

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

37515 Park Trail, Almelund, MN 55012

Pastor Justin Fenger

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 11, 2026

A welcoming community rooted in Christ, growing in faith and serving with joy!

**SERVICE FOR
SUNDAY 10/11/2026
GATHERING
TODAY'S SERVICE
IS USING **ELW:**
RED BOOK**

PRELUDE:

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

P: We confess our sins
before God and one
another.

*Pause for silence and
reflection.*

P: Merciful God,

C: You show us how to live as your servants, yet we act as though your teaching applies to everyone else but us. We pass judgment on others, devalue ourselves and disrespect your creation. Show us the way back to the path which leads to life, and help us repair the damage we have caused to our relationships, ourselves and this earth, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

P: Through God's love we are forgiven, and all things are being made new through Christ. God's grace is enough to cover us and make us whole again, to live and serve another day. Let us rejoice that our God is full of mercy! **Amen.**

CALL TO WORSHIP:

L: Your royal scepter is one of equity.

L: You love righteousness and hate wickedness.

L: Many are called, but few are chosen.

C: Your throne, O God, endures forever.

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OPENING HYMN:

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (v.v.1,3,6)

ELW 634 Red

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

God of hosts, **You constantly expand the boundaries of your kingdom. Make us joyful participants in your plan to redeem the world, that all people would be one in you. For the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC:

Precious Lord Take My Hand

Norm Peterson

CHILDREN'S SERMON:



**Welcome to
Immanuel!**

Thank you for joining us for our worship service. Whoever you are, whatever you've done, or wherever you are in life. You are loved by God which means, You are welcome here at Immanuel., God's grace is given freely, not earned. So whatever journey you are on, God led you here today. We thank you for coming and hope you see you again soon.

Visitors, welcome to worship! If you are interested in knowing more about our congregation please speak to Pastor Justin or call the church office! Contact info is on the back of this bulletin.

We encourage all children who can read, to follow along in the bulletin during our worship service.

We invite you to follow the service and take part in a way that feels right to you.

Hearing devices are available from an usher.

P = Pastor

L = Leader

C = Congregation

R = Reader

Sections in **bold** are to be read by the congregation

Today's Scripture

Isaiah 25:1-9

Psalms 106:1-6, 19-23

Matthew 22:1-14

SCRIPTURE READING:

Isaiah 25:1-9

O Lord, thou art my God; I will exalt thee, I will praise thy name; for thou hast done wonderful things; thy counsels of old are faithfulness and truth. ²For thou hast made of a city an heap; of a defenced city a ruin: a palace of strangers to be no city; it shall never be built. ³Therefore shall the strong people glorify thee, the city of the terrible nations shall fear thee. ⁴For thou hast been a strength to the poor, a strength to the needy in his distress, a refuge from the storm, a shadow from the heat, when the blast of the terrible ones is as a storm against the wall. ⁵Thou shalt bring down the noise of strangers, as the heat in a dry place; even the heat with the shadow of a cloud: the branch of the terrible ones shall be brought low. ⁶And in this mountain shall the Lord of hosts make unto all people a feast of fat things, a feast of wines on the lees, of fat things full of marrow, of wines on the lees well refined. ⁷And he will destroy in this mountain the face of the covering cast over all people, and the vail that is spread over all nations. ⁸He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the rebuke of his people shall he take away from off all the earth: for the Lord hath spoken it. ⁹And it shall be said in that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, and he will save us: this is the Lord; we have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

PSALM:

Psalms 106:1-6, 19-23

R: Praise the Lord! O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever.

C: Who can utter the mighty doings of the Lord, or declare all his praise?

R: Happy are those who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times.

**C: Remember me, O Lord, when you show favor to your people;
help me when you deliver them;**

R: that I may see the prosperity of your chosen ones,
that I may rejoice in the gladness of your nation, that I may glory in your heritage.

C: Both we and our ancestors have sinned; we have committed iniquity, have done wickedly.

R: They made a calf at Horeb and worshiped a cast image.

C: They exchanged the glory of God for the image of an ox that eats grass.

R: They forgot God, their Savior, who had done great things in Egypt,

C: wondrous works in the land of Ham, and awesome deeds by the Red Sea.

R: Therefore he said he would destroy them— had not Moses, his chosen one,
stood in the breach before him, to turn away his wrath from destroying them.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Oh Sing to God Above (v.1)

ELW 555 Red

GOSPEL:

Matthew 22:1-14

Glory to you, O Lord

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ²“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ ⁵But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ ¹⁰Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. ¹¹“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹²and he said to him, ‘Friend,

how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen.”

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to You, O Christ

SERMON:

HYMN OF THE DAY:

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart (v.v.1,3,4)

ELW 800 Red

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

THE LORD’S PRAYER:

ELW Pg. 112 Red

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name;
Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done; on earth as it is in Heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
For ever and ever. Amen.**

OFFERTORY:

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS:

Create In Me

ELW 186 Red

OFFERTORY PRAYER:

**You, have anointed us with the oil of gladness, O God. Make us generous givers and grateful receivers of your mercy and bless these gifts which we bring before you now.
Use them for your kingdom’s good work on earth. Amen.**

SENDING:

L: We are all invited to God’s wedding banquet,
L: Let us not take the invitation for granted.
L: God’s banquet is one of peace and justice.

C: No matter who we are or what we’ve done.

C: Let us arrive ready to honor our host.

**C: Let us not come to the banquet clothed in contempt,
jealousy, or hatred.**

L: But let us arrive in our wedding finest,

C: Clothed in love and compassion for all people.

CLOSING HYMN:

On Our Way Rejoicing

ELW 537 Red

DISMISSAL:

Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Quilters will meet on October 13th, 10:00-2:00 W/potluck at noon

The Naomi Circle will meet at the home of Linda Mielke on October 20th at 9:30am. Hope to see you all there!

On Reformation Sunday, October 25, during worship, we'll present Bibles to our 3-year-olds, 3rd graders, and 6th graders.

Important Date Change Notice!

The October Community Dinner, hosted by the Prayer Shawl group, will be held on Friday, October, 16th from 4:30p-6:30p.

This is a week later than normal, due to a scheduling conflict. The November and December dinners will be held on the second Friday of those months.

Youth Group has officially kicked off its 2026/27 year. We're already busy with activities. Apple Fest was our first fundraiser of the year and it was fantastic! Thanks to those who stopped by and supported this great group of kids.

Wreath sales are kicking off!

All wreaths fresh & handmade with love by the youth group.

Upcoming dates for Youth Group meetings/events are as follows...

Oct 7th & 21st Youth meeting

Oct 23rd-25th Youth Retreat at Luther Point

Wreath making Nov. 21st all youth are needed! Parents are strongly encouraged to help. We will have a potluck lunch!

Youth Group
Luther Point retreat Oct. 23-25th



The Luther Point Bible Camp board would like to extend its heartfelt thanks to Carissa Ditlefsen for her many years of service to the camp. She started as a camper, then became a summer counselor and finally our program director. Carissa resigned earlier this month. We wish her God's blessings in her future endeavors.

The board has posted a job opening for a director and plans its own retreat Oct. 16 and 17 to focus on strategic planning. On Saturday the 17th, we plan to take out the docks and prepare the camper cabins for winter. We'd love to have volunteers come and help with the dock. The work will start at 10 a.m. Bring your waders!

The camp's annual meeting will be Nov. 8 at 2 p.m. We encourage as many people as possible to join us.

Wisdom Seekers, Thursday Mornings at 9am at FELC

Crafting Saturday, October 10th, 9am-2pm at FELC Bring your crafts & a dish to share!!

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE QUARTERLY WELCA MEETING:

Sunday October 11th **TODAY!!!** following the service. Grab your coffee and treats and meet in the north fellowship hall. We have several important dates/events coming up in this last quarter of the year that we will be discussing. Hope to see you then!

Holy Smokes!

Mark, your calendars - Holy Smokes is at Wild Mtn. Winery on Thursday, October 22 at 6:30 PM.

We have a Food and Essential shelf located by the Men's bathroom in the Fellowship Hall. This is for the use of all people/church congregation, neighbors/Our Community. Please take items as needed. You may also donate items to this shelf. Non-perishable/Non expired items. Examples: canned food, boxed cereals, muffins, care items and cleaning supplies. (On behalf of Stewardship members: Thank you)

Viking Vittles Needs You

In order to continue the weekend food program for students in our community that are food insecure we need people to deliver the totes to the schools. This would be one day a month for approximately 1 hour. Each tote contains 8 bags of food for students. The totes weigh between 25-28#. Last year we delivered 7 totes to the Education Center and 23 totes to Sunrise River School. The totes can be delivered on Tuesday or Wednesday mornings.

You would deliver once per month. To volunteer or if you have questions, please call Donna at 612-363-5072.

Exercise your vocal chords! Come sing with Unexpected Company Chorale! Rehearsals for our winter concert, "Songs of Wonder", started on Monday, September 14th, at Trinity Lutheran Church, [13025 Newell Avenue, Lindstrom](https://www.google.com/maps/place/13025+Newell+Avenue,+Lindstrom,+MN+55045/@45.125,-93.05,15z). Register in person starting at 6:30 PM or register online at www.ucchorale.org. Rehearsals are Monday evenings, at 7PM. If you love to sing, you should sing with Unexpected Company Chorale!



Fri., Oct 16, 4:30-6:30

Community Dinner

Free!

Everyone Welcome!

Great Fellowship!

Meet your friends & neighbors!

*Immanuel Lutheran Church
Almelund*

Come & Bring a Friend!

2nd Friday Each Month 4:30—6:30 pm



TRUNK OR TREAT

JOIN US FOR A SAFE & FUN EVENING FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

CANDY!
COSTUMES!
COMMUNITY!
FUN FOR ALL AGES!

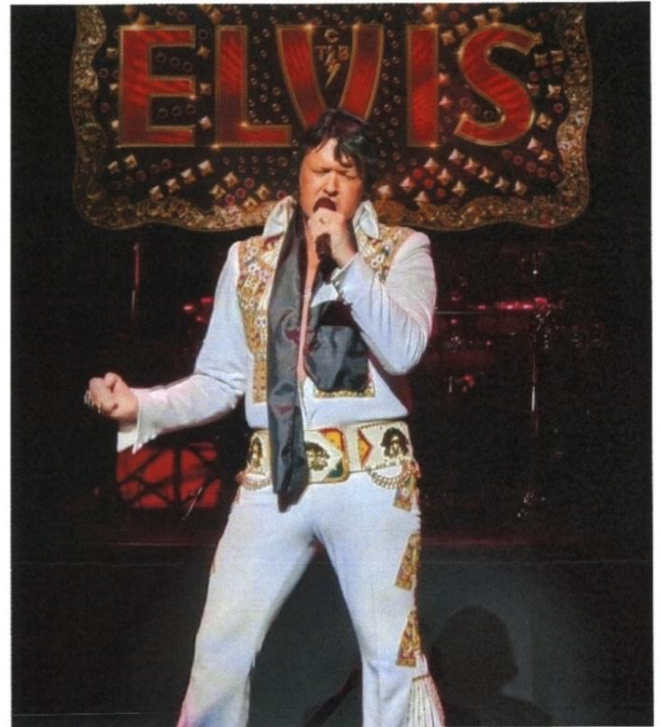
EVERYONE WELCOME!

WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU THERE!

OCTOBER 31ST

5PM - 7PM

FIRST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
561 CHESTNUT STREET
TAYLORS FALLS, MN 55084



Experience the King like never before. Anthony Shore will be putting on a Gospel Show as Elvis.

October 25, 2026 at 2:00 PM

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Almelund, MN

Come for a fun afternoon show and rock to the Gospel Music of Elvis Presley



All Saints Sunday, November 1, 2026 we will be celebrating the lives of the saints in our lives! We will remember the loved ones we have lost this year and those who have died in past years that we hold close in our hearts. There will be an opportunity during our worship service to come forward to light a candle in remembrance of our special loved ones.

Name of person(s) to be remembered or honored: _____

Your Name: _____

Given to this Memorial Fund: _____

Similar to the Easter Memorial Garden, please return this form to the church, along with your contribution by Sunday, October 25th.

Make check to Immanuel Lutheran Church Memorial Fund.

You can bring your contribution to the office or drop it in the gray box outside the office.

Funds will be used as designated for your chosen Memorial Fund throughout the year. Thank you.

Note: Forms turned in after the October 25th deadline will not be included in the All Saints Sunday memorials listing in the bulletin, but will be listed the next Sunday in the bulletin. Thank you!

IMMANUEL'S MEMORIAL FUNDS:

Christian Education
Prayer Shawl Ministry

Archives

Music

Altar Guild

Africa Support/African Student Scholarships

Building Fund

Immanuel Quilters

Technology

Landscaping

Youth Group Mission Trips

Scholarships

Parish Care Team

Library

Cemetery Perpetual Care

Undesignated



**Grab your
dabber**



**TURKEY
BINGO**

Saturday, November 14, 2026, 6:00 PM

Shafer Township Hall

18259 St. Croix Trail

Taylors Falls, MN 55084

\$20 for 20 games

Bring items for the food shelf for a chance drawing of a complete turkey dinner

Sponsored by Immanuel Lutheran Church, Almelund

Thank you for helping lead worship today! Pastor: Justin Fenger Organist: Dadu Reeves Special Music: Norm Peterson Reader: Dianne Wiik Ushers: Zach Rivard Sound Tech: Loraine Rue Camera Tech: Dave Rue Proclaim: Carli Linngren Children's Sermon: Jeske Noordergraaf Altar Guild: Green Joanne Johnson Diane Rothe Teachers: Coffee Servers: Hannah Circle	Immanuel Church Calendar This Week Sunday October 11 9:00 Worship Service Live and Online. Sunday School after children's Sermon WELCA meets after church 10:00 Coffee Served 11:00 Service at First Ev. Lutheran Church TF 4-6 Tractor & Treat Monday October 12 COLUMBUS DAY 9-3 Office hours 5:30 Property 6:00 Council Tuesday October 13 9-3 Office hours 9:00 Worship Team Meets 10.30 WOW Practice 10-2 Quilting W/Potluck at noon Wednesday October 14 9-6:00 Office hours 6:30 Choir Practice @ FELC Thursday October 15 Deadline for Bulletin Info 9:00 Wisdom Seekers @ FELC Friday October 16 9-3 Office hours Bulletins Printed 4:30-6:30 Community Meal Saturday October 17 MEA Weekend Sunday October 18 9:00 WOW Communion Worship Service Live and Online. Sunday School after children's Sermon 10:00 Coffee Served 11:00 Service at First Ev. Lutheran Church TF		IMMANUEL STAFF Justin Fenger, Pastor Dadu Reeves, Organist Mark Weslander, Administrative Assistant & Financial Recorder Jenica Beck, Financial Secretary Kim's Kleaning, Church Custodial Work Daryl Abrahamson, Cemetery Groundskeeper Jason & DeeDee Fredlund, Youth Directors Office Hours: M,T,W,F 9:00am-3:00pm Unless otherwise noted. Cell phone (651)431-8941																					
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