

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost-September 8, 2019

THEME: Christians can expect opposition and suffering as a result of their faith.

HYMN 416: *"How Firm a Foundation"*

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PRAYER OF THE DAY: Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift of grace that we come into your presence and offer true and faithful service. Grant that our worship on earth may always be pleasing to you and in the life to come give us the fulfillment of what you have promised; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

FIRST LESSON: Jeremiah 23:23-29 (NIV)

We need to proclaim the Word faithfully in the face of opposition since God's truth has the inherent power to crush false doctrine.

23:23 "Am I only a God nearby," declares the LORD, "and not a God far away? 24 Can anyone hide in secret places so that I cannot see them?" declares the LORD. "Do not I fill heaven and earth?" declares the LORD.

25 "I have heard what the prophets say who prophesy lies in my name. They say, 'I had a dream! I had a dream!' 26 How long will this continue in the hearts of these lying prophets, who prophesy the delusions of their own minds? 27 They think the dreams they tell one another will make my people forget my name, just as their fathers forgot my name through Baal worship. 28 Let the prophet who has a dream tell his dream, but let the one who has my word speak it faithfully. For what has straw to do with grain?" declares the LORD. 29 "Is not my word like fire," declares the LORD, "and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?"

PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 139a (p.116) (sung in unison)

God's omnipresence is a source of comfort for the Christian. We know we shall never be in a place where God cannot see us.

SECOND LESSON: Hebrews 12:1-13 (EHV) (sermon text)

Troubles in our earthly life, that we are suffering on account of the gospel, are signs of loving discipline from our heavenly Father.

12:1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us get rid of every burden and the sin that so easily ensnares us, and let us run with patient endurance the race that is laid out for us. 2 Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, who is the author of our faith and the one who brings it to its goal. In view of the joy set before him, he endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of God's throne. 3 Carefully consider him who endured such hostility against himself from sinful people, so that you do not grow weary and lose heart.

4 You have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood in your fight against sin. 5 Have you also forgotten the encouragement that addresses you as sons?

My son, do not regard the Lord's discipline lightly, and do not become weary of his correction.

6 For the Lord disciplines the one whom he loves, and he corrects every son he accepts.

7 Endure suffering as discipline. God is dealing with you as sons. Is there a son whose father does not discipline him? 8 If you are not disciplined (and all of us have received it), then you are illegitimate children

and not sons. 9 In addition, we have earthly fathers who disciplined us, and we respected them. Should we not submit even more to the Father of the spirits and live? 10 They disciplined us for a little while, according to what seemed best to them, but God disciplines us for our good, so that we may have a share in his holiness. 11 No discipline seems pleasant when it is happening, but painful, yet later it yields a peaceful harvest of righteousness for those who have been trained by it.

12 Therefore strengthen your weak hands and feeble knees, 13 and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be dislocated but rather healed.

VERSE OF THE DAY: Alleluia. For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any double-edged sword. It penetrates even to the point of dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow, even being able to judge the ideas and thoughts of the heart. Alleluia. (Hebrews 4:12 EHV)

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 12:49-53 (EHV)

The truth about Christ will cause divisions between people. However, this great truth must be maintained and proclaimed at all costs.

12:49 "I came to throw fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already ignited. 50 But I have a baptism to undergo, and how distressed I am until it is finished! 51 Do you think that I came to bring peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. 52 Yes, from now on there will be five divided in one household: three against two, and two against three. 53 They will be divided: father against son, and son against father; mother against daughter, and daughter against mother; mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law, and daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law."

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HYMN 457: *"Fight the Good Fight"*

SERMON THEME: Yes, You Have to Run the Marathon

- 1. Realize the distance – your lifetime**
- 2. Summon the perseverance to keep running**
- 3. Be motivated by your Lord and Savior**

CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART – Page 20

OFFERING HYMN 485 Verses 1 & 2: "We Give Thee but Thine Own" (Please Stand)

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ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION – Page 21

HYMN 310: *"I Come, O Savior, to Your Table"*

SONG OF SIMEON – Page 24 (Please Stand)

BENEDICTION

HYMN 420: *"God Moves in a Mysterious Way"*

SILENT PRAYER & ANNOUNCEMENTS



Serving Us Today ~ September 8, 2019

Organist: Marge Schroeder

Altar Guild: Dave & Faye Leatherman & Ruth Reiter

Ushers: Jeff Reiter, Jacob Reiter & Ruth Reiter

Communion Assistant: Randy Montgomery

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During Our Worship Service this morning we will be celebrating the Lord's Supper. Non-members are asked to speak with the Pastor before the service prior to communing.

Special Congregational Voter's Meeting Today: There will be a brief meeting after Worship Service to review and update our current Tuition Assistance Policy. A copy of our current policy and proposed changes are located near our guest registry for your review.

Sunday School will resume next Sunday at 10:00 a.m. Our Sunday School is available for children four years old through eighth grade. We are still seeking substitute teachers.

Evangelical Heritage Version (EHV) Translation: You will note we have been using this new version in our weekly readings. These "new" Bibles are available to purchase. Please see the sign-up sheet on our bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. Deadline is today so we can place our order this week.

Ladies' Guild first meeting of the Fall will be on Tuesday, September 24 in our fellowship hall. The evening will feature an appetizer and salad supper. Hostesses for the evening are Pat Stieg and Darlene Zepczyk. The entire congregation is invited to bring either your favorite appetizer or salad and get reacquainted with the ladies group of Immanuel!

Coming in September: A visit to hear the Rodgers organ recently installed near Green Bay. Available dates are being compiled for us. More details will be forthcoming in our Worship Bulletins.

Ladies' Guild: Members will soon begin their Autumn/Thanksgiving banner project. Please watch our future worship bulletins for upcoming dates they will meet to work on this newest project. Also, we will meet again tomorrow morning at 9:00 a.m. to work on Christmas decorations in our basement. Come and join us!

Jesus Cares Bible Class: Next meeting is Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. at Grace Lutheran. See our bulletin board for more information.

Please Remember In Your Prayers: Julaine Hanneman and Gloria Pagel.

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GIFTS		THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL	
Budgeted Need per week	\$3,379.00	Office Hours	Tues, Wed., Thurs 8:00 a.m. - Noon
Budgeted Received 09-01-19	\$3,549.00	Today	10:00 a.m. Tuition Policy Voter Meeting
Budgeted Need to date	\$118,265.00	Monday	9:00 a.m. Christmas Décor sorting
Budgeted Received to date	\$106,158.48	Tuesday	9:30 a.m. Bible Class
		Wednesday	5:00 p.m. GriefShare
		Wednesday	6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
		Sunday	9:00 a.m. Worship Service
		Sunday	10:00 a.m. Sunday School Begins!
Worship Attendance 09-01-19	71	Sunday	10:00 a.m. Adult Doctrine Review Begins

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