

Jesus said,
“Young man, I say to
you, arise.”

ST. LUKE 7: 14
FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL
FOR THE SIXTEENTH
SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY



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Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

by Pastor Sutton

Looking at *Lutheran Service Book* 655, authored by Dr. Martin Luther (1483-1546)

If you watch *Fox News Channel*, or listen daily to talk radio hosts, or read our newspaper in town, or have your ear to social media outlets, you might easily become depressed at the current state of affairs in this country and in the world.

Liberal-socialist activists in our legislatures and judiciary do all they can to denigrate traditional, Biblical morality, and especially they attack traditional marriage and family, pushing the homosexual and “transgendered” deviant agenda in our schools and across the popular media. The abortion rights agenda is pushed at the expense of the lives of many children. The recent grisly discovery of over two thousand preserved aborted children in the home of a deceased abortion doctor shines the light on the wicked truth behind those antiseptic words, “pro-choice.” Christians are treated as if they are the evil for calling wickedness what it is. Not to mention, false teaching of the Scriptures is pervasive through today’s Christianity.

It seems the world is falling apart. Yet, nothing is new. Consider this situation from the time of the Reformation: The King of Spain suffers a severe defeat to the Moslem Turks at Budapest in August 1541, and the Turks are threatening Vienna and then Germany itself. Two months later, a hurricane near Algiers destroys the fleet of Holy Roman Emperor Charles V. In July 1542, the French King makes an alliance with the Turkish Sultan, and it was reported that the Pope favored this new alliance with the Moslems! Imagine wondering if the Pope and the Turk are in alliance against the rest of Christendom!

Sometime in late 1541, the Wittenberg Lutherans held a special prayer service to pray for God’s intervention against the Turkish threat. It seems Luther penned this well known hymn for this service. Our English translation is now “politically correct” – here is a translation of the original first stanza:


**Lord, keep us in Thy Word and work,
Restrain the murderous Pope and Turk
Who fain would tear from off Thy throne
Christ Jesus, Thy beloved Son.**


When our lives are not subject to God’s Word, when we are


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Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church is an historic and centrally located parish—called, gathered, and strengthened by Christ’s Word and Sacraments—confessional in doctrine, evangelical in orientation, orthodox in liturgy, cosmopolitan in membership; serving the Terre Haute community and the students of Indiana State University and Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, and reaching out to the nations since 1858 as a parish of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

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not steadfast in the Word, when we try to exalt ourselves above Christ and His Word, we become “murderous” instruments of Satan, used to bring to naught the work of Christ, tempting others to put their faith in idols.

But when Christians are in the heat of trial, which is every day we are alive in this temporal strife, they must return in faith to the Divine Service and receive the living Word of Christ in their ears and mouths. His means of grace alone defend His bride the Church.

**Lord Jesus Christ, Your pow’r make known,
For You are Lord of lords alone,
Defend Your holy Church that we
May sing Your praise eternally.**

Our prayer is that we remain steadfast in the Word, despite the fiery trials. In Baptism, we have died to this life, which means we have died with Christ. Now we pray that Christ makes His power known in our life, that Christ takes His rightful place in our life and increases His Kingdom as only He can, through giving us the forgiveness He won for us in His suffering and death. This is the Lord of lords defending His Church, you.

**O Comforter of priceless worth,
Send peace and unity on earth,
Support us in our final strife
And lead us out of death to life.**

Through the Word of the Gospel, the Holy Spirit brings not just any peace and unity, but that which has been bought and paid for by the blood of Jesus, the forgiveness of sins. The Spirit brings us the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting – the hope of the world to come.

“Do not be surprised at the fiery trial,” St. Peter says. “But rejoice insofar as you share Christ’s sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when His glory is revealed. If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you... Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time He may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on Him, because He cares for you.” (1 Peter 4.12-14, 5.6-7) ✠

From Rebellion to Inheritance

by Vicar Keller

MAGGIE and I recently found out that our baby is a boy. We rejoice that God has given us the gift of a child. Children are, without a doubt, a blessing from God. He created woman out of man, seeing that it was not good for man to be alone. She was bone of his bone and flesh of his flesh. Luther used to call his wife Katie 'my rib.' God blessed Adam and Eve when He said, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth." Indeed, this is one of the joys of marriage.

Yet sometimes, children do not act as they are commanded in the Fourth Commandment: Honor your father and your mother. We do not need to go out of Genesis to see children commit acts of sin. Adam's own son, Cain, killed his brother. Jacob deceived his father to receive the blessing appointed for Esau. Joseph's brothers sold him into slavery and lied about his death to their father. In sin, children rebel against their vocations, and fracture the family. Sons were to inherit from their father, with the eldest receiving a double portion. When a son rebelled against their father, the continuation of the line was in jeopardy. Deuteronomy 22 says this about rebellious sons: "Then all the men of the city shall stone him to death with stones. So you shall purge the evil from your midst, and all Israel shall hear, and fear."

This is exactly what God did to the rebellious sons that were the children of Israel. Isaiah 1.2-3 says, "Children have I reared and brought up, but they have rebelled against me. The ox knows its owner, and the donkey its master's crib, but Israel does not know, my people do not understand." The children of Israel, the line through which God promised a Messiah, did not follow God's laws, statutes and commands. They lusted after foreign gods and committed atrocities against the Lord. They were indeed rebellious sons, and as such, God turned them

over to their desires, and used invading nations to execute His judgment on them.

We too have rebelled against God in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved Him with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. We deserve to be cast off as the Israelites were. However, the promise to Adam (Genesis 3.15) and to Abraham (Genesis 12.1; 15.5) remained for His people. God preserved the faithful remnant, through which His son would be born. Jesus came and died for the rebellious sons. He died for you and me. Through His death and resurrection, we are once again His people (1 Peter 2.10). He redeemed those who were under the law that we might receive adoption as sons, meaning that we are heirs to eternal life (Romans 8.15; Galatians 4.4-6).

What inheritance do we receive? Paul writes in Romans 6.4-5, "We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in the newness of life. For if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His." We receive this inheritance, not because of anything we have done, but through our baptism (Titus 3.4-7). The Old Adam, the rebellious son, is daily drowned and dies, and a new man, in Christ, stands justified before God.

We want our children to have better lives than we have had. We want them to know no suffering and evil. But they will fail just as we have. Praise be to God they do not stand on their own merits. In Jesus, they are no longer rebellious sons but they are His people. They are washed clean in the blood of Christ. Therefore, we, as parents are to bring up our children to fear, love and trust in God above all things. In God, they receive all good things. In Him, they receive forgiveness of sins, life and salvation. In Him, they have eternal life as their inheritance. ✕

Singing of Absolution by Kantor Schultz

It is not enough to *think* about forgiveness, or just know that it exists. It must be *given* and *distributed*. Christ gives this gift to His Church in Holy Absolution.

We sing of this in the hymn "As Surely As I Live, God Said" (614):

**The words which absolution give
Are His who died that we might live,
The minister whom Christ has sent
Is but His humble instrument.**

**When ministers lay on their hands,
Absolved by Christ the sinner stands,
He who by grace the Word believes
The purchase of His blood receives.**

Author Nikolaus Herman (1480-1561) wrote this hymn around 1560 with the description "A hymn on the power of the keys and the virtue of holy absolution; for the children of



Joachimsthal." It is based on St. John 20, the institution of the Office of the Keys and Jesus' appearance to Thomas. It is sung on the Second Sunday of Easter, when we hear this Gospel account proclaimed, and we sing it at other times throughout the year. It would also be a fitting meditation before or after attending Private Confession and Absolution.

Originally written with eleven stanzas, the omitted stanzas include:

**They who believe when ye proclaim
The joyful tidings in My name
That I for them My blood have shed,
Are free from guilt and Judgment dread.**

**However great our sin may be,
The absolution sets us free,
Appointed by God's own dear Son
To bring the pardon He has won.**

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New Wednesday Night Class Offered: "United in Christ"

An enrichment class titled "*United in Christ: A Bible Study on Marriage and Family*" will begin Wednesday, October 9 at 7pm, and continue each Wednesday evening until November 6. All are welcome to attend, married and unmarried alike. As a companion, *United in Christ: Preparing for Christian Marriage*, published by Concordia Publishing House, will be provided (one per family), with a free will donation taken to help offset the cost of books.

God gave man and woman to be with each other, sharing in a one-flesh union. The world and our sinful nature, however, seek to serve only their purposes and pleasure. As a result, cohabitation, pre-marital sin, and same-sex unions have become the norm. This class is not simply marriage preparation, but marriage enrichment. We will study what God has spoken about husband and wife, marriage, and the family.

Weekly topics will include:

- October 9 **"What is Holy Matrimony?"**
- October 16 **"Getting to Know You: Are we ready to be married?"**
- October 23 **"Holy Matrimony: The Order of Service"**
- October 30 **"Be Fruitful and Multiply: The one-flesh union and children"**
- November 6 **"Roles of Husband and Wife: Authority and headship"**

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**This is the power of Holy Keys
It binds and doth again release;
The Church retains them at her side,
Our mother and Christ's holy Bride.**

Herman served as schoolmaster and cantor in the Bohemian town of Joachimsthal (today, Jáchymov). He wrote hymns inspired by the sermons of the pastor, Johann Mathesius. His hymns were especially written for the school children, as catechetical lessons and a means to keep them from focus on worldly songs. ✕

Sunday Adult Bible Study

JOIN us each Sunday at 9am for Adult Bible Study. We begin with the opening in the Nave, and continue with study in the Parish Center.

October 6 Hebrews 12.3-17 **"Participation in God's Holiness"**
The members of the Christian congregation are depicted as students who are instructed by God and trained by Him with His word, so that they can run the race of faith with endurance.

October 13, 20, 27 Hebrews 12.18-29 **"Access to Heaven for People on Earth"**
Hebrews compares and contrasts the present theophany of God through Jesus and His blood in the Divine Service, anticipating its full manifestation at His second coming, with the historical theophany to Israel at Mount Sinai. God now speaks His better Word of grace and pardon, through the voice of Jesus and His speaking blood.

Coffee Break Bible Study

EACH Wednesday, we pray Matins in the church at 8:30am, followed by Bible study in the Parish Center.

October 2 and 9 1 Samuel 2.1-11 **"Hannah's Prayer"**
The first of four major poems in 1 Samuel, all of which are united by one theme, the anointing of kings, pointing to the future Messiah, or "Christ" (anointed one). This hymn is strikingly similar to St. Mary's Magnificat at the Annunciation of Our Lord.

October 16 1 Samuel 2.12-17 **"Eli's Sons and Their Sins"**
In contrast to Samuel, the "good-for-nothing" sons of the High Priest Eli sin against God and the Law of Moses.

October 23 1 Samuel 2.18-21 **"Samuel Ministers before Yahweh"**
Samuel serves before Yahweh as a young Levite at an unusually early age.

October 30 1 Samuel 2.22-26 **"Eli Rebukes His Sons"**
In contrast to the bad report about Eli's sons, Eli's weak rebuke of their sins, and the hard hearts of the two sons, Samuel continues to grow into manhood and by grace.

Children's Christmas Service Rehearsals

THE Children's Christmas Service is Wednesday, December 18 at 7pm. Save the date and time now! It will be here before you know it!

Practices for the Christmas program will begin on Sunday, November 3. All children in the catechesis class and younger participate. Speaking parts are being assigned. Please let us know if your child is planning to participate so that parts can be assigned. Youth who are older and would like to participate, please let Karie Sutton know.

The practice schedule is as follows:
November 3: 9-9:15 and 10-10:15am
November 10: 9-9:15 and 10-10:15am

November 17: 9-9:15 and 10-10:15am
November 24: 9-9:15 and 10-10:15am
December 1: 9-9:15 and 10-10:15am
December 4: 6:15-6:45pm, following the midweek dinner
December 8 Full Rehearsal, Noon-2pm, with lunch served
December 11: 6:15-6:45pm, following the midweek dinner
December 15: Dress Rehearsal, Noon-2pm with lunch served

Our volunteer leader is Karie Sutton. She can use volunteers to help. Please let her know of your willingness. Any help is appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact her at Karie_Sutton@yahoo.com or 972-922-7276; or call or stop by the Church office. ✕



Little Lambs Hayride October 5

ON Saturday, October 5, the Little Lambs (all children, infants to 4th grade) and their families are invited to a hayride and bonfire at the Wineinger's home from 3 to 6pm.

Hot dogs will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Please RSVP to Erin Wineinger or Karie Sutton. ✕

**3 Races:
Beer Challenge 5k • Regular 5k • 1 Mile Walk/Run**

For more event details & to register: brattrot.itsyourrace.com/

**** Guaranteed t-shirt cutoff - October 13, 2019 ****

Council of Deacons Report

by Richard Monday

THE September 7 meeting opened with meditation on the Word of God, in which Pastor led a prayer for the parish, followed by the study of the Lutheran Confessions, the Formula of Concord, Solid Declaration, Article VII on the Lord's Supper.

Pastor Sutton reported membership changes, including the upcoming baptism of the baby daughter of Jarod and Heather Gibbens. Pastor also updated the board on other potential new members as well as the ongoing adult catechesis. Pastor demonstrated the new tablet used to control the rear door lock system and the security camera system. Building use policies were discussed. Date for Congregational Assembly meeting was set for Sunday, December 8, after Divine Service.

Board Reports:

✧ **Education:** The Higher Things conference went well for the YPI. Apple Picking is coming up.

- ✧ **Finance:** Presentation of financial summary; and recommended adoption of Vanco "Give Plus" app for flexible giving to the congregation electronically.
- ✧ **Property and Grounds:** The new shelter house is completed thanks to Daryl Harris, Randy Durlinger, and other volunteers. Some slate has fallen from the church roof, and we will be looking into it. Also, will look into the steeple bell not striking correctly. The front landscaping project will begin soon, paid via memorial funds.
- ✧ **Outreach/Fellowship:** Brad Cress reported on the Brat Trot, including a steering committee meeting to be held on September 17.
- ✧ **Worship:** No report.

The next regular meeting of the Council of Deacons is Saturday, October 5, at 7am in the Library. The August meeting was cancelled due to vacations and other events. Other communicant members who wish to meet with the Council of Deacons to discuss special concerns, needs, or requests should make arrangements with the Chairman of the Council of Deacons prior to a scheduled meeting. ✧

Immanuel Parish Membership

Transfer Out: August 25 Mary Friend to Redeemer – Fort Wayne, IN

Board of Finance Report

by John Schulz

THE summer is over and our offering plate receipts continue to be lower than last year. This year we had to use some cash from the Immanuel Fund to keep us afloat through the summer. Our everyday expenses are not out of control but our giving receipts are declining and our General Fund cash on hand (including money transferred from the Immanuel Fund) is disappearing. Let us keep in mind the work of the Lord in this place and prayerfully consider our contributions as we continue throughout the year. ✧

DIVINE SERVICE is celebrated every Sunday at 10:30am and on Feast Days as announced.

DIVINE OFFICE: LAUDS (MORNING PRAYER) and **VESPERS** (EVENING PRAYER) are prayed as announced in the weekly *Parish News*.

PRIVATE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION is offered the third Thursday of the month (*October 17*) from 5-6pm, or anytime by appointment. Vespers is prayed at 4:30pm prior to Confession.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND ADULT BIBLE STUDY are at 9am. The Bible Study is studying the book of Hebrews.

UNIVERSITY STUDENT BIBLE STUDY with dinner is Sunday at 5:30pm.

ADULT CHOIR rehearsals are Thursdays from 7-8:30pm, and Sundays from 9:45-10:20am.

"WORSHIP ANEW," produced by Lutheran Media Ministries of Fort Wayne and supported by Immanuel's special gift collection, airs every Sunday morning on WTWO at 8am.

WESTMINSTER BIBLE STUDY meets on the last Friday of the month at 1:30pm except when there is a holiday at the end of the month. All members are invited to attend. The next meeting will be October 25.

ESPRIT DEADLINE for November is Tuesday, October 15. Volunteers are needed to help with the mailing. Watch the *Parish News* for the date.

Serving in October at Divine Service

Altar Guild – Cassandra Toth; Kathy Taylor

Tellers – Christy Casassa; Carey Casassa; Brad & Jeanne Bilyeu

Ushers – Kris Wineinger; Rick Todd; Rich Bucy

Acolytes – October 6: Ian Crucitti; Adam Sutton | October 13: Austin Fitzgerald; Noah Sutton
 October 20: Eli Gibbens; Evan Pound | October 27: Connor Howard; Kole Mullins

Schedule of Divine Liturgies for October

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| October 6 | Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity, 10:30am | Divine Service |
| October 13 | Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity, 10:30am | Divine Service |
| October 20 | Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity, 10:30am | Divine Service |
| October 27 | Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity, 10:30am | Divine Service |