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GATHERING

Prelude

Confession & Forgiveness

Song *Eternal Father, Strong to Save* (st. 1-3)

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Greeting

Kyrie

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Prayer of the Day

WORD

First Reading: Job 38:1-11

At the end of the book of Job, after Job and his companions have argued about the cause of the great suffering Job endures, God finally speaks. These verses begin that speech, which is a grand vision of creation, describing God's ordering of the cosmos and inviting Job to marvel at its beauty.

The LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind: "Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare to me. "Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy? "Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb?—when I made the clouds its garment, and thick darkness its swaddling band, and prescribed bounds for it, and set bars and doors, and said, 'Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stopped?'"

Psalms 107:1-3, 23-32

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good,
for God's mercy endures forever.

²**Let the redeemed of the LORD proclaim that
God redeemed them from the hand of the foe,**

³gathering them in from the lands;
from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

²³**Some went down to the sea in ships, plying their trade in deep waters.**

²⁴They beheld the works of the LORD, God's wonderful works in the deep.

²⁵**Then God spoke, and a stormy wind arose, which tossed high the waves of the sea.**

²⁶They mounted up to the heavens and descended to the depths;
their souls melted away in their peril. ²⁷They staggered and reeled like drunkards,
and all their skill was of no avail. ²⁸Then in their trouble they cried to the LORD,
and you delivered them from their distress.

²⁹**You stilled the storm to a whisper and silenced the waves of the sea.**

³⁰Then were they glad when it grew calm,
when you guided them to the harbor they desired.

³¹**Let them give thanks to you, LORD,
for your steadfast love and your wonderful works for all people.**

³²Let them exalt you in the assembly of the people;
in the council of the elders, let them sing hallelujah!

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 6:1-13

Paul and his fellow workers experience great hardships and even rejection while carrying out their missionary work. Nevertheless, Paul continuously proclaims that God has not rejected us but is graciously working for our salvation.

As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, "At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you." See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but

as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything. We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also.

Gospel Acclamation

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Gospel: Mark 4:35-41

Jesus' calming of the storm on the sea reveals his power over evil, since the sea represents evil and chaos. The boat on the sea is a symbol of the church and invites us to trust God amid life's turbulence.

When evening had come, [Jesus said to the disciples,] "Let us go across to the other side." And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

Sermon

Pastor Steve Solberg

Song

My Life Flows On in Endless Song

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The Apostles' Creed

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Prayers of Intercession

Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

A brief silence.

Holy God, you gather your people from east and west, north and south. We pray for the mission of the church throughout the world, that your steadfast love may be made known to all peoples. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You laid the foundations of the earth and the waters are the womb of creation. The morning stars sing your name and all creation shouts for joy. We pray for your blessed creation, that it may continue to flourish and magnify your glory. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You keep watch over all nations. We pray for countries experiencing violence, hunger, and unrest. Guide worldwide and local community organizations in their efforts to establish safety and justice. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You are close to the brokenhearted and near to those in distress. We pray for those who are experiencing oppression. Liberate us from the systems and chains that bind us. Remove the barriers that separate us from one another. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You dwell with us in this faith community. We pray for our leaders and elders. Grant them knowledge, patience, and kindness, that through their leadership you may be exalted in this assembly. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Your love endures in all situations. On this Father's Day, we pray for those who are fathers or wish to be fathers, for those with broken or strained relationships, for those who are missing their fathers, and for fathers who have lost children. Bless and strengthen them. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace.

Amen.

Sharing of Christ's Peace

MEAL

Offering Prayer

Thanksgiving at the Table

The Lord's Prayer

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Communion Distribution

As servers bring Holy Communion to you in your seats, please open your hands palms-up to receive the bread. Pick a cup from the tray (grape juice is in the middle ring). When Pastor invites, drop your mask and partake of Jesus. Please dispose of your cup when you exit.

Prayer after Communion

SENDING

Blessing

Dismissal

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK ~~ June 20, 2021– June 27, 2021

YOU CAN FIND ALL ONLINE INFORMATION REFERENCED BELOW AT... www.ImmanuelNegaunee.org

- Sunday** - 9:30 am—Worship Service (also live & recorded)
- 10:30 am – Coffee & Fellowship
- 7:30 pm—AA Group Meets (men & women)
- Monday** **BEACON DEADLINE FOR JULY and AUGUST / HAVE INFO TO OFFICE THIS WEEK. (THANK U.)**
- 6:00 pm—Worship Service
- Wednesday** - 10:00 am—Bible Study discussing this coming Sunday’s Scripture both in-person & online via ZOOM - go to: www.immanuelnegaunee.org and click on button: “WED 10AM BIBLE STUDY ON ZOOM”
- 6:00 pm – Evangelism/Parish Life Committee Meeting
- Thursday** - 10:00 am—Quilting
- Friday** - **OFFICE CLOSED**
- 10:00 am—Women’s AA Group Meets
- Sunday** - 9:30 am—Worship Service (also live & recorded)
- 10:30 am – Coffee & Fellowship
- 7:30 pm—AA Group Meets (men & women)
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***SYMPATHY & GOD’S PEACE TO:**

- Loraine Lehto on the loss of her husband, **Howard Bruno Lehto** on Monday, June 14th. Also, condolences to all of the Lehto Family.
- Jo Skogman on the loss of her husband, **Bishop Emeritus Dale Skogman**, on Wednesday, June 16th. Also, condolences to all of the Skogman Family.

***COFFEE HOUR HAS RESUMED:** We resumed our Coffee Hour following the 9:30 am church service. We will follow COVID-19 guidelines and serve individual packages of goodies. If anyone is interested in providing snacks such as wrapped cookies, cheese sticks, crackers, fruit cups, etc., just put these items in the kitchen. Thank you for any donations you may make. *It will be GREAT to get together again! Halleluiah!!*

***COVID PROTOCOL UPDATE:** Immanuel’s council, during their June 15th meeting, resolved to update our COVID-19 Protocol in the following points: **(1)** Facemasks only for those not fully vaccinated; **(2)** Return to singing without facemasks; **(3)** Holy Communion returns people to front under Pastor’s discretion; **(4)** Capacity limits and physical distancing removed from sanctuary and fellowship hall; **(5)** cushions will be returned to pews following inspection and cleaning; **(6)** Offering plates will remain at sanctuary entrances until further notice.

COUNCIL WILL REVISIT THESE PROTOCOLS AT ITS AUGUST 17 MEETING.

***ROOM AT THE INN / THE WARMING CENTER:** Please continue to make your donations to the Room at the Inn but only with products such as paper products, coffee, sugar, or with any monetary donation. BUT, PLEASE REFRAIN FROM DONATING ANY PERISHABLE PRODUCTS AT THIS TIME.

***WE’RE HIRING: We are in need of a part-time custodian.** If you are interested, you can pick up an application from the office or go to: <https://immanuelnegaunee.weebly.com/apply-for-job.html>



***IMMANUEL'S FUEL FOR THE JOURNEY-** is a Facebook Group (under the church Facebook page) set up for reflection on the Daily Texts with Pastor Steve & other group members. Daily Texts (available in hardcopy & digitally online) take us through the Scripture in two years. Join, read, and add your reflections, or just listen to others.



***GIVING YOUR OFFERINGS:** – Thank you for continuing to financially support our ongoing congregational mission. Electronic giving is available on our website. (Note: Immanuel absorbs the following processing fees on electronic gifts: giving via debit/credit card 2.75% + \$0.45 per transaction and giving via ACH 1.00% \$0.45 per transaction.)



***CARE CLINIC MARQUETTE:** Please help us spread the word! Our Marquette and Sawyer Care Clinic locations are open on Fridays, 10am-3pm. We are open for walk-in closet visits and pregnancy tests. For questions, please contact: **Greg Gostomski**, Executive Director, (906)228-2273, www.careclinicmgt.org

***JUNE'S MONTHLY MISSION:** In June, our focus will be Answer the Call, an offering toward development of future pastors in our Northern Great Lakes Synod (NGLS). The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and its predecessor church bodies have a long history of theological education for pastors and other rostered persons who serve this church in ministries of Word and Sacrament as well as Word and Service. The schools where theological education takes place are called seminaries, and that education



costs money. Through this offering and together with our whole synod, we can empower our synod seminarians to enter their years of service to the church with as little school debt as possible. In fact, our goal as a synod is to fund full tuition scholarships for our NGLS seminarians. Such care empowers not only these servants of the church, but also the church itself as we seek future leaders. If you wish to give to Answer the Call, use the June Monthly Mission envelope from your offering envelope box or in some other way designate your gift. *Thank you for your generosity!*

Serving in Worship: *Pastor Steve Solberg* - Organist/Pianist/Musician: Sunday – *Connie Scanlon*
Monday—*Ellen Lindblom*

Worship Services: Sun. @ 9:30 am/Mon. @ 6 pm/Office Hours: 8 am-12 pm, Monday-Thursday (or by appt.)

ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE:

9:30 am USHERS/GREETERS – *Marty & Kyle Saari*

6 pm USHERS/GREETERS – *Reuven Romback*
Diana Hetrick

9:30 am LECTOR—*Alice Mutkala*

6 pm LECTOR—*Renee Prusi*

9:30 am COMM. ASST.'S – *Hayley & Toby Smith*
Deb Moyer/Alice Mutkala

6 pm COMM. ASST.'S – *Kris Hill-Alderton*
Connie Kemper

9:30 am Tech Team – *Tyler Moore*

6 pm Tech Team – *Mike Patraw*

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS: PRAY FOR: *Kari Borchert, Nancy Burton, Fae Collins, Elizabeth, Betty Kinnunen, Rodney Laituri, Anna Laurila, Billy Jo Kaufman, Wendy Niemi, Don & Vera Palomaki, Laura Robinson, Marty Saari, Mack Schlicht, and all COVID patients.*

Our Shut-ins: *Bettie Ahola, Rudy Gagnon, Charlene Kivisto, Timothy Kjellman, Betty Lukkarinen, Butch Pynnonen, Lillian Rivers, Lynne Tossava.*

Members in the Armed Service: *Luke DeWitt, Dennis Koski, Adrianna Gustafson, Michael Gustafson, Hunter (Jessica) Hetrick, Jacque Kurian, Mark (Samantha) Makela, Tanner Romback, Trevor Romback, Michael Sedlock, Ethan Wallner, Jason Wallner, and all Armed Services Families.*