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Sunday, August 22, & Monday, August 23, 2021

GATHERING

Prelude

Confession & Forgiveness

Song

Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun

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Greeting

Prayer of the Day

WORD

First Reading: Joshua 24:1-2a. 14-18

In the Near East, covenant means "agreement" or "alliance." It describes relationships and is the primary word used to characterize the relationship between God and Israel. By delivering Israel, God has already begun the relationship. Joshua calls upon the people to respond.

¹Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. ^{2a}And Joshua said to all the people, ¹⁴"Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. ¹⁵Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD." ¹⁶Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; ¹⁷for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; ¹⁸and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God."

Psalm 34: 15-22

¹⁵The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous, and God's ears are open to their cry.

¹⁶**The face of the LORD is against those who do evil, to erase the remembrance of them from the earth.**

¹⁷The righteous cry, and the LORD hears them and delivers them from all their troubles.

¹⁸**The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves those whose spirits are crushed.**

¹⁹Many are the troubles of the righteous, but the LORD delivers them from every one.

²⁰**God will keep safe all their bones; not one of them shall be broken.**

²¹Evil will bring death to the wicked and those who hate the righteous will be punished.

²²**O LORD, you redeem the life of your servants, and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.**

Second Reading: Ephesians 6:10-20

Like a general giving a rousing speech to troops before battle, this letter closes by calling on Christians to be equipped for spiritual warfare against evil. The full armor of God includes truth, righteousness, peace, faith, the gift of salvation, and the word of God inspired by the Spirit.

¹⁰Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. ¹¹Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹²For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. ¹⁴Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. ¹⁵As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. ¹⁶With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. ¹⁸Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. ¹⁹Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

Gospel: John 6: 56-69

The "hard saying" that offends Jesus' disciples is his claim that his followers must eat his flesh and drink his blood. The followers who return to their old lives know something about how odd this sounds. Simon Peter, on the other hand, knows something about the scarcity of living, gracious words. He asks the most important question: "To whom shall we go?"

[Jesus said,] ⁵⁶"Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." ⁵⁹He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. ⁶⁰When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" ⁶¹But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? ⁶²Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. ⁶⁵And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father." ⁶⁶Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. ⁶⁷So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" ⁶⁸Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

Sermon

Pastor Steve Solberg

Song

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The Apostles' Creed

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Prayers of Intercession

Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

God of courage, bless all leaders of your church. Make them ready to proclaim the gospel of peace and strengthen them to preach your loving word. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of creation, bless fields and orchards. Protect the land from drought and bring life-giving rain to support growth. Instruct your people in wise treatment of the world you have provided for all your creatures. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of community, bless all who seek justice between nations and peoples. Give guidance to bridge-builders, heal divisions, and inspire cooperation in times of crisis, disaster, and war. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of compassion, bless all who are in any need. Accompany all who are lonely and feeling abandoned and remind them of your abiding presence. Accompany all who are persecuted and exploited and open us to their cries. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of change, bless our transitions. Guide all who are embarking on new stages in life such as a new job, new school, or new community. Sustain enduring friendships and kindle new relationships and interests. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God of comfort, bless all who mourn the deaths of their beloved ones. We give you thanks for the saints who have gone before us. especially David Stromquist. Renew our confidence in your promise of resurrection and life in the world to come. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Sharing of Christ's Peace

MEAL

Offering Prayer

Thanksgiving at the Table

The Lord's Prayer

Communion Distribution

We believe that the true body and blood of Jesus Christ is in/with/under the bread and wine.

All baptized Christians who believe this true presence are welcome and encouraged to receive Holy Communion today.

Parents, please assist your young children if you wish them to receive this gift.

Blessing
Dismissal
Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK ~ August 22, 2021– August 29, 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
- 11:30 am – Baptism (at Lake Superior)
- 7:30 pm—AA Group Meets (men & women)
- Monday** **BEACON DEADLINE FOR SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER (please have info to me early this week)**
- 6:00 pm—Worship Service
- Tuesday** - 6:00 - 8:30 pm – PEO (Linda Sjolund)
- Wednesday** - 10:00 am—Bible Study
- 5:30 – 7:30 pm – Hall Reservation
- 7:00 pm – CROP Team Leaders Meeting (at 1st Presbyterian Church, Marquette)
- 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)

***BAPTISM – WE WELCOME INTO THE FAMILY OF GOD:** *Avery Marlene Miller*, daughter of Amanda Marlene (Carey) Miller & Matthew Ryan Miller. She was born on February 2nd, 2020, in Gaylord. Her sponsors are Riley Oja and Brandon Carey. The proud grandparents are Deb & Chris Carey. Avery will be baptized in Lake Superior in Marquette by Pastor Steve.

***BIRTHDAYS:** Happy 81st Birthday to *Judy Hallgren* on August 28th.

***SYMPATHY & GOD’S PEACE TO:**

- **Pastor Steve Solberg** on the loss of *his mother* on Thursday, August 19th. Also, condolences to grandchildren: Anna and Sara Solberg, and all of the Solberg Family.
- Pastor Warren (Kathryn) Geier, on the loss of his mother, *Betty Marie Geier*, on Monday, August 16th. Also, condolences to all of the Geier Family.

***SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR FALL – HAVE YOU REGISTERED FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL YET??** A postcard was sent out to you asking **WHAT TIME YOU WOULD LIKE SUNDAY SCHOOL TO START ON SUNDAY.** Did you receive the postcard? Would you like in-person Sunday School classes to start at 9:15 am, joining the worship service at 10:15 am? **OR** would you like in-person Sunday School classes to start at 11:00 am, after the 9:30 am worship service? **OR** would you want the Sunday School classes recorded and you can do them at home on your own time? **WE WANT TO PLEASE YOU!! WHAT DO YOU WANT?** You can call the office at (906) 475-9161 with your answer or return the postcard. **PLEASE REGISTER NOW.**

***LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF DONATIONS** The following items are needed: (1) Baby sleepers & gowns; (2) Gentle bathing soap for both babies and the health kits; (3) Full size bath towels; (4) Nail clippers; (5) Adult T-shirts to make diapers.

***LWR – LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF SCHOOL SUPPLIES:** School supplies for Lutheran World Relief will be collected through September 12th. Items purchased can be placed in the Stewardship corner tub that is marked ‘*Schoneman Supplies*’. These supplies consist of one or more of the following items: 70 sheet notebooks of wired or college ruled paper (approx.. 8”x10 1/2” – no loose-leaf paper); 30-centimeter rulers or a 30 centimeters on one side and inches on the other; pencil sharpeners; blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well); unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); boxes of 16/24 crayons; 2 ½” erasers. These items are also listed in the WELCA handbook. Thanks.

***SYNOD OFFERS FUN AND INTERESTING ONLINE CLASSES FOR ADULTS! REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!** The Northern Great Lakes Synod has announced the upcoming schedule of Lifelong Faith Formation and registration is available here on our website. Online classes for adults begin in September and include:

- Ezekiel Bible Study with Pastor Tommy Richter

- Intermediate Biblical Greek with Pastor Nicole Hanson-Lynn for people who have previously studied Greek
- Walking Together: Companionship with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania, led by Luanne and Bishop Emeritus Tom Skrenes
- A Book Study of Friedman's Fables: "Metaphors for Family Systems Thinking," with Pastor Jim Duehring, Assistant to the Bishop (who is also leading a one-session introduction to the approach)
- Holy Communion Post-Pandemic: What, When, Where, Who, & Why, a 2-week series with Bishop Katherine Finegan.

For more information, visit the Lifelong Faith Formation page on our website or contact Deacon Lori Ward at (615) 519-1969 or lori.ward@nglsynod.org.

***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://immanuelnegaanee.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.)



***AUGUST'S MONTHLY MISSION:** In August, we focus on educational scholarships for three children in Liberia, a country in West Africa. We can take education for granted. We pay our taxes, and 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 Barchue (former pastor of the former Mitchell United Methodist Church in Negaanee) has personally identified three children who need help with educational expenses: **(1)** Danlette is the daughter of a Christian minister who has passed away, & her mom, Promise is struggling to meet the educational needs of three children. Danlette is an excellent 8th grader, coming second in a class of 53. Her first semester average is 89.4. **(2)** Simeon has both his mom and dad, but his father was laid off by his mining company. At school Simeon got a promotion for his excellent work during the first semester. This means he is on his way to being promo-ted twice by the time the school year ends. With an average of 93.2, he was promo-ted to the 3rd grade and is likely to get another promotion to the 4th grade after the second semester. In Liberia, this is called "doubled promotion."



(3) Obey is an extended family member of Pastor Albert. His dad passed away three years ago, leaving an uneducated mom with five children. Obey is currently a good Junior Student (11th grade) working hard to become a senior. Usually, the Liberian academic calendar runs almost as the

U.S. Schools. It begins in August/September and ends in June of the following year, but because of the COVID 19 which shut down all schools last year, this is an extraordinary school year. It began in December 2020 and will end in August 2021. There will be a very brief vacation period to regularize the school again, so our Liberian children will begin in September. 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.



Serving in Worship: Pastor Steve Solberg - Organist/Pianist/Musician: Sunday & Monday – **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 – Linda & Jim Derocher

6 pm USHERS/GREETERS – Cheryl & Ron Ulvila

9:30 am LECTOR – Kathleen Partanen

6 pm LECTOR – Jill Sladek

9:30 am COMM. ASST.'S – Kris Hill-Alderton

6 pm COMM. ASST.'S – Connie Kemper

9:30 am Tech Team – Need Someone

6 pm Tech Team – Mark Patraw

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS: PRAY FOR: Nancy Burton, The Warren Geier Family, Peggy Jackson, Billy Jo Kaufman, Betty Kinnunen, Corey Koski, Rodney Laituri, Anna Laurila, Derek McEachern, Wendy Niemi, Arianna Paananen, Don & Vera Palomaki, Laura Robinson, Marty Saari, Mack Schlicht, The Steve Solberg Family, Richard Toyra, & 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, Adrianna Gustafson, Michael Gustafson, Hunter (Jessica) Hetrick, Dennis Koski, Jacque Kurian, Mark (Samantha) Makela, Tanner Romback, Trevor Romback, Michael Sedlock, Ethan Wallner, Jason Wallner, and all Armed Services Families.