



**Immanuel Ev. Lutheran Church**  
**Immanuel Lutheran School &**  
**Children of Grace Preschool**  
20882 Walden Ave. Hutchinson, MN 55350

**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**SEPTEMBER 13, 2020**

HYMN - 125 “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

INVOCATION

M: The grace of our Lord ☩ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you

**C: And also with you.**

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

**C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

**C: Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, preserve the congregation of believers with your never-failing mercy. Help us avoid whatever is wicked and harmful, and guide us in the way that leads to our salvation; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## LESSON – Romans 12:1-8

Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the measure of faith God has given you. Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully.

## PSALM 121

M: I lift up my eyes to the hills.

**C: Where does my help come from?**

M: My help comes from the Lord,

**C: the maker of heaven and earth.**

M: He will not let your foot slip,

**C: he who watches over you will not slumber;**

M: indeed, he who watches over Israel

**C: will neither slumber nor sleep.**

M: The Lord watches over you,

**C: The Lord is your shade at your right hand.**

M: The Lord will keep you from all harm,

**C: he will watch over your life;**

M: the Lord will watch over your coming and going

**C: both now and forevermore.**

**All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

GOSPEL - Matthew 16:21-26

From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.

Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. "Never, Lord!" he said. "This shall never happen to you!" Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of men."

Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will find it. What good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul? Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul?"

## APOSTLES' CREED

HYMN - 465 "Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken"

SERMON – Matthew 16:21-26

"The Cross Before the Crown"

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

BLESSING

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

HYMN – 355 "Take the World, but Give Me Jesus"

OFFERING - *Offerings may be placed in the plate as you leave the sanctuary.*

HOLY COMMUNION – *We invite those who agree with the teachings of this church and of the WELS to partake of the true body and blood of Jesus Christ.*

*Those who desire to receive Holy Communion are asked to remain seated while the rest of the congregation is dismissed during hymn 312. Ushers will dismiss from back to front.*

*Communicants please pause in front of the elder to receive the bread in your hand. Then pause in front of pastor to take an individual cup from the tray.*

