



# IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sunday/Monday August 14th & 15th, 2022, 9:30am/6:00 pm

*COVID Protocol Update: Council has lifted COVID protocols as a result of low county numbers, but encourages awareness of ongoing county numbers and personal health.*

**10th Sunday  
after Pentecost**

Welcome to  
worship! Please  
complete a  
Connection Card  
and place the card  
in the offering  
plate.  
Thank you!

The word of God is  
a refining fire. Jesus  
is the great divide  
in human history.  
He invites our  
undivided attention  
and devotion.  
Today in worship  
we are surrounded  
by a great "cloud of  
witnesses." In the  
word and in holy  
communion we are  
invited yet again to  
look to Jesus, "the  
pioneer and  
perfector of our  
faith."

## GATHERING

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that  
is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose steadfast love endures forever.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God, **we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.**

Hear the good news! God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves.

**Amen.**

### GATHERING SONG

*Faith of Our Fathers*

**#813**

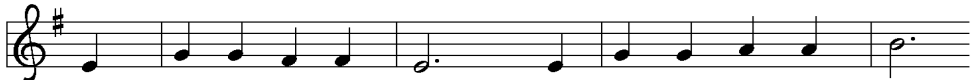
### GREETING

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

**p. 203**



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.  
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.  
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.  
 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.  
 3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:  
 Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;  
 Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
 on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
 Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.  
 Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.  
 For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, judge eternal, **you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

Amen.

### WORD

### FIRST READING: Jeremiah 23:23-29

<sup>23</sup>Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God far off? <sup>24</sup>Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD. <sup>25</sup>I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed, I have dreamed!" <sup>26</sup>How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? <sup>27</sup>They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. <sup>28</sup>Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. <sup>29</sup>Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

Word of God.

**Word of Life. Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 82

<sup>1</sup>God stands to charge the divine council assembled,  
 giving judgment in the midst of the gods:

*Because Jeremiah preaches the unpopular message of God's judgment, he suffers rejection. Today's reading distinguishes between the true prophet, like Jeremiah, who speaks God's word, and the false prophet who misleads the people through dreams. One is like wheat; the other like worthless straw.*

<sup>2</sup>**“How long will you judge unjustly, and show favor to the wicked?”**

<sup>3</sup>Save the weak and the orphan; defend the humble and needy;

<sup>4</sup>**rescue the weak and the poor; deliver them from the power of the wicked.**

<sup>5</sup>They do not know, neither do they understand; they wander about in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

<sup>6</sup>**Now I say to you, ‘You are gods, and all of you children of the Most High;**

<sup>7</sup>nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, and fall like any prince.’”

<sup>8</sup>**Arise, O God, and rule the earth, for you shall take all nations for your own.**

## SECOND READING: Hebrews 11:29—12:2

<sup>29</sup>By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. <sup>30</sup>By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. <sup>31</sup>By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. <sup>32</sup>And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—<sup>33</sup>who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, <sup>34</sup>quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. <sup>35</sup>Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. <sup>36</sup>Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. <sup>37</sup>They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—<sup>38</sup>of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. <sup>39</sup>Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, <sup>40</sup>since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

<sup>12:1</sup>Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup>looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Word of God.

**Word of Life. Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Alleluia*

p. 205



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

## GOSPEL: Luke 12:49-56

The holy gospel according to...

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Arise, O God,  
and rule the  
earth.  
(Ps. 82:8)*

*The author  
of Hebrews  
presents us  
with rich  
stories of  
faith. In a  
long list of  
biblical  
heroes,  
we find  
examples of  
trust in God  
that enabled  
them to face  
the trials of  
life faithfully.  
In addition  
to this  
“cloud of  
witnesses,”  
we have  
Jesus, the  
perfect  
model of  
faithful  
endurance.*

*Jesus delivers harsh words about the purifying and potentially divisive effects of obedience to God's call. The way of the cross often leads followers to encounter hostility and rejection, even from those they love.*

*Renew our lives that we may welcome and care for one another and that we may live and serve within the greater community of Negaunee and the world, witnessing to others your abundant love, grace, and welcome.*

[Jesus said:] <sup>49</sup>"I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! <sup>50</sup>I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! <sup>51</sup>Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! <sup>52</sup>From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; <sup>53</sup>they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law." <sup>54</sup>He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. <sup>55</sup>And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. <sup>56</sup>You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

The Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

**Pastor Bre Kinnunen**

## **SERMON SONG**

***All My Hope on God Is Founded***

**#757**

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

**Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

*A brief silence.*

Arise, O God, and sustain your church. We pray for all who dedicate their lives to serving your people. Renew our commitment to our siblings in faith around the globe, and bless the work of our ecumenical and interfaith partners. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Arise, O God, and sustain your creation. We pray for all places affected by natural disasters. Transform the devastation of floods and fires into fertile ground for new life and growth. Fill heaven and earth with your life-giving Spirit. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Arise, O God, and sustain the nations. We pray for all elected officials. Kindle in them a desire to administer your justice. Strengthen their resolve to defend those who are vulnerable and to stand publicly against all forms of oppression. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Arise, O God, and sustain those who are oppressed. We pray for people harmed by racist discrimination, ableist discrimination, and all people discriminated against based on their gender identity or sexual orientation. Rescue us from all systems that degrade our fellow human beings. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Arise, O God, and sustain this assembly. We pray for this community, celebrating with those who rejoice and weeping with those who weep. In our joy and in our tears, be near us. Merciful God **receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, we remember the saints especially Maximilian Kolbe and Kaj Munk who have gone before us. May we run with perseverance the race set before us until we find our rest in you. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom.

**Amen.**

## SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

### MEAL

## OFFERING

### OFFERING HYMN

*Create in Me a Clean Heart*

#186

### OFFERING PRAYER

God of abundance: **you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus. 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 our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise ..... We praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## SONG

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

p. 207



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



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



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

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.



For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

**COMMUNION**

**LAMB OF GOD**

*Lamb of God*

p. 208



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

**COMMUNION HYMNS**

*Let Us Break Bread Together*

**#471**

*How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord*

**#580**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

**SENDING**

**BLESSING**

The God of peace, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always. Amen.

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF August 14—August 21, 2022**

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**\* A NEW THING FROM PASTOR BRUCE THORSEN Interim Consultant ([revbjthor@verizon.net](mailto:revbjthor@verizon.net))**

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." **Revelation 21:5**

We are beginning a transition process that will be a time where together we will be asking the questions, "Who is Immanuel now?", "Who is Immanuel's neighbor" and "What is God calling Immanuel to do?" To answer these questions, I will be forming a transition team which will plan congregational events where each of you can contribute your thoughts and feelings. This is all in preparation to write a profile for Immanuel that can be presented to pastoral candidates. It is important to give the most accurate picture of Immanuel to a person considering partnering with you in ministry. This is a process that I expect will take 12 – 18 months to complete. Once the transition team has completed the paperwork necessary, it will be reviewed by our bishop. According to your constitution, the call committee is your congregational council. The council may add people, although too large of a group can slow down the process. Pastor Bre and I will work together during this time of transition. I will find time to get to know you through your congregational activities and I will also meet with the staff and support them during this time. Part of this process will be grieving the loss of doing ministry with Pastor Steve. You have been through a great deal with him. Communication will be extremely important during this time of transition. Please ask questions and I and the leadership will keep you informed of the process and progress that we are making. I invite your prayers as this entire process is about discerning God's will for Immanuel.

**A WORD FROM PASTOR THORSEN**

**\*FELLOWSHIP HOUR:** Are you willing to help with Fellowship hour? Donations are needed- bakery, crackers, cheese, fruit- or whatever suits your fancy-and cleanup! Your Fellowship Hour coordinator for August is Stacy McEachern. Please contact her with your date & item. Phone (906) 361-9123.



**\*WANTING A WAY TO SUPPORT FINANCIAL UKRAINE'S REFUGEES?** We can work through Lutheran World Relief (LWR), donating through Immanuel, noting "LWR" or "Ukraine". Or you can give online directly to LWR's "World of Good Fund," providing families facing crisis with emergency food, clean water, safe shelter, medical supplies & more. Your love will reach neighbors in Ukraine & around the world with the lifesaving care they need.



**\*GIVING YOUR OFFERINGS:** Thank you for continuing to financially support our on-going congregational mission. If you wish, you may download and use the VANCO Mobile App. VANCO Mobile is a free app that offers both one-time and repeated donations to our general and special offerings. Here are the steps to follow: 1) **Search for Our Church** - Enter our church's name or use the invite code and click SEARCH. Then, select our church. 2) **Select Your Fund and Amount** - Select your fund and donation frequency, then select your payment method. 3) **Enter Payment Method** - Select a payment method and enter your credit card, debit card, or bank account information. You can save this payment method for future donations. 4) **Choose to Cover Processing Fees** - You can choose to cover the donation processing fees by adding a small amount on top of your gift. Click the button to opt in. 5) **Complete Your donation** - Review and complete your gift by clicking SUBMIT. If giving online through Immanuel's website, there is no change.



**\*MEN'S SATURDAY BREAKFAST** The men's Bible study breakfast is held on the 1st Saturday of each month until further notice. Come to the Fellowship Hall from 8-10 am for a nourishing breakfast meal for body & mind, as a discussion of Sunday's readings and any topic that you may want to share follows the breakfast. For more information, please call Walter Scanlon @ 906-235-2294.



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**KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS**



**Pray For:** *Dee Aper, Nancy Burton, Betty Carilli, Kevin Carlson, Renae Carlson, Sue Cohan, Connie Foster, Dan Hendrickson, Peggy Jackson, Tom Johnson, Betty Kinnunen, Anna Laurila, Don & Mary Leece, Diane Nault, Don Palomaki, Stephanie Penhale, Joyce Peterson, Susie Pizzoli, Delores Reichel, Kristen (Tossava) Riley, Jim Ritzenhein, Jessica Roberts, Richard Toyra, and all COVID patients.*

**Our Shut-ins:** *Bettie Ahola, Jonelle Collins, Rudy Gagnon, Charlene Kivisto, Timothy Kjellman, Betty Lukkarinen, Leo Nirva, Vera Palomaki, Janet Penhale, Butch Pynnonen, Lillian Rivers, Paul Smith, Lynne Tossava.*

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

**VOLUNTEERS ASSISTING IN SERVICE**

**SERVING IN WORSHIP:** *Pastor Bre Kinnunen / ORGANIST/PIANIST/MUSICIAN: Connie Scanlon*  
**Worship Services:** Sun. @ 9:30 am / Mon. @ 6 pm / Office Hours: 8 am-12 pm, Mon.-Thurs. (or by appt.)  
**ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE:**

9:30 am USHERS/GREETERS — *Marty/Kyle Saari / 6 pm USHERS/GREETERS—Diana Hetrick & Deb Hicks*  
 9:30 am LECTOR — *Kathy Sundine / 6 pm LECTOR —Jill Sladek*  
 9:30 am COMM. ASSTS. — *Kitty & Ben Raymond / 6 pm COMM. ASSTS —Jill Sladek*  
 9:30 am Tech Team — *Mark Patraw / 6 pm Tech Team —Mark Patraw*



## **AUGUST'S MONTHLY MISSION**

**IN AUGUST**, we will focus on Scholarships for Liberian (Africa) Children, which is educational in nature. We all take education for granted. We pay our taxes and all of our children receive a high school education with no additional charges to the parents. Parents in Liberia pay for their children's education. Any kind of financial crisis for the family leads to the kids dropping out of school.

Pastor Albert (former Pastor of Mitchell Methodist Church here in Negaunee) has personally identified three children who need help with education expenses:

- Danlette is the daughter of a Christian minister who has passed away and is still in school. Her mom, Promise, is struggling to meet the educational needs of three children.



- Simeon has completed the lower grades but cannot continue because his father was laid off by his mining company. Simeon has dropped out of school because the funds to pay the school authorities are not available.
- Obey is an extended family member of pastor Albert. His dad passed away five years ago leaving an uneducated mom with five children. He will need \$350 per year to help support his family and which is a huge sum of money for his family.



Any help with education expenses will be helpful. We have all heard the expression, "A mind is a terrible thing to waste". Additional information regarding these families is available by contacting Pastor Albert Barchue, Salem United Methodist Church, 23 Mable Street, P.O. Box 438, Pigeon, MI 48755, "Liberian student-Albert" in the comment line (if you wish to send a check directly to Albert).

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

### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS ~ August 14, 2022 - August 21, 2022**

**YOU CAN FIND ALL ONLINE INFORMATION REFERENCED BELOW AT...**

[www.ImmanuelNegaunee.org](http://www.ImmanuelNegaunee.org)

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| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>9th Sunday after Pentecost</b>  | - 9:30 am - Worship Service<br>- 10:30 am - Coffee & Fellowship<br>- 1:30 - 4:30 pm - Richard 'Dick' Aper Memorial Celebration in Fellowship Hall<br>- 7:30 pm - AA Group Meets (men & women) |
| <b>Monday</b>    |                                    | - 6:00 pm - Worship Service   |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   |                                    | - 2:15 pm - Eastwood Worship<br>- 6:00 pm - Executive Committee Meeting<br>- 6:30 pm - Church Council   |
| <b>Wednesday</b> |                                    | - 10:00 am - Bible Study (in-person)  |
| <b>Thursday</b>  |                                    | - 10:00 am - Quilting   |
| <b>Friday</b>    | <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>               | - 10:00 am - Women's AA Group Meets   |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>11th Sunday after Pentecost</b> | - 9:30 am - Worship Service<br>- 10:30 am - Coffee & Fellowship<br>- 7:30 pm - AA Group Meets (men & women)   |



Thank you for giving \$ 1,007.00 in July to **Habitat for Humanity, Marquette County.**  
The recipients will be richly blessed with your generosity! Thank you!