

14th Sunday after Pentecost

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

The prophet Jeremiah speaks of the incurable wound of his suffering yet finds in God's words the delight of his heart. When Peter doesn't grasp Jesus' words about suffering, Jesus tells the disciples thev will find their lives in losing them. Such sacrificial love is described by Paul when he urges us to associate with the lowly and not repay evil with evil. In worship we gather as a community that we might offer ourselves for the sake of our suffering world.

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Office@ImmanuelNegaunee.org + www.lmmanuelNegaunee.org Sunday, September 3, 2023, 9:30 am, NO 6pm, Monday, Sept. 4, Service

GATHERING

PRELUDE

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.

Before God, with the people of God, we confess to turning away from God in the ways we wound our lives, 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.

GATHERING SONG GREETING

For the Beauty of the Earth

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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.

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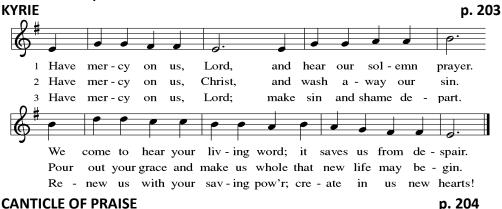
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Lord of love.

you we call;



PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen. (Please be seated.)

WORD

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 15:15-21

¹⁵O LORD, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult. ¹⁶Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart; for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts. ¹⁷I did not sit in the company of merrymakers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation. ¹⁸Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail. ¹⁹Therefore thus says the LORD: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them. ²⁰And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the LORD. ²¹I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless. Word of God.

Word of God.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 26:1-8

¹Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived with integrity; I have trusted in the LORD and have not faltered.

²Test me, O LORD, and try me; examine my heart and my mind.

³For your steadfast love is before my eyes; I have walked faithfully with you.

⁴I have not sat with the worthless, nor do I consort with the deceitful. ⁵I have hated the company of evildoers; I will not sit down with the wicked.

⁶I will wash my hands in innocence, O LORD, that I may go in procession round your altar,

Jeremiah's delight in the word of the LORD is contradicted by the heaviness of God's hand upon him and God's seemina unfaithfulness. God's tough love to Jeremiah says that if he repents, he will be allowed to continue in his strenuous ministry. Jeremiah is strengthened by the simple words, "I am with vou."

Your love is before my eyes; I have walked faithfully with you. (Ps. 26:3) ⁷singing aloud a song of thanksgiving and recounting all your wonderful deeds.

⁸LORD, I love the house in which you dwell and the place where your glory abides.

SECOND READING: Romans 12:9-21

⁹Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. ¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. Word of God.

Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

(Please stand as you are comfortable.)

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: Matthew 16:21-28

The holy gospel according to...

Glory to you, O Lord.

²¹From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." ²³But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." ²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? ²⁷"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Paul presents benchmarks for faithful relationships with Christians and non -Christians. Love is the unflagging standard of our behavior. When we encounter evil, we do not resort to its tactics but seek to overcome it with good. While Christians cannot control the actions and attitudes of others, we seek to live at peace with all people.

After Peter confesses that Jesus is "the Messiah, the Son of the living God" (16:16), Jesus reveals the ultimate purpose of his ministry. These words prove hard to accept, even for a disciple whom Jesus has called a "rock."

SERMON

Pastor Bre Kinnunen

(Please stand as you are able.)

HYMN OF THE DAY Will You Come and Follow Me

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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.

God of life, your words are the joy at the heart of your church. Draw the seeker to you, place messages of hope and healing in the mouths of your witnesses, and open your children to your truth when we stumble. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of steadfast love, renew the earth by your Spirit, that lands and oceans reveal the beauty of your creation. Challenge us to live humbly and peaceably as part of your world. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of patience, lead those who govern to hold fast to what is good. Guide them to show honor to the people in their care. Overcome evil in all nations and grant peace to peoples and places mired in conflict. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of deliverance, remember all who are suffering, lonely, and in pain. Liberate your people being insulted, persecuted, or in the grasp of the ruthless. Give endurance to workers who persevere on this Labor Day and insure fair wages and safe working environments. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of justice, equip this congregation to boldly follow you in uncertain times and to remain faithful in prayer when facing challenges. Show us how best to love and care for one another and our communities. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered & a Laying on of Hands for Karen Couture.

God of glory, we give thanks for the saints who now dwell with you in splendor. Nurture us in faith until the day we join their heavenly song. 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 plus A NOISY OFFERING for 2024 Youth Outing

live and serve
within the
greater
community of
Negaunee and
the world,
witnessing to
others your
abundant love,
grace, and
welcome.

Renew our lives

that we may welcome and

care for one another and

that we may

OFFERING SONG

Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring (v. 1, 2)

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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:



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

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.

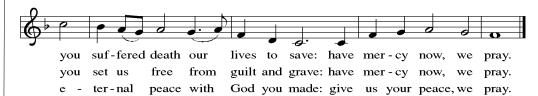
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

(Please be seated.)



All are welcome and encouraged to receive Holv Communion todav. Parents, please assist vour child(ren) if you wish them communed.



COMMUNION HYMNS:

Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song #808 By Your Hand You Feed Your People #469

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

BLESSING OF THE LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTRY

Gracious God, whose mercy endures from generation to generation: As Mary set out to visit Elizabeth before she gave birth to her son, bless those who go forth to share your word and sacrament with our sisters and brothers who are homebound. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those to whom we bring this communion, that through the body and blood of your Son we may all know the hope of your promised coming in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Bre Kinnunen

(Please stand as you are comfortable.)

BLESSING

The God of glory, + Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

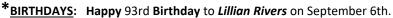
Go in peace. God is at work in you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF September 3 - September 10, 2023

*BAPTISM: WE WELCOMED INTO THE FAMILY OF GOD: Last Sunday, August 27th, there was the baptism of Adalyn Dawn Miller, daughter of Amanda Marlene (Carey) Miller and Matthew Ryan Miller. It was held at Presque Isle Park and in Lake Superior in Marquette. Her sponsors were Eric Miller and Heather Brochu. Her sister is Avery Marlene Miller who was baptized in 2021 in Lake Superior by Pastor Steve Solberg. Her proud grandmother is Deb Carey. Pastor Bre Kinnunen and Pastor Victoria Lovell performed the baptism. The family relocated to Gaylord, MI., downstate.

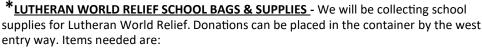


*FALL WELNESS RETREAT Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp is offering a 'Nature Inspired Fall Wellness Retreat' from September 14th - 17th. The registration deadline is THIS THURS-DAY, September 7th. If you are interested, either email www.fortunelake.org, or call 906-214-2267 for more information.

*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.

*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.



- 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.

*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 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".















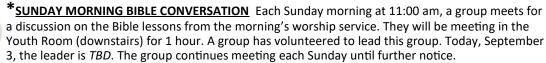
*PROJECT KEEP KIDS WARM 2023/2024 – 14th Year of Serving Families in our Community.





Help us keep kids warm. 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.

*"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.



*ELEVATOR 'OUT-OF-COMMISSION': The elevator <u>WILL NOT BE USEABLE</u> 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.

*BLEST ARE THEY! Thank you for again reminding us that we are Blest to Be A Blessing. This ministry has been a true Blessing to me. Thanks to all involved in this ministry. Jonelle Collins

BLEST ARE THEY

OMMUNIT DINNER



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 (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.

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VOLUNTEERS ASSISTING IN SERVICE

<u>SERVING IN WORSHIP</u>: Pastor Bre Kinnunen ORGANIST/PIANIST/MUSICIAN: - Connie Scanlon

Worship Services: Sunday @ 9:30 am / NO service Monday @ 6:00 pm

The office will be closed on Monday, September 4th.

Starting Tuesday, September 5th, the Office Hours will be 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 - NO Service

9:30 am USHERS - Linda Derocher

- Jim Derocher

6:00 pm USHERS - NO Service

9:30 am LECTOR - Alice Zinsser

6:00 pm LECTOR - NO Service

9:30 am COMM ASST'S - Sally Echelbarger

- Dana Echelbarger

- Shirley Koski

6:00 pm COM AST - NO Serviced

9:30 am Tech Team - Tyler Moore

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

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.



This year, assistance includes 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, working with Ukrainian refugees. In this country, relief from hurricanes & severe storms In the last year, approximately 55% 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 <u>Scholarships for Liberian (African) Children.</u>

The recipients will be richly blessed with your generosity!

Thank you!



<u>CALENDAR OF EVENTS</u> September 3, 2023 - September 10, 2023

YOU CAN FIND ALL ONLINE INFORMATION REFERENCED BELOW AT...

www.ImmanuelNegaunee.org

God's Work - Our Hands Sunday/Monday ~~ 14th Sunday after Penteost

Sunday - 9:30 am - Worship Services

- 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 - 6:00 pm - NO Worship Service—Labor Day

Tuesday Office hours of 8:00 am to 2:00 pm begin

- 10:00 am - Bible Study

- 5-6:00 pm - Stewardship Committee Meeting

Wednesday - 6:00 pm - Choir Practice Begins today, the 6th

Thursday - 10:00 am - Quilting

Friday OFFICE CLOSED

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

Sunday 15th Sunday after Pentecost

- 9:30 am - Worship Service

- 9:30 am - Sunday School begins today

- 10:30 am - Coffee & Fellowship

- 11:00 am - Sunday Morning Bible Conversation today

(Today's leader is *TBD*)

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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 if you have any questions.

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