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Sunday, July 16, 2023, 9:30 am, Monday, July 17, 2023, 6:00 pm

7th Sunday after
Pentecost

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

God's word is like
the rain that waters
the earth and
brings forth
vegetation. It is
also like the sower
who scatters seed
indiscriminately.
Our lives are like
seeds sown in the
earth. Even from
what appears to be
little, dormant, or
dead, God promises
a harvest. At the
Lord's table we are
fed with the bread
of life, that we may
bear fruit in the
world.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

(Please stand as you are comfortable.)

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, who greets us in this and every season, whose word never fails, whose promise is sure.

Amen.

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

Merciful God, **we confess that we have sinned. We have hurt our community. We have squandered your blessings. We have hoarded your bounty. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

Silence is kept for reflection.

Righteous God, **we confess that we have sinned. We have failed to be honest. We have lacked the courage to speak. We have spoken falsely. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

Silence is kept for reflection.

God is a cup of cold water when we thirst. God offers boundless grace when we fail. Claim the gift of God's mercy: you are freed and forgiven in the name of + Jesus Christ.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG **Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil** (sing twice) **#512**

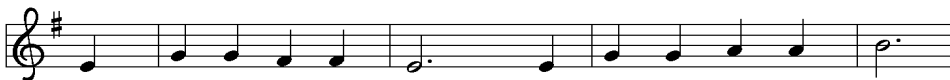
GREETING

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

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- 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

Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

(Please be seated.)

WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:10-13

¹⁰For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, ¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. ¹²For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. ¹³Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Word of God.

Word of Life. Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 65:1-13

¹You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; to you shall vows be fulfilled.

²**To you, the one who answers prayer, to you all flesh shall come.**

³Our sins are stronger than we are, but you blot out our transgressions.

⁴**Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there! They will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness of your temple.**

God's word to Israel's exiles is as sure and effective as never-failing precipitation. Their return to the Holy Land in a new exodus is cheered on by singing mountains and by trees that clap their hands.

⁵Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation,
O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the oceans far away.

⁶**You make firm the mountains by your power;
you are girded about with might.**

⁷You still the roaring of the seas,
the roaring of their waves, and the clamor of the peoples.

⁸**Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble
at your marvelous signs;
you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.**

⁹You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous;
the river of God is full of water.

You prepare the grain, for so you provide for the earth.

¹⁰**You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges;
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.**

¹¹You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths overflow with plenty.

¹²**May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing,
and the hills be clothed with joy.**

¹³May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,
and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; let them shout for joy and sing..

SECOND READING: Romans 8:1-11

¹There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. ³For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, ⁸and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. ⁹But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Word of God.

Word of Life. Thanks be to God.

(Please stand as you are comfortable.)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

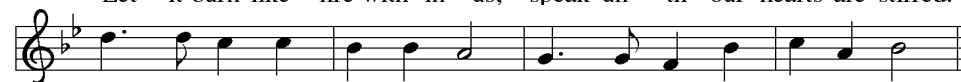
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Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



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.

*Your paths
overflow
with plenty.
(Ps. 65:11)*

*There is no
condemna-
tion for
those who
live in Christ.
God sent
Christ to
accomplish
what the law
was unable
to do:
condemn sin
and free us
from its
death-
dealing
ways. The
Spirit now
empowers
proper ac-
tions and
values in our
lives and
gives us the
promise of
resurrected
life.*

In Matthew's gospel, both Jesus and his disciples "sow the seed" of God's word by proclaiming the good news that "the kingdom of heaven is near." Now, in a memorable parable, Jesus explains why this good news produces different results in those who hear.

GOSPEL: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

The holy gospel according to...

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ²Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹Let anyone with ears listen!"

¹⁸"Hear then the parable of the sower. ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; ²¹yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated.)

SERMON

Pastor Rell Spickerman

(Please stand as you are comfortable.)

HYMN OF THE DAY

As Rain From the Clouds

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APOSTLE'S 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

Confident that God receives our joys and concerns, let us offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Guide your church, O God, to sow seeds of forgiveness and righteousness on good soil. Direct your people to proclaim your love in this congregation and throughout the world. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Sustain your creation, O God, by sending favorable weather, causing trees and fields to grow, protecting waterways from pollution, and instilling in all people the need to be good stewards. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Maintain peace among all people, O God, and raise up lawyers to work for justice in the courts, advocates to speak for the downtrodden, and politicians to work on behalf of the common good. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Heal those who are sick, O God. Guide health care workers to care for those who suffer, scientists to conduct lifesaving research, and counselors to care for victims of sexual abuse and exploitation. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Answer the prayers of those gathered in worship, O God. Protect those who travel near and far, accompany visitors to this congregation, and nurture our faith. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Inspire us by the faithful departed, O God, examples of your embodied love, whose confidence in the resurrection guides us in living lives worthy of the gospel. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, in the name of the one who reconciled all creation to himself, Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

(Please be seated.)

MEAL

OFFERING

(Please stand as you are comfortable.)

OFFERING SONG

For the Fruit of All Creation (v. 1)

#679

OFFERING PRAYER

God of field and forest, sea and sky, **you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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 -

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.



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 child(ren) if you wish them communed.



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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

(Please be seated.)

COMMUNION

Lamb of God

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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:

***Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast* #516**

***Build Us Up, Lord* #670**

(Please stand as you are comfortable.)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We thank you, generous God, for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table.

Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

The God who calls across the cosmos and speaks in the smallest seed + bless, keep, and sustain you now and to the end of the age. Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the harvest.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF July 16 - July 23, 2023

Happy Birthday

***BIRTHDAYS:** Happy 93rd Birthday to *Marilyn Anderson* on July 27th.

***FELLOWSHIP HOUR:** Are you willing to help with Fellowship hour? Donations are needed such as bakery, crackers, cheese, fruit, or whatever suits your fancy, & cleanup! Your Fellowship Hour committee for July will be SOCIAL MINISTRY. If it fits your schedule to bring items before Sunday morning, there are shelves in the refrigerator tagged for Coffee hour. Or leave on the counter marked "Coffee Hour". Please contact Linda Sjolund (906-242-5020) with your date & any item you wish to bring. Help in the kitchen is also appreciated.



***"GOT SNEAKERS??"** We are collecting used ATHLETIC SNEAKERS which are then sent to a company that reuses those that are still usable and recycles those that aren't. There is currently a bag in the Stewardship corner at Immanuel Lutheran Church where they can be deposited. Thank you for any you may have to donate.



***FORTUNE LAKE SUMMER CAMP** Fortune Lake Registration is open for Summer Camp! Register now. Immanuel offers scholarships to campers of all ages. Contact Stacy McEachern for scholarship details! Call or text: (906) 361-9123 or stacymc6@gmail.com. *Get registered!*



***SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CONVERSATION** Each Sunday morning at 11:00 am, a group meets for a discussion on the Bible lessons from the morning's worship service. They will be meeting in the Youth Room (downstairs) for 1 hour. A group has volunteered to lead this group. Today's leader is *Noreen Collins*. On July 23rd, the leader will be *Walter Scanlon*, and on July 30th, the leader will be *Jim Hayward*. The group continues meeting each Sunday until further notice.



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KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Pray For: *Lori Bell, Betty Carilli, Kevin Carlson, Renae Carlson, Dan Hendrickson, Michael Holman, Peggy Jackson, Betty Kinnunen, Anna Laurila, Don & Mary Leece, Diane Nault, Gerald Neldon, Stephanie Penhale, Joyce Peterson, Shirley Pizziola, Jim Ritzenhein, Jessica Roberts, Tim Romback, Louise Spickerman, all COVID patients.*

Our Shut-ins: *Bettie Ahola, Jonelle Collins, Rudy Gagnon, June Jarvi, Timothy Kjellman, Betty Lukkarinen, Leo Nirva, Butch Pynnonen, Dolores Reichel, Lillian Rivers, Paul Alan Smith, Lynne Tossava.*

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



VOLUNTEERS ASSISTING IN SERVICE

SERVING IN WORSHIP: *Pastor Rell Spickerman*

ORGANIST/PIANIST/MUSICIAN: - *Connie Scanlon*

Worship Services: Sunday @ 9:30 am / Monday @ 6:00 pm

Office Hours: 8 am-12 pm, Monday-Thursday (or by appt.)



ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE:

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| 9:30 am GREETERS | - <i>Valerie Paulson</i>
- <i>Mary Schlicht</i> |
| 6:00 pm GREETERS | - <i>Kevin Crupi</i>
- <i>Reuven Romback</i> |
| 9:30 am USHERS | - <i>Valerie Paulson</i>
- <i>Mary Schlicht</i> |
| 6:00 pm USHERS | - <i>Kevin Crupi</i>
- <i>Reuven Romback</i> |
| 9:30 am LECTOR | - <i>Kathy Sundine</i> |
| 6:00 pm LECTOR | - <i>Reuven Romback</i> |
| 9:30 am COMM ASST'S | - <i>Jean Manginen</i>
- <i>Kathy Sundine</i>
- <i>Al Sundine</i> |
| 6:00 pm COM AST | - <i>Kevin Crupi</i> |
| 9:30 am Tech Team | - <i>Tyler Moore</i> |

(Communion Set-up for July is *Alice Mutkala.*)

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.



This year, one of our members will be a recipient and what a joy it is for all of us.

Repairs to existing homes are also part of the mission. Two homes are under construction in Marquette County. Support for the ReStore helps with all activities. We also hope to provide lunches for volunteers. Please watch for future opportunities.

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.

Thank you for giving \$ 600.00 in June to
Answer the Call.
The recipients will be richly blessed with your generosity!
Thank you!

EMERGENCY PASTORAL COVERAGE FOR JULY

July 9th—July 16th - Michael Holman (231-824-6757)
July 17th—July 24th - Rev. Molly Eversall (312-576-7353)
July 25th—July 31st - Virginia Paulson (906-475-9641)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 16, 2023 - July 23, 2023



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

www.ImmanuelNegaunee.org

7th Sunday after Pentecost

- Sunday**
- 9:30 am - Worship Services
 - 10:30 am - Coffee & Fellowship
 - 11:00 am - Sunday Morning Bible Conversation
(Today's leader is *Noreen Collins.*)
 - 7:30 pm - AA Group Meets (men & women)

- Monday**
- 10:00 am - Kitchen Cleanup (Come to help!)
 - 6:00 pm - Worship Service

- Tuesday**
- WELCA Women's Gathering in AZ
 - 6:30 pm - **NO** Church Council Meeting

- Wednesday**
- 10:00 am - Bible Study

- Thursday**
- 10:00 am - Quilting

- Friday**
- OFFICE CLOSED**
 - 10:00 am - Women's AA Group Meets

8th Sunday after Pentecost

- Sunday**
- 9:30 am - Worship Service
 - 10:30 am - Coffee & Fellowship
 - 11:00 am - Sunday Morning Bible Conversation
(Today's leader is *Walter Scanlon.*)
 - 7:30 pm - AA Group Meets (men & women)