

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sunday, August 8, and Monday, August 9, 2021

GATHERING

Prelude

Confession & Forgiveness

Song

O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts (st. 1-3)

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Prayer of the Day

WORD

First Reading: 1 Kings 19: 4-8

First Kings chapter 18 describes the contest between Elijah and the prophets of Baal. The contest proves that the LORD is God, and afterward Elijah orders the killing of the Baal prophets. Angered by the deaths of her prophets, Queen Jezebel threatens to kill Elijah. This reading finds Elijah fleeing, fatigued, and in utter despair.

⁴[Elijah] went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors."⁵Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat."⁶He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. ⁷The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you."⁸He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

Psalm 34: 1-8

¹I will bless the LORD at all times; the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.

²I will glory in the LORD; let the lowly hear and rejoice.

³Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; let us exalt God's name together.

⁴I sought the LORD, who answered me and delivered me from all my terrors.

⁵Look upon the LORD and be radiant, and let not your faces be ashamed.

⁶I called in my affliction, and the LORD heard me and saved me from all my troubles.

⁷The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear the LORD and delivers them.

⁸Taste and see that the LORD is good; happy are they who take refuge in God!

Second Reading: Ephesians 4: 25-5:2

Christians are called to be imitators of God. This does not mean Christians are perfect. Rather, the Spirit is at work in our lives so that our actions and attitudes genuinely reflect the love and forgiveness we have received through Christ and his death.

²⁵So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. ²⁶Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷and do not make room for the devil. ²⁸Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. ²⁹Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. ³⁰And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. ³¹Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, ³²and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. ^{5:1}Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, ²and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Gospel: John 6: 35, 41-51

After feeding more than five thousand people in the wilderness, Jesus teaches them regarding the true significance of this remarkable sign.

³⁵Jesus said to [the crowd,] "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. ⁴¹Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." ⁴²They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" ⁴³Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. ⁴⁴No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. ⁴⁵It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father

comes to me. ⁴⁶Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. ⁴⁷Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

Sermon

Pastor Steve Solberg

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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.

For the church of Christ in all its diverse forms. For mission developers, new mission starts, and all communities of faith exploring new models of ministry for the sake of the gospel. For congregations facing difficult decisions about their future. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the health and well-being of creation. For shade trees that provide refuge from the hot summer sun. For lakes, rivers, and oceans contaminated by pollution and all who lack clean water. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For those called to positions of authority in our legal system, we pray. For judges, lawyers, law clerks, and court employees who ensure the fair administration of justice. For corrections officers and prison chaplains, that they would deal mercifully with those who are incarcerated. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For all who cry out to you in their affliction. For exiles, refugees, and others who face long and difficult journeys, uncertain about the future. For all who mourn the death of a loved one. For all who are sick (*especially*). God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For this assembly gathered around your table, we pray. For those among us who bake bread and prepare the vessels for our communion celebration. For those who bring the food from this table to those who are homebound or hospitalized. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

For those who have been raised to eternal life, we give thanks. With (*Dominic, name/s, and*) all the saints we praise you for the bread of life that keeps us in your love forever. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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

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 ~ August 8, 2021– August 15, 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
- 10:30 am – Council (please meet by the front steps of the church)
- 7:30 pm—AA Group Meets (men & women)
- Monday** - 1:00 PM – Social Ministry Committee Meeting
- 6:00 pm—Worship Service
- Wednesday** - 10:00 am—Bible Study discussing this coming Sunday’s Scripture in person AND on Zoom
- 6:00 pm – Faith Formation Committee Meeting
- Thursday** - 10:00 am—Quilting
- 1:00 pm – WELCA Executive Board Meeting
- 7:00 pm – Asylum Task Force (at Messiah in Marquette)
- Friday** - **OFFICE CLOSED**
- 10:00 am—Women’s AA Group Meets
- Saturday** - UP City fest @ Westwood Mall Parking Lot
- Sunday** - 9:30 am—Worship Service (also live & recorded)
- 10:30 am – Coffee & Fellowship
- 7:30 pm—AA Group Meets (men & women)

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**\*SYMPATHY & GOD’S PEACE TO:** Jonelle (Jack) Specker on the loss of her sister-in-law, *Elizabeth Margaret Fletcher*, on Friday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>. Also, condolences to Elizabeth’s husband, Michael, and all of the Fletcher Family.

**\*MEETING NOTICES:** Notice, on Monday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, the Social Ministry Committee will be meeting @ 1 pm.

On Thursday, August 12<sup>th</sup>, the WELCA Executive Board will be meeting @ 1 pm. If you have questions, please contact Linda Sjolund at (906) 242-5020.

**\*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 a 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 or 24 crayons; 2 ½” erasers. These items are also listed in the WELCA handbook. Thank you.

**\*DO YOU NEED HELP OBTAINING WOOD TO HEAT YOUR HOME THIS WINTER?** This is for seniors (age 60 or older) in the West End of Marquette County. If your answer is “yes”, see the information on the bulletin board near the elevator or contact the Ishpeming Senior Center (906-485-5527), the Negaunee Senior Center (906-475-6266), or Little Brothers-Friends of the Elderly (906) 273-2575. They can help you out.

**\*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:

- Ezekiel Bible Study with Pastor Tommy Richter
- Intermediate Biblical Greek with Pastor Nicole Hanson-Lynn for people who have previously studied Greek
- Walking Together: Companionship with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania, led by Luanne and Bishop Emeritus Tom Skrenes
- 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)
- Holy Communion Post-Pandemic: What, When, Where, Who, and Why, a two-week series with Bishop Katherine Finegan.

For more information, visit the Lifelong Faith Formation page on our website or contact Deacon Lori Ward at (615) 519-1969 or [lori.ward@nglsynod.org](mailto:lori.ward@nglsynod.org).

**\*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.)



**\*AUGUST'S MONTHLY MISSION:** In August, we focus on educational scholarships for three children in Liberia, a country in West Africa. We can take education for granted. We pay our taxes, and our children receive a high school education with no additional charges to the parents. Parents in Liberia pay for their children's education. Any kind of financial crisis for the family leads to the kids dropping out of school. Pastor Albert Barchue (former pastor of the former Mitchell United Methodist Church in Negaunee) has personally identified three children who need help with educational expenses:

**(1)** Danlette is the daughter of a Christian minister who has passed away, & her mom, Promise is struggling to meet the educational needs of three children. Danlette is an excellent 8<sup>th</sup> grader, coming second in a class of 53. Her first semester average is 89.4.



**(2)** Simeon has both his mom and dad, but his father was laid off by his mining company. At school Simeon got a promotion for his excellent work during the first semester. This means he is on his way to being promo-ted twice by the time the school year ends. With an average of 93.2, he was promo-ted to the 3rd grade and is likely to get another promotion to the 4th grade after the second semester. In Liberia, this is called “doubled promotion.”

**(3)** Obey is an extended family member of Pastor Albert. His dad passed away three years ago, leaving an uneducated mom with five children. Obey is currently a good Junior Student (11th grade) working hard to become a senior.



Usually, the Liberian academic calendar runs almost as the U.S. Schools. It begins in August/September and ends in June of the following year, but because of the COVID 19 which shut down all schools last year, this is an extraordinary school year. It began in December 2020 and will end in August 2021. There will be a very brief vacation period to regularize the school again, so our Liberian children will begin in September. If you wish to give above-and-beyond to this mission, use August'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 & Monday – *Connie Scanlon*  
**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 Kallioinen*  
*John Kallioinen***

**6 pm USHERS/GREETERS – *Diana Hetrick*  
*Reuven Romback***

**9:30 am LECTOR—*Valerie Paulson***

**6 pm LECTOR—*Sheila Meier***

**9:30 am COMM. ASST.'S – *Valerie Paulson***

**6 pm COMM. ASST.'S – *Sheila Meier***

**9:30 am Tech Team – *Tyler Moore***

**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, Wendy Niemi, Don & Vera Palomaki, Laura Robinson, Marty Saari, Mack Schlicht, Sara Solberg, Richard Toyra, 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, 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.***