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Sunday, September 5, 2021, NO Monday 6 pm Service (Labor Day)

GATHERING

Prelude

Confession & Forgiveness

Song

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

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Greeting

Kyrie

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Prayer of the Day

WORD

First Reading: Genesis 32: 22-32

²²The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. ²⁴Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. ²⁵When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." ²⁷So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." ²⁹Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. ³⁰So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." ³¹The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip. ³²Therefore to this day the Israelites do not eat the thigh muscle that is on the hip socket, because he struck Jacob on the hip socket at the thigh muscle.

PSALM 69:1-17

¹Save me, O God, for the waters have come up to my neck.

²**I sink in deep mire, where there is no foothold;
I have come into deep waters, and the flood sweeps over me.**

³I am weary with my crying; my throat is parched. My eyes grow dim with waiting for my God.

⁴**More in number than the hairs of my head are those who hate me without cause;
many are those who would destroy me, my enemies who accuse me falsely.
What I did not steal must I now restore?**

⁵O God, you know my folly; the wrongs I have done are not hidden from you.

⁶**Do not let those who hope in you be put to shame because of me, O Lord GOD of hosts;
do not let those who seek you be dishonored because of me, O God of Israel.**

⁷It is for your sake that I have borne reproach, that shame has covered my face.

⁸**I have become a stranger to my kindred, an alien to my mother's children.**

⁹It is zeal for your house that has consumed me;
the insults of those who insult you have fallen on me.

¹⁰**When I humbled my soul with fasting, they insulted me for doing so.**

¹¹When I made sackcloth my clothing, I became a byword to them.

¹²**I am the subject of gossip for those who sit in the gate,
and the drunkards make songs about me.**

¹³But as for me, my prayer is to you, O LORD. At an acceptable time, O God,
in the abundance of your steadfast love, answer me. With your faithful help

¹⁴**rescue me from sinking in the mire;
let me be delivered from my enemies and from the deep waters.**

¹⁵Do not let the flood sweep over me, or the deep swallow me up,
or the Pit close its mouth over me.

¹⁶**Answer me, O LORD, for your steadfast love is good;
according to your abundant mercy, turn to me.**

¹⁷Do not hide your face from your servant, for I am in distress — make haste to answer me.

Second Reading: James 2: 1-17

Faithful Christians do not show partiality to the rich and powerful of the world, especially at the expense of the poor and weak. Likewise, faith does not pay mere lip service to God's will. Instead, a living Christian faith expresses itself in acts of compassion and mercy for those in need.

¹My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? ²For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, ³and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," ⁴have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? ⁶But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? ⁷Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? ⁸You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ⁹But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. [¹¹For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. ¹²So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. ¹³For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.] ¹⁴What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? ¹⁷So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

Gospel Acclamation

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Gospel: Mark 7: 24-37

In Mark's gospel, encounters with women usually signify turning points in Jesus' ministry. Here, a conversation with a Syrophenician woman marks the beginning of his mission to the Gentiles.

²⁴[Jesus] set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, ²⁵but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. ²⁶Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁸But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." ²⁹Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." ³⁰So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. ³¹Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³²They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. ³⁴Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." ³⁵And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

Sermon

Pastor Steve Solberg

The Apostles' Creed

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Prayers of Intercession

O Lord, Hear My Prayer

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

A brief silence.

Holy One, you bring your people together in worship. Enliven your church. Guide all evangelists, preachers, prophets, and missionaries who seek to share your love through word and deed. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You provide water for thirsty ground and sunshine to feed hungry plants. Bless all who advocate for healthy forests, unpolluted air, and clean waterways. Inspire all people to show care for the world you have made. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O God, where hearts are fearful and constricted, grant courage and hope. Where anxiety is infectious and widening, grant peace and reassurance. Where impossibilities close every door and window, grant imagination and resistance. Where distrust twists our thinking, grant healing and illumination. Where spirits are daunted and weakened, grant soaring wings and strengthened dreams. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You provide avenues of caring for neighbor, including Lutheran Disaster Relief. Supply people devastated by fires, hurricanes, floods, and other assaults with daily bread and hope. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You show no partiality. Increase justice in all nations. Encourage leaders and governments to work with one another for the good of our common world. Especially as we celebrate Labor Day, unite us in seeking the health, safety, and dignity of all. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You accompany those who are most in need. Shelter all fleeing violence or persecution, protect any who are in danger, and sustain them through uncertain and unstable times. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You support the work of your disciples. Continue to nurture the leadership and ministries of this congregation. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

You embrace all who have died in the faith and brought them into your glorious presence. We thank you for their example and rejoice in their lives. 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.

Prayer after Communion

SENDING

Blessing

Dismissal

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK ~~ September 5, 2021– September 12, 2021

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

- Sunday** - 9:30 am—Worship Service (also live streamed & recorded)
- 10:30 am – Coffee & Fellowship
- 7:30 pm—AA Group Meets (men & women)
- Monday** - **OFFICE CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF LABOR DAY ~~ STAY SAFE**
- 6:00 pm – **NO** Worship Service
- Tuesday** - 10:00 am – Interment at Negaunee Cemetery for Michael & Carol Rytkanen
- 1:00 pm – WELCA Executive Board Meeting
- 6:00 pm – Faith Formation Committee Meeting
- 6:30 pm – Companion Congregation Meeting
- Wednesday** - 10:00 am—Bible Study
- 6:00 pm – **Choir Practice Begins**
- Thursday** - 10:00 am—Quilting
- 6:00 pm – Photo Directory Task Group Meeting
- Friday** - **OFFICE CLOSED**
- 10:00 am—Women's AA Group Meets
- Saturday** - 11:00 am – Lindblom Baptism (Private)
- Sunday** - 9:30 am—Worship Service - Youth (also live streamed & recorded)
- 10:30 am – Coffee & Fellowship
- 10:30 am – Sunday School Parents/Children Meeting in the Sanctuary
- 7:30 pm—AA Group Meets (men & women)

***SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR FALL – HAVE YOU REGISTERED FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL YET??** Parents, a postcard was mailed to you for Sunday School registration and to gain your input on planning details such as time and working with COVID. **PLEASE REGISTER NOW, AND THEN MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR A PARENTS' MEETING (TO MAKE JOINT DECISIONS) on SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, at 10:30 AM in the Sanctuary.** You can call the office at (906) 475-9161 with your answer or return the postcard.

***CONFIRMATION ORIENTATION FOR 6th-8th GRADERS & THEIR PARENTS, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 7 PM IN FELLOWSHIP HALL.**

***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 one with 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: **(1) Ezekiel Bible Study** with Pastor Tommy Richter; **(2) Intermediate Biblical Greek** with Pastor Nicole Hanson-Lynn for people who have previously studied Greek; **(3) Walking Together: Companionship with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania**, led by Luanne and Bishop Emeritus Tom & Luanne Skrenes;; **(4) 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); **(5) Holy Communion Post-Pandemic: What, When, Where, Who, & Why**, a 2-week series with Bishop Katherine Finegan; **(6) Biblemania! Reading Through Some of the 66 Books of Food for the Soul** with Susan Anderson, Jeff Henquinet & Pastor Christina Forsythe; **(7) An Introduction to Family systems Thinking** with Pastor Jim Duehring, Asst. to the Bishop/Dir. for Evangelical Mission. For more information, visit <https://nglsynod.org/lifelong-faith-formation/> or gain access via Immanuel's website or contact Deacon Lori Ward at (615) 519-1969 or lori.ward@nglsynod.org.

***FALL BIBLE STUDIES IN-PERSON and VIA ZOOM at Immanuel (more details on our church website):** **(1) Colossians Bible Study** with Pastor Steve Thursdays, 6:00 – 7:00 pm (8 sessions from 9/23 to 11/11) – "Colossians" kicks off the upcoming season of mini-series within this Thursday PM study that meets in our Immanuel Fellowship Hall and via Zoom. The message of Colossians is that God communicates with us in a very personal, intimate, and human way in the Person of His Son. The heart of all religion and all spiritual seeking is unfolded in Colossians. Do we find God or does God find us? More details on our church website. Needed resources: your Bible. **(2) Lectionary Bible Study** with Pastor Steve Wednesdays, 10:00 – 11:00 am (ongoing) – Listening with others to God's Word is a precious gift! Come join this friendly and accessible conversation with the Bible passages assigned for the upcoming Sunday/Monday worship services. You may even help Pastor Steve shape his sermon! Needed resources: your Bible.

***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>



***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.)

***SEPTEMBER'S MONTHLY MISSION: IN SEPTEMBER . . . we focus on ELCA Disaster Relief (LDR),** bringing God's hope, healing & renewal to people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the United States



and around the world. When the dust settles and the headlines change, LDR stays to provide on-going assistance to those in need. This year, assistance includes wildfires in the western United States, the earthquake in Haiti that just occurred, and Covid-19 efforts. These efforts included aid to 51 countries supplying personal protection equipment, food, and other medical supplies. The need is never ending and who knows where the next humanitarian disaster will be. LDR is always preparing and getting ready to respond to the next crisis. If you wish to give above-and-beyond to this mission, please use September's mission emphasis 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/Monday—Connie Scanlon

Worship Services: Sun. @ 9:30 am/Mon. @ 6 pm/Office Hours: 8 am-2 pm, Monday-Thursday (or by appt.)

ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE:

9:30 am USHERS/GREETERS – Alice Mutkala/Deb Moyer

6 pm USHERS/GREETERS – NO Service

9:30 am LECTOR—Paulette Patron

6 pm LECTOR—NO Service

9:30 am COMM. ASST.'S – Jim Kallioinen

6 pm COMM. ASST.'S – NO Service

9:30 am Tech Team – Tyler Moore

6 pm Tech Team – NO Service

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