



9th Sunday  
after Pentecost

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

Jesus says, "It is  
your Father's good  
pleasure to give  
you the kingdom."  
It is God's promise  
from the begin-  
ning—to Abraham,  
to the early church,  
and to the "little  
flock" of which we  
are a part in to-  
day's assembly.  
Faith, God's bap-  
tismal gift, trusts the  
promises of God.  
Have no fear.

# IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sunday/Monday August 7th & 8th, 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.

## 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

*O God beyond All Praising*

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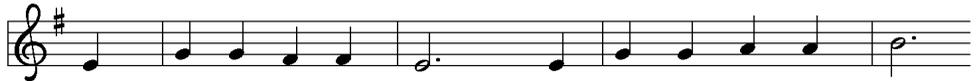
### GREETING

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

Almighty God, **you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### WORD

### FIRST READING: Genesis 15:1-6

<sup>1</sup>After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." <sup>2</sup>But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" <sup>3</sup>And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." <sup>4</sup>But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." <sup>5</sup>He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." <sup>6</sup>And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Word of God.

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

### PSALM 33:12-22

<sup>12</sup>Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD!

Happy the people chosen to be God's heritage!

<sup>13</sup>**The LORD looks down from heaven, and sees all humankind.**

<sup>14</sup>God sits firmly enthroned and watches all who dwell on the earth.

<sup>15</sup>**God fashions all their hearts and observes all their deeds.**

*God promises childless and aging Abram that a child of his own will be his heir and that his descendants will number as many as the stars. Abram trusts God's promise, and through this faith he is considered righteous.*

*Let your lovingkindness be upon us, as we place our hope in you. (Ps. 33:22)*

*Abraham and Sarah exemplify the vision of faith that people of God enact in every age. Their hope and trust in God's promise allowed them to face an unknown future and to receive the promise of God.*

<sup>16</sup>A king is not saved by the size of the army, nor are warriors rescued by their great strength.

<sup>17</sup>**The horse gives vain hope for victory; despite its great strength it cannot save.**

<sup>18</sup>Truly, your eye is upon those who fear you, O LORD, upon those who wait for your steadfast love,

<sup>19</sup>**to deliver their lives from death, and to keep them alive in time of famine.**

<sup>20</sup>Our innermost being waits for you, O LORD, our helper and our shield.

<sup>21</sup>**Surely, our heart rejoices in you, for in your holy name we put our trust.**

<sup>22</sup>Let your lovingkindness, O LORD, be upon us, even as we place our hope in you.

## **SECOND READING: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16**

<sup>1</sup>Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. <sup>2</sup>Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. <sup>3</sup>By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

<sup>8</sup>By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup>By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup>For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. <sup>11</sup>By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup>Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.” <sup>13</sup>All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, <sup>14</sup>for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. <sup>15</sup>If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup>But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

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.

## **GOSPEL: Luke 12:32-40**

The holy gospel according to...

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Jesus encourages disciples to invest their hearts and live fully into God's reign. Instead of facing life with fear, those who know God's generosity are always ready to receive from God and to give to others.*

[Jesus said:] <sup>32</sup>“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup>Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. <sup>35</sup>“Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; <sup>36</sup>be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. <sup>37</sup>Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. <sup>38</sup>If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. <sup>39</sup>“But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>40</sup>You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

The Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

**Bishop Emeritus Thomas Skrenes**

## **SERMON SONG**

***Have No Fear, Little Flock***

**#764**

## **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.*

Let your lovingkindness be upon your church. Fill all who proclaim the gospel with your Spirit. Equip your flock to speak your word of promise and hope in the midst of fear and uncertainty. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Let your lovingkindness be upon your creation. Dwell among us and sustain our earthly home. In places of famine, provide nourishment. In places of plenty, fashion us to be good stewards of your bounty. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Let your lovingkindness be upon your world. Be our helper and our shield in places torn by strife and violence. Raise up courageous leaders to govern with compassion and justice. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Let your lovingkindness be upon your children. Look upon all who wait for your steadfast love. Console those who grieve and embrace those who cry out to you. Help us to trust your promise and not be afraid. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Let your lovingkindness be upon this community. Fashion our hearts to strive for the way of peace. Strengthen the outreach ministries of this congregation and all who care for those in need. Merciful God **receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

With thanksgiving we remember all who have died in faith and now rest in you. As they placed their hope in you, so strengthen us to trust in your promise of new life.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

*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.*

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**      *Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring*

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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**      *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* #502  
*When in Our Music God Is Glorified* #850

**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**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF August 7—August 14, 2022**

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**A WORD  
FROM  
PASTOR  
THORSEN**

**\* A NEW THING FROM PASTOR BRUCE THORSEN Interim Consultant ([revbjthor@verizon.net](mailto: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 August is Stacy McEachern. Please contact her with your date & item. Phone (906) 361-9123. **THANKS!**



\***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** - 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 is 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.



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### **KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS**

**Pray For:** *Dee Aper, Nancy Burton, Betty Carilli, Kevin Carlson, Renae Carlson, Sue Cohan, Connie Foster, Dan Hendrickson, 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:** *Bishop Emeritus Thomas Skrenes*

**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:**

9:30 am USHERS/GREETERS — *Alice Mutkala / 6 pm USHERS/GREETERS—Diana Hetrick & Deb Hicks*  
9:30 am LECTOR — *Mike Lempinen / 6 pm LECTOR —Sheila Meier*  
9:30 am COMM. ASSTS. — *Alice Mutkala & Walter Scanlon / 6 pm COMM. ASSTS—Sheila Meier*  
9:30 am Tech Team — *Tyler Moore / 6 pm Tech Team —Mark Patraw*



**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 com-pany. 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.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS ~~ August 7, 2022 - August 14, 2022**

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

[www.ImmanuelNegaunee.org](http://www.ImmanuelNegaunee.org)

- Sunday** **9th Sunday after Pentecost**
  - 9:30 am - Worship Service
  - 10:30 am - Coffee & Fellowship
  - 7:30 pm - AA Group Meets (men & women)
- Monday** - 6:00 pm - Worship Service
- Wednesday** - 10:00 am - Bible Study (in-person and Zoom)
- Thursday** - 10:00 am - Quilting
- Friday** **OFFICE CLOSED**
  - 10:00 am - Women’s AA Group Meets
- Sunday** **10th Sunday after Pentecost**
  - 9:30 am - Worship Service
  - 10:30 am - Coffee & Fellowship
  - 1:30-4:30 pm - Dick Aper Memorial in Fellowship Hall
  - 7:30 pm - AA Group Meets (men & women)



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!