

together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made.^{18:26} So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.'^{18:27} And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt.^{18:28} But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.'^{18:29} Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.'^{18:30} But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt.^{18:31} When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place.^{18:32} Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me.'^{18:33} Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?'^{18:34} And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt.^{18:35} So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

Congregation Responds**"Praise to You, O Christ"**

Hymn**#731 "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" (Blue)**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day**#770 "I Was There To Hear Your Boring Cry" (Blue)**

Response to the Word**Pg. 49 (Blue)**

Confession & Forgiveness**Pg. 50 (Blue)**

Sharing of the Peace**Pg. 50 (Blue)**

-PRAYER-

Offering

Offertory**Pg. 50 - Season after Pentecost (Blue)**

Offertory Prayer**Pg. 50 - Bottom, far right (Blue)**

The Prayers of the Church

The Lord's Prayer**Pg. 52 (Blue)**

-SENDING-

Announcements

Blessing**Pg. 53 (Blue)**

Dismissal

Leader: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Sending Song**#744 "Soon and Very Soon" (Blue)**

Postlude

SAVED
By **Grace,**
CALLED
To **Serve**



A DEBTOR WAS BROUGHT BEFORE HIM...
MT. 18:24

All Members: Ministers

18th Sunday after Pentecost
September 14, 2008 - 9:00 a.m.

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Altar GuildLeslie Blom, Karin Sorenson

Worship LeadersGerald & Jennifer Schwartz

LectorDarleen Hovey

AcolyteDylan Rossell

UshersElsie Potter, Dale Anderson

Daryl & Arlys Winkelman

GreetersLloyd & Darleen Hovey

Coffee ServersRoger & Jo Holm

Dale & Marty Kragenbring

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.*

-GATHERING-

Welcome
Gathering Song **#684 “Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness” (Blue)**
Greeting **Pg. 46 - Season after Pentecost (Blue)**
Scripture Song **Pg. 47 (Blue)**

Prayer of the Day - Read in Unison

**O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity.
Grant us the fullness of your grace, that, pursuing what you have promised, we
may share your heavenly glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

-WORD-

First Lesson **Genesis 50:15-21**

^{50:15} Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" ^{50:16} So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, ^{50:17} 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you. ' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.'" Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ^{50:18} Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." ^{50:19} But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? ^{50:20} Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. ^{50:21} So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Lector: "The Word of the Lord." **Congregation: "Thanks be to God."**

Psalms (Read Responsively) **Psalms 103:1-13**

^{103:1} Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.
^{103:2} **Bless the LORD, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits--**
^{103:3} who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,
^{103:4} **who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,**
^{103:5} who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.
^{103:6} **The LORD works vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.**
^{103:7} He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel.

^{103:8} **The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

^{103:9} He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever.

^{103:10} **He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.**

^{103:11} For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

^{103:12} **as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us.**

^{103:13} As a father has compassion for his children,
so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him.

Second Lesson **Romans 14:1-12**

^{14:1} Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. ^{14:2} Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. ^{14:3} Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. ^{14:4} Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. ^{14:5} Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. ^{14:6} Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God. ^{14:7} We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ^{14:8} If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ^{14:9} For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. ^{14:10} Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. ^{14:11} For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." ^{14:12} So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Lector: "The Word of the Lord." **Congregation: "Thanks be to God."**

Gospel Acclamation . . . **#713 “Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil” - sung twice (Blue)**

Holy Gospel **Matthew 18:21-35**

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

^{18:21} Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" ^{18:22} Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. ^{18:23} "For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ^{18:24} When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; ^{18:25} and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold,

THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL

Today-Sunday-September 14- 18th Sunday of Pentecost

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

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

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. 7th Graders/Parents Confirmation Orientation
 7:15 p.m. 8th-9th Graders/Parents Confirmation Orientation
 8:00 p.m. 10th Graders/Parents Confirmation Orientation

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

Saturday 9:00 a.m. Open House Bridal Shower for Jacklyn Nelson Pistulka

Next Sunday-September 21- 19th Sunday of Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Worship
 10:00 a.m. Fellowship
 10:05 a.m. Sunday School Memory Work Parent Meeting in Sanctuary
 10:15 a.m. Sunday School
 10:30 a.m. Adult Study
 10:40 a.m. Jim Olsen Concert in Sanctuary

A Hearing on the Draft Social Statement on Human Sexuality is at 7:00 p.m. on September 25 at Bethel Lutheran, Willmar. Anyone is welcome to attend and listen in and comment on this draft statement.

Cruise 4UR School Event

Come to the ACGC High School Friday, September 19 from 2-8 p.m. and test drive a new Ford vehicle. For each test drive, the ACGC athletic scholarship fund gets \$20. The event continues Saturday, September 20, from 9 a.m. - Noon.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Offering from Sun., Sept. 7, 2008 - 9:00 a.m.	
Attendance81
Regular Offering\$3396.75
Building Fund\$175.00
Pony Express\$10.00
Roast Beef Supper\$15.00
TOTAL\$3596.75
September Ministry Goal*\$14,990.20
Needed (To Date) To Meet Sept. Ministry Goal ..	.\$11,393.45

*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.

Dad's Belgian Waffle Feed

The ACGC Dance Team is sponsoring a waffle feed Saturday, September 20 from 8:30 a.m. - Noon at the ACGC High School in Grove City. Tickets are \$6/adults and students (5 and under are free). Purchase tickets at the door or in advance from Dance Team members: Tori Anderson, Hannah Bolton, Miranda Borchert, Heidi Hoekstra, and Brittney Naber.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage, martyr, c. 258

Cyprian worked for the unity of the church and cared for his flock in North Africa during a time of great persecution. During Cyprian's time as bishop many people had denied the faith under duress. In contrast to some who held the belief that the church should not receive these people back, Cyprian believed they ought to be welcomed into full communion after a period of penance. Cyprian insisted on the need for compassion in order to preserve the unity of the church. His essay "On the Unity of the Catholic Church" stressed the role of bishops in guaranteeing the visible, concrete unity of the church. Cyprian was also concerned for the physical well-being of the people under his care. He organized a program of medical care during a severe epidemic in Carthage.

Thank You to Gerald and Jennifer Schwartz for leading worship this morning. Pastor Dan and his family are in Chicago this weekend for his niece's wedding.

Special Flowers

The flowers in the front of the church this morning are in honor of Dennis & Sharon Goehring's 40th wedding anniversary.

Lakeland Conference Women of the ELCA Fall Workshop & Gathering

There is a sign-up sheet outside the church office for the Lakeland WELCA gathering September 25 at Faith Lutheran in Spicer. Please sign up before September 15.

Confirmation Orientation Wednesday, September 17 for Students & Parents

7th graders/parents meet at 6:30 p.m.; 8th-9th graders/parents meet at 7:15 p.m.; 10th graders/parents meet at 8:00 p.m.

Open House Bridal Shower - for Jacklyn Nelson Pistulka, bride-to-be of Justin Frericks, Saturday, September 20, from 9-11 a.m. in Immanuel's Fellowship Hall.

Found - a hat last Sunday in the back of the church. It is in the Lost & Found box.

NO WELCA MEETING NEXT WEEK - The next WELCA meeting will be Oct. 8 at 7 p.m.

RALLY SUNDAY is Around the Corner!

On Sunday, September 21, we are excited to host Jim Olsen! Jim is a talented guitar player and singer who will lead all of our music on Rally Day. He serves full-time in music ministry. We will start Sunday School classes that day and enjoy a concert from Jim at 10:40 a.m. The concert is open to everyone.

Parent Meeting Next Sunday Following Worship

There will be a short parent meeting in the sanctuary immediately following worship for parents of PreK-6th grade Sunday School students. We will be explaining the new Sunday School memory work program and handing out a sheet for families to use at home in assisting children with memory work. Your involvement is important to the success of this program!

New Sunday School Rooms

Be sure to check out the new classrooms in the basement. This summer project was completed by a dedicated group of volunteers. Thank you to everyone who contributed financially & through volunteer labor toward this excellent improvement to our facility.