

Welcome to Immanuel Lutheran Church

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Sunday, September 22nd, 2024

18th Sunday after Pentecost,

Lectionary 25, Year B



*Please welcome Kathy Robinson as she
leads us in Worship today.*

Prelude

Announcements

Introduction

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.

Please stand if able.

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

Amen.

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.

Amen.

Gathering Hymn

God Is Here!

#526

Greeting: “The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all” (2 Corinthians 13:14).

C: And also, with you.

Kyrie

Have Mercy On Us Lord

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Prayer of the Day

P: 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.

Amen.

Please be seated.

First Reading: Jeremiah 11:18-20

¹⁸It 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.

R: Word of God. Word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm: Psalm 54

R: ¹Save me, O God, | by your name;
in your might, de- | fend my cause.

²Hear my | prayer, O God;
give ear to the words | of my mouth.

³For strangers have risen up against me, and the ruthless have | sought my life,
those who have no re- | gard for God.

⁴Behold, God | is my helper;
it is the Lord who sus- | tains my life. R

⁵Render evil to those who | spy on me;
in your faithful- | ness, destroy them.

⁶**I will offer you a | freewill sacrifice
and praise your name, O LORD, for | it is good.**

⁷For you have rescued me from | every trouble,
and my eye looks down | on my enemies.

Second Reading: James 3:13—4:3, 7-8a

¹³Who 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:}

¹Those 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. ^{8a}Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

R: Word of God. Word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Please stand for the Gospel.

Gospel Acclamation

“Alleluia”

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Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁰[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it;³¹ for 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.”³² But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

³³ Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?”³⁴ But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest.³⁵ He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.”³⁶ Then 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.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Message

Kathy Robinson

Hymn of the Day

Children of the Heavenly Father

#781

Please stand if able.

Apostles’ Creed
of your hymnal.

See the yellow sheet in the back

Sharing of the Peace

P: The Peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also, with you.

P: I invite you to share the Peace however you feel comfortable.

Please be seated for the Prayers.

Prayers of Intercession

Read by our Lector today:

Doug Helling

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 “Hear us, O God”, please respond with “Your Mercy is Great”.

A brief silence.

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.
The Lord's Prayer

Offertory Hymn Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow #884

The usher will bring up the offering plate.

Please stand if able.

Offering Prayer

P: 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.

Benediction

God all mighty,
God most merciful
✠ bless you, keep you,
and give you peace. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light #815

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Attendance on 09/15/2024: 27

**Prayer Concerns: We pray for healing and comfort for Dan Gibbons,
brother of Jane Riley-Smith. The family of Carol Hazen. The family of**

Mike Mayer. Edward Henning and family in the passing of Bernice Henning (Bob's Sister-in-law). Bob Henning for a speedy recovery. (For updates, please contact the ILC Office)

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Volunteers needed to Host Coffee Hours. The sign-up sheet is in the kitchen.

Serving us Today September 15th

Leader: Kathy Robinson

Organist/Pianist: Karen Z.

Reader: Doug Helling

Usher: Dan Westaby

Altar Guild: Kathy Knox, Joanne Distelhorst, Pattie Bricko and Holly Westaby

Welcome to Immanuel! We've been waiting for you! If you are interested in becoming a member here, please stop and pick up one of our Welcome packets on the table in the Narthex. We are eager to know you and we're excited to share with you the marvelous ways God is working in our church.

Deadline to submit items for the October 2024 Newsletter is September 23, 2024.

Food Pantry Donations

The Neighbors' Place welcomes donations for their food pantry. They are especially in need of toilet paper, shampoo, lotion, laundry soap, dish soap, juice, beef stew, mayo, cookies, canned fruit, and sugar. If you would like to donate non-perishable foods or basic supplies, you may place them on the black cart next to the pew near the Gathering Room and they will be delivered to the Neighbors' Place.

The Church Council will be meeting at 6:00pm on Tuesday, September 24, 2024.

Thursday September 26th Open from 4:30 to 6:30pm @ St Anthony Spirituality Center in Marathon City, WI. This event is open to all who have had a loss and would like a quiet time and space for reflection and a place of peaceful acceptance. The grounds will have a lit path for walking and there will be a candle lit indoor path as well in the event

of inclement weather. This is sponsored by Aspirus Health any questions you can call Amy at 715-847-2703

Coats and Other Items for Kids. All items collected will be distributed to Wausau & DC Everest schools through **October 27, 2024**. The drop off table is set up in the Gathering Room. Listing of items needed (gently used or new – sizes for little kids to adult kids): Coats, Jackets, Snow Pants, Sweatshirts, Hooded Sweatshirts, Sweatpants, Hats, Gloves, Mittens, Boots and **NEW Underwear and Socks**.

Highland Community Church Women’s Fall Conference is October 19th from 9AM to 4 PM. Registration opens on September 1st, contact Sue at 715-842-5683 or go to HCC-Register.com

The Men’s Discussion Group meets Thursdays at 7:30 am, in the Koinonia room. New participants are always welcome.

Strong Bones Senior Exercise Group meets every Tuesday and Thursday in the old Nursery at 10:30 am. The class is open to anyone wishing to improve balance and maintain strength to prevent falls. New faces are happily welcome.

A Note from Jackie

I just wanted to say thank you to everyone at Immanuel Lutheran Church for the opportunity to return to serve all of you as your Administrative Secretary. I’ve missed you! I must tell you that it was a prayer answered for me.

²⁴Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. – Mark 11:24