

15th Sunday after Pentecost

COVID Protocol
Update: Council has
lifted COVID
protocols,
but encourages
awareness of
ongoing county
numbers and
personal health.

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

As we are invited today to consider what it means to be managers (rather than owners) of all that we have, it is crucial to recognize that we are bought with a price. "Christ Jesus, himself human, . . . gave himself a ransom for all." Apart from the generosity of God we have nothing—we are nothing. By God's gracious favor we have everything we need.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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GATHERING

PRELUDE

CHOIR ANTHEM

We Will Walk in the Light

Senior Choir

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please stand as you are comfortable.)

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, who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days. **Amen.**

Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does. Silence is kept for reflection.

God of mercy and forgiveness, we confess that sin still has a hold on us. We have harmed your good creation. We have failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Turn us in a new direction. Show us the path that leads to life. Be our refuge and strength on the journey, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. Amen.

Beloved of God: your sins are forgiven + and you are made whole. God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the road. Journey now in God's abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG

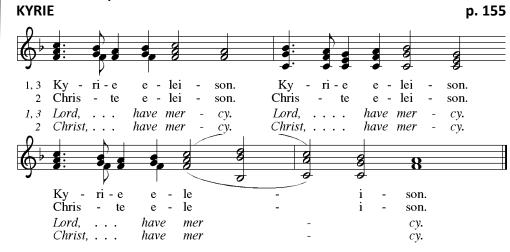
Take My Life, That I My Be

#583

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.





Amos was called by God to prophesy in the Northern Kingdom of Israel. Peace and prosperity in Israel led to corrupt business practices and oppression of the poor. The prophet declares that God will not tolerate such a

situation.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

(Please be seated.)

WORD

FIRST READING: Amos 8:4-7

⁴Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, ⁵saying, "When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practice deceit with false balances, ⁶buying the poor for silver and the needy for a

pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat." ⁷The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

Word of God.

Word of Life. Thanks be to God.

PSALM 113

¹Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants of the LORD; praise the name of the LORD.

²Let the name of the LORD be blessed, from this time forth forevermore.

³From the rising of the sun to its going down let the name of the LORD be praised.

⁴The LORD is high above all nations; God's glory above the heavens.

⁵Who is like the LORD our God, who sits enthroned on high,

⁶but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?

⁷The Lord takes up the weak out of the dust and lifts up the poor from the ashes, ⁸enthroning them with the rulers, with the rulers of the people.

⁹The LORD makes the woman of a childless house to be a joyful mother of children. Hallelujah!

SECOND READING: 1Timothy 2:1-7

¹First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. ³This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, ⁶who gave himself a ransom for all —this was attested at the right time. ⁷For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth. Word of God.

Word of Life. Thanks be to God. (Please stand.)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Halle, Halle, Hallelujah p. 172 le lu Hal-le, hal - le, hal jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -Hal - le. le lu jah. hal le. hal le jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu

GOSPEL: Luke 16:1-13

The holy gospel according to...

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. ²So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' ³Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' ⁵So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' ⁶He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill,

The LORD lifts up the poor from the ashes. (Ps. 113:7)

The pastoral epistles offer insight into how early Christians understood many practical matters, such as church administration and worship. The church's focused prayer for others is an expression of the singleminded passion God has toward us in Jesus.

Jesus tells the curious story of a dishonest manager who cheats his employer and then is commended by him for having acted so shrewdly. Jesus wonders why his own followers are less creative and diligent in their stewardship given that they are managers of a far more valuable household.

sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' ⁷Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' ⁸And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. ⁹And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes. ¹⁰"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. ¹¹If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹²And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? ¹³No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated.)

SERMON

Pastor Bre Kinnunen

#818

(Please stand.)

HYMN OF THE DAY O Master, Let Me Walk with You 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

As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's good creation.

A brief silence.

God our Savior, you keep your church in faith and truth. Accompany those preparing for baptism or affirmation of baptism. Enlighten preachers, teachers, seminarians, and all those who share your good news with the world. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Divine teacher, you instruct your children to be responsible stewards of your creation. Show us how best to care for the earth and its resources, and guide those who work to develop sustainable practices. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Ruler of the nations, you direct those in authority. Give leaders wisdom and compassion so that all may live in peace. Inspire public servants to follow the example of courageous leaders, especially Dag Hammarskjöld, and safeguard the dignity of each person. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Helper of the needy, you lift up those who are oppressed. Breathe justice into economic and social systems that perpetuate poverty and hunger. Sustain food ministries, clothing banks, and emergency shelters. God of grace, hear our prayer.

Sustainer and giver of life, you bless this congregation with abundance. Instruct us in the proper and faithful use of wealth and resources, that we share generously. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God of glory, you gather your saints around your throne. Keep us thankful for the witness of those who have gone before us, and bring us with them to the heavenly feast that has no end. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you; through 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

OFFERING HYMN

We Are an Offering

#692

(Please stand.)

OFFERING PRAYER

Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

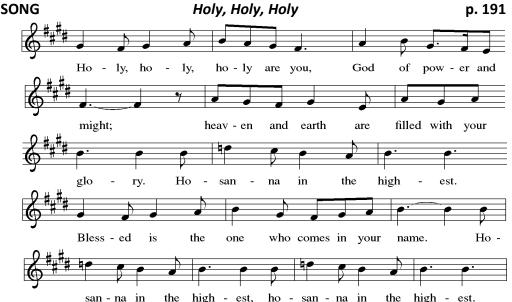
Lift up your hearts.

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:





THE LORD'S PRAYER

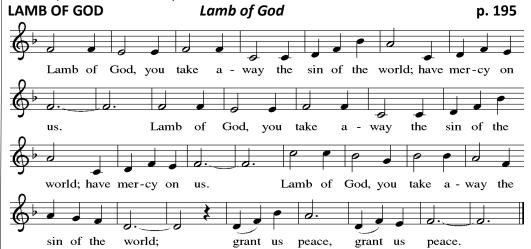
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

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

(Please be seated.)



COMMUNION HYMNS

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service By Your Hand You feed Your People

#712 #469

(Please stand.)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of the abundant table, you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

God, who gives life to all things and frees us from despair, bless you with truth and peace. And may the holy Trinity, + one God, guide you always in faith, hope, and love. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, with Christ beside you

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF September 18—September 25, 2022



*FELLOWSHIP HOUR: Are you willing to help with Fellowship hour? Donations are needed such as bakery, crackers, cheese, fruit, or whatever suits your fancy-and cleanup! Your Fellowship Hour coordinator for September is Connie Lindblom & the Choir. Please contact her with your date & item. Phone (906) 475-6139.

*CROP HUNGER WALK Don't forget, Sunday, October 2nd, the Marquette County CROP Hunger Walk will take place on NMU's campus. The starting/ending point will be the Marquette Hope Connection Center, 927 W. Fair Ave, Marquette. Registration

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begins at 1:30 pm with Start of Walk at 2 pm. 75% of donations will care for the hungry of the world. 25% will stay locally with St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantries across the county AND Northern Michigan University's Food Pantry. Immanuel has traditionally been a leader in this noble effort. Join our Immanuel Walk Team and raise funds through walk patrons! Call or text Kay Korpi (906-360-2132). You may also donate or join our Walk team online at https://events.crop hungerwalk.org/2022/event/marquettemi.

*INSTALLATION OF VIRGINIA PAULSON Congratulations go out to Virginia Paulson for her Installation as a Licensed Lay Minister of Community Lutheran Church, Suomi Location in Palmer. This installation will take place on Sunday, September 25th, 2022, at 3:00 pm ET, at the Community Lutheran Church, Suomi Location, 3167 State Hwy M-35. We all wish you well, Virginia, and Congratulations!



KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

<u>Pray For</u>: Nancy Burton, Betty Carilli, Kevin Carlson, Renae Carlson, Sue Cohan, Connie Foster, Dan Hendrickson, Peggy Jackson, Tom Johnson, Betty Kinnunen, Dick & Charlotte Koski, Marian Kulju, Anna Laurila, Don & Mary Leece, Diane Nault, Don Palomaki, Stephanie Penhale, Joyce Peterson, Susie Pizzoli, Delores Reichel, Jim Ritzenhein, Jessica Roberts, and all COVID patients.

<u>Our Shut-ins</u>: 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, Richard Toyra.

fson, Spencer Harvala,

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.

SERVING IN WORSHIP: Pastor Bre Kinnunen

Organist/Pianist/Musician: Connie Scanlon

Choir Director: Connie Lindblom / Choir Accompanist: Vicki Lempinen

Worship Services: Sunday @ 9:30 am / Monday @ 6 pm Office Hours: 8 am-2 pm, Monday-Thursday (or by appt.)



VOLUNTEERS ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

9:30 am USHERS/GREETERS — Kathleen Palomaki 6 pm USHERS/GREETERS — Linda Ogea

— Doug Palomaki — Connie Kemper

9:30 am LECTOR — Valerie Paulson 6 pm LECTOR — Paulette Patron

9:30 am COMMUNION — Mary Ann Laukka 6 pm COMMUNION — Paulette Patron
ASSISTANTS — Valerie Paulson — ASSISTANTS

9:30 am Tech Team — Luanne Skrenes 6 pm Tech Team — Tyler Moore

(COMMUNION SET-UP FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER — Chyrl Hemmila & Christine Flis)

SEPTEMBER'S MONTHLY MISSION

<u>IN SEPTEMBER</u>... 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, Covid-19 disaster relief in Latin America, Europe & Africa, 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 \$ 718.10 in August for <u>Scholarships for Liberian (Africa) Children</u>.

The recipients will be richly blessed with your generosity! Thank you!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 18, 2022 - September 25, 2022

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

Sunday 15th Sunday after Pentecost ~~ God's Word, Our hands

- 9:30 am - Worship Service

9:30 amSunday School Resumes10:30 amCoffee & Fellowship

- 7:30 pm - AA Group Meets (men & women)

SWO Convention at Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp, Crystal Falls, Michigan

Monday - 6:00 pm - Worship Service

- 7:00 pm - Confirmation Orientation Gathering (Parents AND Students)

Tuesday - 9:30 am - Miriam Circle - Hostesses: Connie Scanlon & Virginia Paulson

- 6:00 pm - Executive Committee Meeting

- 6:30 pm - Church Council

Wednesday - 10:00 am - Bible Study (in-person)

- 6:00 pm - Choir

Thursday - 10:00 am - Quilting

- 1:30 pm - Abigail Circle (NOTE DAY CHANGE)

Friday OFFICE CLOSED

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

Sunday 16th Sunday after Pentecost

- 9:30 am - Worship Service

-10:30 am - Coffee & Fellowship - 7:30 pm - AA Group Meets (men & women)