

# Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

**THEME:** God sends workers to proclaim his powerful Word in the face of weakness and rejection..

**HYMN 429:** "What God Ordains Is Always Good"

**THE COMMON SERVICE** — Page 15

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of all power and might, you are the giver of all that is good. Help us love you with all our heart, strengthen us in true faith, provide us with all we need, and keep us safe in your care; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**FIRST LESSON: Ezekiel 2:1- 6a (sermon text)**

*What love our Almighty Lord shows us! He calls men to serve him in the time and place that he desires. These servants are equipped with the powerful Word of God. Yet we see that mortal flesh has the ability to reject God and his Word. However, they will have to admit that the Word was proclaimed to them.*

2:1 He said to me, "Son of man, stand up on your feet and I will speak to you." 2 As he spoke, the Spirit came into me and raised me to my feet, and I heard him speaking to me.  
3 He said: "Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites, to a rebellious nation that has rebelled against me; they and their fathers have been in revolt against me to this very day. 4 The people to whom I am sending you are obstinate and stubborn. Say to them, 'This is what the Sovereign Lord says.'  
5 And whether they listen or fail to listen — for they are a rebellious house — they will know that a prophet has been among them. 6 And you, son of man, do not be afraid of them or their words

**PSALM OF THE DAY:** Psalm 143 (p.118) (sung in unison)

When the Savior seems weak and his promise ineffective, he shows his power and the power of his Word by giving us patience to endure and the longing to obey while we await his promised help and rescue.

**SECOND LESSON:** 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

*God wants his servants to know weakness in their service so that they do not feel the effectiveness or success of the Word is due to their abilities. Even the leaders of the church need to learn that the saving power in their lives is a result of the power of the lowly Word.*

12:7 To keep me from becoming conceited because of these surpassingly great revelations, there was given me a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. 8 Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. 9 But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. 10 That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

## VERSE OF THE DAY:

Alleluia. Happy are they who hear the Word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience.  
Alleluia. (Luke 8:15 RSV)

**THE HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 6:1-6** (Please Stand)

*Even when rejected by neighbors and relatives, Jesus continues to proclaim the Word. He would not change the Word to become popular — that would end up costing their salvation and ours. Due to their unbelief, Jesus was not able to do miracles either. May he not find us with this same attitude.*

6:1 Jesus left there and went to his hometown, accompanied by his disciples. 2 When the Sabbath came, he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were amazed. "Where did this man get these things?" they asked. "What's this wisdom that has been given him, that he even does miracles! 3 Isn't this the carpenter? Isn't this Mary's son and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas and Simon? Aren't his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him.  
4 Jesus said to them, "Only in his hometown, among his relatives and in his own house is a prophet without honor." 5 He could not do any miracles there, except lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them. 6 And he was amazed at their lack of faith.

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**HYMN 465:** "Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken"

**SERMON THEME:** It's God's Call

1. To his pastors to listen to him
2. To his pastors to speak for him
3. To his people to respond to his message

**CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART** — Page 20

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

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

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**ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION** — Page 21

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

**SONG OF SIMEON** — Page 24 (Please Stand)

**BENEDICTION**

**HYMN 542:** "Dear Lord, to Your True Servants Give"

**SILENT PRAYER & ANNOUNCEMENTS**



## Serving Us Today ~ July 8, 2018

*Organist:* Marge Schroeder

*Ushers:* Mark Andersen, Bethany Andersen, Alan Beshears & Randy Montgomery

*Altar Guild:* Jan Nelson, Dave & Judy Zarter & Jan Zellmer

*Communion Assistant:* Doug Zellmer



**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.

**Our Church Picnic is scheduled for Sunday, August 5th** 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. Donations of salads and desserts would be appreciated. Please see the sign-up sheet in our Fellowship Hall for other picnic food donations. Please join us for this day of fun. This is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy good food and fellowship with your Immanuel family!

**Church Council Meeting** for July is *next Sunday* after Worship Service.

**We Are Seeking Two Sunday School Teachers** for our upcoming 2018-2019 school year. If you are interested, please speak to Pastor.

**Have Some Extra Time?** There are still a few "jobs" around our church that need to be completed. Please see the sign-up sheet in our fellowship hall if interested. Thank you to those that have already completed some of those tasks!

**Prayer Requests Are Welcome!** Would you like Pastor to have a personal prayer during our church service for a hospitalized or home-bound loved one, a milestone birthday or anniversary, an upcoming surgery, or a special celebration? Please speak with Pastor or contact him at 495-3259. He would be happy to accommodate your requests.

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GIFTS		THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL	
Budgeted Needed per week	\$3,517.00	Office Hours	Tue., Wed. & Thur. 8:00 a.m. - Noon
Budgeted Received 07-08-18	\$4,247.00		
Budgeted Need to date	\$91,442.00	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9:00 a.m. Worship Service</b>
Budgeted Received to date	\$78,362.86	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10:00 a.m. Church Council Meeting</b>
Worship Attendance 07-01-18	83		