

7th Sunday after Pentecost

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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.

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS
FORTUNE LAKE LUTHERAN CAMP INTRODUCTIONS & TALK
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.

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

Sweet Hour of Prayer

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Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!
 that calls me from a world of care,
 and bids me at my Father's throne make all my wants and wishes known.
 In seasons of distress and grief, my soul has often found relief,
 and oft escaped the tempter's snare by thy return, sweet hour of prayer!

2. Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!

the joys I feel, the bliss I share

of those whose anxious spirits burn with strong desires for thy return!

With such I hasten to the place where God my Savior shows his face,
and gladly take my station there, and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

3. Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!

thy wings shall my petition bear

to him whose truth and faithfulness engage the waiting soul to bless.

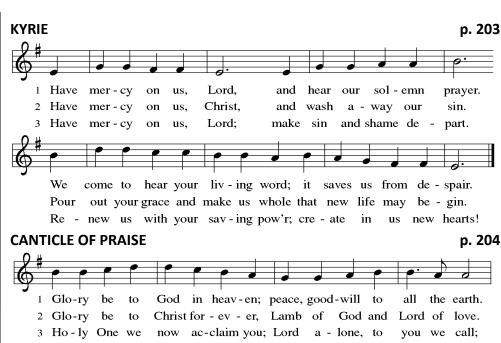
And since he bids me seek his face, believe his word, and trust his grace,
I'll cast on him my every care, and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

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.

Persistence in prayer is encouraged by Jesus and wins the attention of God when Abraham intercedes for Sodom. The life of the baptized—to be rooted and built up in Christ Jesus—is to be nurtured with prayer. God hears and answers prayer and so strenathens God's own. "When I called, you answered me; you increased my strenath within me."





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 and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING: Genesis 18: 20-32

²⁰Then the LORD said, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! ²¹I must go down and see whether they have done altogether

according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know." ²²So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. ²³Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? ²⁴Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? ²⁵Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" ²⁶And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." ²⁷Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. ²⁸Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." ²⁹Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." 30 Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." ³¹He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." ³²Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it." Word of God.

Word of Life. Thanks be to God.

PSALM 138

¹I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I will sing your praise.

²I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast love and faithfulness; for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.

³When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me.

⁴All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O LORD, when they have heard the words of your mouth.

⁵They will sing of the ways of the LORD, that great is the glory of the LORD.

⁶The LORD is high, yet cares for the lowly, perceiving the haughty from afar. ⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.

⁸You will make good your purpose for me; O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands.

SECOND READING: Colossians 2:6-19

⁶As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. ⁸See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. ⁹For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. ¹¹In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; ¹²when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, ¹⁴erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public

In today's reading, Abraham undertakes the role of a mediator between God and sinful humanity. Appealing to God's justice, Abraham boldly asks for mercy for the city of Sodom for the sake of the few righteous people there, includina Abraham's nephew, Lot.

Your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands. (Ps. 138:8)

The writer of this letter warns the congregation in Colossae about "the empty lure" of philosophies and traditions that compromise faith. Through the gift of faith, the church is mystically connected with Christ in his death and resurrection which is enacted in baptism.

In teaching his disciples this prayer, Jesus also reminds them to focus on God's coming reign, God's mercy, and the strengthening of the community. Jesus encourages his disciples to childlike trust and persistence in prayer.

example of them, triumphing over them in it. ¹⁶Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. ¹⁷These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. ¹⁸Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, ¹⁹and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from 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 11:1-13

The holy gospel according to...

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹[Jesus] was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. ³Give us each day our daily bread. ⁴And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial." 5 And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; ⁶ for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' ⁷And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' 8I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. ⁹"So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? ¹²Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? ¹³If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Dave Blomquist
SERMON SONG What a Friend We Have in Jesus #742

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.

Rooted and built up in Christ, we pray for the church. Embolden church leaders to take risks for the sake of the gospel, and equip the baptized to proclaim your extravagant love for the whole world. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Rejoicing in the works of your hands, we pray for the natural world. Make rivers and lakes, oceans and all waterways, sparkle with your radiance. Protect water sources and strengthen those who defend them. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Interceding on behalf of the vulnerable, we pray for the peoples of the world. Inspire all rulers and governing authorities with your justice. Guide the work of legislators and public officials, that they advocate for the well-being of those they serve. Merciful God, receive our prayer.

Persistent in prayer, we pray for our neighbors in need. To all who have hunger, give daily bread. To all who have bread, give hunger for justice. Open us to the cries of those who suffer. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Abounding in thanksgiving, we pray for this congregation. Bless the prayer and fellowship ministries in this place. Call us together in times of praise and blessing, trouble and sorrow, in your holy name. Merciful God **receive our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Buried with Christ in baptism and raised with him to new life, we give thanks for your saints who rest in your eternal presence. Join our voices with theirs as we sing of your great glory. 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
OFFERING PRAYER

Lord, Be Glorified

#744

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.

(Per Bishop Finegan, there will be NO Communion today. We continue with the following: The Lord's Prayer Sending Hymn)

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



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.

SENDING HYMN

Let All Things Now Living

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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

ANNOUNCMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF July 24—July 31, 2022



*<u>SYMPATHY & GOD'S PEACE TO</u>: Karen Wertanen on the loss of her husband, *Richard Wertanen* on Sunday, July 17th, in Florence Wisconsin. Also, condolences to all of the Wertanen Family.

A WORD FROM PASTOR THORSEN *A NEW THING FROM PASTOR BRUCE THORSEN Interim Consultant (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.



*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 July is Linda Sjolund. Please contact her with your date and item. Phone (906) 242-5020. THANKS!

*THANK YOU TO Dave Blomquist for leading us in worship today and for tomorrow, Monday. Your willingness to share your talents is greatly appreciated.

COMPENSATION FOR TECH TEAM WORKERS Hi Folks, Wanted to let you all know we're now compensating the Tech Team for their role(s) per event. The Sunday rate is \$35.00 The Monday rate is \$10.00. Weddings and Funerals will be paid @ \$45.00. Special Services (i.e. Good Friday and Christmas) will be paid at a rate of \$35.00. NOTE: *Additional tasks are added to the Sunday role such as equipment set-up and uploading the video to applicable cloud services for use of tablet ministry and publishing on Immanuel's website. If you choose to opt-out of receiving compensation, please let me know. Otherwise, I'll be issuing checks accordingly. Please spread the word, as we are always in need of additional members to the Tech Team.

Best. Laurie LeSage. Parish Administrator

*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 and more. Your love will reach neighbors in Ukraine & around the world with the lifesaving care they need.

Immanuel's website, there is no change.



*SUMMER VBS IS BACK! TOMORROW - THURSDAY, JULY 25—28 The Fortune Lake staff will be leading our VBS program, which starts TOMORROW!! Diana Hetrick is the coordinator, should you have questions or need more information ((906) 235-7110). Oh, and, yes, we will have multigenerational volunteer opportunities for all! The Preschool will be the morning program and the School Age will be a full day. THANK YOU TO LINDA SJOLUND WHO VOLUNTEERED TO HOST THE FORTUNE LAKE STAFF. Your generosity and kindness if greatly appreciated. ALSO, WE WILL BE NEEDING A FEW ADULT & YOUTH VOLUNTEERS. CALL 234-7110 or email: dianahetr@gmail.com .

*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

*MEN'S SATURDAY BREAKFAST The men's Bible study breakfast WILL STILL BE 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. Our next Bible Study Breakfast is 8 am on August 6th, Saturday.

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KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Pray For: Dee Aper, Nancy Burton, Betty Carilli, Renae Carlson, Joann Connors, Connie Foster, Dan Hendrickson, Pete Hicks, Peggy Jackson, Tom Johnson, Betty Kinnunen, Laurie LaSage, Anna Laurila, Don & Mary Leece, Diane Nault, Don Palomaki, Stephanie Penhale, Joyce Peterson, Susie Pizzoli, Delores Reichel, Kristen (Tossava) Rilley, 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: Dave Stromquist

ORGANIST/PIANIST/MUSICIAN (Sunday): Connie Scanlon ORGANIST/PIANIST/MUSICIAN (Monday): Vicki Lempinen

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 — *Jim Hayward*

Walter Scanlon

6 pm USHERS/GREETERS — Cheryl Ulvila

Ron Ulvila

9:30 am LECTOR — **Dan Lindblom**

6 pm LECTOR — Kay Korpi

9:30 am COMM. ASSTS. — Sue Cathcart

Terry Cathcart

6 pm COMM. ASSTS. — Kay Korpi

9:30 am Tech Team — *Tyler Moore* 6 pm Tech Team — *Mark Patraw*





JULY'S MONTHLY MISSION

<u>IN JULY</u> our focus will be on <u>Habitat for Humanity</u> 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.

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 \$ 900.00 in June to <u>Answer the Call,</u> an offering toward development of future pastors in our Northern Great Lakes Synod (NGLS).

The recipients will be richly blessed with your generosity!

Thank you!



<u>CALENDAR OF EVENTS</u> **July 24, 2022 - July 31, 2022**

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

Sunday 7th Sunday after Pentecost

July 24-29 Generational & Kid's Week, Fortune Lake

July 24-28 Youth Trip to Wisconsin

- 9:30 am- Worship Service- 10:30 am- Coffee & Fellowship

- 7:30 pm - AA Group Meets (men & women)

Monday July 25-28 Vacation Bible School (9am-3pm)

- 6:00 pm - Worship Service

Wednesday - 10:00 am - Bible Study (in-person and Zoom)

Thursday - 10:00 am - Quilting

Friday OFFICE CLOSED

- 10:00 am - Women's AA Group Meets

Sunday 8th Sunday after Pentecost

- 9:30 am- Worship Service-10:30 am- Coffee & Fellowship

- 7:30 pm - AA Group Meets (men & women)