

The Prayers of the Church
Sharing of the Peace

-ORDER FOR HOLY COMMUNION-

Communion Invitation - All baptized Christians, who believe that Jesus Christ comes to us in and through the bread and wine of Holy Communion are invited to participate in the Lord's Supper. Young persons not yet communing are asked to fold their hands and receive a blessing from the pastor. Those communing are asked to hold out their hand, palm up. Grape juice is available for those who prefer it; simply cover your hand over the cup, and the pastor will serve you grape juice. Welcome to the Lord's Table!

- Great ThanksgivingPg. 129 (Red)
- Sanctus #525 "You Are Holy, You Are Whole" (Red)
- Words of InstitutionPg. 130 - #11 (Red)
- The Lord's PrayerCongregation Sings ("Debts," "Debtors")
- Distribution of the Lord's Supper
- Lamb of GodPg. 135 (Red)
- Hymns During Communion #596, 592, 593, 652 (Red)
- Post-Communion PrayerPg. 136 (Red)

-WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD-

Announcements
Blessing

Pastor: As the earth keeps turning, hurtling through space, and night falls and day breaks from land to land, Let us remember that in waking, sleeping, being born and dying we are part of one world, one humanity. Let us go from here in peace and live the Gospel.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

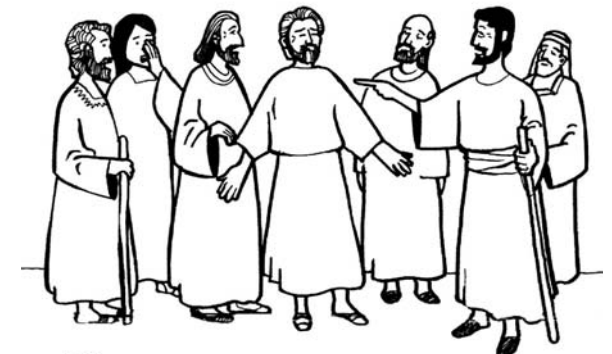
Closing Hymn #597 "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less" - V. 1-2 (Red)
Postlude

ENABLING OUR MINISTRY

MinistersAll Members	Communion AssistantTBD
Presiding MinisterDaniel Belgum-Blad	LectorJulie Madsen
Council PresidentBob Starz	AcolyteHannah Bolton
OrganistMarion Kingery	UshersKaren Soltis, Ivan Wersal, Jacob Warszynski
SecretaryJanelle Eisenbacher	GreetersLarry & Sheryl Stranberg
SextonsPaul & Rolayne Beerman family	Coffee ServersNick & Melissa Rossell Brian & Sarah Evenson
Offering CounterSheryl Stranberg	
Altar GuildSandy Edwards	



SAVED
By Grace,
CALLED
To Serve



BUT WHO DO YOU SAY I AM ?
MT. 16:15

All Members: Ministers

15th Sunday after Pentecost
August 24, 2008 - 9:00 a.m.

Immanuel Lutheran Church
Pastor Daniel Belgum-Blad
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ORDER OF SERVICE

*As we enter the Sanctuary, let us speak to God.
As we worship, let God speak to us.
As we leave, let us speak to each other.*

-WE PREPARE TO WORSHIP-

Prelude Music

Welcome & Invocation

Opening Hymn **#556 “Morning Has Broken” (Red)**

-WE PRAISE GOD-

Greeting & Kyrie **.Pg. 120 (Red)**

Prayer of the Day - Read in Unison

God of all creation, you reach out to call people of all nations to your kingdom. As you gather disciples from near and far, count us also among those who boldly confess your Son Jesus Christ as Lord. Amen.

-GOD SPEAKS TO US-

First Lesson **Isaiah 51:1-6**

^{51:1} Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the LORD. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug.
^{51:2} Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. ^{51:3} For the LORD will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. ^{51:4} Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples. ^{51:5} I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coast lands wait for me, and for my arm they hope.
^{51:6} Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be forever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

Second Lesson **Romans 12:1-8**

^{12:1} I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ^{12:2} Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing

of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God--what is good and acceptable and perfect. ^{12:3} For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ^{12:4} For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, ^{12:5} so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ^{12:6} We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ^{12:7} ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ^{12:8} the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Gospel Acclamation **.Pg. 124 “Alleluia...” (Red)**

Holy Gospel **.Matthew 16:13-20**

Congregation Responds **“Glory to You, O Lord”**

^{16:13} Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ^{16:14} And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ^{16:15} He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ^{16:16} Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." ^{16:17} And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. ^{16:18} And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ^{16:19} I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." ^{16:20} Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Congregation Responds **“Praise to You, O Christ”**

Hymn **#333 “Jesus is a Rock in a Weary Land” (Red)**

Sermon **“Rock or Sand?”**

-WE RESPOND TO GOD-

Hymn **#655 “Son of God, Eternal Savior” (Red)**

Offering

Offertory **#184 “Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord...” (Red)**

“Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.

Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,

that we may be fed with the bread of life.

Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer.

Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.”

THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL

Today-Sunday-August 24- 15th Sunday of Pentecost

9:00 a.m.Worship/Holy Communion
 10:00 a.m.Fellowship
 10:15 a.m.Sunday School Teacher's Meeting (Library)

Tuesday 8:00 a.m.Women's Morning Bible Study @ Immanuel

Wednesday 9:00 a.m.Fold Outreach

Thursday 7:00 a.m.Men's Morning Bible Study @ Jimmy's

Next Sunday-August 31- 16th Sunday of Pentecost

9:00 a.m.Worship
 10:00 a.m.Fellowship

FINANCIAL REPORT

Offering from Sun., August 17, 2008 - 9:00 a.m.

Attendance75
 Regular Offering\$1473.00
 Building Fund\$25.00
 Pony Express\$10.00
TOTAL\$1508.00

August Ministry Goal*\$14,990.20
Needed (To Date) To Meet August Ministry Goal ..\$6982.88

*Our Ministry Goal is the amount we need each month to undertake & accomplish the ministries & mission we have agreed to as God's called and sent people.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to Worship at Immanuel

God's grace and peace be with you today. We welcome visitors, and invite you to sign our guest book in the entry of the church. Please join us for coffee and fellowship in the basement Fellowship Hall following worship. Thank you for worshipping with us today.

Prayer Concerns

Our church and other area churches; our community; our Synod Bishop, Jon Anderson, and Synod staff, the SW Minnesota and the ELCA Synod; our nation; our companion synod: The South Eastern Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Southern Africa; we remember the people of Palestine and Israel; those serving in the armed services; and that all people on earth may lay down their arms and work for peace and justice for all; our missionaries: James and Carol Sack, serving in Japan; (Please let us know if you have specific prayer requests).

Bernard, Abbot of Clairvaux, 1153

Bernard was a Cistercian monk who became an abbot of great spiritual depth. He was a mystical writer deeply devoted to the humanity of Christ and consequently to the affective dimension of spirituality. He was critical of one of the foremost theologians of the day, Peter Abelard, because he believed Abelard's approach to faith was too rational and did not provide sufficient room for mystery. Bernard's devotional writings are still read today. His sermon on the Song of Solomon treats that book as an allegory of Christ's love for humanity. Bernard wrote several hymns, five of which are in the LBW.

Evangelized and Evangelizing: Living in the Gospel

You and I are invited to read the Gospels together as a synod during the next twelve months. In August, we will start in on the Gospel of Mark. There are blue colored papers on the table in the narthex/entry for you to pick up, as well as study questions on a separate white sheet. The weekly study questions are also available online at <http://www.swmnelca.org/>. Then, together with others in our synod, we can read these letters/gospels. There is a daily reading list and brief comments/questions for each day.

Missing Library Book

The church library is missing the book "No Wonder They Call Him Savior" by Max Lucado. If you have this book, please contact the church office so we know where it is. Thanks!

Immanuel's Roast Beef Supper September 5

All families are being called to help with the annual roast beef supper. We need people to work, bring pies, etc. Please prayerfully consider how your family can assist. All youth, 3rd-10th grade, are also being asked to help serve at the supper.