

20th 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!

Genuine repentance and pretentious piety stand in stark contrast in the gospel and all around us. All creation stands in need of God's forgiveness. Keep the faith. God's people shall be accounted righteous for Jesus' sake. Our God is merciful to sinners. For this we worship and glorify God forever.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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GATHERING

PRELUDE

TEMPLE TALK 'Joy'

Christine Koski

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMNS Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil
Change My Heart, O God

#512 #801

(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.

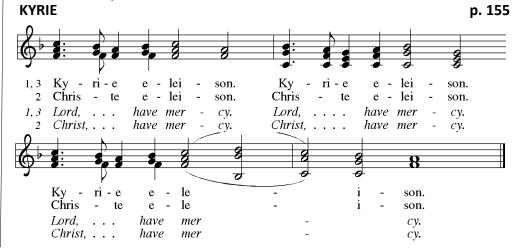
Beloved of God: your sins are forgiven + and you are made whole. God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the road. Journey now in God's abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

GRFFTING

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.





PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, our righteous judge, daily your mercy surprises us with everlasting forgiveness. Strengthen our hope in you, and grant that all the peoples of the earth may find their glory in you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

(Please be seated.)

WORD

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22

⁷Although our iniquities testify against us, act, O LORD, for your name's sake; Our apostasies indeed are many, and we have sinned against you. ⁸O hope of Israel, its savior in time

of trouble, why should you be like a stranger in the land, like a traveler turning aside for the night? 9Why should you be like someone confused, like a mighty warrior who cannot give help? Yet you, O LORD, are in the midst of us, and we are called by your name; do not forsake us! ¹⁰Thus says the LORD concerning this people: Truly they have loved to wander, they have not restrained their feet; therefore the LORD does not accept them, now he will remember their iniquity and punish their sins.

¹⁹Have you completely rejected Judah? Does your heart loathe Zion? Why have you struck us down so that there is no healing for us? We look for peace, but find no good; for a time of healing, but there is terror instead. ²⁰We acknowledge our wickedness, O LORD, the iniquity of our ancestors, for we have sinned against you. ²¹Do not spurn us, for your name's sake; do not dishonor your glorious throne; remember and do not break your covenant with us. ²²Can any idols of the nations bring rain? Or can the heavens give showers? Is it not you, O LORD our God? We set our hope on you, for it is you who do all this.

Word of God.

Word of Life. Thanks be to God.

PSALM 84:1-7

¹How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts!

²My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

³Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young,

by the side of your altars. O LORD of hosts, my king and my God.

⁴Happy are they who dwell in your house! They will always be praising you. ⁵Happy are the people whose strength is in you, whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

⁶Those who go through the balsam valley will find it a place of springs, for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

They will climb from height to height, and the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

⁶As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

¹⁶At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! ¹⁷But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. ¹⁸The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen. Word of God.

Word of Life. Thanks be to God.

(Please stand.)

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Hal-le, hal - le, hal

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

jah.



Hal - le, hal - le, hal -

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In a time of drought, the people pray for mercy, repenting of their sins and the sins of their ancestors. They appeal to God to remember the covenant, to show forth God's power, and to heal their land by sending life-giving rain.

Happy are the people whose strength is in you. (Ps. 84:5)

The conclusion of this letter to a vouna minister offers a final perspective on life from one who faced death. Though others let him down, Paul was sure of his faith in the Lord, who stood by him and lent him strength.



The coming reign of God will involve unexpected reversals of fortune with judament rooted in mercv. Jesus tells a parable in which the one who humbles himself is exalted and the one who exalts his own riahteousness is humbled.

GOSPEL: Luke 18:9-14

The holy gospel according to......

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁹[Jesus] also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: ¹⁰"Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹²I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' ¹³But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' ¹⁴I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated.)

SERMON

Walter Scanlon

HYMN OF THE DAY Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

#712

(Please stand.)

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

In gratitude and humility, let us join together in prayer on behalf of all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

God of mercy, you are in the midst of us and we are called by your name. Inspire your church to serve and love all people with the unceasing grace you extend to us. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of all creation, you formed a world where even the sparrow finds a home. Preserve the beauty and diversity of all creatures with whom we share the earth. Lead us to protect all living things. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of peace, you are an ever-present help in time of trouble. Rescue families and nations torn apart by violence and warfare. Unite all people toward common goals of reconciliation and peace for every person. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of hope, you stand with the suffering and give strength. Comfort your people filled with fear or anger, anxiety or shame. Bring healing to all who are sick in body, mind, or spirit. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of restoration, you call us to trust in you and not ourselves alone. Make this congregation a community of humility and repentance, ready to encounter you in love and follow in your ways. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God of eternal life, to you be the glory forever. We give you thanks for James of Jerusalem and all who have fought the good fight, finished the race, kept the faith, and now live with you. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

With grateful hearts we commend our spoken and silent prayers to you, O god; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **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 God Forgave My Sin in Jesus' Name TFF #187

1.) God forgave my sin in Jesus' name, I've been born again in Jesus' name, and in Jesus' name I come to you, to share his love as he told me to.

Refrain

He said, "Freely, freely you have received, freely, freely give.

Go in my name, and because you believe, others will know that I live."

2.) All pow'r is giv'n in Jesus' name, in earth and heav'n in Jesus' name, and in Jesus' name I come to you, to share his pow'r as he told me to.

Refrain

He said, "Freely, freely you have received, freely, freely give.

Go in my name, and because you believe, others will know that I live."

(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.

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.

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.**

Renew our lives that we may welcome and care for one another and that we may live and serve within the areater community of Neaaunee and the world, witnessing to others your abundant love, grace, and welcome.



CLOSING HYMN Humble Thyself in the Sight of the Lord / Awesome God

- Humble Thyself in the sight of the Lord, Humble Thyself in the sight of the Lord.
 And He shall lift you up higher and higher And He shall lift you up.
- 2.) Serve One Another.
- 3.) Love One Another.

Our God is an awesome God
He reigns from heaven above
with wisdom power and love
Our God is an awesome God!
Our God is an awesome God
He reigns from heaven above
with wisdom power and love
Our God is an awesome God!

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCMENTS FOR THE WEEKS OF October 23—October 30, 2022

*THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP SERVICE will be at EASTWOOD APOSTOLIC CHURCH on TUESDAY

NOVEMBER 22nd, @ 7 pm. This service is hosted by the Negaunee Ministerial Association. The Eastwood Church ladies will provide a PIE SOCIAL following the service. And, Pastor Dale says, ".....Trust me, ... it's delicious with ample pies to sample more than one piece!" Come and worship together, giving thanks for all that God has given you. YOU are all invited and welcomed!



*FELLOWSHIP HOUR: Are you willing to help with Fellowship hour? Donations are needed such as bakery, crackers, cheese, fruit, or whatever suits your fancy, & cleanup! Your Fellowship Hour coordinator for October is the Property Committee. Please contact them with your date & item @ (906) 235-2294.

*PROJECT KEEP KIDS WARM
in our area. Last year over 300 kids were helped with warm winter clothing & footwear.
Fundraising is underway. This effort is coordinated with Wesley United Methodist Church in Ishpeming and our Social Ministry Committee. There are boxes near the stairs by the Fellowship Hall to put any NEW coats, boots, hats, scarves, & mittens you may want to donate. Distribution to needy persons will be conducted. Thank you for your donation.

*WELCA INFORMATION ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 24, 9 am—1 pm ET, Messiah Lutheran Church in Marquette will have a semi-truck in the parking lot for loading of boxes of quilts/kits. This truck will then transport all boxes to the LWR distribution center in St. Paul, MN. Please see the LWR website for more information or email office@messiahlutheranmqt.org if you have questions regarding this local Ingathering. (NOTE: It would be helpful to the Messiah staff & volunteers to know IN ADVANCE what time you are planning to be at Messiah to load your boxes on the semi-truck. Please email this info to office@messiahlutheranmqt.org if you know in advance.)



*CONFIRMATION UPDATE During this 'Call Process', Confirmation will look a little different this year.

The confirmation classes <u>will meet on the 3rd Monday of the month</u> for fellowship & service opportunities <u>from 6pm - 8pm</u>, with dinner provided. Classes will be combined with confirmands from Immanuel, Prince of Peace in Harvey, & Messiah in Marquette. These sessions will allow the youth to learn & connect during this important part of their faith walk. This new program is still being cultivated with the help of new team leaders. If anyone has questions, please email Hayley Smith, <u>Hayley-smith@hotmail.com</u>, or call/text 906-367-4295. <u>NOTE</u>:

There are 2 more Confirmation Retreats. The <u>2nd Confirmation Retreat</u> will be hosted by

Confirmation

Immanuel on Saturday, December 3rd, 10 am - 3 pm. The 3rd Confirmation Retreat will be at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Harvey on Saturday, February 25th, 2023, 10 am - 3 pm.

*FALLING UPWARD MEN'S RETREAT There is a Men's Retreat at Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp that will take place Friday, October 28th—Saturday, October 29th. Based on the Franciscan priest Richard Rohr's insights, a fascinating and helpful look at the peculiar gifts & challenges in the 2nd half of life as we navigate with courage & hope the shifting sands of identity, utility, & meaning. The cost is \$75 & space is limited. For more information, including registration, please see www.fortunelake.org.



*<u>LIFELONG FAITH FORMATION</u> with Pastor Tom Skrenes started last Saturday, October 22. The next session is on October 29th, from 10:00—11:15 am EST in the Fellowship Hall. The title is: 'Living Together as Church: Lutheran Structure and Function.' It will meet for 4 more Saturdays, October 29, November 5, 12, 19, again from 10 am to 11:15 am EST in the Fellowship Hall. This study will also be available on Zoom, giving participants a choice between the two options. Hope to see you at the study.



STEWARDSHIP 2022-23

We are "Together into God's Future." Our Stewardship Ministry theme this fall reminds us that God continues to be with us in these "interim ministry" days. We are a people who center our lives on the good news of Jesus! And we are a people who have been given a ministry of witness and service here in



the Negaunee, Michigan, area. What a privilege to be growing in faith and confidently facing the future.

Today we hear about "Joy" as a part of our Christian experience. We welcome Christine Koski as she reminds us of the power of God's love which brings us joy and allows us to live into the future. We look forward to her Temple Talk.

Our stewardship information and education efforts continue through November 13-14 when we conclude with a meal after our Sunday, November 13th, worship service. At the worship services that weekend, the congregation will receive their "Estimate of Giving" and "Time & Talent" sheets for 2023. And we will enjoy the fellowship of our family of faith. Please come to the brunch! We are "Together into God's Future."

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, 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>Members in the Armed Service</u>: 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: Walter Scanlon

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 — Marth Saari

— Kyle Saari

6:00 pm USHERS/GREETERS — Cheryl Ulvila

— Ron Ulvila

9:30 am LECTOR —Lisa Saari

6:00 pm LECTOR — Kerri Puckett

9:30 am COMMUNION — Julie Carlson

ASSISTANTS — Randy Carlson

6:00 pm COMMUNION — Connie Kemper

ASSISTANTS

9:30 am Tech Team — Luanne Skrenes

6:00 pm Tech Team — Need Volunteer



(COMMUNION SET-UP FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER — Paulette Patron)

OCTOBER'S MONTHLY MISSION

IN OCTOBER . . . we focus on *Immanuel's*

Good Samaritan Fund, a beyond-the-budget financial resource that empowers Immanuel's Good Samaritan Ministry, when appropriate, to back up caring words with caring action for needy people within our congregation and beyond.



What do people who need a Good Samaritan look like? They're people who have come into hard times for various reasons and are feeling very much alone. Perhaps they've lost their job or can't find a job with enough wage or hours. Perhaps they've been hit by illness of body or mind and just can't keep up. Perhaps they're experiencing the financial grief that can come right alongside the greater grief of death or divorce. Perhaps they've made poor decisions but are trying to put life back in order. These and more are their stories, and their very real needs can include help with rent, utilities, food, fuel, etc, etc, etc. What do people who need a Good Samaritan look like? They look a lot like you & me.

If you wish to give above-and-beyond to this ongoing caring mission please use October's mission emphasis envelope from your offering envelopes box or in some other way designate your gift. Thank you for your generosity!

Thank you for giving \$ 750.00 in September for *ELCA Disaster Relief (LDR)*.

The recipients will be richly blessed with your generosity!

Thank you!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS October 23, 2022 - October 30, 2022

YOU CAN FIND ALL ONLINE INFORMATION REFERENCED BELOW AT... <u>www.ImmanuelNegaunee.org</u>

Sunday 20th Sunday after Pentecost

- 9:30 am- 9:30 am- Sunday School- 10:30 am- Coffee & Fellowship

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

Monday - 9:00am-1:00 pm - LWR Semi at Messiah

- 6:00 pm - Worship Service

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

- 12:00 pm - Negaunee Ministerial Meeting w/lunch

at Eastwood

- 6:00 pm - Choir

Thursday - 10:00 am - Quilting

Friday OFFICE CLOSED

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

Saturday - 10:00-11:15 am - Lay School w/ Pastor Tom Skrenes

Sunday Reformation Sunday

- 9:30 am- 9:30 am- Sunday School-10:30 am- Coffee & Fellowship

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