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Sunday/Monday July 31/August 1, 2022, 9:30am/6:00 pm

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.

**8th Sunday
after Pentecost**

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

Today's texts offer instruction and encouragement for all who are occasionally overwhelmed by the "unhappy business" of life. Jesus urges us to take care and be on guard against all kinds of greed. We who have died with Christ in holy baptism have also been raised with him and are encouraged to elevate our thinking, seeking the "things that are above." To that end we seek the sustenance of the Lord's supper and the encouragement of God's word.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

Amen.

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 *What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine*

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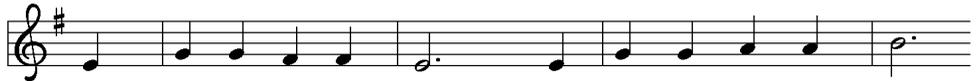
GREETING

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

Benevolent God, **you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

²Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

¹²I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, ¹³applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. ¹⁴I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

^{2:18}I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me ¹⁹—and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. ²⁰So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, ²¹because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. ²²What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? ²³For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

Word of God.

Word of Life. Thanks be to God.

The teacher of wisdom who wrote Ecclesiastes sees that working for mere accumulation of wealth turns life into an empty game, a "vanity of vanities." Nevertheless, he asserts in the next verse, it is good to find enjoyment in one's work because such enjoyment is a gift from God.

PSALM 49:1-12

¹Hear this, all you peoples; give ear, all you who dwell in the world,

²**you of high degree and low, rich and poor together.**

³My mouth shall speak of wisdom, and my heart shall meditate on understanding.

⁴**I will incline my ear to a proverb and set forth my riddle upon the harp.**

⁵Why should I be afraid in evil days,

when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,

⁶**the wickedness of those who put their trust in their own prowess,
and boast of their great riches?**

⁷One can never redeem another, or give to God the ransom for another's life;

⁸**for the ransom of a life is so great that there would never be enough to pay it,**

⁹in order to live forever and ever and never see the grave.

¹⁰**For we see that the wise die also; like the dull and stupid they perish
and leave their wealth to those who come after them.**

¹¹Their graves shall be their homes forever,

their dwelling places from generation to generation,

though they had named lands after themselves.

¹²**Even though honored, they cannot live forever;
they are like the beasts that perish.**

SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-11

¹So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, ³for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. ⁵Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). ⁶On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. ⁷These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. ⁸But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. ⁹Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices ¹⁰and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. ¹¹In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

Word of God.

Word of Life. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia

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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.

*My mouth
shall speak
of wisdom.
(Ps. 49:3)*

*Life in Christ
includes a
radical reori-
entation of
our values.
Just as the
newly bap-
tized shed
their old
clothes and
put on new
garments, so
Christians
are called to
let go of
greed and
take hold of
a life shaped
by God's love
in Christ*

In God's reign, the "rich will be sent away empty." Jesus uses a parable to warn against identifying the worth of one's life with the value of one's possessions rather than one's relationship with God.

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.

GOSPEL: Luke 12:13-21

The holy gospel according to...

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³Some in the crowd said to [Jesus,] "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." ¹⁴But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" ¹⁵And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." ¹⁶Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?'" ¹⁸Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' ²⁰But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' ²¹So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Bre Kinnunen

SERMON SONG

God of Grace and God of Glory

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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.

O God, you are wholeness. Where there is division in your church, bring reconciliation and healing. Guide the work of theologians, Sunday school teachers, seminary professors, and all who provide instruction for the building up of your church.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

O God, you are the source of all life. Where creation cries out in distress, bring relief and renewal. Bless farmers, ranchers, distributors, and all who provide our food.

Nourish the land and all its habitants. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

O God, you are wisdom. Where nations and communities yearn for peace, bring justice. Strengthen those who toil for the welfare of others, especially military personnel, police, first responders, and activists, and for the healing of the nations. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

O God, you are life. Where your people are overwhelmed with the busy-ness of life, bring encouragement. Accompany all who experience emotional, mental, or physical distress. Renew us at your table of mercy. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

O God, you are our treasure. Where scarcity and anxiety pervade your church, bring abundance and vitality. Guide the work of church councils and committees and give them clarity for the work of ministry in this place. Merciful God **receive our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

O God, you are resurrection. We give you thanks for all your saints, especially Susan Karki. Inspire us by their example of faithful living to set our minds on things above and to be rich in love toward you. 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

We Give Thee but Thine Own

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OFFERING PRAYER

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.**

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, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise We praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SONG

Holy, Holy, Holy

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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.

COMMUNION

LAMB OF GOD

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

O Living Bread from Heaven

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Take My Life, That I May Be

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

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

Fortune Lake would like to formally invite you to the one-time performance of *One Wonderful Day*: an original musical about the ministry of Fortune Lake. The show will take place on Sat., August 6 at 3pm CT (4 ET) at the historic Crystal Theatre in Crystal Falls, MI. This fabulous production will be followed by a meal at Fortune Lake catered by Mama Russo's.

A talented group of writers, musicians, choreographers, and actors have been busy preparing for what is sure to be an amazing show. We hope to see you there!

The deadline for purchasing meal tickets is Wednesday, July 27 at noon CT (1pm ET). Tickets for the musical will remain for sale until they are sold out. Don't wait!

For more information and to purchase tickets, visit: <http://fortunelake.org/event/musical-dinner-celebration/> Grace & Peace, Amanda Rasner, Camp Director, Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp, Crystal Falls, MI., 906.214.2267, www.fortunelake.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF July 31—August 7, 2022

***BIRTHDAYS:** (these birthdays were missed last week)

Happy 92nd Birthday to **Marilyn Anderson** on July 27th.

Happy 83rd Birthday to **Richard 'Dick' Toyra** on July 29th,

***SYMPATHY & GOD'S PEACE TO:** Sue Cohan on the loss of her daughter, **Susan Marie Karki**, on Friday, July 22nd. Also, condolences to brothers, Timothy Kjellman, Kristopher Kjellman, and all of the Cohan Family.

***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!



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. **Laurie LeSage**, Parish Admin.



***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.

***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** -



A WORD FROM PASTOR THORSEN

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 Immanuel's website, there is no change.

***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 this coming Saturday, August 6th.**



***CHURCH PHOTO DIRECTORY: A HARD-COPY OF OUR CHURCH DIRECTORY IS AVAILABLE AT THE CHURCH**

You can also view it online or via the FREE mobile app. Printed copies are available on the upper level resource table and at the front entrance. To view the directory online, go to **members. Instant Church Directory.com** and follow the prompts under "Sign In" to "**Create a login now.**" Use your email address that you included in your directory submission and confirm it following the instructions. **If you did not submit an email for directory use, you won't be able to access the directory online.** There is also a free mobile app available for download at the Apple® App store in iTunes®, Google Play™ store and the Amazon Fire App Store. Simply search for "**Instant Church Directory**" to get the download. The same login protocol as above applies to the app. Need help or have questions? Please contact the church office: 475-9161.



KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Pray For: *Dee Aper, Nancy Burton, Betty Carilli, Renae Carlson, Sue Cohan, Connie Foster, Dan Hendrickson, Pete Hicks, Peggy Jackson, Tom Johnson, Betty Kinnunen, Anna Laurila, Don & Mary Leece, Diane Nault, Don Palomaki, Stephanie Penhale, Joyce Peterson, Susie Pizzoli, Delores Reichel, Kristen (Tossava) Riley, 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: *Pastor Bre Kinnunen*

ORGANIST/PIANIST/MUSICIAN: *Connie Scanlon*

Worship Services: Sun. @ 9:30 am / Mon. @ 6 pm

Office Hours: 8 am-12 pm, Mon.-Thurs. (or by appt.)

ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE:

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| 9:30 am USHERS/GREETERS | — | <i>Jim Hayward & Walter Scanlon</i> |
| 6 pm USHERS/GREETERS | — | <i>Cheryl Ulvila & Ron Ulvila</i> |
| 9:30 am LECTOR | — | <i>Paulette Patron</i> |
| 6 pm LECTOR | — | <i>Kevin Krupi</i> |
| 9:30 am COMM. ASSTS. | — | <i>Jean Manginen & Paulette Patron</i> |
| 6 pm COMM. ASSTS. | — | <i>Julie Mager</i> |
| 9:30 am Tech Team | — | <i>Tyler Moore</i> |
| 6 pm Tech Team | — | <i>Mark Patraw</i> |



AUGUST'S MONTHLY MISSION

IN AUGUST, we will focus on Scholarships for Liberian (Africa) Children, which is educational in nature. We all take education for granted. We pay our taxes and all of our children receive a high school education with no additional charges to the parents. Parents in Liberia pay for their children's education. Any kind of financial crisis for the family leads to the kids dropping out of school.

Pastor Albert (former Pastor of Mitchell Methodist Church here in Negaunee) has personally identified three children who need help with education expenses:



- Danlette is the daughter of a Christian minister who has passed away and is still in school. Her mom, Promise, is struggling to meet the educational needs of three children.

- Simeon has completed the lower grades but cannot continue because his father was laid off by his mining company. Simeon has dropped out of school because the funds to pay the school authorities are not available.



- Obey is an extended family member of pastor Albert. His dad passed away five years ago leaving an uneducated mom with five children. He will need \$350 per year to help support his family and which is a huge sum of money for his family.

Any help with education expenses will be helpful. We have all heard the expression, *"A mind is a terrible thing to waste"*. Additional information regarding these families is available by contacting Pastor Albert Barchue, Salem United Methodist Church, 23 Mable Street, P.O. Box 438, Pigeon, MI 48755, *"Liberian student-Albert"* in the comment line (if you wish to send a check directly to Albert).

If you wish to give above-and-beyond to this mission, use August's mission emphasis envelope from your offering envelope box or in some other way designate your gift.

Thank you for giving \$ 957.00 in July to
Habitat for Humanity, Marquette County.
The recipients will be richly blessed with your generosity!
Thank you!

