



# IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sunday, July 30, 2023, 9:30 am, Monday, July 31, 2023, 6:00 pm

9th Sunday after  
Pentecost

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

As Solomon prays  
for wisdom, we  
seek to more deep-  
ly know the treas-  
ures of faith. In  
today's gospel Je-  
sus offers everyday  
images that reveal  
to us the reign of  
God: a tree that  
becomes a shelter-  
ing home, yeast  
that penetrates and  
expands, a treas-  
ured pearl, a net  
that gains a great  
catch. Even as we  
seek the riches of  
God's reign, the  
great surprise is  
that God's grace  
finds us first!

## 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

*God of Grace and God of Glory*

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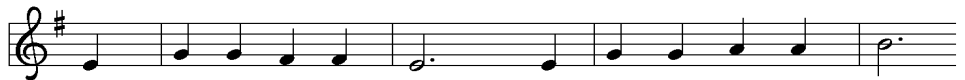
### GREETING

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

Beloved and sovereign God, **through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**  
 Amen.

*(Please be seated.)*

### WORD

#### FIRST READING: 1 Kings 3:5-12

<sup>5</sup>At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." <sup>6</sup>And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today." <sup>7</sup>And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. <sup>8</sup>And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. <sup>9</sup>Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?" <sup>10</sup>It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. <sup>11</sup>God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, <sup>12</sup>I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you."

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

*Because Solomon did not ask for long life, riches, or the defeat of his enemies, God gave him what he asked for: wisdom to govern the people well.*

## PSALM: Psalm 119:129-136

<sup>129</sup>Your decrees are wonderful; therefore I obey them with all my heart.

<sup>130</sup>**When your word is opened it gives light;  
it gives understanding to the simple.**

<sup>131</sup>I open my mouth and pant because I long for your commandments.

<sup>132</sup>**Turn to me and be gracious to me,  
as you always do to those who love your name.**

<sup>133</sup>Order my footsteps in your word; let no iniquity have dominion over me.

<sup>134</sup>**Rescue me from those who oppress me,  
and I will keep your commandments.**

<sup>135</sup>Let your face shine upon your servant and teach me your statutes.

<sup>136</sup>**My eyes shed streams of tears,  
because people do not keep your teaching.**

## SECOND READING: Romans 8:26-39

<sup>26</sup>The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. <sup>27</sup>And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. <sup>28</sup>We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup>For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. <sup>30</sup>And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

<sup>31</sup>What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? <sup>32</sup>He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? <sup>33</sup>Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup>Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. <sup>35</sup>Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? <sup>36</sup>As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." <sup>37</sup>No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup>For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup>nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Word of God.

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

*(Please stand as you are comfortable.)*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

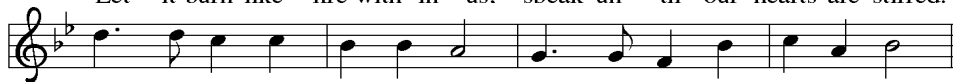
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Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



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.

*When your word is opened, it gives light and understanding.  
(Ps. 119:130)*

*These words celebrate the depth of God's actions for us. Through Christ's death for us and the activity of the Spirit praying for us, we are fused to God's love poured out in Jesus Christ. Nothing, not even death itself, is able to separate us from such incredible divine love.*

Throughout  
Matthew's  
gospel, Jesus  
and his  
disciples  
proclaim the  
good news that  
"the kingdom  
of heaven is  
near!" Here,  
Jesus offers  
several brief  
parables that  
explore the  
implications of  
this announce-  
ment for  
people's lives.

## GOSPEL: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

The holy gospel according to...

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>31</sup>[Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field;<sup>32</sup> it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."<sup>33</sup> He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

<sup>44</sup>"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field."<sup>45</sup> "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls;<sup>46</sup> on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it."<sup>47</sup> "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind;<sup>48</sup> when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad."<sup>49</sup> "So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous<sup>50</sup> and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."<sup>51</sup> "Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes."<sup>52</sup> And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

The Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*(Please be seated.)*

## SERMON

### HYMN OF THE DAY

*Blest Are They*

*Pastor Tom Skrenes*

**#728**

### 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.*

Almighty God, we pray for the church and all servants of the gospel. Equip rostered and lay ministers to proclaim that nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. Form confirmands and catechumens into disciples. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Gracious God, we pray for the well-being of creation. Safeguard the environment, clean polluted rivers and lakes, preserve the mighty tree and the tiny mustard seed, and send advocates for sustainable practices. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Compassionate God, we pray for the nations. Instill in all who govern the ability to discern between good and evil, free those who are oppressed, and protect those facing danger. Promote peace across the world and in our towns and neighborhoods. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Merciful God, we pray for all in any need. Protect those fleeing from war, shelter any who are in poverty, clothe the naked, soothe all who grieve, and heal the sick. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Holy God, we pray for this congregation, both those gathered today and those absent from our assembly. Grant safety to travelers and refreshment and safety for children attending summer camps or community programs. Give direction to any experiencing life transitions. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Eternal God, we give thanks for your saints who now rest from their labors. Inspire us by their witness to treasure the gospel, and continually nourish us with your grace.

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.**

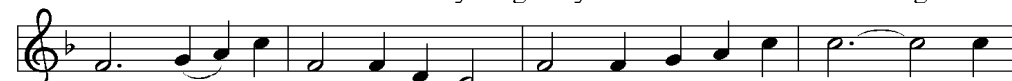
It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



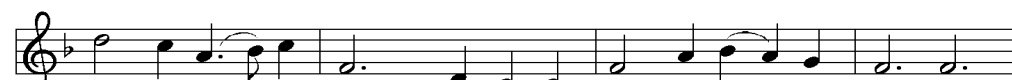
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



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 -



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.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.

Amen.

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.

## 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:

*Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God* WOV#783

### Verse 1

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness,  
and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia.

### Verse 2

Ask and it shall be given unto you; seek and you shall find;  
knock and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia.

### Verse 3

We do not live by bread alone, but by ev'ry word  
that proceeds from the mouth of God. Allelu, alleluia.

*We Eat the Bread of Teaching* #518

*(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 30 - August 6, 2023

\***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 August is FORTUNE LAKE / YOUTH. 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 Stacy McEachern (906) 361-9123 with your date & any item you wish to bring. Help in the kitchen is also appreciated.



\***MONTHLY MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST:** The men's prayer breakfast will be meeting NEXT Saturday, August 5th, from 8 am - 10 am in the Fellowship Hall. For more information or if you have questions, please call or text Walter Scanlon at 906-235-2294.



\***"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.



\***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 *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.

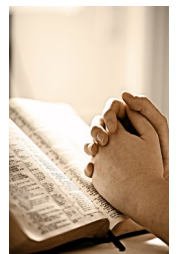


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**KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Pray For: *Lori Bell, Betty Carilli, Kevin Carlson, Renae Carlson, Dan Hendrickson, Michael Holman, Betty Kinnunen, Michael Kjellman, Anna Laurila, Don & Mary Leece, Diane Nault, Gerald Neldon, Stephanie Penhale, Joyce Peterson,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

**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.* (NOTE: Betty Lukkarinen & Leo Nirva are now in Eastwood Nursing Center. They would appreciate visitors occasionally.)



**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 Thomas Skrenes*

**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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|----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>9:30 am GREETERS</b>    | - <i>Alice Mutkala</i><br>- <i>Need Volunteer</i>                     |
| <b>6:00 pm GREETERS</b>    | - <i>Diana Hetrick</i><br>- <i>Jim Hetrick</i>                        |
| <b>9:30 am USHERS</b>      | - <i>Alice Mutkala</i><br>- <i>Need Volunteer</i>                     |
| <b>6:00 pm USHERS</b>      | - <i>Diana Hetrick</i><br>- <i>Jim Hetrick</i>                        |
| <b>9:30 am LECTOR</b>      | - <i>Mike Frustaglio</i>                                              |
| <b>6:00 pm LECTOR</b>      | - <i>Hayley Smith</i>                                                 |
| <b>9:30 am COMM ASST'S</b> | - <i>Val Paulson</i><br>- <i>Henna DuMoulin</i><br>- <i>Deb Moyer</i> |
| <b>6:00 pm COM AST</b>     | - <i>Katie Ritzenhein</i>                                             |
| <b>9:30 am Tech Team</b>   | - <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 25th—July 31st - Virginia Paulson (906-475-9641)



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS July 30, 2023 - August 6, 2023

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

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

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

- Wednesday** - 10:00 am - Bible Study  
- 6:00 pm - **Choir Practice** ←—- \*\*\*

- Thursday** - 10:00 am - Quilting

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

- Saturday** - 8:00-10:00 am - Men's Breakfast/Bible Study  
- 12:00-4:00 - Hall Reservation

### ***10th Sunday after Pentecost***

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