

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

37515 Park Trail, Almelund, MN 55012

Pastor Justin Fenger

Second Sunday of Easter

April 12, 2026

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



SERVICE FOR SUNDAY 4/12/2026

GATHERING

TODAY'S SERVICE IS USING ELW: RED BOOK

PRELUDE:

Lord, I Want To Be A Christian

Dwight Johnson

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 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

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Psalms 16

John 20:19-31

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

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

Pause for silence and reflection.

P: Merciful God,

C: Give us the willingness to be honest with ourselves, with one another, and with you about the ways in which we have caused harm in this world. Give us the openness to see where our actions or failures to act have led to pain in those closest to us and in those far away. Do not let us sink further into self-harm through self-blame and hatred, but give us the courage to set right our wrongs, and to return to you again and again for forgiveness.

P: The risen God has raised you to newness of life in Jesus' name. You are in Christ a new creation, and God forgives you every wrong. Celebrate with all of creation a world redeemed, and lavish the love you have received on all that is. **Amen.**

CALL TO WORSHIP:

L: God is near to all who call on God.

C: We call in God in truth.

L: Let us speak God's praise.

C: All creation will bless God's name forever.

OPENING HYMN:

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing! (v.v.1,5)

ELW 393 Red

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Risen God, **You come into our midst and breathe on us your Holy Spirit. Empower us to believe at depth that you are with us, no matter how we experience you in our lives, and make us witnesses to one another of your very real presence among us. In your name we pray. Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC:

What Is The Soul of a Man

Dwight Johnson

HOLY BAPTISM:

We welcome our newest member into Christ's Church
Jane Jolynn Johnson; Born, December 22, 2025
To Trent & Kristi Johnson
Sponsors; Jake & Kelsey Pohl, Jane's Aunt & Uncle

CHILDREN'S SERMON:

SCRIPTURE READING:

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, ²²“You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— ²³this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. ²⁴But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. ²⁵For David says concerning him, ‘I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; ²⁶therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. ²⁷For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. ²⁸You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’ ²⁹“Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. ³¹Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, ‘He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.’ ³²This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

R: Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

C: I say to the Lord, “You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you.”

R: As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble, in whom is all my delight.

C: Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows;

their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names upon my lips.

R: The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

C: The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage.

R: I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.

C: I keep the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

R: Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure.

C: For you do not give me up to Sheol, or let your faithful one see the Pit.

R: You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy;

in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds (V.2)

ELW 367 Red

GOSPEL:

John 20:19-31

Glory to you, O Lord

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.” ²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.” ²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” ²⁸Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.” ³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to You, O Christ

SERMON:

HYMN OF THE DAY:

We Walk by Faith (v.v.1,2,3)

ELW 635 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 forive 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 kingdon, the power and the glory,
For ever and ever. Amen.**

OFFERTORY:

I’m On The Battlefield

Dwight Johnson

OFFERTORY PRAYER:

Loving God, we offer these gifts out of the abundance you have first given us. Accept them, we pray, and use them to bear witness to your life-changing power, that all might come to love you and their neighbors as themselves.
Amen.

SENDING:

L: Faith requires doubt. If we were certain, it would not be faith.

C: We can doubt even what our eyes perceive. They have played tricks on us.

L: We may experience the real and vital presence of Jesus in our lives as clearly as if we see him,

C: And then still come to doubt that what we experienced was “real.”

L: We are in good company with the one who proclaimed, “My lord and my God!”

C: Open our eyes to see and our ears to hear.

L: Sharpen our senses of touch, taste, and smell.

C: Let us experience you—real and immediate—in the presence of one another in this place.

L: Then give us a deep trust that what we have sensed is, in fact, reality,

C: That in faith we might proclaim, “My lord and my God!”

CLOSING HYMN:

Lord, Be Glorified

ELW 744 Red

DISMISSAL:

Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

Thanks be to God.**POSTLUDE:****ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Youth Group News: Last day to order Heggies pizzas is Monday. Please get ahold of Dee or a youth to get your order in. Dee will be taking orders after Easter service by the Fireside Room.

Youth Group will meet April 15th from 6pm - 7pm

April 25th Youth Group serves coffee

Confirmation Classes: 22nd, Risen Jesus, A Risen People
29th, The Danger of Pharoh’s Egypt

Community Dinner, Friday April 10 from 4:30-6:30.

WELCA meeting dates for 2026-April 12, after church - Naomi Circle in charge

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

Holy Smokes Is Back!

Mark, your calendars - Holy Smokes is at Wild Mtn. Winery on Thursday, April 23 at 6:30 PM.

Sermon Note Art

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.

Attention 2026' Graduates

Students--did You Know? Immanuel Lutheran has three Memorial Scholarships available for students pursuing post-secondary education for the 2026-2027 school year. Eligible recipients may attend College, Vo-Tech or another institute of higher education. Eligible applicants may be freshmen through post-graduate level to apply.

Pick up an application on the table outside the church office, complete the brief questionnaire and submit it for award consideration by April 30th (2026).

Even if you have applied or received a scholarship for a previous year, students are still eligible for consideration for this year's scholarship awards.

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Connie Linder (Memorial Committee Treasurer) at 651-308-9038. **Hurry--deadline for submission is April 30th!**

Attention Sunday school kids and parents

We do collect a Sunday school offering on Sundays in 2 ways. Food can be brought for the Food Shelf or a monetary offering will be given to Soldier's 6 who train dogs for soldiers and first responders.

Three cheers for the youth group!!! They do so much for our church. The Palm Sunday breakfast was great and much appreciated by all who came. The Sunday services they give are very inspiring. It is great to see so many taking part enthusiastically.

Stewardship Committee

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Today, April 12th, St. Croix Valley Orchestra Spring Concert, is at 3:00 pm. Location is Our Saviors Lutheran Church, Amery, WI. Admission by free will donation.

Chisago County One-Room Schools Program

Our March program was canceled due to snow - but join us on Sunday, **Today**, April 12 at 3 p.m. for a 'History Talk' about one-room schools that our parents or grandparents at one time attended. Or maybe you attended one of them? At one time there were 61 school districts located in Chisago County—today there are three!

Where were these schools located and what did they look like? **Bring your stories and pictures to share!** This program is sponsored by the Amador Heritage Center in Almelund and will be held at the Amador Town Hall. **The program is free and open to the public.** For more information check AmadorTownship.com.

Thank you!

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

Game Night Thursday, April 30th, 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm



Thursday, April 30th

4:30pm - 6:30pm

Come enjoy a delicious supper and have some fun playing games! Bring your favorite game or play what is available at the church! There is something for everyone!!!

First Evangelical Lutheran Church
Taylors Falls



Psalm 136

37th Saint Paul Area Synodical Women's Convention

April 25, 2026

St. Mark Lutheran Church

One North Road Circle Pines, MN 55014 763-784-2558

You are invited to join women from around the Saint Paul Area Synod for a day of Worship and Eucharist, Bible Study, Learning Sessions and Business Meetings.

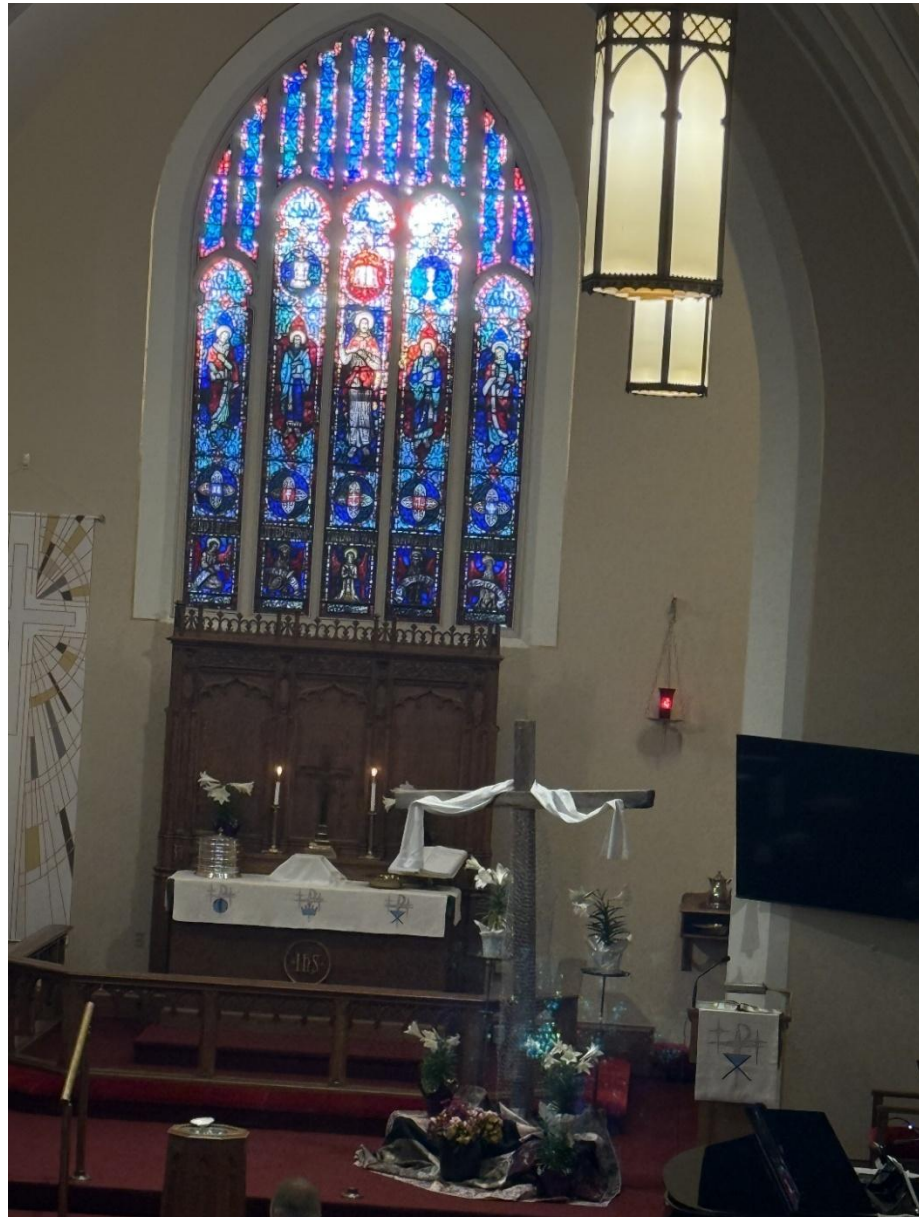
Speakers include: Marcie Rendon – Keynote Speaker and Author of “Where They Last Saw Her” Bishop Patricia Lull – Bible Study Pastor Lauren Mildahl – St. Mark Lutheran Church – Worship Leader Learning opportunities/workshops: Linda Clark – Churchwide Representative Claire Hoyum & Bethany Ringdal – “Love the Stranger: Tips for Congregations in Practicing Immigrant Justice” Nancy Agneberg – “Spiritual Friendship, Companions on the Journey” Deanna Thompson – “Joy, Patience, and Perseverance in Christian Life Today”

Come for the learning. Enjoy the fellowship! For more information contact: Gwen Swenson at 651-674-8568.

Registration forms by calling Robin Kieffer, convention registrar, at 651-216-3611.

Deadline is April 16, 2026

Easter Sunrise Service
through our beautiful east window.
Thank you Loraine for the picture



Fri., May 8, 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



Thank you for helping lead worship today!

Pastor:
Justin Fenger

Organist:
Momoh Freeman

Special Music:
Dwight Johnson

Reader:
Jeske Noordergraaf

Ushers:
Pat & Don Noyes

Sound Tech:
Loraine Rue

Camera Tech:
Dave Rue

Proclaim:
Carli Linngren

Children's Sermon:
Jeske Noordergraaf

Altar Guild: White
Diane Rothe
Joanne Johnson

Teachers:
Amanda Cook

Coffee Servers:
Trent & Kristi Johnson

Immanuel Church Calendar This Week

Sunday April 12
9:00 Worship Service Live and Online.
Sunday School after Children's Sermon
10:00 WELCA Meeting by Naomi Circle
10:00 Coffee Served
11:00 Service at First Ev. Lutheran Church TF

Monday April 13
9-3 Office hours
10:00 WOW Practice
10:00 Stewardship Meets

Tuesday April 14
9-3 Office hours
9:00 Worship Team Meets
10-2 Quilters Meet W/Potluck at noon
5:00 Choir Practice @ FELC

Wednesday April 15
9-3 Office hours
1:30 Prayer Shawl Meets
6:00 Youth Group Meets

Thursday April 16
Deadline for Bulletin Info
9:00am Wisdom Seekers bible study @ First Lutheran TF

Friday April 17
9-3 Office hours
Bulletins Printed

Saturday April 18

Sunday April 19
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

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Pat Remer, Accompanist
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April 5, 2026
Sunrise Service Attendance: 24
Easter Attendance: 180

Weekly Giving Update:
April 5, 2026

General	\$3,760.00
Benevolence:	
-Undesignated	\$ 80.00
-Lutheran Soc. Serv.	\$ 80.00
-Luther Point:	\$ 50.00
Building Fund	\$ 180.00
Lent	\$ 50.00
Maundy Thursday	\$ 37.00
Good Friday	\$ 35.00
Easter	\$ 470.00
Loose	\$ 382.00
Online Service Fee	\$ 2.00
TOTAL	\$5,126.00

Easter Memorial Garden \$1,707.00
Noisy Offering \$192.12

Happy birthday this week!

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Kelly Hunter
Brittany Wyandt
Bailey Loso
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Zachary Loso
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Pamela Larson
15
Heidi Wiberg
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Karl Swenson
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Jennifer Andersen
Mirella Cook