

# IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sunday/Monday, July 25 & 26, 2021

## GATHERING

Prelude

Confession & Forgiveness

Song

*The Church of Christ, in Every Age*

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Greeting

Kyrie

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Prayer of the Day

## WORD

### First Reading: 2 Kings 4:42-44

*Today's reading is part of a larger section of 2 Kings that describes the miracles of Elisha, the successor to Elijah. Here the prophet gives food to a hungry crowd. Though there is not enough food to go around, Elisha trusts God, who provides enough and even more to satisfy the need.*

<sup>42</sup>A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to [Elisha,] the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat." <sup>43</sup>But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the LORD, 'They shall eat and have some left.'" <sup>44</sup>He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the LORD.

### Psalm 145:10-18

<sup>10</sup>All your works shall praise you, O LORD,  
and your faithful ones shall bless you.

<sup>11</sup>**They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom  
and speak of your power,**

<sup>12</sup>that all people may know of your power  
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

<sup>13</sup>**Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures throughout all ages.**

**You, LORD, are faithful in all your words, and loving in all your works.**

<sup>14</sup>The Lord upholds all those who fall  
and lifts up those who are bowed down.

<sup>15</sup>**The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD,  
and you give them their food in due season.**

<sup>16</sup>You open wide your hand  
and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

<sup>17</sup>**You are righteous in all your ways  
and loving in all your works.**

<sup>18</sup>You are near to all who call upon you,  
to all who call upon you faithfully.

### Second Reading: Ephesians 3:14-21

*We have been rooted and grounded in the love of Christ, which surpasses all human knowledge. Because Christ dwells in our hearts, our lives are continuously strengthened and empowered by the ongoing presence of the Spirit.*

<sup>14</sup>For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, <sup>15</sup>from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. <sup>16</sup>I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, <sup>17</sup>and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. <sup>18</sup>I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, <sup>19</sup>and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. <sup>20</sup>Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, <sup>21</sup>to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

## Gospel: John 6:1-21

*In John's gospel, the miracles of Jesus are called "signs," because they reveal the true character of God. As such, they remain within the mystery of God and cannot be brought under human control.*

<sup>1</sup>Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. <sup>2</sup>A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. <sup>3</sup>Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. <sup>4</sup>Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. <sup>5</sup>When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" <sup>6</sup>He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. <sup>7</sup>Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." <sup>8</sup>One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, <sup>9</sup>"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" <sup>10</sup>Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. <sup>11</sup>Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. <sup>12</sup>When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." <sup>13</sup>So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. <sup>14</sup>When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world." <sup>15</sup>When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself. <sup>16</sup>When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, <sup>17</sup>got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. <sup>18</sup>The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. <sup>19</sup>When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. <sup>20</sup>But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." <sup>21</sup>Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

## Sermon

Pastor Rell Spickerman

## Song

*Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

# 674

## The Apostles' Creed

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## Prayers of Intercession

Rooted in Christ and sustained by the Spirit, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

We pray for the church. Bless the ministries of our neighboring congregations. Empower churches throughout the world and encourage missionaries who accompany global neighbors. Kindle in us a spirit of collaboration, that all people may know your loving works. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for creation. Send rain to lands experiencing drought and come to the aid of those enduring sweltering heat. Nurture wheat and barley crops grown for the nourishment of your people and conserve aquatic habitats and fish populations. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for those who govern. Cast out arrogance, selfishness, and corruption and instruct those who lead to practice compassion and humility. Inspire them with a vision of the common good and a commitment to ensure that all who hunger are fed. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for those bowed down by heavy burdens: those who are unemployed or underemployed, those unable to find affordable housing, and those without health insurance. Console those who grieve and hear the cries of those who call to you for healing. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for this assembly. Deepen our resolve to use what we have to serve those in need. When we worry that we do not have enough resources for ministry, assure us of your abundance. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

We give thanks for those who have died. As you sustained them through all their days, so dwell in our hearts, that we may have the power to comprehend, with the apostle James, and all the saints, the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God, confident in the promise of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Sharing of Christ's Peace

MEAL

Offering Prayer

Thanksgiving at the Table

The Lord's Prayer

Communion Distribution

Prayer after Communion

SENDING

Blessing

Dismissal

Postlude

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK ~~ July 25, 2021– August 1, 2021

YOU CAN FIND ALL ONLINE INFORMATION REFERENCED BELOW AT... [www.ImmanuelNegaunee.org](http://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 - 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: ww.immanuelnegaunee.org and click on button: "WED 10AM BIBLE STUDY ON ZOOM"

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) - Baptism
- 10:30 am – Coffee & Fellowship
- 7:30 pm—AA Group Meets (men & women)

\*BIRTHDAYS: Happy 91st Birthday to Marilyn Anderson on July 27th.

\*COFFEE HOUR HAS RESUMED: Coffee Hour has resumed 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.

\*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.)



**\*JULY'S MONTHLY MISSION:** In July, we focus on Habitat for Humanity Marquette County. Habitat for Humanity is a part of a global, non-profit housing organization operated on Christian principles that seeks to put God's love into action by building homes, communities, and hope.



Repairs to existing homes are also part of the mission. Support for the ReStore helps with all activities.

Help support the vision of Habitat for Humanity: *"A world where everyone has a decent place to live."*

If you wish to give above-and-beyond to this mission, use **July's** mission emphasis envelope from your offering envelope box or in some other way designate your gift.

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**Serving in Worship:** *Pastor Rell Spickerman* - Organist/Pianist/Musician: Sun. & Mon. – *Connie Scanlon*

**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 – *Jim Hayward*  
*Dean Patron*

6 pm USHERS/GREETERS – *Kerri Price*  
*Deb Hicks*

9:30 am LECTOR—*Alice Mutkala*

6 pm LECTOR—*Sheila Meier*

9:30 am COMM. ASST.'S – *Alice Mutkala*

6 pm COMM. ASST.'S – *Sheila Meier*

9:30 am Tech Team – *Tyler Moore*

6 pm Tech Team – *Mike Patraw*

**KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:** PRAY FOR: *Nancy Burton, 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.*