

**-WE RESPOND TO GOD-**

Apostles' Creed .....Pg. 127 (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."

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 Thanksgiving .....Pg. 129 (Red)  
Sanctus ..... #525 "You Are Holy, You Are Whole" (Red)  
Words of Institution .....Pg. 130 - #11 (Red)  
The Lord's Prayer .....Congregation Sings ("Debts," "Debtors")  
Distribution of the Lord's Supper  
Lamb of God .....Pg. 135 (Red)  
Hymns During Communion ..... #479, 487, 685, 689 (Red)  
Post-Communion Prayer .....Pg. 136 (Red)

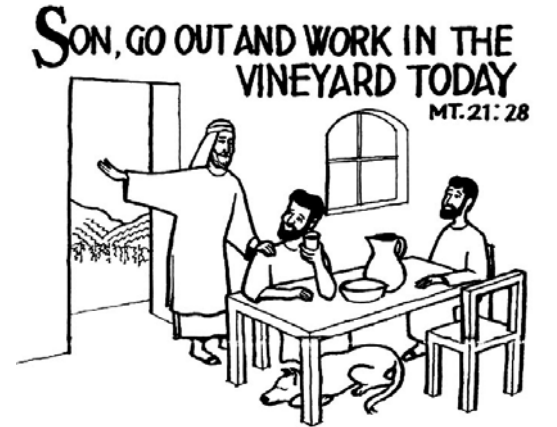
**-WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD-**

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 ..... #545 "Lord, Dismiss Us, With Your Blessing" - Verses 1,2 (Red)  
Postlude



**All Members: Ministers**

**20th Sunday after Pentecost  
September 28, 2008 - 9:00 a.m.**

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**ENABLING OUR MINISTRY**

<b>Ministers</b> .....All Members	<b>Communion Assistant</b> .....Gerald Schwartz
<b>Presiding Minister</b> .....Daniel Belgum-Blad	<b>Lector</b> .....Pat Heining
<b>Council President</b> .....Bob Starz	<b>Acolyte</b> .....Jacob Belgum
<b>Organist</b> .....Marion Kingery	<b>Ushers</b> .....Elsie Potter, Dale Anderson
<b>Secretary</b> .....Janelle Eisenbacher	.....Daryl & Arlys Winkelman
<b>Sextons</b> .....Paul & Rolayne Beerman family	<b>Greeter</b> .....Veda Stockland
<b>Offering Counter</b> ..Roger Johnson, Sheryl Stranberg	<b>Coffee Servers</b> .....Vern & Gerry Passmore
<b>Altar Guild</b> .....Leslie Blom, Karin Sorenson	.....Don & Karen Soltis, Keith Passmore

# 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

Confession .....Pg. 116 (Red)

Gathering Hymn .... #619 "I Know That My Redeemer Lives!" - Verses 1,2,4 (Red)

## **-WE PRAISE GOD-**

Kyrie .....Pg. 120 (Red)

Prayer of the Day - Read in Unison

**God of love, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them; keep us from those things that harm us; and guide us in the way of salvation; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **-GOD SPEAKS TO US-**

First Lesson ..... Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

<sup>18:1</sup> The word of the LORD came to me: <sup>18:2</sup> What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge"? <sup>18:3</sup> As I live, says the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. <sup>18:4</sup> Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die. <sup>18:25</sup> Yet you say, "The way of the Lord is unfair." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? <sup>18:26</sup> When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. <sup>18:27</sup> Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. <sup>18:28</sup> Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. <sup>18:29</sup> Yet the house of Israel says, "The way of the Lord is unfair." O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? <sup>18:30</sup> Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. <sup>18:31</sup> Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? <sup>18:32</sup> For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord GOD. Turn, then, and live.

Second Lesson .....Philippians 2:1-13

<sup>2:1</sup> If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, <sup>2:2</sup> make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. <sup>2:3</sup> Do nothing from

selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves.

<sup>2:4</sup> Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others.

<sup>2:5</sup> Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, <sup>2:6</sup> who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, <sup>2:7</sup> but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, <sup>2:8</sup> he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death-- even death on a cross. <sup>2:9</sup> Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, <sup>2:10</sup> so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>2:11</sup> and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. <sup>2:12</sup> Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; <sup>2:13</sup> for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Gospel Acclamation .....Pg. 124 "Alleluia..." (Red)

Holy Gospel .....Matthew 21:23-32

Congregation Responds ..... "Glory to You, O Lord"

<sup>21:23</sup> When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" <sup>21:24</sup> Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. <sup>21:25</sup> Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' <sup>21:26</sup> But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." <sup>21:27</sup> So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. <sup>21:28</sup> "What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' <sup>21:29</sup> He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. <sup>21:30</sup> The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. <sup>21:31</sup> Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. <sup>21:32</sup> For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

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

Hymn ..... #618 "Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer" (Red)

Sermon

Silence for Reflection

*Let us pause to reflect on how God is at work through the living Word, in our lives, in the community and in the world...*

## THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL

### Today-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

**Tuesday** 8:00 a.m. ....Women's Morning Bible Study @ Bethlehem  
 1:00 p.m. ....Women's Bible Study

**Wednesday** 8:00 a.m. ....Preschool Screening  
 After School ....Good News Bearers (until 5 p.m.)  
 5:45 p.m. ....Confirmation

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

### Next Sunday-October 5- 21st 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  
 5:00 p.m. ....Christian Education Ministry Team Meets

### Christmas Program Coordinator

We are in need of someone to assist in the coordination of the Sunday School Christmas Program. Much of the program has been arranged, we just need someone to be the go-to person to pull it all together and be in charge of rehearsals. Please prayerfully consider helping!

## FINANCIAL REPORT

### Offering from Sun., Sept. 21, 2008 - 9:00 a.m.

Attendance .....	138
Regular Offering .....	\$1866.85
Building Fund .....	\$175.00
Pony Express .....	\$10.00
Roast Beef Supper .....	\$215.00
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>\$2266.85</b>
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September Ministry Goal* .....	\$14,990.20
Needed (To Date) To Meet Sept. Ministry Goal ...	\$2228.59

\*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.

### 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.

### 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.

## 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).

### 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 (bring money), 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.

### "Palestinian Christians: What is life like now in Palestine/Israel?"

Come find out October 7! Palestine and Israel is a troubled place and a "holy land" being the birthplace of Judaism and Christianity. It is a land of many faiths: Jewish and Christian and Muslim peoples living together. And so, we are excited to have Michael and Carmen Zoughbi return to Atwater. The Zoughbis are Palestinian Christians from the West Bank of Palestine/Israel. They are currently traveling in the Midwest, and will be with us Tuesday evening, October 7, to tell stories about themselves and what is currently taking place in Palestine/Israel. Light supper from 6:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. followed by the program at 7:00 p.m. Olivewood Project carvings will be available for purchase. These make great birthday, Christmas and Confirmation gifts. The purpose of The Olivewood Project is to help Christians stay in Bethlehem by providing employment and a source of income.

### Kids Against Hunger October 8

The Kids Against Hunger food packaging event is Wednesday, October 8. We invite you to come and package food anytime from 4:30-8:30 p.m. We will be taking a free will offering on Sunday, October 5, to help purchase the food ingredients.

**Red Cross Bloodmobile** drive Wednesday, October 1, from 1-7 p.m. at the Kandiyohi Civic Center. Call Diann at 382-6490 for appointments. Walk-ins welcome.