

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sunday, July 4, 2021 ~~ NO Monday, July 5, 2021 6 pm Worship Service

GATHERING

Prelude

Announcements

Confession & Forgiveness

Song

Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory

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Greeting

Prayer of the Day

WORD

First Reading: Ezekiel 2:1-5

In 597 BCE, the priest Ezekiel was removed into exile in Babylon. While there, he received a vision of God appearing majestically on a chariot throne. Today's reading recounts God's commissioning of Ezekiel during this vision. The prophet is to speak God's word to a people unwilling to hear.

[A voice] said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, "Thus says the Lord GOD." Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

Psalm 123

¹To you I lift up my eyes,
to you enthroned in the heavens.

²As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters,
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to you,
O LORD our God, until you show us your mercy.

³Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy,
for we have had more than enough of contempt,

⁴too much of the scorn of the indolent rich,
and of the derision of the proud.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

Christians do not boast of their own accomplishments. Rather, Christian boasting focuses attention on how the power of Christ is present in our lives, especially in times of weakness and vulnerability. No matter what our circumstances in life, Christ's grace is sufficient for us.

I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows—was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations.

Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

Gospel Acclamation

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Gospel: Mark 6:1-13

At home and abroad, Jesus and his disciples encounter resistance as they seek to proclaim God's word and relieve affliction.

[Jesus] came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief. Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

Sermon

Pastor Steve Solberg

Song

This Is My Song

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The Apostles' Creed

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Prayers of Intercession

Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

A brief silence.

God of all, through the waters of baptism you claim people of all races, ethnicities, and languages as your beloved children. Sustain the baptized and increase their faith, that your gospel may be proclaimed throughout the earth. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of the heavens, your creating Spirit animates the universe. We give you thanks for the moon and stars, for the planets and the Milky Way Galaxy, and for all of the mysteries of the cosmos that remain unknown to us. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of freedom, you have liberated us from sin and death and rescue us from all forms of spiritual, social, and political oppression. Defend us from tyrants in our midst and deliver us from all forms of slavery or corruption. Direct our freedom for works of liberation and wholeness. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of compassion, you became vulnerable in the person of Jesus Christ in solidarity with the disempowered. Strengthen those who feel faint, give courage to those who fear, and bring wholeness to those in need. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of holiness, you send us out into the world to proclaim your love. We pray for our outreach ministries. Equip us as we leave this place to witness and serve our neighbors. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We give you thanks that in every time and place you call forth prophets who move us towards freedom. Thank you for those who work for human rights, community organizers, and all who strive for liberty for all. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace.

Amen.

Sharing of Christ's Peace

MEAL

Offering Prayer

Thanksgiving at the Table

The Lord's Prayer

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Communion Distribution

Prayer after Communion

SENDING

Blessing

Song

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies (st. 1)

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Dismissal

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK ~~ July 4, 2021– July 11, 2021

**YOU CAN FIND ALL ONLINE INFORMATION REFERENCED BELOW AT... www.ImmanuelNegaunee.org
HAPPY 4th OF JULY EVERYONE - STAY SAFE !!**

Negaunee Pioneer Week activities for July 4 – July 10 begin. Check City of Negaunee’s website for information.

- Sunday** - 9:30 am—Worship Service (also live & recorded)
- 10:30 am – Coffee & Fellowship
- 7:30 pm—AA Group Meets (men & women)
- Monday** OFFICE CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF THE 4th OF JULY
- 12:00-4:00 pm – Fellowship Hall Reservation
- 6:00 pm—NO Worship Service
- Wednesday** - 10:00 am—Bible Study discussing this coming Sunday’s Scripture in person. (NO Zoom)
NO Pioneer Week Salad Luncheon
- Thursday** - 10:00 am—Quilting
- Friday** - **OFFICE CLOSED**
- 10:00 am—Women’s AA Group Meets
- Saturday** - 11:00 am – Negaunee Pioneer Week parade
- Sunday** - 9:30 am—Worship Service (also live & recorded)
- 10:30 am – Coffee & Fellowship
July 11-17 – 1st Presbyterian Church of Hastings Service Youth Group here at Immanuel
- 7:30 pm—AA Group Meets (men & women)

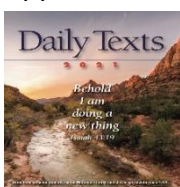
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**\*PASTOR STEVE’S TIME OFF:** Pastor Steve’s weekly sabbath-keeping includes Friday off as a day of preparation and Saturday off as his sabbath. There will be weeks of exceptions in case of funerals, weddings, and other true emergencies. He thanks you for blessing him with this rhythm of rest. Note - - July 5 – 26, 2021, he will be on vacation. During this time, **LLM Michael Holman** from Bethany Lutheran Church in Negaunee ((**231 824-6757**)), and **LLM Virginia Paulson ((906) 475-9641)**, will be available to take any emergency calls. The preachers for that time are *Bishop Emeritus Tom Skrenes* (July 11 & 12), and *Pastor Rell Spickerman* (July 18 & 19 and July 25 & 26). (“Thank you to all for your part in blessing me with this time of recreation.” P. Steve)

**\*COFFEE HOUR HAS RESUMED:** We resumed our Coffee Hour following the 9:30 am church service. We will follow COVID-19 guidelines and serve individual packages of goodies. If anyone is interested in providing snacks such as wrapped cookies, cheese sticks, crackers, fruit cups, etc., just put these items in the kitchen. Thank you for any donations you may make. *It is GREAT to get together again!*

**\*COVID PROTOCOL UPDATE:** Immanuel’s council, during their June 15<sup>th</sup> meeting, resolved to update our COVID-19 Protocol in the following points: **(1)** Facemasks only for those not fully vaccinated; **(2)** Return to singing without facemasks; **(3)** Holy Communion returns people to front under Pastor’s discretion; **(4)** Capacity limits and physical distancing removed from sanctuary and fellowship hall; **(5)** Cushions have been returned to pews; **(6)** Offering plates will remain at sanctuary entrances until further notice.

COUNCIL WILL REVISIT THESE PROTOCOLS AT ITS AUGUST 17 MEETING.

**\*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>



**\*IMMANUEL’S FUEL FOR THE JOURNEY-** is a Facebook Group (under the church Facebook page) set up for reflection on the Daily Texts with Pastor Steve & other group members. Daily Texts (available in hardcopy & digitally online) take us through the Scripture in two years. Join, read, and add your reflections, or just listen to others.

**\*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 MARQUETTE:** Please help us spread the word! Our Marquette and Sawyer Care Clinic locations are open on Fridays, 10am-3pm. We are open for walk-in closet visits and pregnancy tests. For questions, please contact: **Greg Gostomski**, Executive Director, (906)228-2273, [www.careclinicmqt.org](http://www.careclinicmqt.org)

**\*JULY'S MONTHLY MISSION** .... we focus on Habitat for Humanity Marquette County. Habitat for Humanity is a part of a global, non-profit housing organization operated on Christian principles that seeks to put God's love into action by building homes, communities, and hope. Repairs to existing homes are also part of the mission. Support for the ReStore helps with all activities. Help support the vision of Habitat for Humanity: "A world where everyone has a decent place to live." If you wish to give above-and-beyond to this mission, use July's mission emphasis envelope from your offering envelope box or in some other way designate your gift.



**Serving in Worship:** Pastor Steve Solberg - Organist/Pianist/Musician: Sunday – Connie Scanlon  
**Worship Services:** Sun. @ 9:30 am/NO Mon. 6 pm Service/Office Hours: 8 am-12 pm, Monday-Thursday (or by appt.)

**ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE:**

9:30 am USHERS/GREETERS – *Deb Moyer*  
*Alice Mutkala*

6 pm USHERS/GREETERS – **NO SERVICE**

9:30 am LECTOR—*Walter Scanlon*

6 pm LECTOR—**NO SERVICE**

9:30 am COMM. ASST.'S – *Walter Scanlon*

6 pm COMM. ASST.'S – **NO SERVICE**

9:30 am Tech Team – *Tyler Moore*

6 pm Tech Team – **NO SERVICE**

**KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

**PRAY FOR:** *Nancy Burton, Fae Collins, Elizabeth, Betty Kinnunen, Rodney Laituri, Anna Laurila, Billy Jo Kaufman, Wendy Niemi, Don & Vera Palomaki, Laura Robinson, Marty Saari, Mack Schlicht, and all COVID patients.*

**Our Shut-ins:** *Bettie Ahola, Rudy Gagnon, Charlene Kivisto, Timothy Kjellman, Betty Lukkarinen, Butch Pynnonen, Lillian Rivers, Lynne Tossava.*

**Members in the Armed Service:** *Luke DeWitt, Dennis Koski, Adrianna Gustafson, Michael Gustafson, Hunter (Jessica) Hetrick, Jacque Kurian, Mark (Samantha) Makela, Tanner Romback, Trevor Romback, Michael Sedlock, Ethan Wallner, Jason Wallner, and all Armed Services Families.*