

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

37515 Park Trail, Almelund, MN 55012

Pastor Justin Fenger

Transfiguration of Our Lord

February 15, 2026

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



**SERVICE FOR SUNDAY 2/15/2026
GATHERING
TODAY'S SERVICE IS USING **ELW: RED BOOK****

PRELUDE: I Will Call Upon the Lord WOW Group

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

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

Pause for silence and reflection.

P: Faithful God,

C: Your promises have never wavered, and yet we are not always willing to believe them. We descend into our own despair, unable to see past our immediate concerns. We drag others down with us and live to complain and commiserate. We ignore the miracles in front of our face. Forgive us for living such small lives, O God, and restore in us the wonder of what it is to be your people. Amen.

P: God is faithful; God is merciful; God does not hold our sins against us! Receive the assurance of your deliverance by the one who promised from of old to set us free, and who seeks and finds us to this very day. Alleluia! **Amen.**

**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

Exodus 24:12-18

Psalms 2

Matthew 17:1-9

CALL TO WORSHIP:

L: Often we enter this sanctuary expecting little, **C: Thinking we will get the same as last week.**

L: But every now and then,

C: God surprises us.

L: Jesus' light blinds us

C: And we are changed forever.

OPENING HYMN:

Shine, Jesus, Shine

ELW 671 Red

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

O God of the ages, **You give us your only son and ask only that we listen to him. Help us to see you throughout our highs and lows, and to find courage in having you by our side. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC:

Let It Rise

WOW Group

CHILDREN'S SERMON:

SCRIPTURE READING:

Exodus 24:12-18

¹²The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction."

¹³So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. ¹⁴To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them." ¹⁵Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. ¹⁷Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel.

¹⁸Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

PSALM:

Psalm 2

R: Why do the nations conspire, and the peoples plot in vain?

C: The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord and his anointed, saying,

R: "Let us burst their bonds asunder, and cast their cords from us."

C: He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord has them in derision.

R: Then he will speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury, saying,

C: "I have set my king on Zion, my holy hill."

R: I will tell of the decree of the Lord: He said to me,

"You are my son; today I have begotten you.

C: Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession.

R: You shall break them with a rod of iron, and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."

C: Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth.

R: Serve the Lord with fear, with trembling

C: kiss his feet, or he will be angry, and you will perish in the way;

for his wrath is quickly kindled. Happy are all who take refuge in him.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Jesus Calls Us; O're the Tumult (v.1)

ELW 696 Red

Glory to you, O Lord

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ²And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁵While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" ⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." ⁸And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. ⁹As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to You, O Christ**SERMON:****HYMN OF THE DAY:**

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise (v.v.1,2)

ELW 834 Red

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:**OFFERTORY:**

In The Sanctuary

WOW Group

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS:

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

ELW 184 Red

OFFERTORY PRAYER:

You have promised us, **O God, that if we give up our lives to you, we will know the abundance you offer. Accept these gifts of our wealth and effort, given for the sake of those who need it more than we do. Bless our giving and guide our actions, for the sake of the one we follow, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

HOLY COMMUNION:**THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION:****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.**

EUCCHARISTIC INVITATION:

All-loving savior, just as you gathered disciples around you so long ago, gather us now in fellowship at your table. Be truly present with us in this meal, and feed us on your promises, just as true today as they were two thousand years ago. Come to the table and know yourself as the beloved of God.

DISTRIBUTION:

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

WOW Group

ELW 484 Red

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

SENDING:

L: We have come to the mountain with Jesus.

C: We're so glad he invited us to join him.

L: But suddenly everything is different.

C: Jesus is different, transformed before us,

L: And we are afraid because we thought we knew him.

C: We thought we understood what he was about,

L: But we have discovered we had no idea.

C: Jesus is so much more than we could possibly understand.

L: Jesus touches our shoulder and tells us "Don't be afraid,"

C: And invites us to know him yet more deeply.

L: So we follow him back down the mountain,

C: Open to learning what he has yet to teach us.

CLOSING HYMN:

Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises
(Refraine to be sung once only each time through)

ELW 535 Red

DISMISSAL:

Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annual Report is published for pick up TODAY, Sunday, February 15, 2026.

For the Annual Meeting on February 22, 2026.

Sarah Circle will meet on February 17 at 9:30 at church.

Youth Group News will meet

Feb 18th; Youth Group retreat Feb 20th - 22nd at Luther Point

Confirmation Classes: 25th, God's Surprise

Holy Smokes Is Back!

Mark, your calendars - Holy Smokes is at Jake's on the Lakes on Thursday, February 26 at 6:30 PM.

New! Sermon Note Art

This fall we're trying a new way to listen to the sermon together.

As you come into the sanctuary, pick up a blank index card from the back of the narthex (or ask an usher).

During the sermon:

- Confirmation students: write your name on the back of the card.
- Write the sermon theme or main point somewhere on the card.
- Then respond:
 - draw a picture of something that spoke to you, or
 - write a short poem, phrase, or little story.

When you're finished, you can:

- hand your card to Pastor Justin after worship, or
- place it in his box.

If you're especially proud of your artwork or words, feel free to sign your name on the front as well.

This is for everyone, not just confirmation students!

Each week a selection of "Sermon Note Art" will be displayed in the Sunday School hallway as a way to share what God is stirring in our hearts.

March 1st Almelund Sampler is getting closer - we are still looking for **DONATIONS** for the Live Auction. Some good ideas from past auctions - Host a Dinner; Assorted Meat Packages; Gift Certificates to local restaurants; Creative Baskets - Movie Night, Pizza Night, Breakfast Fixings, etc. - what fun addition can you come up with. **This fundraiser will be to help with entertainment costs for the Apple Festival!!** Your support will be greatly appreciated!

Attention 2026' Graduates

Please notify the church office at (651)583-2340, if you are graduating from High School or College. We would like to know. Also, please fill out a scholarship application form outside the church office.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

SUNDAY HISTORY TALKS

The Arrowline Railroad and Sunrise; Join us TODAY Sunday, February 15 at 3 p.m. at the Amador Town Hall in Almelund

More First Lutheran Events, TF:

Quilting 9:30am - 11:00am First and Third Wednesdays of the month. No experience needed! New quilters welcome!

New Book Study at The Lodge Wednesdays at 10am.

Wisdom Seekers Study Group Every Thursday, 9:00 am @ First Lutheran

SEASON OF LENT

Ash Wednesday Services: February, 18 11:00 @ First Lutheran 6:30 @ Immanuel Lutheran

Lenten Services:	February 25	11:00 @ First Lutheran W/Lunch following 5:30 Supper @ Immanuel Lutheran W/6:30 Service. Group D Serves.
	March 4	11:00 @ First Lutheran W/Lunch following 5:30 Supper @ Immanuel Lutheran W/6:30 Service. Group E Serves.
	March 11	11:00 @ First Lutheran W/Lunch following 5:30 Supper @ Immanuel Lutheran W/6:30 Service. Group A Serves.
	March 18	11:00 @ First Lutheran W/Lunch following 5:30 Supper @ Immanuel Lutheran W/6:30 Service. Group B Serves.
	March 25	11:00 @ First Lutheran W/Lunch following 5:30 Supper @ Immanuel Lutheran W/6:30 Service. Group C Serves.

Sweet Heart's

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

**Proceeds will be used for
Community Projects**

Pancakes, French Toast, Sausage, Eggs, Juice, Milk, Coffee

Sunday, Feb 15th

8:00am - 12 Noon

at the

Shafer Township Hall

18259 St Croix Trail (Hwy 95)

Just ¼ Mile west of downtown Palmdale or
3 ¼ miles east of downtown Almelund on Hwy 95

Sponsored by

Almelund Lions Club

Adults \$10.00

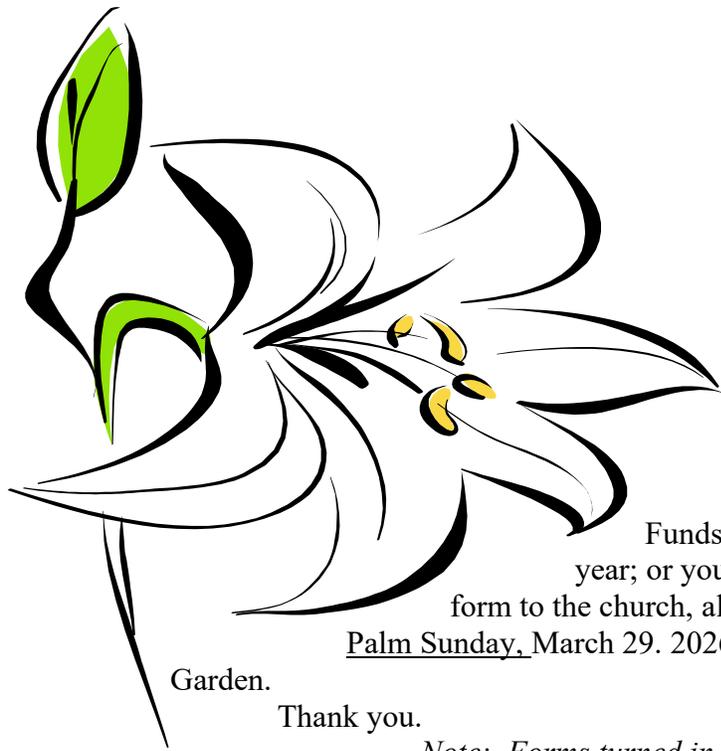
Children under 12 \$5.00

Children under 6 FREE

*Used eyeglasses and hearing aids will be
collected at this and all Lions Club activities*

We are always looking for new members,
if interested please ask a Lion, Thank You

Easter Memorial Garden



Funds will be used for altar flowers & worship supplies throughout the year; or you may give to a memorial fund of your choice. Please return this form to the church, along with your contribution by or before Palm Sunday, March 29, 2026 Make check to Immanuel Lutheran Church, Easter Memorial Garden.

Thank you.

Note: Forms turned in by the deadline will be included in the Easter Sunday memorials brochure in the bulletin, those turned in after Palm Sunday will be listed in the bulletin on the Sunday after Easter. Thank You.

Your Name: _____

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

Easter Memorial Garden Fund

Sanctuary Flowers & Worship Supplies, including Candles, Communion Supplies, Linen upkeep, etc.

Other memorial fund, (please Circle one)

Christian Education; Building Fund; Youth Group Mission Trips;

Scholarships; Prayer Shawl Ministry; Immanuel Quilters; Parish Care Team; Africa Support/African Student

Scholarships; Archives; Technology; Library; Music; Landscaping; Cemetery Perpetual Care;

Altar Guild; Undesignated donations will be placed in the Easter Memorial Garden Fund.



Visitors are welcome to see Cindy
Regency Long Term Care Hospital
1300 Hidden Lakes PKWY
Golden Valley, MN 55422

694W to 100S to Duluth Street.

Thank you to everyone for your support.

Cindy Weslander family

Thank you for helping lead worship today!

Pastor:
Justin Fenger

Organist:
Momoh Freeman

Special Music:
WOW Group

Reader:
McCoy & Peyton Lindgren

Ushers:
Steve Tuhj

Communion Servers:
Beth Berger
Jeff Lutz
Julie Weller

Sound Tech:
Nancy Nadeau

Camera Tech:
Jodi Johnson-Waldemar

Proclaim:
Carli Linngren

Children's Sermon:
Hailey Rivard

Altar Guild: White
Jennifer Abbott

Teachers:
Cami Peltier

Coffee Servers:
Youth Group

Immanuel Church Calendar This Week

Sunday February 15
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
3:00 Arrowline Railroad – Amador Town Hall

Monday February 16
NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
9-3 Office hours
6:00 Chris. Ed Meets

Tuesday February 17
9-3 Office hours
9:00 Worship Team Meets
9:30 Sara Circle Meets
5:00 Choir Practice @ FELC

Wednesday February 18
ASH WEDNESDAY
9-3 Office hours
11:00 Newsletter proofing & Prayer Shawl Meets @ 1:30
Services are 11:00 @ First Lutheran and 6:30 @ Immanuel
6-7 Youth Group Meets

Thursday February 19
Deadline for Bulletin Info
9:00am Wisdom Seekers bible study @ First Lutheran TF

Friday February 20
9-3 Office hours
Bulletins Printed
10:00 Newsletter Assembly
Youth Group retreat at Luther Point

Saturday February 21
Youth Group retreat at Luther Point

Sunday February 22
9:00 Joint Choir Worship Service Live and Online.
Sunday School after Children's Sermon
10:00 Coffee Served
11:00 Service at First Ev. Lutheran Church TF
Youth Group retreat at Luther Point

IMMANUEL STAFF

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February 8, 2026
Attendance: 92

Weekly Giving Update:
February 8, 2026

General	\$2,655.00
Benevolence:	
-Undesignated	\$ 20.00
-Luther Point:	\$ 70.00
Building Fund	\$ 200.00
Lent	\$ 25.00
Loose	\$ 142.00
Online Service Fee	<u>\$ 2.00</u>
TOTAL	\$3,114.00

Happy birthday this week!

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Tracy Tolzmann
Tara Rothe
Ashley Thielen
Joe Woodruff,
Olivia Witzel

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Kari Johnson
Rylee Flanery
Kalaya Paavola
John Westlund

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Brandalyn Bourasa
Kelly Donahue

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William Chinander
Melody Morgan