

## Sixth Sunday after Pentecost ~ July 21, 2019

**THEME: The path we follow as disciples, ends with eternal bliss in heaven.**

**HYMN 421:** *"All Depends on Our Possessing"*

**SERVICE OF THE WORD** – Page 38

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:** O God, you have prepared joys beyond understanding for those who love you. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**FIRST LESSON:** 1 Kings 19:14-21 (NIV)

*The Almighty God showed a doubting Elijah that he was not alone in his battle against idolatry. God had reserved 7,000 who still worshiped the true and only God.*

19:14 He replied, "I have been very zealous for the Lord God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, broken down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too."

15 The Lord said to him, "Go back the way you came, and go to the Desert of Damascus. When you get there, anoint Hazael king over Aram. 16 Also, anoint Jehu son of Nimshi king over Israel, and anoint Elisha son of Shaphat from Abel Meholah to succeed you as prophet. 17 Jehu will put to death any who escape the sword of Hazael, and Elisha will put to death any who escape the sword of Jehu. 18 Yet I reserve seven thousand in Israel – all whose knees have not bowed down to Baal and all whose mouths have not kissed him."

19 So Elijah went from there and found Elisha son of Shaphat. He was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen, and he himself was driving the twelfth pair. Elijah went up to him and threw his cloak around him. 20 Elisha then left his oxen and ran after Elijah. "Let me kiss my father and mother goodbye," he said, "and then I will come with you." "Go back," Elijah replied. "What have I done to you?"

21 So Elisha left him and went back. He took his yoke of oxen and slaughtered them. He burned the plowing equipment to cook the meat and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out to follow Elijah and became his attendant.

**PSALM OF THE DAY:** Psalm 62 (p.88) (sung in unison)

*David found rest for his soul in the loving strength of the Lord, even when the world bitterly opposed him.*

**SECOND LESSON:** Galatians 5:1, 13-25 (EHV)

*The freedom that is ours in Christ is not to be used as a license to sin. Rather, we are to serve one another and live "in step with the Spirit."*

5:1 It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not allow anyone to put the yoke of slavery on you again.

13 After all, brothers, you were called to freedom. Only do not use your freedom as a starting point for your sinful flesh. Rather, serve one another through love. 14 In fact, the whole law is summed up in this one statement: "Love your neighbor as yourself." 15 But if you keep on biting and devouring one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another.

16 What I am saying is this: Walk by the spirit, and you will not carry out what the sinful flesh desires. 17 For the sinful flesh desires what is contrary to the spirit, and the spirit what is contrary to the sinful flesh. In fact, these two continually oppose one another, so that you do not continue to do these things you want to do. 18 But if you are led by the spirit, you are not under the control of the law.

19 Now the works of the sinful flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity, complete lack of restraint, 20 idolatry, sorcery, hatred, discord, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, dissensions, heresies, 21 envy, murders, drunkenness, orgies, and things similar to these. I warn you, just as I also warned you before, that those who continue to do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. 22 But the fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, and self-control. Against such things there is no law. 24 Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful flesh with its passions and desires. 25 If we live by the spirit, let us also walk in step with it.

**VERSE OF THE DAY:** Alleluia. If anyone wants to follow me, let him deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. Alleluia. (Mark 8:34b EHV)

**THE HOLY GOSPEL:** Luke 9:51-62 (sermon text) (EHV) (Please Stand)

*Christ impressed upon his followers that discipleship means counting the cost and setting new priorities in our lives.*

9:51 When the days were approaching for him to be taken up, Jesus was determined to go to Jerusalem. He sent messengers ahead of him. They went and entered a Samaritan village to make preparations for him. But the people did not welcome him, because he was determined to go to Jerusalem.

When his disciples James and John saw this, they said, "Lord, do you want us to call down fire from heaven to consume them?" But he turned and rebuked them. "You don't know what kind of spirit is influencing you. For the Son of Man did not come to destroy people's souls, but to save them." Then they went to another village.

As they went on the way, a man said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head."

He said to another man, "Follow me!" But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." Jesus told him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God."

Another man also said, "I will follow you, Lord, but first let me say good-bye to those at my home." Jesus told him, "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

**HYMN 543:** *"God of the Prophets"*

**SERMON THEME: Follow Jesus with Determination**

**1. Despite possible rejection. 2. When facing earthly demands 3. Always looking ahead**

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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 463:** *"Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult"*

**BENEDICTION**

**HYMN 331:** *"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"*

**SILENT PRAYER & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Serving Us Today ~ July 21, 2019**

*Organist:* Marjean Schroeder

*Ushers:* Dave Schroeder, Gary Troudt & Dennis Troudt

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



**The Flowers Adorning Our Altar** this morning have been provided by Matthew Mittelstaedt in memory of Jody Mittelstaedt.

**Evangelical Heritage Version (EHV) Translation:** You will note in the coming weeks we will begin to transition into this new version. It will be used more and more in our weekly readings. They will always be noted as "EHV".

**Our New Website** is a work-in-process: [immanuel-oshkosh.org](http://immanuel-oshkosh.org) Please feel free to take a look and *provide suggestions* to help this project to completion.

**Attention Immanuel Gardeners:** Have you been working hard to achieve that beautiful garden you are so proud of? Would you like to share a picture of your efforts? Please take a digital picture and send it to [pastorseelman@hotmail.com](mailto:pastorseelman@hotmail.com). Make sure to provide your name with the picture and we will try our best to include it in our August Lamplighter and on our new website. To date, no one has submitted a photo.

**We Are Seeking Two Sunday School Teachers** for our upcoming 2019-2020 school year. If you are interested, please speak to Pastor.

**Lamplighter Articles** for our August issue are due in the office by July 25.

**Our Church Picnic is scheduled for Sunday, August 4th at South Park** in the large pavilion. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. Our worship service at church will be at 9:00 a.m. and worship-in-the-park will be at 11:00 a.m. Lunch will be served immediately after worship service. Bingo will follow the meal with plenty of prizes to be won. Sign-up sheets for donation items are located in our Fellowship Hall. Please join us for this day of fun. This is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy good food and fellowship with your Immanuel family!

**Are You Aware?** Our worship services are "filmed" every week. DVDs are available in our church office if you are interested.

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 07-14-19	\$1,604.00	<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 a.m. Worship Service
Budget Need to date	\$94,612.00		
Budget Received to date	\$88,798.36		
Worship Attendance 07-14-19	63		

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