

13th Sunday after Pentecost

A disciple of Jesus Christ will "bear his own cross" (Luke 14:27) and follow the Lord through death into life. Discipleship is costly because it crucifies the old man with "all that he has" (Luke 14:33), in order to raise up the new man in Christ. The disciple disavows "his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life" (Luke 14:26), in deference to Christ. That way of the cross is impossible, except that Christ Jesus has already paid the cost. His cross is set before you as "life and good, death and evil" (Deut. 30:15). Taking up His cross is to "choose life, that you and your offspring may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him" (Deut. 30:19–20). To live that life in Christ is also to bear His cross in love, "that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own accord" (Philemon 14).

Please stand as you are able for parts of the service marked with a "+"

Divine Service 4

Opening Hymn "Lord Jesus Christ, With Us Abide"

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+ Invocation and Confession and Absolution

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+ Introit Psalm 119

P: Make me understand the way of your precepts,

C: and I will meditate on your wondrous worlds.

P: My soul melts away for sorrow;

C: strengthen me according to your word!

P: Put false ways far from me

C: and graciously teach me your law!

P: I have chosen the way of faithfulness;

C: I set your just decrees before me.

P: I cling to your testimonies, O Lord;

C: let me not be put to shame!

P: I will run in the way of your commandments

C: when you enlarge my heart!

ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

+ Kyrie -- Lord, Have Mercy

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+ Gloria in Excelsis

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+ Salutation and Collect

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O merciful Lord, You did not spare Your only Son but delivered Him up for us all. Grant us courage and strength to take up the cross and follow Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **AMEN.**

Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 30:15–20

15 "See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. **16** If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. **17** But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other

gods and serve them, **18** I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. **19** I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, **20** loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them."

P: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading: Philemon 1–21

1 Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our beloved fellow worker **2** and Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier, and the church in your house:

3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

4 I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, **5** because I hear of your love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and for all the saints, **6** and I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ. **7** For I have derived much joy and comfort from your love, my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you.

8 Accordingly, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do what is required, **9** yet for love's sake I prefer to appeal to you—I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus— **10** I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment. **11** (Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me.) **12** I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart. **13** I would have been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on your behalf during my imprisonment for the gospel, **14** but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own accord. **15** For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, **16** no longer as a bondservant but more than a bondservant, as a beloved brother—especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

17 So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me. **18** If he has wronged you at all, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. **19** I, Paul, write this with my own hand: I will repay it—to say nothing of your owing me even your own self. **20** Yes, brother, I want some benefit from you in the Lord. Refresh my heart in Christ.

21 Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say. **22** At the same time, prepare a guest room

for me, for I am hoping that through your prayers I will be graciously given to you.

23 Epaphras, my fellow prisoner in Christ Jesus, sends greetings to you, **24** and so do Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, and Luke, my fellow workers.

25 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

P: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

+ Alleluia and Verse

+ Gospel Reading: Luke 14:25-35

25 Now great crowds accompanied him, and he turned and said to them, **26** "If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. **27** Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. **28** For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? **29** Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, **30** saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish.' **31** Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? **32** And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. **33** So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple. **34** "Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? **35** It is of no use either for the soil or for the manure pile. It is thrown away. He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord **C: Praise to You O Christ**

+ Nicene Creed **p. 206**

Hymn: "How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord" **#853**

Sermon

+ Prayer of the Church

+ Preface and Sanctus -- Holy Holy Holy **p. 208**

+ Lord's Prayer

+ Agnus Dei -- Lamb of God **p. 210**

Communion Hymns 427,797,561,566,606

+ Nunc Dimittis -- Song of Simeon **p. 211**

+ Post-Communion Collect and Blessing **p. 212**

+ Hymn: "Praise God, from Whom All Blessing Flow" **#805**
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Sunday Services: 8:15 and 10:30 AM

Sunday School and Bible Class: 9:30 AM

Announcements for Sunday Sept. 7

Communion Statement

"The body and the blood of Jesus, given and shed on Calvary for the forgiveness of our sins, will be distributed and received during our worship service this morning. Since those who commune at the altar are joined together in Christ as well as together in the teachings of the congregation (Acts 2:42; 1 Cor. 11:17-30; 1 Cor. 1:10; 1 Cor. 10:16-18), Immanuel Lutheran Church observes the historical and biblical practice of Closed Communion. This is done so that no one would receive the holy sacrament to their damnation and so that they may give a proper witness to their faith. Visitors from congregations of the Lutheran Church -- Missouri Synod are invited to commune. Others are invited to visit with the pastor concerning our Communion practices."

IN OUR PRAYERS

Our shut-ins: Jo Tews

Kevin Jacob

All who are ill or suffering in these trying times

THIS WEEK AT SILO:

Tue Sept 9 8:20am Chapel - 5th/6th grade sing

Tue Sept 9 4:30pm Soccer vs Resurrection

Wed - Fri Sept 10 - 12 Pastor at Camp Omega with 7th & 8th grade

LOOKING AHEAD:

Mon Sept 15 7pm New Member Class

Tue Sept 16 4:30pm Soccer vs Wykoff

Tue Sept 16 School Board Meeting

Wed Sept 17 6:30pm PTO Meeting

IN OUR SERVICE TODAY

Ushers: 8:15:

10:30:

Altar Guild: Teresa Fortsch & Amber Opsahl

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

Exciting News at the Soccer Field! A new 16x24 storage shed and concessions stand is being built. This addition will provide much-needed storage and a welcoming space for events. Stop up and see the progress!

School Board Meeting has been rescheduled to Tue Sept 16

The youth group kicked off the year with an afternoon camping. They hiked, played spike ball, ate supper and enjoyed time together. The theme of the devotion for that night was "Looking at the Heart." Thank you congregation members, for all your support of the youth group. Please feel free to ask what they enjoyed about the camping day the next time you see someone! Thank you also for supporting the adults who help with youth in a variety of ways! Transporting youth, remembering dates correctly, praying for youth, signing up to help, and encouraging the time spent in fellowship is important!

REPEAT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Urgently needed. Welcome Host Families for foreign exchange students. Students will go to Hope or possibly Lewiston-Altura. For more information please call Donna Ryan at 507-450-7817. General information may also be found at Exploretheworld.org.

Looking for kitchen volunteers for the school year. If you can help once a week, twice a month, once a month we are happy to work with schedules. Tasks would include serving lunch, doing dishes, sanitation, etc. Hours are typically 10am to 1-1:30pm. Contact Teresa 507-459-7972

Hope Lutheran High School's FFA is hosting a Blood Drive. Sept 10th, 1-6pm at Hope School. Sign up on Hope's website or contact Owen Sauer at 507-459-7197. There is also a sign up sheet in the entryway of the church.