

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost-August 11, 2019

THEME: Service to the Lord begins with sitting at his feet and listening to his Word.

HYMN 221: *"Blessed Jesus, at Your Word"*

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PRAYER OF THE DAY: Grant us, Lord, the spirit to think and do what is right that we, who cannot do anything that is good without you, may by your help be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

FIRST LESSON: Genesis 18:1–14

Abraham shows great love and respect for the three heavenly visitors. He believed the message that he and Sarah would have a son as God had promised.

The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he was sitting by the door to his tent during the heat of the day. 2Abraham looked up, and he saw three men standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them, and he bowed down to the ground. 3He said, "My lord, if I have now found favor in your sight, please do not pass your servant by. 4Now let me get a little water so that all of you can wash your feet and rest under the tree. 5Let me get some bread so that you can refresh yourselves. After that you may go your way. That is why you have come to your servant."

They said, "Yes, do as you have said."

6Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah and said, "Quickly prepare twenty quarts of fine flour, knead it, and make some loaves of bread." 7Abraham ran to the herd, brought a good, tender calf, and gave it to the servant. He hurried to prepare it. 8He took cheese curds, milk, and the calf that he had prepared and set it before them. He stood beside them under the tree while they ate.

9They asked him, "Where is Sarah, your wife?"

He said, "She is over there in the tent."

10One of the men said, "I will certainly return to you when this season comes around next year. Then Sarah your wife will have a son."

Sarah was listening to this from the tent door, which was behind him. 11Now Abraham and Sarah were old, well into old age. Sarah was past the age for childbearing. 12Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I am worn out, will I have pleasure, since my lord is also old?"

13The LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Will I really give birth to a child though I am old?' 14Is anything impossible for the LORD? At the set time next year I will return to you, and Sarah will have a son."

PSALM OF THE DAY: 119A (page 109) (sung in unison)

The children of God "seek him with all their heart" by hearing and obeying his Word.

SECOND LESSON: Colossians 1:21–29 (EHV) (sermon text)

As a servant of the gospel, Paul had no greater wish than to serve other people with the message of salvation.

21At one time, you were alienated from God and hostile in your thinking as expressed through your evil deeds. 22But now Christ reconciled you in his body of flesh through death, in order to present you holy, blameless, and faultless before him— 23if you continue steadfast and firm in faith, without being moved away

from the hope of the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a minister.

24Now I rejoice in my sufferings on your behalf, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ on behalf of his body, which is the church. 25I became a minister of the church for your benefit when God gave me the task of fully proclaiming the word of God, 26namely, the mystery that was hidden for past ages and generations, but now has been revealed to his saints. 27God wanted to make known to them what is the wealth of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles—this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

28We proclaim him as we admonish and teach everyone with all wisdom, so that we might present everyone perfect in Christ. 29This is the goal I am laboring to reach, striving with his strength, which is powerfully at work in me.

VERSE OF THE DAY: Alleluia. My word that goes out from my mouth will not return to me empty. Rather, it will accomplish whatever I please, and it will succeed in the purpose for which I sent it. Alleluia. (Isaiah 55:11 EHV)

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 10:38–42 (EHV) (Please Stand)

Mary made the better choice of sitting at Jesus' feet listening to what he said. She is an example for us to serve the Lord by hearing his Word.

38As they went on their way, Jesus came into a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. 39She had a sister named Mary, who was sitting at the Lord's feet and was listening to his word. 40But Martha was distracted with all her serving. She came over and said, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her to help me."

41The Lord answered and told her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and upset about many things, 42but one thing is needed. In fact, Mary has chosen that better part, which will not be taken away from her."

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HYMN 290: *"One Thing's Needful"*

SERMON THEME: There Is Only One Source of Wisdom

1. It reveals to us what we were
2. It reveals to us what God is doing for us now
3. It reveals to us what God has in store for us

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

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HYMN 313: *"Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior"*

SONG OF SIMEON – Page 24 (Please Stand)

BENEDICTION

HYMN 395: *"Seek Where You May to Find a Way"*

SILENT PRAYER & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Serving Us Today ~ August 11, 2019

Organist: Marge Schroeder

Altar Guild: Dave & Faye Leatherman & Ruth Reiter

Ushers: Karl Luft, Jim Daubert, Marty Waite & Tom Gregory

Communion Assistant: John Nieman

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.

Evangelical Heritage Version (EHV) Translation: You will note we have been using this new version in our weekly readings. They will always be noted as "EHV". These "new" Bibles are available to purchase. Please see the sign-up sheet on our bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.

Monday, August 19: There will be a *church redecorating presentation* at 6:30 p.m. here in our church. Any interested members are invited to attend.

Thank You To Everyone who helped make our outdoor worship service and church picnic a big success. Special thanks to Marty Waite for serving as picnic chairman; the members of the picnic committee; Dave Schroeder for donating the meat for the picnic; all our generous members for donating various food items on the sign-up sheet; the Krause Family for donating bottled water, corn and charcoal; Jim Daubert for donating all the soda; John & Edie Nieman for organizing and donating bingo prizes; everyone who provided salads and desserts; everyone who helped with the set-up, serving and clean-up; and especially to everyone who attended our worship service and congregational picnic. The Lord provided us a hot summer day and a good time was had by all! Please mark August 2nd on your 2020 calendar for next year's annual picnic!

It's Time To Start Planning for another year of fun playing dartball! The good news is our second team, known in the league as Immanuel 2, looks to be ready to play. The bad news is that currently, due to job commitments, Immanuel 1 will not have enough players to makeup a team. That is, of course, we can get a few more people from the congregation to join us! Here is what joining entails:

Our church competes against some of the other Wisconsin Synod churches in the area such as Grace and Martin Luther from Oshkosh, as well as Trinity from Neenah and St. Paul's from Winneconne. We have a fun-filled night of Christian Fellowship playing three games. Dartball is a game where you throw darts at a board made up to look like a baseball diamond. If your dart hits on first base, you just got a single and so on. It is only for fun, so it doesn't matter if you are good or not, but you would be surprised just how well you might do. The season usually starts shortly after the school season begins in late summer. We play Thursday nights generally starting at 6:30 p.m. and everyone is almost always home by 10:00 p.m.

So if you are interested, let Pastor or Mark Juedes know and hopefully we can get enough new people to keep Team 1 playing!

Church Council's next meeting is scheduled for *tomorrow at 6:30 p.m.* in our Fellowship Hall.

Hospitalized this past week: Julaine Hanneman at St. Elizabeth-Appleton.

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 08-04-19	\$3,789.12		
Budgeted Need to date	\$104,749.00		
Budgeted Received to date	\$95,887.48		
08-04-19 Attendances: Church Worship 27 Picnic Worship 65 Picnic Lunch 75			
		Today	10:00 a.m. Brief picnic re-cap mtg.
		Monday	6:30 p.m. Church Council Meeting
		Sunday	9:00 a.m. Worship Service

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