



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

37515 Park Trail, Almelund, MN 55012

Pastor Justin Fenger

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

November 16, 2025

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



Service for Sunday 11/16/2025

GATHERING

Today's Service is using the ELW; Red Book

PRELUDE:

Surely The Presence Of The Lord

WOW Group

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

TEMPLE TALK:

**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

Isaiah	65:17-25
Psalm	Isaiah 12
Luke	21:5-19

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: Surely God is our salvation.

C: In God will I trust and not be afraid.

L: God is our strength and our might.

C: With joy we draw water from the wells of salvation.

L: Give thanks to God. Call on God's name.

C: We will shout for joy, for God is in our midst.

OPENING HYMN:

Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer

ELW 618 Red

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

P: God of renewal,

C: It is easy for us to look around at the accomplishments of our modern age and bask in our own glory. We put our faith in the things that do not last, instead of in your everlasting love. When anything challenges our sense of security in our own greatness, we are thrown into terror for an uncertain future. Draw us back into your loving arms, O God, and reassure us with your promise to make all things new. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC:

I Believe He's Coming Back

WOW Group

DISTRIBUTION OF 4TH GRADE BANKS:

CHILDREN'S SERMON:

SCRIPTURE READING:

Isaiah 65:17-25

¹⁷For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. ¹⁸But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. ¹⁹I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. ²⁰No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. ²¹They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. ²²They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. ²³They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord—

and their descendants as well. ²⁴Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. ²⁵The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent—its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

PSALM:

Isaiah 12

R: You will say in that day: I will give thanks to you, O Lord, for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away, and you comforted me.

**C: Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid,
for the Lord God is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.**

R: With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

**C: And you will say in that day: Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name;
make known his deeds among the nations; proclaim that his name is exalted.**

R: Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously; let this be known in all the earth.

C: Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Thine The Amen (v.3)

ELW 826 Red

GOSPEL:

Luke 21:5-19

Glory to you, O Lord

⁵When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, ⁶“As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.” ⁷They asked him, “Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?” ⁸And he said, “Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is near!’ Do not go after them. ⁹When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.” ¹⁰Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. ¹²But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; ¹⁵for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹By your endurance you will gain your souls.”

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON:

HYMN OF THE DAY:

O Master, Let Me Walk with You

ELW 818 Red

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

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

OFFERTORY:

The King Is Coming

WOW Group

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS:

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

ELW #184 Red

OFFERTORY PRAYER:

O God, you are the creator and owner of all that is, and all that we have is merely a brief stewardship of what is yours. Accept now our gifts and tithes out of your own abundance, and bless them for the work of the Holy Spirit in the world, today and always. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION:

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION:

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

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**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:

The Lord has promised that our labor is never in vain. As we set out to do the work of the kingdom, let us first be fed at the table of grace by the body and blood of our savior and friend. Come now, with your siblings, and be fed at the feast of the Lamb!

DISTRIBUTION:

Come To The Table

WOW Group

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

SENDING:

L: The days are coming, says the Lord,	C: When all will be thrown down.
L: All that we think is permanent,	C: Cannot last forever.
L: Do not pay mind to false messiahs,	C: And self-serving leaders.
L: Their thoughts are for themselves alone,	C: And not to help their people.
L: And when you hear of wars and conflicts,	C: Earthquakes, plagues and famines,
L: Don't be terrified, but only	C: Trust in God your master.
L: We witness to the God we know,	C: Who comforts and protects us.
L: And through the trials not a hair	C: Upon our heads will perish.
L: And we shall claim inheritance,	C: Among the saints in heaven.

CLOSING HYMN:

For All The Saints (v.v.1,3)

ELW 422 Red

DISMISSAL:

Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE:

The King Is Coming *Chorus*

WOW Group

ILC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Naomi Circle will meet at the home of Julie Weller on November 18th at 9:30am for our monthly meeting. See you then!

Confirmation Classes: for November, 19th 5:30-7:00

2025 Annual Meeting at Luther Point on Sunday, November 16, at 2:00 PM.

Attention new members and women seeking a fellowship group: We are exploring the idea of starting a third women's circle which will meet in the evening. Anyone interested in joining the conversation to decide its direction please join us at 6 PM on December 3 at Immanuel. Contact Amanda Cook for more information.

Advent Family Adventures — Wednesday, Nov. 19 • 5:30–7:30 PM

Kick off the season with a special evening for all ages! We'll share a family-friendly dinner, then learn and discover the story of Jesus' birth through simple, hands-on activities that help us prepare our homes and hearts for Christmas.

What to expect

- Warm community dinner to start the night
- Interactive stations that tell the Nativity story
- Practical ideas to help families prepare for Advent at home
- A short closing blessing for your household

Bring kids, grandkids, godparents—everyone's welcome. Invite a friend or neighbor!

Youth Group News:

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: Nov. 19th. Wreath Making is Nov. 22nd

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.

Collecting for the Women's & Children's Shelter

Naomi Circle will be collecting women and children pajamas for the Family Pathways women's shelter. A collection box will be placed in the Gathering area and donations will be collected until Sunday December 14th.

We, the Naomi Circle, thank you for your generous donation(s)

The Women of the ELCA:

We are in need of donations of bars for turkey bingo. Put in the church kitchen or bring to the bingo hall on Saturday.

Also: The mitten tree is going up in the narthex. Please bring mittens, gloves, hats, scarves, socks, children thru adult sizes. Thank you

Christmas Program - we will start practicing during Sunday School in November, and the program will be on 12/14 at 9:00am Service - reminder postcards will be sent with important information about this.



CHRISTMAS BRUNCH and CRAFT/BAKE SALE

December 7, 2025 after church.

Donations needed of Christmas Cookies, baked goods, homemade candies, jams, jellies and other canned items. Also, craft items of all kinds.

Please price items before bringing them.

Have at church by Saturday December 6.

Thank you for helping lead worship today!	Immanuel Church Calendar This Week	Sunday, November 23 CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY
Pastor: Justin Fenger	Sunday, November 16 9:00 WOW Communion Worship Service Live and Online. 4 th grade receives Bibles. Sunday School after Children's Sermon	9:00 Joint Choir Worship Service Live and Online. Sunday School is after Children's Sermon
Organist: Momoh Freeman		10:00 Coffee Served: PICKUP NEWSLETTERS 11:00 First Lutheran Service
Special Music: WOW Group	10:00 Coffee Served: 11:00 First Lutheran Service	
Reader: Chris Schumacher	Monday, November 17 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 9-3 Office Hours 6:00 Chris. Ed	Happy Birthday this week! 17 Brooks Geisbauer 19 Katie Burnside Nicki Klanderud 22 Paula Mohn
Ushers: Steve Tuhy Family	Tuesday, November 18 9-3 Office Hours 9:00 Worship Team meets 9:30 Sarah Circle meets 9:30 Naomi Circle meets at Julie Weller's 5:00 Choir Practice @ FLC	
Sound Tech: Nancy Nadeau	Wednesday, November 19 9-3 Office Hours 11:00 Newsletter Proofing 1:30 Prayer Shawl meets 5:30-7:30 Family Night Advent. 5:30-7 Confirmation 6-7 Youth Group meets	November 9, 2025 Attendance: 89
Camera Tech: Jodi Johnson-Waldemar	Thursday, November 20 Deadline for bulletin Info 9am Wisdom Seekers @ First	Weekly Giving Update: November 9, 2025
Children's Sermon: Pastor Justin	Friday, November 21 9-3 Office Hours Bulletins Printed 10:00 Newsletter Assembly	General \$2,375.00 Benevolence -Undesignated \$110.00 -Synod \$400.00 Use of Church \$225.00 Loose \$83.00 Christian Ed-Sun S \$50.00 Online Serv. Fee <u>\$1.25</u> Total \$3,244.25
Communion Servers: Norm Peterson Julie Johnson Beth Berger	Saturday, November 22 Youth Wreath making W/Potluck	
Altar Guild: Green Merrie Tolzmann		
Coffee Servers: Sarah Circle		

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