



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

37515 Park Trail, Almelund, MN 55012

Pastor Justin Fenger

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

November 9, 2025

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



Service for Sunday 11/9/2025

GATHERING

Today's Service is using the **ELW; Red Book**

PRELUDE:

I Can Only Imagine

Momoh Freeman

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

RECOGNITION OF VETERANS:

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

Haggai 2:1-9
Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21
Luke 20:27-38

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: Extol our God!

C: We bless God's name forever and ever!

L: Let us meditate on God's wondrous works. **C: We will celebrate God's justice and love!**

OPENING HYMN:

What Wonderous Love Is This

ELW 666 Red

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Liberating God, Free us from our stubborn need to try to fit the unknowable mystery of who you are into our own limited understanding. Make us quick to admit that we don't know what we don't know, and to accept that we don't need to make sense of everything all the time. Lovingly guide us in our day-to-day life, keeping our focus on the things that truly matter: loving you, our neighbors, and ourselves. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC:

All You've Ever Wanted

Momoh Freeman

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS:

Bri Tompkins; Sara Ohman; Marcy & Mike Paulson; Fred & Maureen Peterson

CHILDREN'S SERMON:

SCRIPTURE READING:

Haggai 2:1-9

In the second year of King Darius, in the seventh month, on the twenty-first day of the month, the word of the Lord came by the prophet Haggai, saying: ²Speak now to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and to the remnant of the people, and say, ³Who is left among you that saw this house in its former glory? How does it look to you now? Is it not in your sight as nothing? ⁴Yet now take courage, O Zerubbabel, says the Lord; take courage, O Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest; take courage, all you people of the land, says the Lord; work, for I am with you, says the Lord of hosts, ⁵according to the promise that I made you when you came out of Egypt. My spirit abides among you; do not fear. ⁶For thus says the Lord of hosts: Once again, in a little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land; ⁷and I will shake all the nations, so that the treasure of all nations shall come, and I will fill this house with splendor, says the Lord of hosts. ⁸The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, says the Lord of hosts. ⁹The latter splendor of this house shall be greater than the former, says the Lord of hosts; and in this place I will give prosperity, says the Lord of hosts.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

PSALM:

Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21

R: I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.

C: Every day I will bless you, and praise your name forever and ever.

R: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; his greatness is unsearchable.

C: One generation shall laud your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.

R: On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

C: The Lord is just in all his ways, and kind in all his doings.

R: The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

C: He fulfills the desire of all who fear him; he also hears their cry, and saves them.

R: The Lord watches over all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy.

C: My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord, and all flesh will bless his holy name forever and ever.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Thine The Amen (v.2)

ELW 826 Red

GOSPEL:

Luke 20:27-38

Glory to you, O Lord

²⁷Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to him ²⁸and asked him a question, “Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man’s brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. ²⁹Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; ³⁰then the second ³¹and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. ³²Finally the woman also died. ³³In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her.” ³⁴Jesus said to them, “Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; ³⁵but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. ³⁶Indeed they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. ³⁷And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. ³⁸Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive.”

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON:

HYMN OF THE DAY:

My Hope Is built on Nothing Less

ELW 596 Red

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

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

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.**

OFFERTORY:

Can’t Nobody Do Me Like Jesus

Momoh Freeman

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS:

Create In Me

ELW 186 Red

OFFERTORY PRAYER:

Abundant God, you fill us with rich food, shower us with material possessions, and enrich our lives with love. We know we can never repay that which you have given us. Accept these, our humble gifts and tithes, in gratitude for your generosity, and bless them for use in your work in the world. Amen.

SENDING:

P: We are forever trying to prove our faith.

C: We are forever failing to make it make sense.

P: We are bound by our cultural understanding of things like marriage.

C: We try to justify our own ideas by forcing them to fit into our ideas about God.

P: God sees and knows our need to understand.

C: God encourages us to wrestle with the seeming contradictions.

P: Let us let go of our need to control the narrative.

C: Let us talk with one another and invite the Holy Spirit into our conversations.

P: Let us trust that God knows what God is doing,

C: And enjoy the life that God has given us in the here and now.

CLOSING HYMN:

For All The Saints (v.v.1,5)

ELW 422 Red

DISMISSAL:

Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE:

ILC ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Member Sunday — November 9

Thinking about making Immanuel your church home? We'd love to welcome you! To become a new member, simply text or email Pastor Justin (see contact info on the back of the worship bulletin). There are new member forms and a sign-up sheet on the table outside the Fireside Room. Nothing is required—just a willingness to participate with us in the mission and community of Almelund.

Please return forms to Mark in the church office. If the door is locked, you can slide them under the door.

Memorial Committee will meet on Monday, November 10 at 5:00 pm

The Immanuel Quilters will meet Tuesday, November 11th, 10-2pm, with a potluck lunch at noon.

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, 12th & 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

Make One, Take one Pillowcase 4-H Workshop

Sunday Nov 9, 2025, Location our church, Time 1pm to 4pm.

Kits provided. Bring sewing machine if able

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.



**Grab your
dabber**
**TURKEY
BINGO**

**Saturday,
November 15,
2025, 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!		Immanuel Church Calendar This Week		Happy Birthday this week!		NOTES					
Pastor: Justin Fenger		Sunday, November 9 9:00 Worship Service Live and Online W/Reception of new Members. Sunday School is after Children's Sermon 10:00 Coffee Served: 11:00 First Lutheran Service		9 Natalee Oknich 10 Ian O'Donnell 11 Henry Johnson 12 Kyle Andersen 13 Scott Olson Debra Krengel Alexander Berger 14 Hunter Swenson							
Organist: Momoh Freeman											
Special Music: Momoh Freeman		Monday, November 10 9-3 Office Hours 10:00 WOW Practice 5:00 Memorial Meeting 5:00 Property Meeting 6:00 Council Meeting									
Reader: Diann Huber											
Ushers: Steve Tuhy Family		Tuesday, November 11 9-3 Office Hours 9:00 Worship Team meets 10-2 Quilters Meet W/Potluck at noon 5:00 Choir Practice @ ILC									
Sound Tech: Julie Johnson				November 2, 2025 Attendance: 101							
Camera Tech: Vern Johnson		Wednesday, November 12 9-3 Office Hours 5:30-7:00 Confirmation		Weekly Giving Update: November 2, 2025							
Children's Sermon: Amanda Cook				General \$3,358.00 Benevolence -Undesignated \$10.00 -LSS \$50.00 Building Fund \$60.00 Loose \$110.00 Thanksgiving \$25.00 Christmas \$25.00 Online Serv. Fee <u>\$1.25</u> Total \$3,639.25							
Teachers: Amanda Cook Teresa Carlson Dana Johnson or Valerie Lutz		Thursday, November 13 Deadline for bulletin Info 9am Wisdom Seekers @ First									
		Friday, November 14 9-3 Office Hours Bulletins Printed									
Altar Guild: Green Merrie Tolzmann		Saturday, November 15 6:00 Turkey Bingo									
Coffee Servers:		Sunday, November 16 9:00 WOW Communion Worship Service Live and Online. 4 th grade receive Bibles. Sunday School after Children's Sermon 10:00 Coffee Served: 11:00 First Lutheran Service 2:00 Luther Point Ann. Meeting		Noisy Offering \$139.76							
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