

The Charge of the Parents: (Parents of students stand - Pastor speaks): Parents, you have heard how these fellow workers in our Sunday School pledge themselves to be witnesses for God, to live out the gospel and follow Christ. In Deuteronomy, God charges parents with these words: "Teach these things to your children, talking about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise." Parents, will you partner with us in teaching your children the faith we profess?

Parents' Response: **We will diligently teach the faith to our children. We will talk of God's teachings in our home, in our automobiles, and before our children.**

The Covenant of Teachers: (Repeated "in unison" by all teachers and officers): **Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength, relying on His grace, we humbly promise him, and his church, that we will be faithful, with God's help, to teach these children the Word of God. We will earnestly strive to be regular in worship attendance, diligent in our lesson study and preparation, consistent in our example, faithful to the Church; and we will seek the development of Christian character in those among whom we serve.**

The Blessing of the Congregation: (said in unison by the congregation): **The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine on you and be gracious to you; the LORD look upon you with favor and give you peace.**

Prayer in Unison (Everyone): **Almighty God, we, your undeserving servants, ask that by your grace and mercy our hearts and lives may show gratitude. We ask that our lives may praise you, not only with our lips but by walking humbly before you all of our days. Grant that we may be workers that serve with discerning hearts, rightly dividing your word of truth.**

Pastor's Benediction: Dear friends, may God bless you in these responsibilities, and make you faithful to all the duties of your callings, and may the church be prospered and grow, and God honored by your service. And now may the peace of God that passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

(Teachers return to your seats. We remain standing for the confession of faith.)

Apostles' Creed	Pg. 105 (Red)
Offering	
The Prayers of the Church	
The Lord's Prayer	
Announcements	
Benediction	
Closing Song	"This Holy Place" (Song Sheet)
Postlude	



"Other seeds
fell on
good soil
and
brought forth
grain..."

Matthew 13:8



All Members: Ministers

**19th Sunday after Pentecost
September 21, 2008 - 9:00 a.m.**

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ENABLING OUR MINISTRY

Ministers	All Members	Lector	Daryl Winkelman
Presiding Minister	Daniel Belgum-Blad	Acolyte	Tori Anderson
Council President	Bob Starz	Ushers	Elsie Potter, Dale Anderson
Organist	Deb Mickle		Daryl & Arlys Winkelman
Secretary	Janelle Eisenbacher	Greeters	Harold Eisenbacher family
Sextons	Paul & Rolayne Beerman family	Coffee Servers	Bruce & Elaine Wothe
Offering Counter ..	Roger Johnson, Sheryl Stranberg		Mark & Lissa Borchert
Altar Guild	Leslie Blom, Karin Sorenson		Steve Wothe

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.**

Pre-Service Music (*Instrumental*) **Jim Olsen**
Welcome & Invocation
Opening Song **“You Are My All In All” (Song Sheet)**

Confession of Sins

Pastor: In the book of 2nd Chronicles we read, “If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from Heaven, and will forgive their sin, and heal their land.”

Congregation: We bow before You, Lord. We seek Your face. In silence, we acknowledge our sinfulness, and ask for Your mercy, grace, and guidance in our walk of repentance.

Silence for Reflection

Pastor: Hear us, Lord...

All: Heavenly Father, forgive me. Help me turn from the ways of the world and turn to You. Lord Jesus, help me to seek You daily. By Your Spirit, bring Your Word to my mind, that I may grow in grace and understanding.

Pastor: The Lord has promised us forgiveness when we turn to Him. By our confession and repentance, we are forgiven! He loves us and wants us to know Him more. Let us continue to seek Him and grow in grace.

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.

First Lesson **Hosea 10:12**
¹²Sow for yourselves righteousness; reap steadfast love; break up your fallow ground; for it is time to seek the Lord, that he may come and rain righteousness upon you.

Second Lesson **I Corinthians 3:1-9**
^{3:1}And so, brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. ^{3:2} I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, ^{3:3}for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarrelling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? ^{3:4}For when one says, 'I belong to Paul', and another, 'I belong to Apollos', are you not merely human? ^{3:5} What

then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. ^{3:6}I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. ^{3:7}So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. ^{3:8}The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labour of each. ^{3:9}For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

Song **“From All That Dwell Below the Skies” (Song Sheet)**

Holy Gospel **Matthew 13:1-9**

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

^{13:1}That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. ^{13:2}Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ^{13:3}And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. ^{13:4}And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. ^{13:5}Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ^{13:6}But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. ^{13:7}Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ^{13:8}Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ^{13:9}Let anyone with ears listen!'

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

Special Music **Jim Olsen**

Message **“Planting Seeds” - Jim Olsen**

Song **“As The Deer” (Song Sheet)**

Sunday School Teacher Installation

Pastor: Dear Friends in Christ, the ministries of the Church call for a variety of gifts among its members. All these gifts are useful toward a common end for which the church was established and sent. As we read in I Corinthians 12: "Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good." You have been called into the teaching ministry of this Church. "You are my witnesses," says the LORD, "and my servants whom I have chosen" (Isaiah 43: 10).

Teacher's Response: "We will rejoice in your Good News, O God. Your commandments we will write upon the tables of our hearts."

THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL

Today-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

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

Wednesday 9:00 a.m.Fold Outreach
 5:45 p.m.Confirmation

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

Next Sunday-September 28- 20th Sunday of Pentecost

9:00 a.m.Worship/Holy Communion
 10:00 a.m.Fellowship
 10:15 a.m.Sunday School
 10:30 a.m.Adult Study

Summer Bible Campers

Please remember to submit a few camp photos, as well as some written memories or comments about camp to the church office as soon as possible. They will be used for a bulletin board for Camp Sunday.

Town Hall Meeting for Parents

All parents are invited to attend a Town Hall meeting on Thursday, September 25, at 7 p.m. in the Community Room (lower level) at the Kandiyohi Health and Human Services Building.

Jay Jaffee from the MN Dept. of Health will be presenting on current trends in binge drinking, prescription and over-the-counter drug use, and other myths and facts on underage alcohol use. As a parent, YOU can make a difference! Sponsored by the Kandiyohi County ATOD Coalition.

Confirmation Guides

We are in need of one more Confirmation guide to help with Confirmation small groups on Wednesday evenings. Please contact Pastor Dan if you could help.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Offering from Sun., Sept. 14, 2008 - 9:00 a.m.

Attendance94
Regular Offering\$5793.01
Building Fund\$1085.00
Pony Express\$10.00
Roast Beef Supper\$10.00
TOTAL\$6898.01
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September Ministry Goal*\$14,990.20
Needed (To Date) To Meet Sept. Ministry Goal\$4495.44

*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

WELCOME to our visitors this morning. We are glad you have chosen to worship with us and hope that this time is one of refreshment and encouragement for you. If you would like more information about Immanuel please contact the pastor or a Council member. We invite you for coffee, juice and treats in the Fellowship Hall (basement) following worship.

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).

Welcome Jim Olsen!

Today we are excited to host Jim Olsen. Jim is a talented guitar player and singer who will be leading our worship and music this morning. He serves full-time in music ministry. Jim will present a concert at 10:40 a.m. in the sanctuary, as well. The concert is open to everyone. There will be a free will offering gathered today for Jim's ministry.

Parent Meeting This Morning

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!

Sunday School Classes Begin Today

We install our Sunday School staff this morning and begin classes at 10:15 a.m. All Sunday School students will be going to the sanctuary at 10:40 a.m. to enjoy Jim Olsen's concert.

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.

Fifth Quarter is Back Again!

There will be a Fifth Quarter event for all 7th -12th grade youth following the home football game (vs. BOLD) Friday, October 3. Great music, pizza, hanging out with friends, and an open gym for volleyball, basketball. Invite your friends! Fifth Quarter is from after the game until 11 p.m. in the ACGC high school commons area.

Christmas Program Coordinator

We are in need of someone to assist in the coordination of the Sunday School Christmas Program. The program has been selected, parts have been assigned to classes (teachers will assign parts to students), some props/decorations have been arranged, and music selections will be handled by our Sunday School music leaders. We just need someone to be the go-to person to pull it all together and be in charge of rehearsals. If we are unable to find a coordinator, we may have to cancel this year's program. Please prayerfully consider helping!