



16th Sunday After Pentecost

Communion

Immanuel Lutheran Church | George, IA
Sunday, September 17 | 10:30 a.m.

Hymns

God Himself Is Present (LBW 249)
I Lay My Sins on Jesus (LBW 305)
O Jesus, I have Promised (LBW 503)

Scripture Readings

First Reading: Genesis 50:15-21 (pew Bible p 85)

After Jacob's death the brothers of Joseph begged for forgiveness for the crime they had done against him. You intended to do me harm, Joseph said, but God used this as an opportunity to do good and save many lives.

Psalm: Psalm 103:[1-7] 8-13 (pew Bible p 939)

Lord, you are full of compassion and mercy. (Ps. 103:8)

Second Reading: Romans 14:1-12 (pew Bible p 1765)

This Christian community has significant struggles with diversity. Here Paul helps us understand that despite different practices in worship and personal piety, we do not judge one another. All Christians belong to the Lord Jesus Christ who died for all of us and will judge each of us.

Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35 (pew Bible p 1527)

When Peter asks about the limits of forgiveness, Jesus responds with a parable that suggests human forgiveness should mirror the unlimited mercy of God.

Prayer of the Day

O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Prayer Requests: Darrell Ver Steeg, Ruben Stueven, Jan Starr, Wendy Smith, Isaiah Sandbeck, Brad Sandbeck, David Perlick, Wanda Parker, Sandy Luenberger, Bev Kaster, Rita Hilbrands, Doug Hilbrands, Clay Hansmann, and Military Families.

Announcements

- There will be a congregational meeting on Sunday, October 1, 2023, following our worship service to discuss and vote on a contractual sharing agreement our Council developed with Immanuel Lutheran Church Rock Rapids and Pastor Matt Polsdofer.
- Confirmation begins at 7 p.m., Wednesday, September 20. Students will meet at Immanuel in Rock Rapids, and then go to Forrester Community Center to package meals for Then Just Feed One.
- Peanut butter and jelly are the items of the month for the food pantry. The next distribution is **Monday**, September 25, *not* Wednesday due to delivery truck issues.
- Pastor Gardner's last day with us is September 24. Join us for a cake reception following worship to thank him for his service.

This Week's Worship Assistants

Usher: Angie McConnell
Sound/PPT: Lexi Landis & Bennett Jorth
Greeters: Grant & Marla Khraling
Reader: Amanda Jorth
Acolyte: Jack Denny

Next Week's Worship Assistants

Usher: Angie McConnell
Sound/PPT: Greg Ver Steeg & Lillian Jorth
Greeters: Dick & Glenda Heidloff
Reader: Julie Ver Steeg
Acolyte: Cullen Funk

This Week At Immanuel

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship w/communion			7:00 Confirmation in Rock Rapids				10:30 Worship Thank you reception for Pastor Gardner.