



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

37515 Park Trail, Almelund, MN 55012

Pastor Justin Fenger

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 5, 2025

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



Service for Sunday 10/5/2025

GATHERING

Today's Service is using the ELW; Red Book

PRELUDE:

Close to Thee/Draw Me Near

By Momoh Freeman

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**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 to 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

Lamentations 1:1-6

Psalm 137

Luke 17:5-10

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

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

Pause for silence and reflection.

P: Merciful God,

C: As we stand before you in the all-revealing light of your eternal love, we cannot help but see all the ways we have sinned and fallen short. We have done and said things that have caused harm to others. We have failed to do and say things for the sake of peace and justice. We have continuously sought after our own comfort, rather than your world-transforming love. Forgive us for our selfishness and shortsightedness, and bring us into the way of active love of you and neighbor each new day.

P: The good news is that Jesus died to cleanse us from sin, and because of this, our joy can be complete. Receive the forgiveness of all your sins, for the sake of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

CALL TO WORSHIP:

L: God gives us a spirit of power and self-discipline.

C: We will proclaim the glory of our God!

L: God calls us not according to our works,

C: But according to God's purpose and grace.

L: Let us guard the good treasure given to us,

C: With the help of the Holy Spirit.

OPENING HYMN: The Church of Christ, in Every Age (v.v.1,2,3) **ELW 729 Red**

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Loving God, **We all too often expect to be recognized for all the things we do, to be rewarded with material goods or notoriety, to be called out as one of the "good ones."** **Remind us that it is our duty and our joy simply to answer your call do to justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you each day. Give us strength and courage to do the often thankless tasks without expectation of return, for the sake of you, our neighbor, and all creation. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC:

By Faith

By Momoh Freeman

HOLY BAPTISM:

Welcome, Owen David Larkin

Born May 26, 2025 to

Jordan and Ashley Larkin

Sponsors: Chris & Melinda Schulz

Kyle Chapman & Larissa Chapman

CHILDREN'S SERMON:

NOISY OFFERING:

SCRIPTURE READING:

Lamentations 1:1-6

How lonely sits the city that once was full of people! How like a widow she has become, she that was great among the nations! She that was a princess among the provinces has become a vassal. ²She weeps bitterly in the night, with tears on her cheeks; among all her lovers she has no one to comfort her; all her friends have dealt treacherously with her, they have become her enemies. ³Judah has gone into exile with suffering and hard servitude; she lives now among the nations, and finds no resting place; her pursuers have all overtaken her in the midst of her

distress. ⁴The roads to Zion mourn, for no one comes to the festivals; all her gates are desolate, her priests groan; her young girls grieve, and her lot is bitter. ⁵Her foes have become the masters, her enemies prosper, because the Lord has made her suffer for the multitude of her transgressions; her children have gone away, captives before the foe. ⁶From daughter Zion has departed all her majesty. Her princes have become like stags that find no pasture; they fled without strength before the pursuer.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

PSALM:

Psalm 137

R: By the rivers of Babylon—there we sat down and there we wept when we remembered Zion.

C: On the willows there we hung up our harps.

R: For there our captors asked us for songs, and our tormentors asked for mirth, saying,

‘Sing us one of the songs of Zion!’

C: How could we sing the Lord’s song in a foreign land?

R: If I forget you, O Jerusalem, let my right hand wither!

**C: Let my tongue cling to the roof of my mouth, if I do not remember you,
if I do not set Jerusalem above my highest joy.**

R: Remember, O Lord, against the Edomites the day of Jerusalem’s fall, how they said,

‘Tear it down! Tear it down! Down to its foundations!’

**C: O daughter Babylon, you devastator! Happy shall they be who pay you back
what you have done to us!**

R: Happy shall they be who take your little ones and dash them against the rock!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia

ELW pg. 142

GOSPEL:

Luke 17:5-10

Glory to you, O Lord

⁵ The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” ⁶ The Lord replied, “If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you. ⁷ “Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, ‘Come here at once and take your place at the table’? ⁸ Would you not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me; put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink’? ⁹ Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? ¹⁰ So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, ‘We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!’ ”

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON:

HYMN OF THE DAY:

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

ELW 733 Red

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

Congregational Response: **Lead Me Jesus Lead Me Jesus
Lead Me Jesus... Lead Me Lord**

OFFERTORY:

Living By Faith

By Momoh Freeman

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS:

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

ELW #184 Red

OFFERTORY PRAYER:

God, you have called us to love all of our siblings throughout the world, just as you have loved us. We bring now these gifts as a sign of our love for our neighbors near and far. Use them for the flourishing of all creation. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION:

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION:

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

Pg.112 ELW

**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.**

EUCCHARISTIC INVITATION:

Jesus, whom God sent into the world that we might live through him, now invites you to join him here at this holy table, and share in the bread and wine that are his own body and blood. Come, beloved, and be nourished for the journey.

DISTRIBUTION:

As The Grains of Wheat

ELW 523 Red

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

SENDING:

P: By the rivers of Babylon,	C: We sat down and wept.
P: How could we not?	C: We were far from our home.
P: We hung up our instruments,	C: There on the trees.
P: We could not be joyful,	C: As captives in exile.
P: May we never forget,	C: The home we were promised.
P: May our hearts always keep,	C: A clear vision of home.
P: May God restore us again,	C: To a land of our own.
P: Where long we may praise God,	C: And rejoice in our maker.
P: Where sweet songs may echo,	C: All the day long.

CLOSING HYMN:

God Be With You Till We Meet Again

ELW 536 Red

DISMISSAL:

Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE:

ILC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stewardship will meet on October, 7th at 1pm in the Fireside Room.

Naomi Circle will meet at the home of Joanne Johnson on October 21st at 9:30 am.

The Women of the ELCA: Our 2025 meeting dates will be held at church, in the Fireside room at 10am on the following date.

October 13 Naomi circle to lead

Our planning meeting for 2026 will be held on January 12, 2026 with Sarah circle to lead. All Women are welcome come join us!

The Immanuel Quilters will meet Tuesday, October 14th, 10am-2pm, with a potluck lunch at noon.

Beer and Hymn Sing on Oct. 26 at Uncommon Loon from 3:30pm to 5:30pm

Singers invited to sing during Lighting Festival

The 33rd annual Choral Vesper Service will be held 4:30 PM Saturday, November 29 as part of Taylors Falls Lighting Festival. The choral group is made up of singers and musicians from the community at large. All singers are invited to participate in this short term commitment. There are five Sunday 6:00 to 8:00 PM rehearsals at Taylors Falls United Methodist Church, 290 W. Government Street, starting October 26 and four Sundays in November. Tyler Olson is director. Please register now at wwymd@aol.com with your name, cell number, and voice range - S,A,T,B. More information will be emailed directly to you.

Please take notice; of the antique quilt hanging in the Fellowship Hall.

ILC “Ways to Jump in.” This Fall

Sat–Sun, Oct 4–5 — Playground Install Work Days (Triangle Park & the Old School House)

- Hands-on service weekend.
- Get involved: bring gloves, socket/wrench sets, cordless drills; help with site prep, assembly, or snack/water station.

Sun, Oct 5 — Confirmation Info Meeting (after worship)

- For all 6th–8th graders and parents/guardians.
- Get involved: attend to receive the schedule, expectations, and Q&A; volunteers welcome for occasional meals/transport.

Wed, Oct 8 — Confirmation Begins, 5:30–7:30 pm (includes dinner)

- Weekly rhythm: meal, lesson, small groups.
- Get involved: join the meal team (cook/serve/clean)

Sun, Oct 12 — The Looney Lutherans, 2:30 pm

- Fun afternoon program—invite friends!

Sat, Oct 18 — Spiritual Gifts Workshop, 9:00 am–1:00 pm

- Discover how God has wired you to serve; new members strongly encouraged.
- Get involved: RSVP, bring a friend, and consider childcare needs (let the office know so we can plan).

Sun, Oct 26 — Tractor & Treat, 4:00–6:00 pm

Decorate your tractor (or trunk), donate candy, help with set-up/clean-up, hospitality, and parking/traffic flow. Costumes welcome—invite friends and neighbors!

Youth Group News: Thank you to all who came and supported the Youth Group at Apple Fest. The kids did a great job and we SOLD OUT at 3:15.

Wreath Sales are starting NOW. Please see a Youth, Dee or Jason to order your FRESH, HANDMADE wreath. \$25 each and will be available to pick up on Nov. 23rd.

(Please make sure to order as we won't make too many extras)

Youth Group will meet

Oct. 15th & 29th

Nov. 12th

Wreath Making Nov. 22nd

Confirmation Classes: for October, 5:30-7:00

8th Beginnings; 22nd God births a people; 29th The Wilderness School



All Saints Sunday, November 2 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 26th.

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 26th 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:

Building Fund
Youth Group Mission Trips
Prayer Shawl Ministry
Immanuel Quilters
African Student Scholarships
Technology
Music Fund
Cemetery Perpetual Care
Undesignated

Christian Education Curriculum for Children, Youth, and Adults
Scholarship Funds
Parish Care Team
Itonya Congregation Support
Archives
Church Library Fund
Landscaping
Altar Guild

THANK YOU

Immanuel Lutheran

We appreciated having our son, Theodore baptized at the church. Thank you for the beautiful quilt and the contribution to his Mission Investment Fund. We are so thankful!

Love,

Caleb, Mikayla & Theodore Jasmer



FALL DAY AT CAMP



**Luther Point
BIBLE CAMP**

**Saturday
October 18
9:00am - 5:00pm**
Fall Camp will be
for 1st - 5th graders!

OUR THEME FOR THE WEEKEND:

God Promises to Provide: Learning through Creation

Our theme for the weekend is going to be focusing on preparing for winter, campers will learn about what we do with our garden at camp and our new addition of chickens. We will study the story of Elijah and the Widow from 1 Kings 17 and connect it back to the hands on activities we have planned with the garden, chickens and more!



“trick or treat”

**IMMANUEL
lutheran
CHURCH** annual

Tractor
and
Treats
fun
for All!

Boo!

**Sunday
October 26th
4~6pm**
37515 Park Trail, Almelund, MN.



YOUNG(ish) AT HEART

www.looneylutherans.com

October 12, 2025 2:30

Free will offering
Desserts and refreshments served after
program.

Everyone is invited to a hilarious comedy at:
Immanuel Lutheran Church
37515 Park Trail
Almelund, MN 55012

Thank you for helping lead worship today!	Immanuel Church Calendar This Week	Happy Birthday this week!
Pastor: Justin Fenger	Sunday, October 5 9:00 Communion Worship Service Live and Online W/Noisy Offering; Sunday School is after Children's Sermon 10:00 Confirmation Info Meeting 10:00 Coffee Served: 11:00 First Lutheran Service	5 Clay Ryberg James McCarthy 6 Jeremy Larson 9 Sheila Smith Momoh Freeman Belinda Berger 10 Ella Tuhy 11 Judy Nelson
Organist: Momoh Freeman		
Special Music: Momoh Freeman		
Reader: Marlin Ness		
Ushers: Steve Tuhy Family	Monday, October 6 9-3 Office Hours 10:00 WOW Practice	
Communion Servers: Clay Ryberg Julie Johnson Julie Weller	Tuesday, October 7 9-3 Office Hours 9:00 Worship Team meets 1:00 Stewardship Meets 6:00 Choir Practice @ FLC	
Sound Tech: Dave Rue	Wednesday, October 8 9-3 Office Hours 5:30-7 Confirmation	September 28, 2025 Attendance: 84
Camera Tech: Matt Oknich	Thursday, October 9 Deadline for bulletin Info 9am Wisdom Seekers @ First	Weekly Giving Update: September 28, 2025
Children's Sermon: Amanda Cook	Friday, October 10 9-3 Office Hours Bulletins Printed	General \$13,888.00 Benevolence
Altar Guild: Green Joanne Johnson Diane Rothe	Saturday, October 11	-Undesignated \$20.00 -Synod \$10.00 -Luther Point \$12.00 -LSS \$20.00 -World Hunger \$10.00
Coffee Servers: Matt & Soua Carlson Larkin family providing treats	Sunday, October 12 9:00 Worship Service Live and Online W/Sunday School after Children's Sermon Also-age 3 to 3 rd grade receive Bibles 10:00 Coffee Served: 11:00 First Lutheran Service 2:30 Loony Lutherans	Building Fund \$120.00 Loose \$46.00 Special Donation \$10,000.00 Grants \$12.00 Online Serv. Fee <u>\$1.25</u> Total \$24,139.25

<p>IMMANUEL STAFF</p> <p>Justin Fenger, Pastor Momoh Freeman, Organist Pat Remer, Accompanist Kim's Kleaning, Church Custodial work Mark Weslander, Administrative Assistant & Financial Recorder Kyle Hendrickson, Financial Secretary Daryl Abrahamson, Cemetery Groundskeeper Jason & DeeDee Fredlund, Youth Directors Teresa Carlson, Sunday School Leader Office Hours: M-W & F 9:00-3:00 unless otherwise noted. Cell phone is always available @ 651-431-8941</p>	<p>CONTACT INFORMATION</p> <p>Immanuel Lutheran Church 37515 Park Trail, Center City, MN 55012 Email: office@immanuelalmelund.com Phone: 651-583-2340 Website: www.immanuelalmelund.com Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/immanuelchurchofalmelund Justin Fenger, Pastor pastor@immanuelalmelund.com 651-308-7717 Mark Weslander, Administrative Assistant office@immanuelalmelund.com 651-431-8941 Kyle Hendrickson, Financial Secretary (651)717-8804 finance@immanuelalmelund.com</p>	<p>Momoh Freeman, Organist/Director Momohfreeman@yahoo.com (763)415-0330 Teresa Carlson, Sunday School Leader 651-214-9531</p> <p>Jason & DeeDee Fredlund, Youth Directors jfredlund@frontiernet.net Jason 651-208-5915 DeeDee 651-206-1190</p> <p>Dianne Wiik, Prayer Chain ywiik99@yahoo.com (651)583-2600</p> <p>Daryl Abrahamson, Cemetery Julie.l.abrahamson@gmail.com (651)674-2419</p>
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