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Sunday, August 15, 2021

GATHERING

Prelude

Confession & Forgiveness

Song

Morning Has Broken

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Greeting

Prayer of the Day

WORD

First Reading: Proverbs 9: 1-6

Wisdom is portrayed as a woman who invites people to partake of her banquet. Just as ordinary food is necessary for physical life, Wisdom's food—insight and understanding—is necessary for fullness of life with God. Partaking of Wisdom's banquet is the way to life.

¹Wisdom has built her house, she has hewn her seven pillars. ²She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine, she has also set her table. ³She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls from the highest places in the town, ⁴"You that are simple, turn in here!" To those without sense she says, ⁵"Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed. ⁶Lay aside immaturity, and live, and walk in the way of insight."

Psalm 34: 9-14

⁹Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD, for those who fear the LORD lack nothing.

¹⁰**The lions are in want and suffer hunger,
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.**

¹¹Come, children, and listen to me; I will teach you reverence for the LORD.

¹²**Who among you takes pleasure in life
and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?**

¹³Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from lying words.

¹⁴**Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.**

Second Reading: Ephesians 5: 15-20

True wisdom integrates our new reality in Christ with our Christian fellowship and daily conduct. Because we are filled with the Spirit, Christians regularly rejoice together, give thanks to God for one another, and care for one another. In this way we revere our Lord Jesus Christ.

¹⁵Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, ¹⁶making the most of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, ²⁰giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

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Gospel: John 6: 51-58

In John's gospel, the feeding of the five thousand leads to extended teaching in which Jesus identifies himself as the true "bread of life." Finally, in these verses, he makes a connection that would not be understood until after his death, in light of the church's celebration of holy communion.

[Jesus said,] ⁵¹"I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh." ⁵²The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" ⁵³So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; ⁵⁵for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. ⁵⁶Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever."

Sermon

Pastor Steve Solberg

Rooted in Christ and sustained by the Spirit, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

God of wisdom, enlighten your church. Guide theologians, biblical scholars, authors, and seminary professors as they seek greater knowledge and invite others into deeper understanding. Teach us to ask faithful questions and open our minds to new ideas. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of creation, mend the earth. Cool warming oceans and preserve melting ice caps. Increase our awareness of changing climate patterns and reveal new approaches to the ecological challenges we face. Shield those in the path of hurricanes or tropical storms or fires. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of all nations, direct our leaders. Grant them courage to lay aside political grudges and renew their determination to address difficult conflicts and real human need. Guide them in the work of reconciliation. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of compassion, tend to the wounded. Rescue those tormented by mental illness or mired in addiction. Ease the anxiety of those struggling with dementia. Come quickly to help all who are grieving and all those who suffer. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of beauty, inspire artists. Bless those whose visual and musical gifts enliven this assembly. Bless the creative work of poets, hymnwriters, composers, painters, sculptors, and others that enrich our worship and daily life. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God of resurrection, bring us to new life. Give us the living bread from heaven through which we abide in your love, and on the last day raise us with Mary, mother of Jesus, and all the saints to eternal life. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God, confident in the promise of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Sharing of Christ's Peace

MEAL

Offering Prayer

Thanksgiving at the Table

The Lord's Prayer

Communion Distribution

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 young children if you wish them to receive this gift.

Prayer after Communion

SENDING

Blessing

Dismissal

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK ~ August 15, 2021– August 22, 2021

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

- Sunday** - 9:30 am—Worship Service (also live & recorded)
- 10:30 am – Coffee & Fellowship
- 7:30 pm—AA Group Meets (men & women)
- Monday** - 1:00 pm – Burial Service for Phil Carlson at the Negaunee Cemetery
- 6:00 pm—Worship Service
- 7:00 pm – Photo-Directory Task Group Meeting
- Tuesday** - 2:15 pm – Eastwood Nursing Center’s Worship Service
- 6:00 pm – Executive Committee Meeting
- 6:30 pm – Church Council Meeting
- Wednesday** - 10:00 am—**NO Bible Study TODAY ONLY**
- 11:00 am – Funeral for David Stromquist
- Thursday** - 10:00 am—Quilting
- 5:30 pm – Stewardship Committee Meeting
- Friday** - **OFFICE CLOSED**
- 10:00 am—Women’s AA Group Meets
- Sunday** - 9:30 am—Worship Service – Baptism (also live & recorded)
- 10:30 am – Coffee & Fellowship
- 7:30 pm—AA Group Meets (men & women)

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**\*SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR FALL – HAVE YOU REGISTERED FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL YET??** A postcard was sent out to you asking **WHAT TIME** YOU WOULD LIKE SUNDAY SCHOOL TO START ON SUNDAY. Did you receive the postcard? Would you like in-person Sunday School classes to start at 9:15 am, joining the worship service at 10:15 am? **OR** would you like in-person Sunday School classes to start at 11:00 am, after the 9:30 am worship service? **OR** would you want the Sunday School classes recorded and you can do them at home on your own time? **WE WANT TO PLEASE YOU!! WHAT DO YOU WANT?** You can call the office at (906) 475-9161 with your answer or return the postcard. **PLEASE REGISTER NOW.**

**\*LWR – LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF SCHOOL SUPPLIES:** School supplies for Lutheran World Relief will be collected through September 12<sup>th</sup>. Items purchased can be placed in the Stewardship corner tub that is marked ‘*Schoneman Supplies*’. These supplies consist of one or more of the following items: 70 sheet notebooks of wired or college ruled paper (approx.. 8”x10 1/2” – no loose-leaf paper); 30-centimeter rulers or a 30 centimeters on one side and inches on the other; pencil sharpeners; blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well); unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); boxes of 16 or 24 crayons; 2 ½” erasers. These items are also listed in the WELCA handbook. Thank you.

**\*DO YOU NEED HELP OBTAINING WOOD TO HEAT YOUR HOME THIS WINTER?** This is for seniors (age 60 or older) in the West End of Marquette County. If your answer is “yes”, see the information on the bulletin board near the elevator or contact the Ishpeming Senior Center (906-485-5527), the Negaunee Senior Center (906-475-6266), or Little Brothers-Friends of the Elderly (906) 273-2575. They can help you out.

**\*SYNOD OFFERS FUN AND INTERESTING ONLINE CLASSES FOR ADULTS! REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!** The Northern Great Lakes Synod has announced the upcoming schedule of Lifelong Faith Formation and registration is available here on our website. Online classes for adults begin in September and include:

- Ezekiel Bible Study with Pastor Tommy Richter
- Intermediate Biblical Greek with Pastor Nicole Hanson-Lynn for people who have previously studied Greek
- Walking Together: Companionship with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania, led by Luanne and Bishop Emeritus Tom Skrenes
- A Book Study of Friedman’s Fables: “Metaphors for Family Systems Thinking,” with Pastor Jim Duehring, Assistant to the Bishop (who is also leading a one-session introduction to the approach)
- Holy Communion Post-Pandemic: What, When, Where, Who, and Why, a two-week series with Bishop Katherine Finegan.

For more information, visit the Lifelong Faith Formation page on our website or contact Deacon Lori Ward at (615) 519-1969 or [lori.ward@nglsynod.org](mailto:lori.ward@nglsynod.org) .



**\*WE'RE HIRING: We are in need of a part-time custodian.** If you are interested, you can pick up an application from the office or go to: <https://immanuelnegaanee.weebly.com/apply-for-job.html>

**\*IMMANUEL'S FUEL FOR THE JOURNEY-** is a Facebook Group (under the church Facebook page) set up for reflection on the Daily Texts with Pastor Steve & other group members. Daily Texts (available in hardcopy & digitally online) take us through the Scripture in two years. Join, read, and add your reflections, or just listen to others.



**\*GIVING YOUR OFFERINGS:** – Thank you for continuing to financially support our ongoing congregational mission. Electronic giving is available on our website. (Note: Immanuel absorbs the following processing fees on electronic gifts: giving via debit/credit card 2.75% + \$0.45 per transaction and giving via ACH 1.00% \$0.45 per transaction.)



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**\*AUGUST'S MONTHLY MISSION:** In August, we focus on educational scholarships for three children in Liberia, a country in West Africa. We can take education for granted. We pay our taxes, and 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 Barchue (former pastor of the former Mitchell United Methodist Church in Negaanee) has personally identified three children who need help with educational expenses: **(1)** Danlette is the daughter of a Christian minister who has passed away, & her mom, Promise is struggling to meet the educational needs of three children. Danlette is an excellent 8<sup>th</sup> grader, coming second in a class of 53. Her first semester average is 89.4. **(2)** Simeon has both his mom and dad, but his father was laid off by his mining company. At school Simeon got a promotion for his excellent work during the first semester. This means he is on his way to being promo-ted twice by the time the school year ends. With an average of 93.2, he was promo-ted to the 3rd grade and is likely to get another promotion to the 4th grade after the second semester. In Liberia, this is called "doubled promotion." **(3)** Obey is an extended family member of Pastor Albert. His dad passed away three years ago, leaving an uneducated mom with five children. Obey is currently a good Junior Student (11th grade) working hard to become a senior. Usually, the Liberian academic calendar runs almost as the U.S. Schools. It begins in August/September and ends in June of the following year, but because of the COVID 19 which shut down all schools last year, this is an extraordinary school year. It began in December 2020 and will end in August 2021. There will be a very brief vacation period to regularize the school again, so our Liberian children will begin in September. 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.



**Serving in Worship:** *Pastor Steve Solberg* - Organist/Pianist/Musician: Sunday – *Connie Scanlon*  
Monday – *Ellen Lindblom*

**Worship Services:** Sun. @ 9:30 am/Mon. @ 6 pm/Office Hours: 8 am-12 pm, Monday-Thursday (or by appt.)

**ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE:**

9:30 am USHERS/GREETERS – *Linda Derocher*  
*Jim Derocher*

6 pm USHERS/GREETERS – *Diana Hetrick*  
*Reuven Romback*

9:30 am LECTOR – *Alice Mutkala*

6 pm LECTOR – *Kay Korpi*

9:30 am COMM. ASST.'S – *Alice Mutkala*

6 pm COMM. ASST.'S – *Kay Korpi*

9:30 am Tech Team – *Tyler Moore*

6 pm Tech Team – *Mark Patraw*

**KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS: PRAY FOR:** *Nancy Burton, Peggy Jackson, Billy Jo Kaufman, Betty Kinnunen, Corey Koski, Rodney Laituri, Anna Laurila, Wendy Niemi, Arianna Paananen, Don & Vera Palomaki, Laura Robinson, Marty Saari, Mack Schlicht, Sara Solberg, Richard Toyra, and all COVID patients.*

**Our Shut-ins:** *Bettie Ahola, Rudy Gagnon, Charlene Kivisto, Timothy Kjellman, Betty Lukkarinen, Butch Pynnonen, Lillian Rivers, Lynne Tossava.*

**Members in the Armed Service:** *Luke DeWitt, Adrianna Gustafson, Michael Gustafson, Hunter (Jessica) Hetrick, Dennis Koski, Jacque Kurian, Mark (Samantha) Makela, Tanner Romback, Trevor Romback, Michael Sedlock, Ethan Wallner, Jason Wallner, and all Armed Services Families.*