

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 20, 2019

Bring a Friend Sunday

THEME: Our lives as Christians are a constant fight of faith against spiritual complacency.

HYMN 444: *"If You But Trust in God to Guide You"*

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PRAYER OF THE DAY: Mercifully grant, O God, that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts, for without your help we are unable to please you; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

FIRST LESSON: Amos 6:1-7 (EHV)

The prophet warns against our attachment to worldly possessions, habits and events from becoming a love affair that makes us spiritually complacent.

6:1 Woe to you who are complacent in Zion, you who feel secure on Mount Samaria, you distinguished people of the leading nation, to whom the house of Israel comes.

2 Travel to Kalneh and look. Go from there to Hamath Rabbah, and go down to Gath of the Philistines. Are you better than those kingdoms? Are their territories greater than your territory?

3 You who are trying to put off the evil day, you bring near the session for violence!

4 Those who lie on ivory beds, sprawling upon their couches, eating lambs from the flock and calves straight from the stall, 5 improvising tunes on the lyre, composing music for themselves on musical instruments like David, 6 drinking large bowls of wine - they slather themselves with the most expensive perfumed oils, but they do not grieve over the ruin of Joseph. 7 That is why they will go into exile as the first of the exiles. Those who sprawl out at their feasts for the dead will depart.

PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 146 (page 120)

As we carry on the fight of faith, our hope is in the Lord, not in the power of "mortal men who cannot save."

SECOND LESSON: 1 Timothy 6:6-16 (EHV)

The good fight of faith against earthly saviors must be fought by every believer on this side of glory. Paul urges us to be content with what the Lord provides for our lives in this world and to place the greater value on the life Christ has purchased for us.

6:6 But godliness with contentment is great gain. 7 For we brought nothing into the world, and we certainly cannot take anything out. 8 But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be satisfied.

9 Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and many foolish and harmful desires, which plunge them into complete destruction and utter ruin. 10 For the love of money is a root of all sorts of evils. By striving for money, some have wandered away from the faith and have pierced themselves with many pains.

11 But you, O man of God, flee from these things and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, perseverance, and gentleness. 12 Fight the good fight of faith. Take hold of eternal life, to which you were called and about which you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses. 13 I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who made a

good confession as a witness before Pontius Pilate, 14 that you keep this command without spot and without fault, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, 15 which he will make known at the proper time—the blessed and only ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, 16 who alone has immortality, who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or is able to see. To him be honor and power forever! Amen.

VERSE OF THE DAY: Alleluia. At the name of Jesus every knee should bow, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father. Alleluia. (Philippians 2:10 & 11 NIV)

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 16:19-31 (EHV)

The story of the rich man and Lazarus is a powerful reminder that putting our trust in anything but Jesus for eternity will result in a life spent in hell.

16:19 "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen, living in luxury every day. 20 A beggar named Lazarus had been laid at his gate. Lazarus was covered with sores and 21 longed to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table. Besides this, the dogs also came and licked his sores. 22 Eventually the beggar died, and the angels carried him to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried. 23 In hell, where he was in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away and Lazarus at his side. 24 He called out and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me! Send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in misery in this flame.'

25 "But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus received bad things. But now he is comforted here, and you are in misery. 26 Besides all this, a great chasm has been set in place between us and you, so that those who want to cross from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.' 27 "He said, 'Then I beg you, father, send him to my father's home, 28 because I have five brothers—to warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.' 29 "Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the Prophets. Let them listen to them.' 30 "No, father Abraham,' he said, 'but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.' 31 "Abraham replied to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

HYMN 477: *"What Is the World to Me"*

SERMON THEME: What Is Important to You?

1. Your daily lives and pleasures? 2. Your souls and eternal life?

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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 434: *"Lord, You I Love with All My Heart"*

CHOIR: *"May the Peace of God"*

BENEDICTION

HYMN 457: *"Fight the Good Fight"*

SILENT PRAYER & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Serving Us Today ~ October 20, 2019

Guest Organist: Phil Otto

Ushers: Jeff Reiter, Jacob Reiter, Ruth Reiter and Mason Steinhilber

Altar Guild: Rachel Freerking, Kay Kohfeldt and Edie Nieman



Thank you to Mr. Phil Otto for joining us this morning. Please come back and see us again soon.

New Things to Sign-up to do! After Worship today, go directly to the Fellowship Hall and check out all kinds of things to get involved with this Fall at Immanuel.

Our Thanksgiving Service will be held Wednesday, November 27 at 6:30 p.m. Additionally, Immanuel will have three Advent Services on Wednesday, December 4, 11 & 18 at 6:30 p.m. to prepare our hearts and souls for Christmas! Don't forget to sign-up for pre-service soup suppers.

Check Out Our New Website At: www.immanuel-oshkosh.org Type this information in the ADDRESS LINE, not in the search line. Please feel free to take a look and provide suggestions to help this project to completion.

WLA Is Seeking Host Families for their Choral Event on November 8-10. If interested in providing a place to stay in your home for that weekend, please contact Annie Thalen at 920-979-9909. Thank you.

November 15 at Immanuel: Germanfest! Sign-up sheet and recipes (try something new or share one of your own favorites or just sign-up to attend) are located in our Fellowship Hall.

Ladies' Guild October Meeting is Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. We will be playing Bible Trivia, led by Pastor Seelman. Come and join us!

A Couple Of Our Dedicated Members have cleaned-up our church flower beds. There are flower seeds available in our Fellowship Hall for anyone interested in *cone flowers* or *hollyhocks*. Help yourself!

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GIFTS		THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL	
Needed per week	\$3,379.00	Office Hours	Tues. Weds & Thurs. 8:00 a.m. -Noon
Budget Received 10-13	\$2,096.80		
Budget Need to date	\$138,539.00	Today	10:00 a.m. Coffee & donut fellowship
Budget Received to date	\$120,189.16	Today	10:00 a.m. Sunday School
		Tuesday	9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study
		Tuesday	6:30 p.m. Ladies' Guild October Meeting
		Wednesday	5:00 p.m. GriefShare
		Wednesday	6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
		Saturday	1:00 p.m. Pumpkin Fun in Fellowship Hall
		Saturday	LWMS Fall Rally
Attendance 10-13	96	Sunday	9:00 a.m. Communion Service
Sunday Doctrine Study	12	Sunday	10:00 a.m. Sunday School
Tuesday Bible Class	10	Sunday	10:00 a.m. Adult Doctrine Study
GriefShare	12		

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