

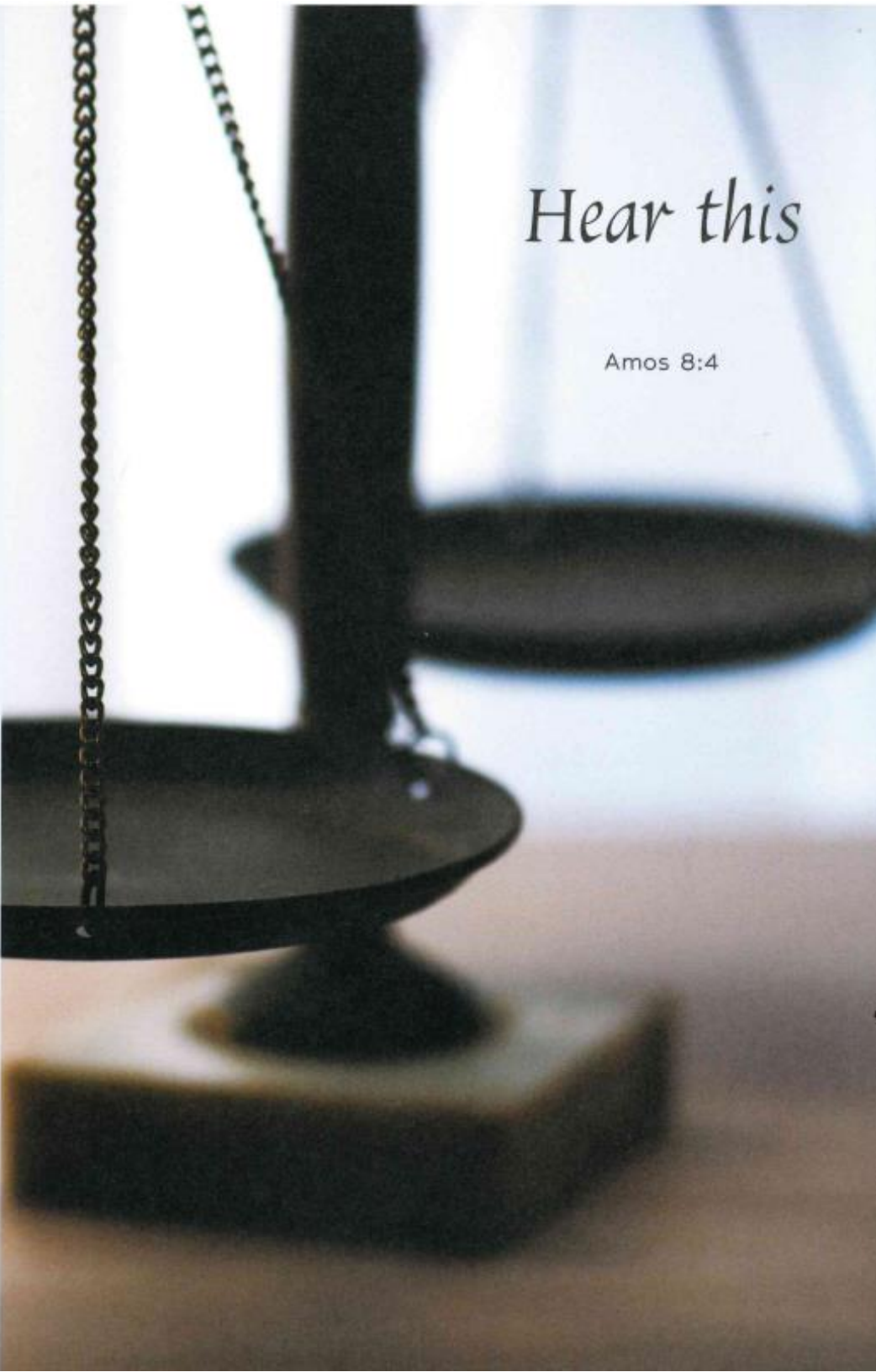
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***FULL VERSION***  
***September 21, 2025***  
***10:30 a.m.***  
***In Person, YouTube***  
***& Facebook Live;***  
***Broadcast:***  
***10:30 a.m. on***  
***WLBK 1360 Radio***

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**About the Cover:**

The Lord declared that judgment was coming upon those in Israel who tipped the scales in their favor and dealt deceitfully with the poor. However, the scales of God's judgment cannot be rigged. Our attempts at good deeds will never outweigh our sinfulness. Yet Christ provided what Martin Luther called the greatest exchange when He took the full weight of our sin to the cross and gave us His righteousness in return.



Hear this

Amos 8:4

# IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH AND STUDENT CENTER

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## THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**The Theme for Worship:** This morning Jesus will tell a parable in our Gospel lesson that often confuses and confounds Christians. We'll take a close look at the parable of the shrewd manager and get a better understanding of God's intention for the proper use of resources, most especially money.

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### ♪ Pre-Service Music

*Spiritwind*

Ringling of the Bells

Welcome

### ♪ Opening Song: "Consuming Fire"

1. There must be more than this  
O breath of God come breathe within  
There must be more than this  
Spirit of God we wait for You  
Fill us anew we pray  
Fill us anew we pray

*Chorus:* Consuming fire fan into flame  
A passion for Your name  
Spirit of God fall in this place  
Lord have Your way  
Lord have Your way with us

2. Come like a rushing wind  
Clothe us with power from on high  
Now set the captives free  
Leave us abandoned to Your praise  
Lord let Your glory fall  
Lord let Your glory fall *Chorus*

Lord have Your way  
Lord have Your way with us

### The Invocation

- P** We begin in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen

### Nicene Creed

**C** 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  $\text{✝}$  of the world to come. Amen.

## Installation of Sunday School Staff

### Collect of the Day

**P** Let us pray.

**C** O Lord, keep Your Church in Your perpetual mercy; and because without You we cannot but fall, preserve us from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

### Service of the Word

#### Old Testament

*Amos 8:4–7*

<sup>4</sup>Hear this, you who trample on the needy and bring the poor of the land to an end, <sup>5</sup>saying, “When will the new moon be over, that we may sell grain? And the Sabbath, that we may offer wheat for sale, that we may make the ephah small and the shekel great and deal deceitfully with false balances, <sup>6</sup>that we may buy the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals and sell the chaff of the wheat?” <sup>7</sup>The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: “Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

#### Epistle

*1 Timothy 2:1–15*

<sup>1</sup>First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, <sup>2</sup>for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. <sup>3</sup>This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, <sup>4</sup>who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. <sup>5</sup>For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time. <sup>7</sup>For this I was appointed a preacher and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth. <sup>8</sup>I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or quarreling; <sup>9</sup>likewise also that women should adorn themselves in respectable apparel, with modesty and self-control, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly attire, <sup>10</sup>but with what is proper for women who profess godliness—with good works. <sup>11</sup>Let a woman learn quietly with all submissiveness. <sup>12</sup>I do not permit a woman to teach or to exercise authority over a man; rather, she is to remain quiet. <sup>13</sup>For Adam was formed first, then Eve; <sup>14</sup>and Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived and became a transgressor. <sup>15</sup>Yet she will be saved through childbearing—if they continue in faith and love and holiness, with self-control.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Children’s Message

*Pastor Marty*

## Holy Gospel

Luke 16:1–15

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 16th chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus] also said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. <sup>2</sup>And he called him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.’ <sup>3</sup>And the manager said to himself, ‘What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. <sup>4</sup>I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.’ <sup>5</sup>So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he said to the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ <sup>6</sup>He said, ‘A hundred measures of oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.’ <sup>7</sup>Then he said to another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He said, ‘A hundred measures of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and write eighty.’ <sup>8</sup>The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. <sup>9</sup>And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings. <sup>10</sup>“One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. <sup>11</sup>If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? <sup>12</sup>And if you have not been faithful in that which is another’s, who will give you that which is your own? <sup>13</sup>No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.” <sup>14</sup>The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all these things, and they ridiculed him. <sup>15</sup>And he said to them, “You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God.”

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

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## ♪ Sermon Song: “Crown Him”

**Crown Him King of kings, crown Him Lord of lords,  
Wonderful Counselor, the Mighty God;  
Emmanuel, God is with us, and He shall reign,  
He shall reign, He shall reign forevermore. Repeat 2x**

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## Sermon: “The Proper Use of Resources”

*Rev. Marty Marks*

## Confession and Absolution

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** **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.

**C** **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.

**C** **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](http://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.)*

### **♪ The Offertory**

*--Spiritwind*

### **Announcements**

### **The Intercessory Prayers**

*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.**"*

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**C** **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 Celebration of the Lord's Supper**

*(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.)*

**P** The Sacrament of Holy Communion delivers to us the forgiveness of sins earned for us by the sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross. His real Body and Blood come to us in, with and under the bread and wine. Not only are our sins forgiven through this meal, our faith is strengthened, and the Holy Spirit guides us to be better and more effective servants to God. To help prepare our hearts and minds as we receive these gifts, please join me in praying:

**P** & **C** **Father I trust in Your Son, Jesus, as my Savior. As I prepare to receive His real Body and Blood into me, please make my heart inclined to receive it in a way pleasing to You. Create a true sense of repentance in my heart and a sincere desire to follow You after it is received. Please empower me to serve You better in a sense of unity with You and with others. Amen.**

### The Words of Institution

**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 His 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 is My blood of the new testament, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do as often as you drink it in remembrance of Me.

**P** Come, the table is prepared, and the Lord awaits.

**C** **We come in the name of Jesus.**

### The Sacrament is Distributed for Us to Receive

#### ♪ Distribution Songs:

#### ♪ “As the Deer”

1. As the deer panteth for the water,  
So my soul longeth after Thee.  
You alone are my heart’s desire,  
And I long to worship Thee.

*Chorus:* You alone are my strength, my shield;  
To You, alone, may my spirit yield.  
You alone are my heart’s desire,  
And I long to worship Thee.

2. You’re my friend and You are my brother,  
Even though You are a King.  
I love you more than any other.  
So much more than anything. *Chorus*

3. I want you more than gold or silver,  
Only you can satisfy.  
You alone are the real joy giver  
And the apple of my eye. *Chorus*

♪ **“Freely, Freely”**

1. God forgave my sin in Jesus' name,  
I've been born again in Jesus' name;  
And in Jesus' name I come to you  
To share His love as He told me to.

*Chorus:* He said, Freely, freely you have received: Freely, freely give.  
Go in my name, and, because you believe, Others will know that I live.

2. All pow'r is giv'n in Jesus' name,  
In earth and heav'n in Jesus name;  
And in Jesus name I come to you  
To share His pow'r as He told me to. *Chorus*

♪ **“I Am the Resurrection and the Life”**

*Refrain:* I am the Resurrection, and the life,  
All who believe in me will never die!  
I am the Resurrection and the life:  
All who believe in me will live a new life!

1. I have come to bring the truth;  
I have come to bring you life.  
If you believe, then you shall live. *Refrain*
2. In my Word all men will come to know  
It is love which makes the spirit grow,  
If you believe, then you shall live. *Refrain*
3. Keep in mind the things that I have said;  
Remember me in the breaking of the bread.  
If you believe, then you shall live. *Refrain*

**Benediction**

**Silent Prayer**

**Postlude**

PARTICIPANTS – September 21, 2025		
Altar Guild: Carolyn McQuillan		
	8:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
<b>Musicians</b>	C-J Motisi, <i>Soloist &amp; Pianist</i> Sue Worden, <i>Organist</i>	Angela Pringnitz- <i>Spiritwind</i>
<b>Pastor</b>	Rev. Marty Marks	Rev. Marty Marks
<b>Acolyte</b>	Aaron Martinez	Irene Pringnitz
<b>Lay Reader</b>	Ted Stone	Rita Goodwin
<b>Radio Narrator</b>	Doug Nelson	---
<b>Videographer/Sound</b>	Mark Misic	Doug Nelson
<b>Slides</b>	Ted Stone	Nathan Allen
<b>Ushers</b>	Ken Boldt, Alexis Cruz & Hayden Harms	Jen Allen, Will Michels & Chloe Marks
<b>Communion Assist.</b>	Tom Sawyer & Kevin Harms	Dennis Maakestad & Dan Lohmeier
<b>Greeters</b>	The people of Immanuel	The people of Immanuel

**THE WORSHIP SERVICE IS BROADCAST EACH SUNDAY AT 10:30 A.M. ON WLBK 1360.**

**Altar Flowers:** “In memory of Ed & Carol Denton’s anniversary September 17<sup>th</sup> and in honor of Carol’s birthday on September 16<sup>th</sup>,” by her family.

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