

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 #479, 609, 462, 471, 479 (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 #881 "Let All Things Now Living" (Red)
- Postlude

ENABLING OUR MINISTRY

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| MinistersAll Members | Communion AssistantKaren Soltis |
| Presiding MinisterDaniel Belgum-Blad | LectorElsie Potter |
| Council PresidentBob Starz | AcolyteMartin Peterson |
| OrganistMarion Kingery | UshersElsie Potter, Dale Anderson |
| SecretaryJanelle Eisenbacher |Daryl & Arlys Winkelman |
| SextonsPaul & Rolayne Beerman family | GreetersTBD |
| Offering Counter ...Roger Johnson, Sheryl Stranberg | Coffee ServersPaul & Denise Hedberg |
| Altar GuildLeslie Blom, Karin Sorenson |David & Joan Hedberg |

SAVED
By Grace,
CALLED
To Serve

**FOR WHERE TWO OR THREE ARE GATHERED
TOGETHER IN MY NAME, THERE AM I
IN THE MIDST OF THEM MT. 18:20**



All Members: Ministers

**17th Sunday after Pentecost
September 7, 2008 - 9:00 a.m.**

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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

Thanksgiving for BaptismPg. 97 (Red)

Gathering Hymn#665 "Rise, Shine, You People!" (Red)

-WE PRAISE GOD-

KyriePg. 120 (Red)

Prayer of the Day - Read in Unison

Almighty and eternal God, you know our problems and our weaknesses better than we ourselves. In your love and by your power help us in our confusion and, in spite of our weakness, make us firm in faith; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

-GOD SPEAKS TO US-

First Lesson Ezekiel 33:7-11

^{33:7} So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ^{33:8} If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. ^{33:9} But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life. ^{33:10} Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" ^{33:11} Say to them, As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

Second LessonRomans 13:8-14

^{13:8} Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ^{13:9} The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." ^{13:10} Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. ^{13:11} Besides this, you

know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ^{13:12} the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ^{13:13} let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ^{3:14} Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Gospel AcclamationPg. 124 "Alleluia..." (Red)

Holy GospelMatthew 18:15-20

Congregation Responds "Glory to You, O Lord"

^{18:15} "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. ^{18:16} But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ^{18:17} If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ^{18:18} Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ^{18:19} Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ^{18:20} For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

Congregation Responds "Praise to You, O Christ"

Hymn#614 "There is a Balm in Gilead" (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...*

-WE RESPOND TO GOD-

Apostles' CreedPg. 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."***

THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL

Today-Sunday-September 7- 17th Sunday of Pentecost

8:00 a.m.Bluegrass Worship @ Threshing Grounds
 9:00 a.m.Worship/Holy Communion
 10:00 a.m.Fellowship
 10:30 a.m.Adult Study
 5:00 p.m..Christian Education Ministry Team Meets

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

Wednesday 6:30 p.m.WELCA Board Meets
 6:30 p.m.Ministry Teams Meet
 7:00 p.m.Council Meets

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

Next Sunday-September 14- 18th Sunday of Pentecost

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

Orphan Train at Trinity, Grove City

Dorothy A. Lund-Nelson of Rochester, MN, will present "Orphan Train Riders: an American History Program" Wednesday, September 17, at 7 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church in Grove City. Program is free of charge. Free-will offering will be taken. Refreshments following program. Sponsored by Trinity WELCA.

Confirmation Orientation Wednesday, September 17 for Students & Parents

This orientation is open to all 7th, 8th 9th and 10th graders who wish to enter this journey of learning and discovery. 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

There will be an 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.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Offering from Sun., August 31, 2008 - 9:00 a.m.

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| Attendance | .63 |
| Regular Offering | .\$1574.25 |
| Building Fund | .\$25.00 |
| Pony Express | .\$10.00 |
| TOTAL | .\$1609.25 |

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| August Ministry Goal* | .\$14,990.20 |
| Needed (To Date) To Meet August Ministry Goal .. | .\$3871.63 |

*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).

Albert Schweitzer, Missionary to Africa, 1965

Schweitzer was a philosopher, theologian, and an ordained Lutheran minister. He wrote The Quest for the Historical Jesus. He was also an organist who published a study of Johann Sebastian Bach. But he set aside careers as a university lecturer and musician, went to medical school, and became a missionary in the Gabon province of French Equatorial Africa. He believed that the solution to the world's problems was simple: have reverence for life. His style of practicing medicine shocked some, but he was a humanitarian who served Christ by serving his neighbors in need. Now that school is resuming in many places, we can remember Schweitzer as an example of someone who used vast knowledge for service and ministry to others.

Thank you to everyone who helped out with the Roast Beef Supper. We couldn't have done it without every one of you!

Council Meets This Week

Council and Ministry Teams meet this week on Wednesday evening, September 10. Please note the time change: Council will begin at 7:00 p.m.

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.

WELCA Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, September 10.

Lutheran Campus Ministry Fall Golf Scramble September 20

Ridgewater Lutheran Campus Ministry is sponsoring a 4-person best ball golf scramble at Hawk Creek Country Club in Raymond. \$45/person includes 18 holes, cart, rolls, coffee, and lunch. Sign-up by contacting Campus Ministry at 235-5426 or by filling out the registration form in the church office.