

Woden Community Service – celebrating 125 years

***St. John's Lutheran Church
July 21, 2024 / 9:30 AM
Woden, IA***



**9th Sunday after Pentecost
Pastor John Heille**

Today's introduction:

Mark's gospel makes clear how great is the press of the crowd, with its countless needs to be met, on Jesus and his disciples. Yet in today's gospel Jesus advises his disciples to get away and rest, to take care of themselves. Sometimes we think that when others are in great need we shouldn't think of ourselves at all; but Jesus also honors the caregivers' need. We are sent from Christ's table to care for others and for ourselves.

Today's song leaders – the Dirksen Family

PRELUDE AND MEDITATION

Nancy Beenken, Organist

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please stand as you are able)

GATHERING HYMN

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

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OPENING PRAYER

O God, powerful and compassionate, you shepherd your people, faithfully feeding and protecting us. Heal each of us, and make us a whole people, that we may embody the justice and peace of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

(Please be seated)

FIRST READING 1 Samuel 7:1-14a

Instead of David building a house (temple) for God, God promises to establish David's house (dynasty) forever. Centuries later, after the Babylonian exile, no king sat on the throne. Even then, however, the people of Israel remembered this promise and continued to hope for a king, the messiah, God's anointed.

¹ Now when the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, ² the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." ³ Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you."

⁴ But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: ⁵ Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? ⁶ I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. ⁷ Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" ⁸ Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; ⁹ and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. ¹⁰ And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, ¹¹ from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the Lord declares to

you that the Lord will make you a house. ¹²When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. ¹³He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. ^{14a}I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me.

Leader: The Word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God**

PSALM **Psalm 89:20-37** (read responsively)

- ²⁰“I have found David my servant;
with my holy oil have I anointed him.
- ²¹**My hand will hold him fast
and my arm will make him strong.**
- ²²No enemy shall deceive him,
nor shall the wicked bring him down.
- ²³**I will crush his foes before him
and strike down those who hate him.**
- ²⁴My faithfulness and steadfast love are with him,
and he shall be victorious through my name.
- ²⁵**I will set his hand on the sea,
and his right hand on the rivers.**
- ²⁶He will say to me, ‘You are my father,
my God, and the rock of my salvation.’
- ²⁷**I will make him my firstborn
and higher than the kings of the earth.**
- ²⁸I will keep my love for him forever,
and my covenant will stand firm for him.
- ²⁹**I will establish his line forever
and his throne as the days of heaven.”**
- ³⁰If his children forsake my teaching
and do not walk according to my judgments;
- ³¹**if they break my statutes
and do not keep my commandments;**
- ³²I will punish their transgressions with a rod
and their iniquities with the lash;
- ³³**but I will not take my love from him,
nor let my faithfulness prove false.**
- ³⁴I will not break my covenant,
nor change what has gone out of my lips.
- ³⁵**Once for all I have sworn by my holiness:
I will not lie to David.**
- ³⁶His line shall endure forever
and his throne as the sun before me;
- ³⁷**it shall stand fast forevermore like the moon,
the abiding witness in the sky.”**

CHOIR

"Let There Be Peace on Earth"

Carole Tuecke, Director

SECOND READING Ephesians 2:11-22

The author of this letter reminds his audience that originally they were not part of God's chosen people. Through Jesus' death, however, they are included in God's household of faith, whose cornerstone is Jesus Christ.

¹¹Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called "the uncircumcision" by those who are called "the circumcision"—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—¹²remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. ¹⁵He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. ¹⁷So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; ¹⁸for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, ²⁰built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. ²¹In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; ²²in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

Leader: The Word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God**

HYMN

"The Old Rugged Cross"



1 On a hill far a - way stood an old rug-ged cross,
2 Oh, that old rug - ged cross so de - spised by the world,
3 In the old rug - ged cross, stained with blood so di - vine,
4 To the old rug - ged cross I will ev - er be true,



the em - blem of suf - f'ring and shame;
has a won - drous at - trac - tion for me;
a won - drous beau - ty I see;
its shame and re - proach glad - ly bear;



and I love that old cross where the dear - est and best
for the dear Lamb of God left his glo - ry a - bove,
for 'twas on that old cross Je - sus suf - fered and died,
Christ will call me some day to my home far a - way,



for a world of lost sin - ners was slain.
to bear it to dark Cal - va - ry.
to par - don and sanc - ti - fy me.
where his glo - ry for - ev - er I'll share.



So I'll cher - ish the old rug - ged cross, till my



tro - phies at last I lay down; I will cling to the old rug - ged



cross, and ex - change it some day for a crown.

(Please stand as you are able)

GOSPEL Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

Response before the Gospel

All: Glory to you, O Lord

When Jesus sends his disciples out to teach and heal, they minister among large numbers of people. Their work is motivated by Christ's desire to be among those in need.

³⁰The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. ³²And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. ³³Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. ³⁴As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

⁵³When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. ⁵⁴When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, ⁵⁵and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

Response after the Gospel

All: Praise to you, O Christ

(Please be seated)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

"God's Faithfulness"

Pr. John Heille

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Amazing Grace"

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(Please stand as you are able)

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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BLESSING AND SENDING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace. **Amen**

SENDING HYMN

"How Great Thou Art"

ELW #856

POSTLUDE

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PRAYERS

We offer prayers of support, healing and comfort for those in our church families and communities who are ill, suffering, or coping with a loss. Please include in your prayers: the family of Ken Spear, Christian Johnson & Morgan Kelly and their families, Gabrielle Trunkhill, Jerry Harms, Lisa Tjaden, Avon Rurup, Doris Haugland, Russ Bruns, all active military (Brandon Bengtson and Seth Green), our folks in nursing homes, our Bishops Eaton and Halaas, and all those impacted by recent natural disasters.

If you need to reach Pastor John, his cell phone is (507)-399-3119 and his email is unlikelyj@icloud.com. His office hours this week:

Monday	9:30 AM – 12:30 PM	Immanuel office
Tuesday	9:30 AM – 12:30 PM	St. John's office
Wednesday	9:30 AM – 12:30 PM	Good Hope office

THIS WEEK AT PARISH THREE

7/22/24	6:30 PM	Bible Study @ Immanuel
7/24/24	3:00 PM	Worship at the Summit House in Britt
7/28/24	9:00 AM	Worship at Good Hope w/Holy Communion

THIS WEEK AT GOOD HOPE

Mon., July 22	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study at Immanuel
Wed., July 24	3:00 p.m.	Worship @ the Summit House in Britt
Sun., July 28	9:00 a.m.	Joint Worship at Good Hope
	2:00-4:00 p.m.	Ice Cream Social @ Titonka Care Center

**** Welcome to everyone** worshipping today: those attending in person, those attending the Care Center live-stream and anyone joining YouTube Iowa Lutherans. And a big **Thank You** to all those participating in worship services: greeters, organists, choir members, readers, Care Center live-streamers, ushers, communion preparers and servers, the Dirksen Family and everyone calling Woden "home".

****Thank You, Thank You, Thank You** to everyone who helped plan and pull off Immanuel's 125th celebration last weekend! Watch the website (www.parish3.com) and August newsletter for pictures.

****Immanuel's 125 memorabilia:** please pick up your items as soon as possible.

****A St. John's key** was found at St. John's. Please contact the church office to claim it.

****Titonka Care Center resident count** as of this past Wednesday: 13

****It Takes a Community!** The Friends of the Titonka Care Center announced a "Matching Funds" Campaign to continue raising finances for the Care Center. To jumpstart this effort to save the Care Center, an anonymous donor has generously agreed to match all funds collected from **June 25th through July 31st**, dollar for dollar up to \$150,000. This includes donations from businesses, churches, and individuals. Your \$5 turns in \$10, \$100 into \$200 and so forth. No donation is too small! Check the door of local businesses or the Care Center's Facebook or web page to track the success of this campaign. Drop your donations in the buckets located all around town, or mail to Friends of the TCC, P.O. Box 249, Titonka, IA. 50480. Help us keep this going to fund the Care Center! Thank you!



****A Walking Taco** supper today from 4:00-6:00 PM at the Titonka Care Center. A free-will offering will be received with Matching Funds donated.

****An Ice Cream Social** with Homemade Pie will be held on July 28th at the Titonka Care Center. Serving will be from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. with a Free Will Donation. To add to the fun, there will be a Homemade pie auction beginning at 3:30. Come and join us for a good time. Sponsored by "Friends of the Titonka Care Center".



****Remember the School Supply Drive:** WOW students and Parish Three congregations are gathering school supplies which will be put in backpacks and sent overseas to students who do not have access to these items. Bags will be filled in September. Check the July newsletter (www.parish3.com) for a list of these items.