

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 11:18-20

It was the LORD who made it known to me,
and I knew;
then you showed me their evil deeds.
¹⁹But I was like a gentle lamb
led to the slaughter.
And I did not know it was against me
that they devised schemes, saying,
“Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,
let us cut him off from the land of the
living,
so that his name will no longer be
remembered!”
²⁰But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge
righteously,
who try the heart and the mind,
let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.

or Wisdom 1:16—2:1, 12-22 [not printed]

Psalm 54

SECOND READING: James 3:13—4:3, 7-8a

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸And a harvest

of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

^{4:1}Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? ²You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

GOSPEL: Mark 9:30-37

[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; ³¹for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.” ³²But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. ³³Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” ³⁴But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. ³⁵He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” ³⁶Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷“Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

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MARK 9:37



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Our mission is to invite people to know Jesus Christ so that we may all share God's love.

Welcome to Worship at Immanuel as we worship together in the name of the Father our Creator, the Son our Savior, and the Holy Ghost.

Prayer before Worship: Heavenly Father, listen to our hearts, for the words spoken and those left unsaid, that you may know our needs and have us understand the needs of those around us. Amen.

Pastor Ed is working in the church office on Friday mornings from 10:30-ish – noon. Please call in advance if you would like to reserve time to talk or visit with him.

Prayer Requests: We welcome requests of prayers for our members, friends and families throughout our communities and beyond. Anyone is welcome to leave a note on the desk in the office or contact the pastor.

Offering envelopes are located and available on the table in the entry.

Please designate how you would like to have your offering used if for anything other than general funds.

The Lord's Supper, (offered on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month) the Eucharist, or Holy Communion is a means of God's grace whereby the real presence of Christ is offered. All are welcome to receive Communion at Immanuel Lutheran Church.

We have Children's Bulletins for those who wish to enhance the worship experience for the kids. They can be found each week on the table with the regular Sunday Bulletins.

Newsletter, bulletin, and member information or changes may be sent to ckwilson1983@gmail.com or immanuelcolfax@hotmail.com

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This Week at Immanuel 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am Sunday School

Sunday, September 22, 2024

WORSHIP LEADER: PASTOR ED HUDELSON

Lay Reader: Kevin Harms

Greeters: Elton & Spring Mau

Ushers/Acolytes: Harlan Brucker, Shannon R.

Organist: Kimberly Petersen

Sunday, September 29, 2024

WORSHIP LEADER: PASTOR ED HUDELSON

Lay Reader: Kevin Harms

Greeters: Elton & Spring Mau

Ushers/Acolytes: Harlan B., Shannon Roark

Organist: Cindy Wilson

Please include the following people in our prayers:

Virginia Winterland, Gary Kessinger, Lucy McKinley, Cheryl Poppe, Robert Ruff, Jeannie Weber, Tim Dawson, Von Becker's Parents - Bob & Judy Logan, Nancy Lasser, Loren Powell, Lori Becker (sister-in-law of Von Becker), and Daviney Steidinger-Reynolds (a student at Ridgeview)

Announcements

Today we gladly welcome **June Anna Winterland** into the family of Christ through Holy Baptism. June is the daughter of Cory & Anna Winterland, born on June 27, 2024. Her God parents are Josh & Lexi Morgan.

It's time to Kickoff Luther League on Sunday, September 22 after church!

All High Schoolers are encouraged to attend! Luther Leaguers and parents should sign up for Team Reach App with Group name: LLeague1. Here updates and monthly schedule will be posted!

LWR Kits – We are currently collecting items for **school kits** and **personal care kits**. Some items are already displayed on the table in the fellowship hall along with lists that you may take as a reminder of items needed.

LWR Quilts - There are packages of cut fabric squares ready to be sewn into quilt tops. Please use a 1/2" seam with short stitches and press open or to the side. These will help us kick start 2025! If you have any questions, please see Dee Winterland.

We have been blessed with another donation of fabric for quilt making. However, there are some nice yardages of fabric we are unable to use, but would be great for apparel, costumes, etc. Please help yourself if you can use it, or know of someone else or a charity that could use it. It will be on the table in the parish hall.

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 22, 2024

Today we hear James warn against selfish ambition, while the disciples quarrel over which one of them is the greatest. Jesus tells them the way to be great is to serve. Then, to make it concrete, he puts in front of them a flesh-and-blood child. We are called to welcome the children God puts in front of us, to make room for them in daily interaction, and to give them a place of honor in the assembly.

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross in remembrance of baptism as the worship leader begins -

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P: God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more.

By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven.

C: Amen.

Congregation may be seated.

HYMN

God Is Here!

ELW 526

*GREETING *Please stand as you are able*

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Congregation may be seated

Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

READING

Jeremiah 11:18-20

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Today's reading tells of the suffering of the prophet Jeremiah, who announced God's word to Judah but was met with intense opposition and persecution. Jeremiah continues to trust in God in the midst of his suffering.

After the reading . . . L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 54

Save me, O God, by your name; in your might, defend my cause.

Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth.

For strangers have risen up against me, and the ruthless have sought my life, those who have no regard for God.

Behold, God is my helper; it is the Lord who sustains my life.

Render evil to those who spy on me; in your faithfulness, destroy them.

I will offer you a freewill sacrifice and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

For you have rescued me from every trouble, and my eye looks down on my enemies.

READING

James 3:13 – 4:3, 7-8a

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The wisdom God gives unites our hearts and minds. Instead of living to satisfy our own wants and desires, we manifest this wisdom in peace, gentleness, mercy, and impartiality toward others.

After the reading . . . L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (sung)

ELW, page 142

***Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.***

*GOSPEL READING

Mark 9:30-37

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The Gospel is announced:

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark ...

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus' teaching and action in this text are directed to the church whenever it is seduced by the world's definition of greatness: prestige, power, influence, and money. The antidote to such a concern for greatness is servanthood.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

Pastor Ed Hudelson

HYMN OF DAY

Children of the Heavenly Father

ELW 781

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM ***June Anna Winterland***

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P: Drawn together in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray with confidence for the church, God's good creation, and all who are in need.

After each petition: P: Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

P: We entrust these and all our prayers to you, holy God, in the name of your beloved child, Jesus Christ, our Savior. **C: Amen.**

*LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray. . .

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us share that peace with one another.

The congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

WE GATHER OUR OFFERINGS

*OFFERING SONG *Please stand as you are able*

ELW 186

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray...

C: Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

*BLESSING

P: God all mighty, God most merciful † bless you, keep you, and give you peace.

C: Amen.

*HYMN

Lord of All Hopefulness

ELW 765

*DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Follow Jesus. **C: Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Newsletters will be published this week. Please submit reports, pictures or other information to be included to Cindy by this Tuesday, September 24th. Thank you.