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GATHERING

Prelude

Confession & Forgiveness

Song

The Lord's My Shepherd

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Greeting

Kyrie

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Prayer of the Day

WORD

First Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6

Jeremiah prophesied before the exile in 587 BCE. In this passage, he uses the metaphor of a shepherd to describe the bad kings who have scattered the "flock" of Israel. God promises to gather the flock and to raise up a new king from David's line to save Israel and Judah.

¹Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. ²Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. ³Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD. ⁵The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

Psalm 23

¹The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

²**The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**

³You restore my soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

⁴**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

Second Reading: Ephesians 2:11-22

The author of this letter reminds his audience that originally they were not part of God's chosen people. Through Jesus' death, however, they are included in God's household of faith, whose cornerstone is Jesus Christ.

¹¹Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called "the uncircumcision" by those who are called "the circumcision"—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—¹²remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. ¹⁵He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. ¹⁷So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; ¹⁸for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, ²⁰built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus

himself as the cornerstone. ²¹In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; ²²in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

Gospel: Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

When Jesus sends his disciples out to teach and heal, they minister among large numbers of people. Their work is motivated by Christ's desire to be among those in need.

³⁰The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. ³²And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. ³³Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. ³⁴As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

⁵³When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. ⁵⁴When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, ⁵⁵and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

Sermon

Pastor Rell Spickerman

Song

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

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The Apostles' Creed

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Prayers of Intercession

Rooted in Christ and sustained by the Spirit, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Tend your church, O God. Encourage bishops, pastors, and deacons in their proclamation of the gospel. Raise up new leaders and encourage those pursuing a call to ministry. Embolden all the baptized to embody your love and justice. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Restore your creation, O God. Sustain croplands and pastures and safeguard all farm animals and livestock. Preserve lakes, rivers, and streams that offer refreshment. Revive lands recovering from natural disasters and protect coastlands threatened by rising oceans. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Reconcile the nations, O God. Break down the dividing walls that make us strangers to one another and unite us as one human family. Equip leaders to deal wisely with conflict and guide diplomats who seek peaceful solutions. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Heal your people, O God. Look with compassion on immigrants, exiles, and all who are afraid or feel lost. Give rest to those who are weary, comfort to those who are grieving, and recovery to those who are ill. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Nourish this congregation, O God. Prepare a table where we receive food for our hungering spirits. Renew our commitment to provide for one another and revitalize our ministries of feeding and nurturing hungry neighbors. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

You lead us home, O God. We give thanks for all who have died, now citizens with the saints. As you have received them into your heavenly home, so welcome all of us to dwell in your house forever. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God, confident in the promise of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Sharing of Christ's Peace

MEAL

Offering Prayer

Thanksgiving at the Table

The Lord's Prayer

Communion Distribution

Prayer after Communion

SENDING

Blessing
Dismissal
Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK ~~ July 18, 2021– July 25, 2021

YOU CAN FIND ALL ONLINE INFORMATION REFERENCED BELOW AT... www.ImmanuelNegaunee.org

- Sunday** - 9:30 am—Worship Service (also live & recorded)
- 10:30 am – Coffee & Fellowship
- 7:30 pm—AA Group Meets (men & women)
- Monday** - 6:00 pm—Worship Service (Camp Style)
- Tuesday** - 6:00 pm – **NO** Executive Committee Meeting
6:30 pm – **NO** Church Council Meeting
- Wednesday** - 10:00 am—Bible Study discussing this coming Sunday’s Scripture in person (NO Zoom)
- Thursday** - 10:00 am—Quilting
- Friday** - **OFFICE CLOSED**
- 10:00 am—Women’s AA Group Meets
- 1:00 pm – Wedding of Lexy Johnson & David Halverson @ Carp River Gardens
- Saturday** - 11:00 am-3:00 pm – Fellowship Hall Reservation
- 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm – Fellowship Hall Reservation
- Sunday** - 9:30 am—Worship Service (also live & recorded)
- 10:30 am – Coffee & Fellowship
- 7:30 pm—AA Group Meets (men & women)

***COFFEE HOUR HAS RESUMED:** Coffee Hour has resumed 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 will be GREAT to get together again! Halleluiah!!*

***COVID PROTOCOL UPDATE:** Immanuel’s council, during their June 15th 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 will be returned to pews following inspection and cleaning; **(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.)



***JULY'S MONTHLY MISSION:** In July, 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 Rell Spickerman* - Organist/Pianist/Musician: Sunday – *Connie Scanlon*
Monday—*Ellen Lindblom*

Worship Services: Sun. @ 9:30 am/Mon. @ 6 pm/Office Hours: 8 am-12 pm, Monday-Thursday (or by appt.)

ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE:

9:30 am USHERS/GREETERS – *Jim Hayward*
Dean Patron

6 pm USHERS/GREETERS – *Kerri Price*
Deb Hicks

9:30 am LECTOR—*Dan Collins*

6 pm LECTOR—*Reuven Romback*

9:30 am COMM. ASST.'S – *Dan Collins*

6 pm COMM. ASST.'S – *Connie Kemper*

9:30 am Tech Team – *Tyler Moore*

6 pm Tech Team – *Mike Patraw*

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS: PRAY FOR: *Nancy Burton, 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.*