

# IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sunday, September 19, 2021

## GATHERING

Prelude

Stewardship Minute

Darley Kemppainen

Confession & Forgiveness

Choir Anthem

*Children of the Heavenly Father*

Senior Choir

Greeting

Kyrie

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Canticle of Praise

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Prayer of the Day

## WORD

### First Reading: Jeremiah 11:18-20

*Today's reading tells of the suffering of the prophet Jeremiah, who announced God's word to Judah but was met with intense opposition and persecution. Jeremiah continues to trust in God in the midst of his suffering.*

<sup>18</sup>It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew; then you showed me their evil deeds. <sup>19</sup>But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. And I did not know it was against me that they devised schemes, saying, "Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, so that his name will no longer be remembered!" <sup>20</sup>But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously, who try the heart and the mind, let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

### PSALM 54

<sup>1</sup>Save me, O God, by your name; in your might, defend my cause.

<sup>2</sup>**Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth.**

<sup>3</sup>For strangers have risen up against me, and the ruthless have sought my life, those who have no regard for God.

<sup>4</sup>**Behold, God is my helper; it is the Lord who sustains my life.**

<sup>5</sup>Render evil to those who spy on me; in your faithfulness, destroy them.

<sup>6</sup>**I will offer you a freewill sacrifice and praise your name, O LORD, for it is good.**

<sup>7</sup>For you have rescued me from every trouble, and my eye looks down on my enemies.

### Second Reading: James 3:13—4:3, 7-8a

*The wisdom God gives unites our hearts and minds. Instead of living to satisfy our own wants and desires, we manifest this wisdom in peace, gentleness, mercy, and impartiality toward others.*

<sup>13</sup>Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. <sup>14</sup>But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. <sup>15</sup>Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. <sup>16</sup>For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. <sup>17</sup>But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. <sup>18</sup>And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? <sup>2</sup>You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. <sup>3</sup>You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. <sup>7</sup>Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. <sup>8a</sup>Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

### Gospel Acclamation

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### Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

*Jesus' teaching and action in this text are directed to the church whenever it is seduced by the world's definition of greatness: prestige, power, influence, and money. The antidote to such a concern for greatness is servanthood.*

<sup>30</sup>[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it;<sup>31</sup>for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.” <sup>32</sup>But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. <sup>33</sup>Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” <sup>34</sup>But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. <sup>35</sup>He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” <sup>36</sup>Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, <sup>37</sup>“Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

**Sermon**

**Pastor Steve Solberg**

**Song**

***There's a Wideness in God's Mercy***

**# 588**

**The Apostles' Creed**

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**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.*

God of community, we pray for the church around the world. Unite us in our love for you. Help us overcome our divisions, that we are encouraged to work together for your sake. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of creation, we pray for this hurting earth. Awaken in us a new desire to care for this world and empower us to support Lutheran Disaster Response as well as other agencies, organizations, and individual efforts to heal our environment and its people. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of cooperation, we pray for nations of the world embroiled in conflict, including our own country. Inspire leaders to listen to each other and work towards peaceful solutions to disagreements. Protect the vulnerable, especially children, who cannot find safety in their home or country. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of comfort, we pray for all who live with mental or physical illness, including the latest attacks of COVID. Help them find appropriate care. Bring healing and wholeness when the path forward seems bleak. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of compassion, we pray for the young people of this congregation. Renew in us your call to welcome the children in our midst. As they grow, strengthen their faith and our commitment to them. Empower Sunday School, confirmation, and other youth ministries. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

God of consolation, we give you thanks for our loved ones who have died and pray for all who grieve today. Shine your grace on all your saints. 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**

**MEAL**

**Offering Prayer**

**Thanksgiving at the Table**

***Holy, Holy, Holy***

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**The Lord's Prayer**

**Communion Distribution**

***Lamb of God***

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*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**

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK ~ September 19, 2021– September 26, 2021

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

- Sunday** *God's Work, Our Hands ~ Fall Stewardship Campaign Begins ~ Still Immanuel, Becoming Immanuel*  
**September 19<sup>th</sup> – October 11<sup>th</sup>**  
- 9:15 am – Sunday School  
- 9:30 am—Worship Service (also live streamed & recorded)  
- 10:30 am – Coffee & Fellowship  
- 10:45 am – New Member Orientation (Fellowship Hall)  
- 7:30 pm—AA Group Meets (men & women)
- Monday**  
- 1:00 pm – Social Ministry Committee Meeting  
- 6:00 pm – Worship Service – Camp Style  
- 7:00 pm – Confirmation Guides Orientation
- Tuesday**  
- 9:30 am – Miriam Circle (Brown Bag Luncheon, bring yours)  
- 6:00 pm – Executive Committee Meeting  
- 6:30 pm – Church Council
- Wednesday**  
- 9:00 am – Staff Meeting in the office  
- 10:00 am—Bible Study (in-person and Zoom)  
- 6:00 pm – **NO** Choir Practice tonight
- Thursday**  
- 10:00 am—Quilting  
- 1:00 pm – WELCA Executive Meeting  
- 6:00 pm – *Colossians* Bible Study (in-person and Zoom)
- Friday**  
- **OFFICE CLOSED**  
- 10:00 am—Women's AA Group Meets
- Sunday**  
- 9:15 am – Sunday School  
- 9:30 am—Worship Service - (also live streamed & recorded)  
- 10:30 am – Coffee & Fellowship  
- 10:45 am – New Membership Orientation  
- 7:30 pm—AA Group Meets (men & women)

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**\*BAPTISM:** Last Saturday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00 am, there was a private baptism for *Fitzgerald James Lindblom*, son of Philip Donald Lindblom and Jamie Susan (Perry) Lindblom. His witnesses were Douglas Lindblom and Jillian Perry. The proud grandparents are Connie and Dan Lindblom, and great-grandmother is Janet Penhale.

**\*SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR FALL – SUNDAY SCHOOL IS UNDERWAY! HAVE YOU REGISTERED YOUR KIDS FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL YET??** If you are interested in Sunday School for your child(ren), there is open enrollment for toddlers through Grade 5. You can call the office (906-475-9161) or come to the church Sunday morning for 9:15 am where it will be meeting in the Fellowship Hall. Sunday School has a Facebook page to share up-to-date information. Go to 'Immanuel Lutheran Church Negaunee' on Facebook & click on the Sunday School group. For in-person classes, we will be following Immanuel's Church Council policies which call for masks to be worn by unvaccinated persons. (Updates may occur during the year.) Schedule: 9:15am-9:25am – DROP-OFF, OPENING; 9:30am – INSTRUCTION; 10:15am – JOIN FAMILIES FOR HOLY COMMUNION (starting in October), 10:30am – DISMISSAL. (Although worship attendance is encouraged, if you are unable to attend, you can make arrangements to have your child(ren) picked up at 10:15am.

**\*NOTICE: Social Ministry Committee Meeting–Mon., Sept. 20, 1 pm/WELCA Exec. Board Meeting–Thurs., Sept 23, 1 pm**

**\*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.)



**\*CARE CLINIC MESSAGE:** *Surrendering the Secret* is the post-abortion healing program the Care Clinic offers. A new group is being formed and sessions begin October 14<sup>th</sup>. Please consider this offer for those who need healing. For more information contact: Greg Gostomski, Exec. Director (906) 228-2273, [www.careclinicmqt.org](http://www.careclinicmqt.org)

**\*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!*



Lutheran Disaster Response

**Serving in Worship: Pastor Steve Solberg**

**Organist/Pianist/Musician: Sunday—Connie Scanlon**

Monday – Ellen Lindblom

**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/Alice Mutkala**

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

9:30 am LECTOR—**Cody Scanlon**

6 pm LECTOR—**Sheila Meier**

9:30 am COMM. ASST.'S – **Fae Collins**

6 pm COMM. ASST.'S – **Sheila Meier**

9:30 am Tech Team – **Luanne Skrenes**

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.**

**TODAY: “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!**