

# IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## GATHERING

Prelude

Call to Worship

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*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

# 733

Greeting

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Prayer of the Day

## WORD

### First Reading: Isaiah 50: 4-9a

*The image of the servant of the Lord is one of the notable motifs in the book of Isaiah. Today's reading describes the mission of the servant, whom early Christians associated with Jesus. Like Jesus, the servant does not strike back at his detractors but trusts in God's steadfast love.*

<sup>4</sup>The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens— wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. <sup>5</sup>The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. <sup>6</sup>I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. <sup>7</sup>The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; <sup>8</sup>he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me.

<sup>9a</sup>It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

### PSALM 116: 1-9

<sup>1</sup>I love the LORD, who has heard my voice, and listened to my supplication,

**<sup>2</sup>for the LORD has given ear to me whenever I called.**

<sup>3</sup>The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave came upon me; I came to grief and sorrow.

**<sup>4</sup>Then I called upon the name of the LORD:**

**"O LORD, I pray you, save my life."**

<sup>5</sup>Gracious is the LORD and righteous; our God is full of compassion.

**<sup>6</sup>The LORD watches over the innocent;**

**I was brought low, and God saved me.**

<sup>7</sup>Turn again to your rest, O my soul. for the LORD has dealt well with you.

**<sup>8</sup>For you have rescued my life from death,**

**my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling;**

<sup>9</sup>I will walk in the presence of the LORD in the land of the living.

### Second Reading: James 3: 1-12

*This text uses various images to illustrate how damaging and hurtful the way we speak to and about others can be. Not only are we to control our speech, but what we say and how we say it are to reflect our faith.*

<sup>1</sup>Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. <sup>2</sup>For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. <sup>3</sup>If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. <sup>4</sup>Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. <sup>5</sup>So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! <sup>6</sup>And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. <sup>7</sup>For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, <sup>8</sup>but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. <sup>9</sup>With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. <sup>10</sup>From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. <sup>11</sup>Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? <sup>12</sup>Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

**Gospel: Mark 8: 27-38**

*This story provides the turning point in Mark's gospel. Peter is the first human being in the narrative to acknowledge Jesus as the Messiah, but he cannot accept that as the Messiah Jesus will have to suffer. Moreover, Jesus issues a strong challenge to all by connecting discipleship and the cross.*

<sup>27</sup>Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" <sup>28</sup>And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." <sup>29</sup>He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." <sup>30</sup>And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. <sup>31</sup>Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup>He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup>But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." <sup>34</sup>He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. <sup>36</sup>For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? <sup>37</sup>Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? <sup>38</sup>Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

**Sermon****Pastor Steve Solberg****Song*****Lift High the Cross*****# 660****The Apostles' Creed****p.105****Prayers of Intercession**

Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

Revealing God, you have made yourself known through bread and wine, water and word. Continue to nurture your church, that it is a place where your presence is experienced and shared. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Creating God, you brought life into being and called it good. Bring new creation to lands devastated by tornadoes, hurricanes, floods, fires, and other disasters. Restore forests and curb overflowing waters. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Protecting God, you desire all people to live in peace and safety. Provide for all who are in danger. Strengthen first responders to help meet to the complex needs of others. Provide care and compassion as they face trauma themselves. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Transforming God, you announce release to the captives and freedom to the oppressed. Break chains of discrimination and injustice. Amplify voices that go unheard and inspire us to advocate for the those who are overlooked. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Forming God, you gather this community together. Shape our communal life, that in our prayer, praise, and worship, we honor you and encourage one another. Keep our disagreements civil and increase our joy in working together. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Redeeming God, you accompany your people through every stage of life. We give you thanks for the saints who now rest in your embrace. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**Sharing of Christ's Peace**

<b>MEAL</b>
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**Offering Prayer****Thanksgiving at the Table****pp. 172-173****The Lord's Prayer****Communion Distribution*****Lamb of God*****p. 174**

*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 ~ September 12, 2021– September 19, 2021**

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

- Sunday** - 9:30 am—Worship Service (also live streamed & recorded)  
- 10:30 am – Coffee & Fellowship  
- 10:30 am – Parent’s & Kid’s Meeting for Sunday School (IN SANCTUARY)  
- 7:30 pm—AA Group Meets (men & women)
- Monday** - 6:00 pm – Worship Service  
- 7:00 pm – Confirmation Orientation for 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Graders and their Parents
- Tuesday** - 10:30 am – Pericope Study (here at Immanuel)
- Wednesday** - 10:00 am—Bible Study  
- 6:00 pm – Choir Practice  
- 7:00 pm – Worship & Music Committee Meeting
- Thursday** - 10:00 am—Quilting
- Friday** - **OFFICE CLOSED**  
- 10:00 am—Women’s AA Group Meets
- Sunday** **God’s Work, Our Hands ~ Fall Stewardship Campaign Begins ~ Still Immanuel, Becoming Immanuel**  
- **TBD** am – Sunday School (this will be determined at the meeting on September 12<sup>th</sup>)  
- 9:30 am—Worship Service - (also live streamed & recorded)  
- 10:30 am – Coffee & Fellowship  
- 10:30 am – New Membership Conversations  
- 7:30 pm—AA Group Meets (men & women)

**\*BIRTHDAYS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER:**

Happy 93<sup>rd</sup> Birthday to **Lillian Rivers** on Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>.

Happy 83<sup>rd</sup> Birthday to **Charlene Kivisto** on Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>.

Happy 87<sup>th</sup> Birthday to **Nancy Mager** on Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>.

Happy 82<sup>nd</sup> Birthday to **Millie Isaacson** on Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>.

**\*SYMPATHY & GOD’S PEACE TO:** The Families of **Michael W. Rytkonen**, who died on July 22, 2020, and **Carol J. (Smith) Rytkonen**, who died on December 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020, (5 months later, husband and wife), whose graveside service was held on Tuesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, with Rev. Steve Solberg officiating.

**\*SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR FALL – HAVE YOU REGISTERED FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL YET??** If you are interested in Sunday School for your child(ren), please meet TODAY, SEPTEMBER 12<sup>th</sup>, at 10:30 am (after worship) in the sanctuary, or call the office at 475-9161 & let us know. Register your child(ren) now so that they will learn God’s word along with other children their age. **PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND THIS MEETING!**

**\*CONFIRMATION ORIENTATION FOR 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> GRADERS & THEIR PARENTS, TOMORROW, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 7 PM IN FELLOWSHIP HALL.**

**\*LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF DONATIONS** The following items are needed by Lutheran World Relief: (1) Baby sleepers & gowns; (2) Gentle bathing soap for both babies and the health kits; (3) Full size bath towels; (4) Nail clippers; (5) Adult T-shirts to make diapers.

**\*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 one with 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 16/24 crayons; 2 ½” erasers. These items are also listed in the WELCA handbook. Thanks.

**\*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: **(1) Ezekiel Bible Study** with Pastor Tommy Richter; **(2) Intermediate Biblical Greek** with Pastor Nicole Hanson-Lynn for people who have previously studied Greek;

**(3) Walking Together: Companionship with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania**, led by Luanne and Bishop Emeritus Tom & Luanne Skrenes;; **(4) 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); **(5) Holy Communion Post-Pandemic: What, When, Where, Who, & Why**, a 2-week series with Bishop Katherine Finegan; **(6) Biblemania! Reading Through Some of the 66 Books of Food for the Soul** with Susan Anderson, Jeff Henquinet & Pastor Christina Forsythe; **(7) An Introduction to Family systems Thinking** with Pastor Jim Duehring, Asst. to the Bishop/Dir. for Evangelical Mission. For more information, visit <https://nglsynod.org/lifelong-faith-formation/> or gain access via Immanuel's website or contact Deacon Lori Ward at (615) 519-1969 or [lori.ward@nglsynod.org](mailto:lori.ward@nglsynod.org).

**\*FALL BIBLE STUDIES IN-PERSON and VIA ZOOM at Immanuel (more details on our church website): (1) Colossians Bible Study** with Pastor Steve Thursdays, 6:00 – 7:00 pm (8 sessions from 9/23 to 11/11) – "Colossians" kicks off the upcoming season of mini-series within this Thursday PM study that meets in our Immanuel Fellowship Hall and via Zoom. The message of Colossians is that God communicates with us in a very personal, intimate, and human way in the Person of His Son. The heart of all religion and all spiritual seeking is unfolded in Colossians. Do we find God or does God find us? More details on our church website. Needed resources: your Bible. **(2) Lectionary Bible Study** with Pastor Steve Wednesdays, 10:00 – 11:00 am (ongoing) – Listening with others to God's Word is a precious gift! Come join this friendly and accessible conversation with the Bible passages assigned for the upcoming Sunday/Monday worship services. You may even help Pastor Steve shape his sermon! Needed resources: your Bible.

**\*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://immanuelnegaunee.weebly.com/apply-for-job.html>



**\*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.)

**\*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, the earthquake in Haiti that just occurred, hurricane Ida, and Covid-19 efforts. These efforts included aid to 51 countries supplying personal protection equipment, food, and other medical supplies. The need is never ending and who knows where the next humanitarian disaster will be. LDR is always preparing and getting ready to respond to the next crisis. 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!*



**Serving in Worship: Pastor Steve Solberg** Organist/Pianist/Musician: Sunday/Monday–**Connie Scanlon**  
**Worship Services: Sun. @ 9:30 am/Mon. @ 6 pm/Office Hours: 8 am-2 pm, Monday-Thursday (or by appt.)**

#### **ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE:**

9:30 am USHERS/GREETERS – **Noreen Collins/Deb Moyer**

9:30 am LECTOR—**Dan Lindblom**

9:30 am COMM. ASST.'S – **Dana Echelbarger**

9:30 am Tech Team – **Tyler Moore**

6 pm USHERS/GREETERS – **Kevin Crupi/Mike Frustaglio**

6 pm LECTOR—**Kevin Crupi**

6 pm COMM. ASST.'S – **Julie Mager**

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, Derek McEachern, Wendy Niemi, Arianna Paananen, Don & Vera Palomaki, Mack Schlicht, Carol Spencer, Richard Toyra, & all COVID patients.**

**Our Shut-ins: Bettie Ahola, Jonelle Collins, Rudy Gagnon, Charlene Kivisto, Timothy Kjellman, Betty Lukkarinen, Leo Nirva, Janet Penhale, Butch Pynnonen, Lillian Rivers, Paul Smith, Lynne Tossava. (NOTE: Janet Penhale is at the Marquette County Medical Care Facility and would enjoy visits, cards, correspondence, etc. Thank you.)**

**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.**

**NEXT WEEK: "Still Immanuel, Becoming Immanuel" kicks off with a Stewardship talk by Darley Kemppainen as well as an opportunity for taking your new photo directory picture.**

**PLAN ON ATTENDING WORSHIP!**