Your feast You feed us,

With Your light now lead us;

Unite us as one in this life that we share.

Then may all the living

With praise and thanksgiving

Give honor to Christ and His name that we bear.

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Benediction Silent Prayers Postlude

PARTICIPANTS – August 3, 2025 Altar Guild: Carolyn McQuillan 9:00 a.m.	
Musicians	Linda Conrad, Organist
	C-J Motisi, Soloist & Pianist
Pastor	Rev. John Prohl
Acolyte	Rosie Landshaft
Lay Reader	Shannon Coulombe
Radio Narrator	Chris Ewald
Videographer/Sound	Nathan Allen
Slides	Doug Nelson
Ushers	Jackson Harms, Dan Lohmeier, Taylor McWilliams
Communion Assist.	Ron Feldmann, Dan Lohmeier

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