



# IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sunday, Sept. 10, 2023, 9:30 am, Monday, Sept. 11, 2023, 6:00 pm Services

**15th Sunday  
after Pentecost**

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

*Conflict is a part of relationships and life in community. Jesus' words in today's gospel are often used in situations having to do with church discipline. The prophet Ezekiel tells of warning the wicked to turn from their ways, and Paul reminds us that love is the fulfilling of the law. We gather in the name of Christ, assured that he is present among us with gifts of peace and reconciliation.*

## GATHERING

### PRELUDE

### CALL TO WORSHIP

*This Little Light of Mine*

Senior Choir

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

*(Please stand as you are comfortable.)*

Trusting in God's forgiveness, let us in silence confess our failings and acknowledge our part in the pain of the world.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Before God, with the people of God, I confess to turning away from God in the ways I wound my life, the lives of others and the life of the world.

**May God forgive you, Christ renew you, and the Spirit enable you to grow in love.**

Amen.

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### GATHERING SONG

*Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God*

WOV #783

### 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.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord God, **enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*(Please be seated.)*

## WORD

### FIRST READING: Ezekiel 33: 7-11

<sup>7</sup>So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. <sup>8</sup>If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. <sup>9</sup>But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life. <sup>10</sup>Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" <sup>11</sup>Say to them, As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

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

*God appointed Ezekiel as a sentinel for the house of Israel. Ezekiel must faithfully convey God's warnings to the people. Remarkably, God—who is about to attack Jerusalem—gives a warning with the hope that repentance will make the attack unnecessary.*

*I desire the path of your commandments. (Ps. 119:35)*

*The obligation of Christians is to love one another and so fulfill the heart and goal of the law. Clothes make the person as we "put on the Lord Jesus Christ" and live today in light of the future God has in store for us.*

**PSALM: Psalm 119:33-40**

<sup>33</sup>Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, and I shall keep it to the end.

<sup>34</sup>**Give me understanding, and I shall keep your teaching;**

**I shall keep it with all my heart.**

<sup>35</sup>Lead me in the path of your commandments, for that is my desire.

<sup>36</sup>**Incline my heart to your decrees and not to unjust gain.**

<sup>37</sup>Turn my eyes from beholding falsehood; give me life in your way.

<sup>38</sup>**Fulfill your promise to your servant, which is for those who fear you.**

<sup>39</sup>Turn away the reproach that I dread, because your judgments are good.

<sup>40</sup>**Behold, I long for your commandments; by your righteousness enliven me.**

**SECOND READING: Romans 13: 8-14**

<sup>8</sup>Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup>The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>10</sup>Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. <sup>11</sup>Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is near-er to us now than when we became believers; <sup>12</sup>the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; <sup>13</sup>let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup>Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

**GOSPEL: Matthew 18: 15-20**

The holy gospel according to...

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>15</sup>"If another member of the church sins against you, go and [point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. <sup>16</sup>But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. <sup>17</sup>If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. <sup>18</sup>Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. <sup>19</sup>Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup>For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

The Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*(Please be seated.)*

## SERMON

*Pastor Bre Kinnunen & Holly Michelin*

*(Please stand as you are able.)*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

**God's Work, Our Hands**

**(Tune of #731)**

- 1.) God's work, our hands: working together, building a future. repairing the world,  
raising up homes, planting new gardens,  
feeding the hungry and shelt-'ring the cold.  
Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,  
sharing the good news of your Gospel.
- 2.) God's work, our feet: trav-'ling together, following Jesus to places unknown,  
walking as friends, marching for freedom,  
running the race with God's future the goal.  
Bless, God, our feet as we follow your way,  
sharing the good news of your Gospel.
- 3.) God's work, our voice: singing together, praising, proclaiming to all who will hear,  
praying for peace, shouting for justice,  
claiming God's love for the lost and the least.  
Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,  
sharing the good news of your Gospel.
- 4.) God is at work in and around us: seedlings are sprouting and bread's on the rise!  
Washed and set free, humbled and honored,  
gifted by grace, we respond in God's love.  
Bless, God, our lives as we answer your call,  
sharing the good news of your Gospel.

## 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

Remembering the caring and generous works of God, we pray for the church, creation, and the needs of our neighbors.

*A brief silence.*

Hold us accountable, O God. Show your church where repentance is needed and lead us in paths of intentional compassion and listening. Help us extend hands of reconciliation and care, especially in relationships with other Christians and people of other faiths. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Reveal your miracles to us, O God. Move us to cherish you as we behold the wonders of creation. Renew the seas and the soil, the forests and the creatures that live in them. Turn us to ways of living that seek Earth's thriving. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Inspire us to lead with honor, O God. Guide judges and legislators, police, and government officials to create and uphold just laws. Move us to treat all people with dignity and guide our conversations with one another. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Help us comfort those who suffer, O God. Reassure any who are harmed by the wicked acts of others. Bring peace to all who are vulnerable, frightened, despairing, or sick. Guard their waking and their sleeping. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

*Jesus offers practical advice to his disciples on how individuals—and the church as a whole—should go about restoring relationships when one member has sinned against another.*

*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. 3*

Awaken us, O God. Challenge and encourage your people to value the vocation to which each is called. We pray for all discerning new possibilities or changing employment. In all our diverse callings, teach us to love our neighbor above all else. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered*

Be our hope, O God. We remember with thanksgiving your disciples who died in faith. May their trust in your promise be our protection and our hope. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Remember us according to your steadfast love as we offer these and the prayers of our heart, trusting in your compassion made known through Jesus Christ.

**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

***Sing to the Lord of Harvest (v.1)***

**#694**

### OFFERING PRAYER

God of power, God of plenty, **all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior. 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:

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



# 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.

*(Please be seated.)*

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

### COMMUNION

### *Lamb of God*

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Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -  
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

*We believe that the true body and blood of Jesus Christ is in/ with/under the bread and wine.*

*All are welcome and encouraged to receive Holy Communion today. Parents, please assist your child(ren) if you wish them communed.*

## COMMUNION HYMNS:

*Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace #716*  
*I Come with Joy #482*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Blessed be your name, O God, for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

## SENDING

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

*Pastor Bre Kinnunen*

*(Please stand as you are comfortable.)*

## BLESSING

May God bless your lives, your homes, your journeys. Wherever you rest, wherever you go, God bless you with love and wonder, every day. Amen.

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. God is at work in you.

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF September 10 - September 17, 2023

### Baptism

\* **BAPTISMS:** Last Saturday, September 2nd, Pastor Bre performed Baptisms for the following children: **WE WELCOMED INTO THE FAMILY OF GOD:**

- **Benjamin Orion Howes**, son of *Cory Michael Howes & Anna Tippen (Kerr) Howes*, born on June 7th, 2022. His sponsor was *Kathleen Kerr*.
- **Miles Tippen Hoffman**, son of *Matthew Tippen Hoffman & Landen Mae Tetil*, born on January 29th, 2023. His sponsor was *Erin Hoffman*.

Happy Birthday



\* **BIRTHDAYS:** Happy 89th Birthday to **Nancy Mager** on September 11th.  
Happy 84th Birthday to **Millie Isaacson** on September 14th.

\* **SYMPATHY & GOD'S PEACE TO:** Terry (Bobbi) Minzey on the loss of his mother, **Alma June "Minzey" Wyckoff**, on Sunday, September 3rd. Also, condolences to all of the Wyckoff Family.

\* **FALL WELNESS RETREAT** Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp is offering a 'Nature Inspired Fall Wellness Retreat' from September 14th - 17th. The registration deadline is **THIS THURSDAY, September 7th**. If you are interested, either email [www.fortunelake.org](http://www.fortunelake.org), or call 906-214-2267 for more information.



\* **YOUTH RETREAT** There will be a Youth Retreat for Grades 3-6 on October 20 & 21 at Fortune Lake. For more information, call 906-214-2267 or email [www.fortunelake.org](http://www.fortunelake.org).

\* **INSTALLATION OF PASTOR BREANNE KINNUNEN** Pastor Bre will be installed at Immanuel Lutheran Church on **Sunday, September 24th at 3 pm** in the sanctuary with a reception to follow in the Fellowship Hall. Mark your calendar. *We all welcome Pastor Bre to Immanuel!!*

\* **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 September is CHOIR. 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 **Connie Lindblom (906-475-6139)** with your date and any item you wish to bring. Help in the kitchen is also appreciated.

\* **COMMUNITY ACTION ALGER-MARQUETTE (CAAM):** Immanuel Lutheran will be packaging Senior Care Kits for homebound seniors involved with **Community Action Alger-Marquette's (CAAM) Meals on Wheels Program TODAY, after the September 10 service.** This list of needed items comes from CAAM's volunteer request directly: "*Suggested items: Large print puzzle, word search & crossword puzzle books, Adult coloring books & colored pencils, Jigsaw puzzles, Tea/Coffee, Mugs, Lotion, Chapstick, Small throw blankets, Socks, & Candy.*" Please drop any of these items off by the west entry way into the container marked "**CAAM**".

\* **"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 where they can be deposited. Thank you for your donation.

\* **PROJECT KEEP KIDS WARM 2023/2024 – 14<sup>th</sup> Year of Serving Families in our Community.** We

have **PKKW (Project Keep Kids Warm)** boxes by the west entry of the church for the collection of **NEW** boots, hats, scarves, and mittens. If you would like to donate any of these items, PKKW would greatly appreciate your donations. This particular Project will run until January 31st, 2024. Thank you for your donation.

Installation



Help us keep kids warm.



**\*LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF SCHOOL BAGS & SUPPLIES** - We will be collecting school supplies for Lutheran World Relief. Donations can be placed in the container by the west entry way. Items needed are:



- Four 70-sheet notebooks of wide - or college-rule paper, approximately 8" x 10 ½"; no loose-leaf paper
  - One 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
  - One Pencil sharpener
  - Five unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers secured with a rubber band
  - Five Black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink)
  - One Pair of blunt scissors
  - One 2 ½" eraser
  - One box of 16 or 24 crayons
  - One sturdy drawstring backpack -style cloth bag, approximately 14" x 17"
- You can pick up a bag (or more) & and Fill It Up! Instructions for making a school bag pattern are located by the elevator on the WELCA bulletin board.

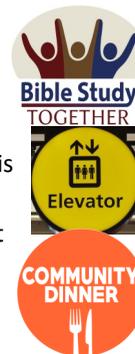


**\*CROP HUNGER WALK** Join the CROP Hunger Walk on **October 1st, 2023**. Registration is at 1:30 pm; the walk begins at 2 pm. The start and finish is at Marquette Hope Connection Center, 927 W. Fair Ave., Marquette. See Kay Korpi if you have questions or call (906) 475-5182.

**\*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 the leader is *TBD*. The group continues meeting each Sunday until further notice.

**\*ELEVATOR 'OUT-OF-COMMISSION'**: The elevator **WILL NOT BE USEABLE** for 3-4 weeks. Work is being done to replace the elevator with a new lift. Thank you for your patience.

**\*COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP DINNER** The Wesley United Methodist Church, 801 Hemlock Street in Ishpeming is hosting a *Community Fellowship Dinner* from 5 pm to 6:30 pm on the following Thursdays: October 12th, November 9th, December 14th. For more information please call 906-486-4681.



### **KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

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

**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 Bre Kinnunen & Holly Michelin*

ORGANIST/PIANIST/MUSICIAN: - *Connie Scanlon*

Worship Services: Sunday @ 9:30 am / Monday @ 6:00 pm

Office Hours are 8 am-2 pm, Monday-Thursday (or by appt.)



### ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE:

9:30 am GREETERS - *Linda Derocher*  
- *Jim Derocher*

6:00 pm GREETERS - *Deb Hicks*  
- *Connie Kemper*

9:30 am USHERS - *Linda Derocher*  
- *Jim Derocher*

6:00 pm USHERS - *Deb Hicks*  
- *Connie Kemper*

9:30 am LECTOR - *Dave Keranen*

6:00 pm LECTOR - *Tom Johnson*

9:30 am COMM ASST'S - *Judy Hallgren*  
- *Sue Cathcart*  
- *Walter Scanlon*

6:00 pm COM AST - *Heidi Hill*

9:30 am Tech Team - *Tyler Moore*

(Communion Set-up for September is Chyrl Hemmila & Christine Flis.)

### A MESSAGE FROM THE 'GOOD-GIFT' COMMITTEE

School supplies for a child \$10

<https://goodgifts.elca.org/school-supplies-for-a-child>



Many schools require children to obtain their own supply of notebooks, pencils and books before they can be enrolled. And if school is closed or communities are sheltering in place, these supplies become critical tools for children continuing their education at home. We are having trouble securing all of the supplies through our local stores. We are hoping YOU would go to the LWR Back to School web link listed above to donate any amount you would like for this cause. Or, you could give your donation to either one of us & we will purchase the necessary supplies. Thank you for your response.

*Linda Sjolund & Susan Cathcart*

# SEPTEMBER'S MONTHLY MISSION

**IN SEPTEMBER . . . we focus on ELCA Disaster Relief (LDR)**, bringing God's hope, healing & renewal to people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the United States and around the world. When the dust settles and the headlines change, LDR stays to provide on-going assistance to those in need.



## Lutheran Disaster Response

This year, assistance includes for wildfires in the western United States, assistance to Eastern European crisis (Ukraine), African drought, Middle Eastern & European refugees, domestic hurricanes, wildfires, including Hawaii's catastrophic fire, and floods. The locations change but the need is still there. Also, for working with Ukrainian refugees. In this country, for relief from hurricanes & severe storms. In the last year, approximately 55% of funding went to international disasters, the remainder remained here. *"God is present in the violence, in the crisis, & in the moments of rest".* (Rev. Rachel Eskeren, LDR)

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

*Thank you for your generosity!*

**Thank you for giving \$ 645.28 in August to  
Scholarships for Liberian (African) Children.  
The recipients will be richly blessed with your generosity!  
Thank you!**

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 10, 2023 - September 17, 2023

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



## **God's Work - Our Hands Sunday/Monday** **~~ 15th Sunday after Pentecost**

- Sunday**
- 9:30 am - Worship Service
  - 9:30 am - **Sunday School begins**
  - 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)
- Monday**
- 1:00 pm - WELCA Exec Board Meeting
  - 6:00 pm - Worship Service
- Tuesday**
- 10:00 am - Bible Study
- Wednesday**
- 6:00 pm - Choir Practice
- Thursday**
- 10:00 am - Quilting
- Friday**
- OFFICE CLOSED**
- 10:00 am - Women's AA Group Meet
- Sunday**
- ### **16th Sunday after Pentecost**
- 9:30 am - Worship Service
  - 9:30 am - Sunday School
  - 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)

### **Fall Classes Now Open for Registration for Life-Long Learning**

Registration is quick and easy for the interesting variety of classes offered by the Northern Great Lakes Synod. Join the bible studies and conversations on topics that are important to your congregation, your community, and the church. Beginning in September and October, Lifelong Faith Formation courses will meet online via Zoom. Two of them will also meet in-person. Go to the synod website -- <https://nglsynod.org/lifelong-faith-formation> -- for details and to sign-up for classes by September 15. Contact Deacon Lori Ward at 615-519-1969 or [lori.ward@nglsynd.org](mailto:lori.ward@nglsynd.org) if you have any questions.

More information will appear in the September/October Beacon to be mailed out next week. Check it out.