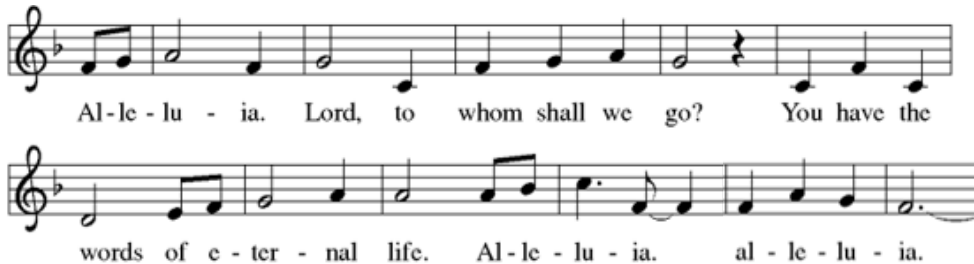


Good Hope, Immanuel and St. John's Lutheran Churches

***August 25, 2024 / 9:00 AM
Immanuel, Titonka, IA***



14th Sunday after Pentecost Pastor John Heille

Today's introduction:

In today's gospel many people take offense at Jesus' invitation to eat his flesh and drink his blood; even many of Jesus' disciples peel off. This is the backdrop in John's gospel for Peter's confession of faith. "To whom can we go?" asks Peter, in words we sometimes sing just before the gospel is read. "You have the words of eternal life." In order to take such a stand, as Peter and Joshua did, Paul tells us to arm ourselves with the word of God. We pray in the Spirit that we might be bold ambassadors of the gospel.

PRELUDE AND MEDITATION

Karen Post, Organist/Pianist

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please stand as you are able)

GATHERING HYMN

"When Morning Gilds the Skies"


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APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

KYRIE

Refrain



Ky-ri-e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.



- 1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
- 2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the
- 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
- 4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for
hun - gry and the poor; that
friends and fam - i - ly; for
wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
 we may live out truth and jus - tice and grace,
 life and for love, for our work and our play,
 nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,



Refrain

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

HYMN OF PRAISE



Refrain

This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the



Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be

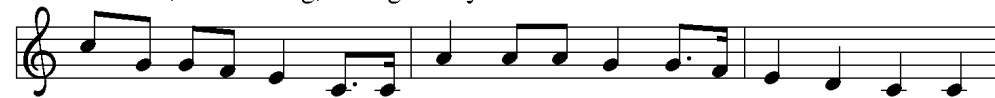


peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and



Refrain

hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. This is the feast of



vic-t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al -

le - lu - ia. 2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,
 glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.
Final refrain
 This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the
 Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, **your word feeds your people with life that is eternal. Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth, that, renouncing what is false and evil, we may live in you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

(Please be seated)

FIRST READING 1 Kings 8:1, 6, 10-11, 22-30, 41-43

Solomon built the temple in Jerusalem and put the ark of the covenant there. This passage includes part of the prayer Solomon prays at the dedication of the temple. He prays for the fulfillment of God's promises to David and for God to hear the prayers of all the faithful.

[¹Solomon assembled the elders of Israel and all the heads of the tribes, the leaders of the ancestral houses of the Israelites, before King Solomon in Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant of the Lord out of the city of David, which is Zion. ⁶Then the priests brought the ark of the covenant of the Lord to its place, in the inner sanctuary of the house, in the most holy place, underneath the wings of the cherubim. ¹⁰And when the priests came out of the holy place, a cloud filled the house of the Lord, ¹¹so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud; for

the glory of the Lord filled the house of the Lord.]

²²Then Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven. ²³He said, "O Lord, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart, ²⁴the covenant that you kept for your servant my father David as you declared to him; you promised with your mouth and have this day fulfilled with your hand. ²⁵Therefore, O Lord, God of Israel, keep for your servant my father David that which you promised him, saying, 'There shall never fail you a successor before me to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your children look to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me.' ²⁶Therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you promised to your servant my father David.

²⁷"But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! ²⁸Regard your servant's prayer and his plea, O Lord my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today; ²⁹that your eyes may be open night and day toward this house, the place of which you said, 'My name shall be there,' that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays toward this place. ³⁰Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray toward this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling place; heed and forgive.

⁴¹"Likewise when a foreigner, who is not of your people Israel, comes from a distant land because of your name ⁴²—for they shall hear of your great name, your mighty hand, and your outstretched arm—when a foreigner comes and prays toward this house, ⁴³then hear in heaven your dwelling place, and do according to all that the foreigner calls to you, so that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your people Israel, and so that they may know that your name has been invoked on this house that I have built."

Leader: The Word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM Psalm 84 (read responsively)

¹How dear to me is your dwelling,

O Lord of hosts!

²**My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.**

³Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young,

by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts, my king and my God.

⁴**Happy are they who dwell in your house!
They will always be praising you.**

⁵Happy are the people whose strength is in you,
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

⁶**Those who go through the balsam valley will find it a place of springs,
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.**

⁷They will climb from height to height,
and the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

⁸**Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer;
give ear, O God of Jacob.**

⁹Behold our defend- er, O God;
and look upon the face of your anointed.

¹⁰**For one day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.
I would rather stand at the threshold of the house of my God than dwell
in the tents of the wicked.**

¹¹For the Lord God is both sun and shield, bestowing grace and glory;
no good thing will the Lord withhold from those who walk with integrity.

¹²**O Lord of hosts,
happy are they who put their trust in you!**

SECOND READING Ephesians 6:10-20

Like a general giving a rousing speech to troops before battle, this letter closes by calling on Christians to be equipped for spiritual warfare against evil. The full armor of God includes truth, righteousness, peace, faith, the gift of salvation, and the word of God inspired by the Spirit.

¹⁰Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. ¹¹Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹²For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. ¹⁴Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. ¹⁵As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. ¹⁶With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

¹⁸Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. ¹⁹Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

Leader: The Word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand as you are able)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(piano introduction)



Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al-le - lu - ia.
Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.
Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL John 6:56-69

Leader: A reading from the Gospel of Mark. All: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The "hard saying" that offends Jesus' disciples is his claim that his followers must eat his flesh and drink his blood. The followers who return to their old lives know something about how odd this sounds. Simon Peter, on the other hand, knows something about the scarcity of living, gracious words. He asks the most important question: "To whom shall we go?"

[Jesus said,] ⁵⁶Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." ⁵⁹He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

⁶⁰When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" ⁶¹But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? ⁶²Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. ⁶⁵And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father."

⁶⁶Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. ⁶⁷So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" ⁶⁸Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord. All: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

(Please be seated)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

"Faith and Forever"

Pr. John Heille

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Earth and All Stars!"

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(Please stand as you are able)

APOSTLES' CREED

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CONFESSION

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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 and self-examination.

Most merciful God,
we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves.
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.
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

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

PEACE

OFFERING

Please drop off your offerings in the plates as you enter the church. Parish Three offerings may also be made online at www.parish3.com.

OFFERTORY

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God,
and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.
Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God,
and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.
Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, O
Lord, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me.
Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,



and re-new a right spir-it with - in me.

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

Blessed are you, **O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

PREFACE

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho-



san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -



est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-

san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

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DISTRIBUTION

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have

mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the

world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the

world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

COMMUNION HYMNS:

"Let Us Break Bread Together"
"Around You, O Lord Jesus"

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POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Pour out upon us the spirit of you love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

BLESSING AND SENDING

The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. **Amen**

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

SENDING HYMN

"When Morning Gilds the Skies"

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POSTLUDE

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PRAYERS

We offer prayers of support, healing and comfort for those in our church families and communities who are ill, suffering, or coping with a loss. Please include in your prayers: Gabby Trunkhill, Jerry Harms, Lisa Tjaden, Avon Rurup, Doris Haugland, Russ Bruns, all active military (Brandon Bengtson and Seth Green), our folks in nursing homes and our Bishops Eaton and Halaas.

**** Welcome to everyone** worshipping today: those attending in person, those attending the Care Center live-stream and anyone joining YouTube Iowa Lutherans. And a big **Thank You** to all those participating in worship services: organists, greeters, readers, Care Center live-streamers, ushers, communion preparers and servers and you!

****School bags:** Anyone wanting to donate towards supplies for the school bags at St. John's, we are in need of notebooks for sure. We could use around 40 notebooks – they are still on sale for school for 35 or 45 cents.

****The offering at the Woden community church service** on July 21 for Western Iowa Flood Relief was \$1,036. Thank you to everyone who donated.

****The free-will donation at the picnic** on August 11 for Western Iowa Flood Relief was \$650. Thank you to everyone who donated.

THIS WEEK AT PARISH THREE

8/28/2024 3:00 PM Worship @ Summit House

9/01/2024 9:00 AM Worship @ St. John's

****Help needed:** 6 people (3 from Immanuel, 3 from St. John's) are needed to help serve and clean up at Pr John's 25th ordination anniversary coffee at Good Hope on Sep 8. Please call the office (641-926-5798) and leave your name on the answering machine.

THIS WEEK AT GOOD HOPE

Wed., Aug. 28 3:00 p.m. Summit House Worship

Sun., Sept. 1 9:00 a.m. Worship at St. John's

****CHURCH CLEANING** is now through September 14th. The job duties are in your mailboxes. If you need a key to get into the church, there is one at the bank and one in the insurance agency. If you would like to have a key there are a few left, ask Kelly for one. Thank you ALL for helping with this BIG job!

****Titonka Care Center resident count** as of this past Wednesday: **21**

****August 31st deadline is coming soon:** The Anonymous donor has agreed to continue matching funds through the month of August. The buckets will continue to be around town for your donations or give to the Hail Mary Fund at the bank/insurance agency in care of Allan Boyken or Lanita Kardoes.

****Here's a sweet opportunity** for you to help out the Care Center! The Friends of the Care Center are looking for volunteers to donate 3 dozen cookies a week. You will be contacted as to which week you will be asked to donate. Please place your name and telephone number on the sheet in the Good Hope narthex to sign up for cookies. Or you may contact Carole Tuecke at (515) 341-0131 to sign up. All volunteers will be contacted as needed. Thank you.