

Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church

*“Inspired by God’s Grace
to Love and Serve all”*

GODLINESS

WITH CONTENTMENT IS

Great Gain

FOR WE BROUGHT NOTHING
INTO THIS WORLD,
AND IT IS CERTAIN WE CAN CARRY
NOTHING OUT.

1 TIMOTHY 6:6-7



SEPTEMBER 25, 2022

9:00 AM

TIME AFTER PENTECOST

LECTIONARY 26

Welcome & Announcements

WE WELCOME GUESTS WHO WORSHIP WITH US TODAY!

Please sign the guest book in the narthex. Thank you!

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God in celebration of Darlene Machtan's birthday.

We welcome Karen Carter to worship this morning as our worship leader. Thank you Karen for sharing your gifts and talents!

OFFICE HOURS—Administrative Assistant Kari Britton Tuesdays and Thursdays 9am—Noon. Pastor John Kuziej: Tuesday 10 am—Noon and by appointment. Cell: 906-932-4165; Home Phone: 715-479-4908; Pioneer Lake Lutheran Church Office: 715-479-4966; email: pllc@frontier.com. Pastor John is happy to schedule visits with home-bound individuals and is also available for hospital visits. Please feel free to contact him if you have these needs.

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING FOLLOWING SERVICE

Joyful Song Ecumenical Music Fest Sunday, October 9 from 2—4:30pm at Nativity of Our Lord Church 125 E. King Street. Chili and corn bread supper to follow. Free will offerings accepted at event and supper to benefit Boys and Girls Clubs of the Northwoods/Tri-County Council Lily's House Domestic Violence Shelter/NAMI Northern Lakes.

QUILT AUCTION—at **Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp Saturday, October 1**. Breakfast and Bake Sale 9:30—10:30 Dining Hall. Quilts up for Auction 11am Chapel. Draffle Tickets and Hand-crafted items for sale all morning. 138 Fortune Lake Camp Road, Crystal Falls, MI 906-214-2267. Go to fortunelake.org for more information and a link to our online catalog and silent auction. Online auction opens September 21st.

NATH MEALS—Our ministry groups have been providing the monthly NATH meals. Thank you for your cooperation in this ministry! We need a group to provide January's meal. Is your group interested? Please sign-up in the narthex or call Sue Larsen at 715-362-2544.

OCTOBER WORSHIP – ***Please sign up in the narthex*** OR call the office if you can assist with Worship in September. We need readers, ushers, live stream assistant, and communion assistant.

LAWN MOWING/SNOW SHOVELING - sign up sheet in narthex to volunteer for lawn mowing in October and snow shoveling in November.

New copies of Living Lutheran and Christ in Our Home are available in the narthex and the container by the doors off the parking lot.

Prelude

Statio: Holy Pause—Silence

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, † one God,
who is eager to forgive
and who loves us beyond our days.

Amen.

Dear friends, together let us acknowledge
our failure to love the world as Jesus does.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of mercy and forgiveness,
we confess that sin still has a hold on us.
We have harmed your good creation.
we have failed to do justice,
love kindness,
and walk humbly with you.
Turn us in a new direction.
Show us the path that leads to life.
Be our refuge and strength on our journey,
through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.
Amen.

Beloved of God:

Our sins are forgiven † and we are made whole.
God points the way to a new life in Christ,
who meets us on the road.

Journey now in God's abiding love
through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

GATHERING

Pastoral Greeting

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

O God, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Gathering Hymn *“Gather Us In” ELW #532*

Please be seated.

WORD**First Lesson****Amos 6:1a, 4-7**

Alas for those who are at ease in Zion,
and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria,
⁴ Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory,
and lounge on their couches,
and eat lambs from the flock,
and calves from the stall;
⁵ who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp,
and like David improvise on instruments of music;
⁶ who drink wine from bowls,
and anoint themselves with the finest oils,
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!
⁷ Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile,
and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm 146

Read Responsively

- ¹ Praise the LORD!
Praise the LORD, O my soul!
- ² **I will praise the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God all my life long.**
- ³ Do not put your trust in princes,
in mortals, in whom there is no help.
- ⁴ **When their breath departs, they return to the earth;
on that very day their plans perish.**
- ⁵ Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the LORD their God,
- ⁶ **who made heaven and earth,
the sea, and all that is in them;
who keeps faith forever;**
- ⁷ who executes justice for the oppressed;
who gives food to the hungry.
The LORD sets the prisoners free;
- ⁸ **the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.
The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
the LORD loves the righteous.**
- ⁹ The LORD watches over the strangers;
he upholds the orphan and the widow,
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.
- ¹⁰ **The LORD will reign forever,
your God, O Zion, for all generations.
Praise the LORD!**

Second Lesson 1 Timothy 6:6-19

⁶ Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; ⁷ for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; ⁸ but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. ⁹ But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

¹¹ But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. ¹² Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³ In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you ¹⁴ to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵ which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. ¹⁶ It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

¹⁷ As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸ They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, ¹⁹ thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Please stand as you are able.

Gospel

Luke 16:19-31

The Gospel of the Lord according to Luke
Glory to you, O Lord

¹⁹ ‘There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰ And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹ who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²² The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³ In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴ He called out, “Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.” ²⁵ But Abraham said, “Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶ Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.” ²⁷ He said, “Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house— ²⁸ for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.” ²⁹ Abraham replied, “They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.” ³⁰ He said, “No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.” ³¹ He said to him, “If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.””

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

Karen Carter

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY *“Build a Longer Table”*

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Music: French carol

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1 Build a long - er ta - ble, not a high - er wall,
 2 Build a saf - er ref - uge, not a larg - er jail;
 3 Build a broad - er door - way, not a long - er fence.
 4 When we lived as ex - iles, ref - u - gees a - broad,



feed - ing those who hun - ger, mak - ing room for all.
 where the weak find shel - ter, mer - cy will not fail.
 Love pro - tects all peo - ple, spar - ing no ex - pense.
 Christ be - came our door - way to the reign of God.



Feast - ing to - geth - er, strang - er turns to friend,
 For an - y place where jus - tice is de - nied,
 When we em - brace com - pas - sion more than fear,
 So must our ta - bles wel - come those who roam.



Christ breaks walls to piec - es; false di - vi - sions end.
 Christ will breach the jail wall, free - ing all in - side.
 Christ tears down our fenc - es; all are wel - come here.
 None can be ex - clud - ed; all must find a home.

Our Worship continues with professing our faith using the words of the Apostles Creed.

APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ. God's only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried;

he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come to judge the

living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God of grace, hear our prayer.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

*Please share a sign of peace, keeping in mind social distancing
and respecting others boundaries.*

Please be seated.

Offering plate at the entrance of the sanctuary.

Offering (*Usher to bring offering forward*)

Please stand as you are able.

Offering Prayer

Gracious God,
in your great love you richly provide for our needs.
Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing,
and make us ready to share with all in need;
through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

*Gathered into one with the Holy Spirit let us pray
as Jesus taught us.*

**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.**

SENDING

BLESSING

God, who gives life to all things
and frees us from despair,
bless you with truth and peace.
And may the holy Trinity, † one God,
guide you always in faith, hope, and love,
Amen.

Sending Hymn *"We Are Called" ELW #720*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, with Christ beside you.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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Usher
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Serving Today

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