

# Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 15, 2019

**THEME: The only path to an eternity of joy in heaven is faith in Jesus.**

**HYMN 339:** *"Today Your Mercy Calls Us"*

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**PRAYER OF THE DAY:** Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope and love; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**FIRST LESSON:** Isaiah 66:18-24 (NIV)

*In the closing words of his prophecy, Isaiah foretold that people from every nation would be saved. However, those who rebelled against God in unbelief would receive unending punishment.*

66:18 "And I, because of their actions and their imaginations, am about to come and gather all nations and tongues, and they will come and see my glory.

19 "I will set a sign among them, and I will send some of those who survive to the nations – to Tarshish, to the Libyans and Lydians (famous as archers), to Tubal and Greece, and to the distant islands that have not heard of my fame or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory among the nations. 20 And they will bring all your brothers, from all the nations, to my holy mountain in Jerusalem as an offering to the LORD – on horses, in chariots and wagons, and on mules and camels," says the LORD. "They will bring them, as the Israelites bring their grain offerings, to the temple of the LORD in ceremonially clean vessels. 21 And I will select some of them also to be priests and Levites," says the LORD.

22 "As the new heavens and the new earth that I make will endure before me," declares the LORD, "so will your name and descendants endure. 23 From one New Moon to another and from one Sabbath to another, all mankind will come and bow down before me," says the LORD. 24 "And they will go out and look upon the dead bodies of those who rebelled against me; their worm will not die, nor will their fire be quenched, and they will be loathsome to all mankind."

**PSALM OF THE DAY:** Psalm 72 (p.93) (sung in unison)

*This messianic Psalm portrays Christ as the universal King to whom "all kings will bow down."*

**SECOND LESSON:** Hebrews 12:18-24 (EHV)

*Approaching God by way of Mount Sinai – that is, the law – can only lead to a terrified conscience. Approaching him by way of Mount Zion – that is, the gospel – will lead to eternal life.*

12:18 You have not come to a mountain that can be touched and to burning fire, to darkness, to gloom, to a raging storm, 19 to the sound of a trumpet, and to a voice that spoke. Those who heard the voice asked that not one more word be added, 20 because they could not endure what was commanded: "If even an animal touches the mountain, it must be stoned." 21 The sight was so terrifying that even Moses said, "I am trembling with fear."

22 Instead, you have come to Mount Zion, the city of the living God; to the heavenly Jerusalem; to tens of thousands of angels in joyful assembly; 23 to the church of the firstborn whose names are written in heaven; to God, who is the judge of all; to the spirits of righteous people who have been made perfect; 24 to Jesus, the mediator of a new testament; and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better message than the blood of Abel.

**VERSE OF THE DAY:** Alleluia. Our Savior Christ Jesus abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. Alleluia. (2 Timothy 1:10 EHV)

**THE HOLY GOSPEL:** Luke 13:22-30 (EHV) (sermon text)

*The door to heaven, open to people from all nations, is Jesus Christ, the One who makes us right with God. Those who try to enter through any other door will be sent away.*

13:22 He went on his way from one town and village to another, teaching, and making his way to Jerusalem. 23 Someone said to him, "Lord, are only a few going to be saved?"

He said to them, 24 "Strive to enter through the narrow door, because many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able. 25 Once the master of the house gets up and shuts the door, you will begin to stand outside and knock on the door, saying, 'Lord, open for us!' He will tell you in reply, 'I don't know you or where you come from.' 26 Then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.' 27 And he will say, 'I don't know where you come from. Depart from me, all you evildoers.' 28 There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth when you see Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, but you yourselves thrown outside. 29 People will come from east and west, from north and south, and will recline at the table in the kingdom of God. 30 And note this: Some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last."

**HYMN 439:** *"Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me"*

**SERMON THEME: There Is Only One Way In**

1. Open to all who walk the narrow way in faith
2. Closed to those who walk the way of their choosing

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

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH & LORD'S PRAYER**

**HYMN 356:** *"You Are the Way; through You Alone"*

**BENEDICTION**

**HYMN 476 VERSE 3:** *"Thee Will I Love"*

**SILENT PRAYER & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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**Serving Us Today ~ September 15, 2019**

*Organist:* Marjean Schroeder-Oaks

*Ushers:* Mark Andersen, Mady Andersen, Matt Mittelstaedt,  
Randy Montgomery & Amy Montgomery

*Altar Guild:* Barb Luft, Ann Gosdeck & Julie Treichel



**Our Worship Bulletins for This Morning** have been provided by Mark & Pam Juedes in honor of their 45<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Congratulations!!

**Autumn/Thanksgiving Banner Project.** The Ladies' Guild will meet to work on this newest project on Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. (immediately after Bible Class). Darlene will be here to instruct with pinning and hemming.



**Sunday School Resumes Today** at 10:00 a.m. Our Sunday School is available for children four years old through eighth grade. We are still looking for substitute teachers.

**Lamplighter Articles for our October** issue are due in the office by Tuesday, September 24th.

**Mission Festival Is Scheduled For October 6.** Our Ladies' Guild will hold a potluck lunch after church service. Start thinking about what yummy recipe to make for your dish-to-pass! FYI, the Packers play at 3:30 p.m. so you won't be rushed to get home.

**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!

**Please keep in your prayers:** Gloria Pagel, Marian Pepler and Julaine Hanneman.

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GIFTS		THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL	
Needed per week	\$3,379.00	<b>Office Hours</b>	Tues. Weds & Thurs. 8:00 a.m. -Noon
Budget Received 09-08-19	\$2,477.75		
Budget Need to date	\$121,644.00	<b>Today</b>	10:00 a.m. Adult Doctrine Class meet in church
Budget Received to date	\$108,636.23	<b>Today</b>	12:30 p.m. Troudt/Phillips Bridal Shower
		<b>Monday</b>	6:30 p.m. Church Council Meeting
		<b>Tuesday</b>	9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class
Attendance on 09-08-19	92	<b>Tuesday</b>	10:30 a.m. Ladies' Guild Banner Project
		<b>Wednesday</b>	5:00 p.m. GriefShare Meeting
		<b>Wednesday</b>	6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
		<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 a.m. Communion Service
		<b>Sunday</b>	10:00 a.m. Sunday School
		<b>Sunday</b>	10:00 a.m. Adult Doctrine Class meet in F.Hall

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