



# 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

Immanuel Lutheran Church | George, IA  
 Sunday, September 24 | 10:30 a.m.

## Hymns

In Christ There is No East or West (LBW 349)  
 You Servants of God (LBW 252)  
 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise (LBW 526)

## Scripture Readings

### First Reading: Jonah 3:10--4:11 (pew Bible p 1438)

After Jonah's short sermon in 3:4, the Ninevites all repented and God decided to spare the city. Jonah objected to this and became even more angry when God ordered a worm to destroy a plant that was providing shade. The book ends with a question that challenges any who are not ready to forgive: You, Jonah, are all worked up about a bush, but shouldn't I be concerned about a hundred and twenty thousand Ninevites?

### Psalm: Psalm 145:1-8 (pew Bible p 979)

The Lord is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. (Ps. 145:8)

### Second Reading: Philippians 1:21-30 (pew Bible p 1826)

Paul writes to the Philippians from prison. Though he is uncertain about the outcome of his imprisonment, he is committed to the ministry of the gospel and calls on the Philippians to live lives that reflect and enhance the gospel mission.

### Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16 (pew Bible p 1529)

Jesus tells a parable about God's generosity, challenging the common assumption that God rewards people according to what they have earned or deserve.

## Prayer of the Day

Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, 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

- You're invited to stay for cake following worship today to thank Pastor Gardner for all he's done for our congregation. We sure have appreciated you!
- Reverend Andrea Degroot Nesdahl will join us next Sunday as pulpit supply. There will be communion.
- There is a community prayer and worship service tonight at 6:30 p.m. at First Baptist Church outside of George. This is an opportunity to gather with believers from local area churches, to worship together, and to turn to God in prayer. Afterwards, stay for some delicious treats!
- High School Bible Study begins Wednesday, September 27. See Blair Hansmann for more information. There will not be KFC this year due to low numbers.
- This past Wednesday, 11 confirmands between Immanuel George and Immanuel Rock Rapids packed meals through Then Feed Just One. The food is going to Honduras, where they live on \$1.85 a day. In one and a half hours, 23, 544 meals were packed, and \$4,760 was donated. Wow!
- REMINDER: There will be a congregational meeting next Sunday, October 1, 2023, following worship to discuss and vote on a contractual sharing agreement our Council developed with Immanuel Lutheran Church Rock Rapids and Pastor Matt Polsdofer. ***\*If you would like to call in to this meeting, please let Amanda Jorth know by emailing the church, [immanuelgeorge400@gmail.com](mailto:immanuelgeorge400@gmail.com), or calling/texting her at 515-229-2548.***

### This Week's Worship Assistants

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

### Next Week's Worship Assistants

Usher: Mark Dickmann  
 Sound/PPT: Gregory Stueven & AJ Landis  
 Greeters: Jim McConnell & Janet Boone  
 Reader: Kristi Landis  
 Acolyte: Khoryn Funk

## This Week At Immanuel

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10:30 Worship Thank you reception for Pastor Gardner			7:00 Confirmation in Rock Rapids				9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship w/communion Congregational Meeting