



# IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sunday, July 23, 2023, 9:30 am, Monday, July 24, 2023, 6:00 pm

## 8th Sunday after Pentecost

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

It is an age-old question: why is there evil in the world? In the parable of the wheat and the weeds Jesus suggests that both grow together until the harvest. With Paul, we long for the day that all creation will be set free from bondage and suffering. Having both weeds and wheat within us, we humbly place our hope in the promises of God, and from the Lord's table we go forth to bear the fruit of justice and mercy.

## 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. In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.**

**We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy spirit.

**Amen.**

### GATHERING SONG

*Shout to the Lord*

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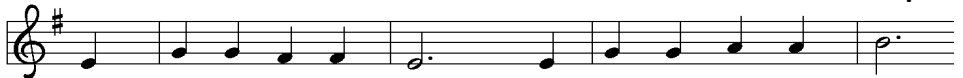
### GREETING

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

Faithful God, most merciful judge, **you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*(Please be seated.)*

### WORD

#### FIRST READING: Isaiah 44: 6-8

<sup>6</sup>Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god. <sup>7</sup>Who is like me? Let them proclaim it, let them declare and set it forth before me. Who has announced from of old the things to come? Let them tell us what is yet to be. <sup>8</sup>Do not fear, or be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? You are my witnesses! Is there any god besides me? There is no other rock; I know not one.

Word of God.

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

#### PSALM: Psalm 86: 11-17

<sup>11</sup>Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk in your truth;  
 give me an undivided heart to revere your name.

<sup>12</sup>**I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart,  
 and glorify your name forevermore.**

<sup>13</sup>For great is your love toward me; you have delivered me from the pit of death.

<sup>14</sup>**The arrogant rise up against me, O God,  
 and a band of violent people seeks my life;  
 they have not set you before their eyes.**

*There are no  
 other gods  
 besides God:  
 the word of  
 the LORD does  
 not fail to come  
 to pass. We can  
 trust in God,  
 through whom  
 Israel—and  
 we—are  
 redeemed.*

*Teach me your  
 way, O LORD,  
 and I will walk  
 in your truth.  
 (Ps. 86:11)*

<sup>15</sup>But you, O Lord, are gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.

<sup>16</sup>**Turn to me and have mercy on me;**

**give your strength to your servant, and save the child of your handmaid.**

<sup>17</sup>**Show me a sign of your favor,**

**so that those who hate me may see it and be put to shame;**

**because you, LORD, have helped me and comforted me.**

## SECOND READING: Romans 8: 12-25

<sup>12</sup>So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—<sup>13</sup>for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. <sup>14</sup>For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. <sup>15</sup>For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” <sup>16</sup>it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup>and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. <sup>18</sup>I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. <sup>19</sup>For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; <sup>20</sup>for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup>that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. <sup>22</sup>We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; <sup>23</sup>and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup>For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? <sup>25</sup>But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Word of God.

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

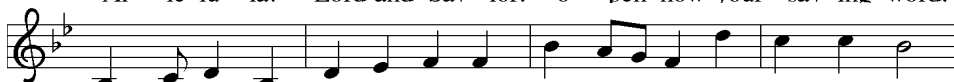
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## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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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.

## GOSPEL: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

The holy gospel according to...

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>24</sup>[Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; <sup>25</sup>but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. <sup>26</sup>So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. <sup>27</sup>And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ <sup>28</sup>He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ <sup>29</sup>But

*For Paul, true spirituality means that we experience the reality of the Spirit, which enables us to pray as God's children, keeps us in solidarity with creation, and gives us unseen hope that God will liberate us and creation from bondage to death and decay.*

*Jesus tells a parable about the coexistence of good and evil in this world. God's judgment will remove all evildoers and causes of sin, but not until the end of human history* 3

he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. <sup>30</sup>Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.' "

<sup>36</sup>Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." <sup>37</sup>He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; <sup>38</sup>the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, <sup>39</sup>and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. <sup>40</sup>Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. <sup>41</sup>The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, <sup>42</sup>and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. <sup>43</sup>Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

The Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*(Please be seated.)*

## SERMON

**Pastor Chrys Levesque-Hendrick**

*(Please stand as you are comfortable.)*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**      **On What Has Now Been Sown**

**#550**

## 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.*

O God, you call your church to announce the gospel of reconciliation and truth both near and far. Guide your church as it seeks your wisdom and shares it, trusting your Spirit bearing witness among us. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You brought forth all creation and called it good. Direct policymakers to protect lands and seas. Bring rain to sun-parched fields and protect areas impacted by natural disasters. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You desire peace among nations and peoples. Guard our neighborhoods from hatred, watch over police officers and firefighters, and teach us to advocate for those who live in fear. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You are gracious and merciful, comforting those who suffer any affliction. Sustain your people living with HIV/ AIDS, provide shelter for all who are unhoused, and release any who are unjustly imprisoned. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You name each of us as your children. Guide our hospitality ministry to welcome all, our education ministry to equip us for faithful living, and our social ministry to enact the gospel in our community. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

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

You send faithful people to proclaim freedom from bondage and to renew your church. Encourage us by the witness of the faithful departed including Birgitta of Sweden, whom the church commemorates today, so that we live into that same hope. 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)*

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### 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 -  
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.**

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.

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:**

***As the Grains of Wheat* #465**

***Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup* #492**

*(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 23 - July 30, 2023



\***BIRTHS: CONGRATULATIONS & GOD'S BLESSINGS TO:** Mindy & Ross Aho, on the birth of their child, **Marlie Rae Aho**, on June 30th. The big brother is Jesse Alan Aho. A message from the mom, ". . . Our little Jesse is adjusting pretty well into his new role as a big brother. Labor & delivery went well and fast - Mom is recovering well, only hardship is a broken tailbone endured during delivery. Otherwise we are a happy family of 4, navigating this growth and busier times!"

\***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 is 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.

\***A 'MEAL TRAIN':** A 'Meal Train' is being planned for Mindy & Ross Aho. If you'd like to drop off food to the family or want more information about it, please call Danielle Songer (906-250-1592) or Kaitrin Raymond (540-435-4915).

†**OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR POSITION:** This full-time, in-office position is the primary administrative support for the Executive Staff of the Northern Great Lakes Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America located in Marquette. Applicants should have strong organizational skills, ability with both digital and written communication tools, and experience in general office management. Compensation is commensurate with experience. For a full position description, go to [www.nglsynod.org](http://www.nglsynod.org). Send resume and cover letter to [ngls@nglsynod.org](mailto:ngls@nglsynod.org) or 1029 N. Third Street, Suite A, Marquette, MI 49855.

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Happy Birthday



## 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 Chrys Levesque-Hendrick*

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><br>- <i>Mary Schlicht</i>                       |
| 6:00 pm GREETERS    | - <i>Kevin Crupi</i><br>- <i>Reuven Romback</i>                          |
| 9:30 am USHERS      | - <i>Valerie Paulson</i><br>- <i>Mary Schlicht</i>                       |
| 6:00 pm USHERS      | - <i>Kevin Crupi</i><br>- <i>Reuven Romback</i>                          |
| 9:30 am LECTOR      | - <i>Lori Marta</i>  |
| 6:00 pm LECTOR      | - <i>Kay Korpi</i>   |
| 9:30 am COMM ASST'S | - <i>Donna Hayrynen</i><br>- <i>Linda Dillman</i><br>- <i>Heidi Hill</i> |
| 6:00 pm COM AST     | - <i>Julie Mager</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 17th—July 24th    - Rev. Molly Eversall (312-576-7353)  
July 25th—July 31st    - Virginia Paulson (906-475-9641)



## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS** **July 23, 2023 - July 30, 2023**

***YOU CAN FIND ALL ONLINE INFORMATION REFERENCED BELOW AT...  
[www.ImmanuelNegaunee.org](http://www.ImmanuelNegaunee.org)***

### ***8th 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 *Walter Scanlon*)  
- 7:30 pm - AA Group Meets (men & women)

- Monday** - 6:00 pm - Worship Service

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

- Thursday** - 10:00 am - Quilting

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

### ***9th 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 *Jim Hayward*)  
- 7:30 pm - AA Group Meets (men & women)

**These 2 beautiful pictures of the church were sent to the office from Bob Hendrickson who took the pictures showing the rainbow in each of them. Great pictures!**





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GOD WITH US