



Immanuel Lutheran Church
37515 Park Trail, Almelund, MN 55012
Live Outdoor Worship
Rev. Marla Amborn
12th Sunday After Pentecost
August 23, 2020, 9:30am

A welcoming community rooted in Christ, growing in faith and serving with joy!

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Pastor: We, who are members of the one body,

All: join together to praise God.

P: We, who are blessed with the gift of grace,

All: join together to sing of God's glory.

P: We, who are part of the family of God,

All: join together to affirm Jesus as Lord.

P: Let us worship God together.

Prayer of the Day

O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Opening Hymn

We All are One in Mission

ELW #576

We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.
A single great commission compels us from above
to plan and work together that all may know Christ's love.

We all are called for service, to witness in God's name.
Our ministries are different; our purpose is the same:
to touch the lives of others with God's surprising grace,
so ev'ry folk and nation may feel God's warm embrace.

Now let us be united, and let our song be heard.
Now let us be a vessel for God's redeeming Word.
We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.

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Opening Litany

P: Loving God, we do not always see you, we may not always hear you,

All: We might not always know it, but you are always there.

P: You send your message to us, you speak to us in so many ways, through Jesus, through our friends and family, through our senses, and our dreams.

All: We might not always know it, but you are always there.

P: You have called each of us by name, you have shown your love for us in so many ways, through Jesus, through our friends and family, through our world, and our emotions.

All: We might not always know it, but you are always there.

P: Help us to be like Peter, to go and tell the world who you are, and when we forget, or cannot see you, help others to show us that:

All: We might not always know it, but you are always there. Amen.

Lesson *Romans 12:1-8*

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual[b] worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Gospel *Matthew 16:13-20*

When Jesus and his disciples were near the town of Caesarea Philippi, he asked them, “What do people say about the Son of Man?” The disciples answered, “Some people say you are John the Baptist or maybe Elijah or Jeremiah or some other prophet.” Then Jesus asked them, “But who do you say I am?” Simon Peter spoke up, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”

Jesus told him: Simon, son of Jonah, you are blessed! You didn’t discover this on your own. It was shown to you by my Father in heaven. So I will call you Peter, which means “a rock.” On this rock I will build my church, and death itself will not have any power over it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven, and God in heaven will allow whatever you allow on earth. But he will not allow anything that you don’t allow.

Jesus told his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Special Music

Dwight Johnson

Sermon

Pastor Marla

Hymn of the Day

Built on a Rock

ELW #652

Built on a rock the church shall stand, even when steeples are falling;
crumbled have spires in ev'ry land, bells still are chiming and calling—
calling the young and old to rest, calling the souls of those distressed,
longing for life everlasting.

Surely, in temples made with hands God the Most High is not dwelling—
high in the heav'ns his temple stands, all earthly temples excelling.
Yet he who dwells in heav'n above deigns to abide with us in love,
making our bodies his temple.

Christ builds a house of living stones: we are his own habitation;
he fills our hearts, his humble thrones, granting us life and salvation.
Where two or three will seek his face, he in their midst will show his grace,
blessings upon them bestowing.

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Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

Intercessory Prayer

Respond to "Lord in your mercy" with "Hear our prayer"

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.

Tithes and Offerings

Offering Hymn

One Bread, One Body

ELW #496

Refrain

One bread, one body, one Lord of all;
one cup of blessing which we bless,
and we, though many throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.

Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man, no more. (*refrain*)

Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all. (*refrain*)

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown, gathered to one for all. (*refrain*)

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Offering Prayer

Sending

Sending Hymn

Take My Life, That I May Be

ELW #685

Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King;
take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect and use ev'ry pow'r as thou shall choose.

Take my will and make it thine, it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own, it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-1879, alt.

Benediction

Dismissal

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

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