



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

37515 Park Trail, Almelund, MN 55012

Pastor Justin Fenger

Third Sunday of Easter

April 19, 2026

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

SERVICE FOR SUNDAY 4/19/2026

GATHERING

TODAY'S SERVICE IS USING **ELW:**
RED & HFG TEAL BOOKS

PRELUDE: Because He Lives
WOW Group

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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.**



**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, 36-41

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

Luke 24:13-35

CALL TO WORSHIP:

P: Our risen savior joins us on the road.

C: We had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel.

P: Jesus who was hidden is revealed in the breaking of bread.

C: Our eyes are opened and our hearts burn within us! Alleluia!

OPENING HYMN: Crown Him With Many Crowns (v.v.1,2,3)

HFG 345 **TEAL**

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Gracious God, **We are often lost and confused as we contemplate the pains of the world around us. Open our eyes to recognize your presence in our midst, and fill us with joy in the knowledge that you share our place no matter what we are experiencing. Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC: That's Why We Praise Him

WOW Group

CHILDREN'S SERMON:

SCRIPTURE READING:

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, ³⁶Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified." ³⁷Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" ³⁸Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." ⁴⁰And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." ⁴¹So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

PSALM:

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

R: I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my supplications.

C: Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

R: The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;
I suffered distress and anguish.

C: Then I called on the name of the Lord: "O Lord, I pray, save my life!"

R: What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me?

C: I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord,

R: I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.

C: Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful ones.

R: O Lord, I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your serving girl.
You have loosed my bonds.

C: I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the Lord.

R: I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people,

C: in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds (V.3)

ELW 367 **Red**

GOSPEL:

Luke 24:13-35

Glory to you, O Lord

¹³Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” ¹⁹He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²²Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.” ²⁵Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” ²⁷Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. ²⁸As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” ³³That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to You, O Christ

SERMON:

HYMN OF THE DAY:

He Lives

HFG 299 **TEAL**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

OFFERTORY:

We Bring The Sacrifice of Praise

WOW Group

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS:

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

ELW 184 **Red**

OFFERTORY PRAYER:

God of the journey, we offer with grateful hearts only what you have first provided to us out of your generous abundance—our financial resources, our time and energy, and our own hearts. Accept and use them in love and service to all in need. In Jesus’ name we pray. 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.

EUCHARISTIC INVITATION:

Jesus, who reveals himself in the breaking of the bread, invites you now to this meal in which he is fully present. Come and dine with him and your siblings in his holy name, and be fed and nourished for life's journey.

DISTRIBUTION:

Come And Dine

WOW Group

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

SENDING:

L: Life is a journey.

C: We don't always know quite where we're going,

L: But our God walks beside us.

C: When our eyes are open, we see God at work all around us.

L: Help us to stop and really look, O God.

C: Fill us with the gratitude of knowing you are with us in all things.

CLOSING HYMN:

Victory in Jesus

HFG 82 **TEAL**

DISMISSAL:

Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE:

Victory in Jesus

HFG 82 **TEAL**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Say Yes Again: Special Congregational Meeting | May 17th | After Worship

One year ago, Immanuel Lutheran took a bold step of faith by entering into a Shared Ministry Covenant with First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Taylors Falls. It has been a year of growth, collaboration, and God's faithfulness at work in both of our communities — and now it's time to take the next step forward.

On May 17th, following worship, we will hold a Special Congregational Meeting to vote on renewing our One-Year Shared Ministry Covenant with FELC. The covenant document will be available for your review beginning May 10th. Don't miss our Informational Meeting and Celebration on Thursday, May 14th at 6:00pm here at ILC — come learn, ask questions, and celebrate what God has done through this partnership!

We are better together. We hope to see you there.

HEALING SERVICE May 31st

Healing Services are offered the 5th Sunday of any month. The short service is used to facilitate spiritual, emotional and physical healing. We use this time to invite God's grace and love to address our concerns as we know it is God alone who heals our minds and bodies. (James 5:14 - 16)

Your Parish Care Team (PCT) will have a Healing Service May 31st immediately following our regular 9:00 am service. This short service will offer anointing and a time for personal prayer.

You will still have plenty of time to join Coffee Hour for Fellowship at the conclusion of the service.

Youth Group News:

April 25th Youth Group serves coffee

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

Community Dinner, Friday May 8 from 4:30-6:30.

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!**

Senior Recognition Sunday, will be May 31st

Mark Your Calendars

May 3 - **St. Croix Sacred Ensemble** will lead worship at both Immanuel (9:00) and First Ev. (11:00). For over 20 years, this group has conveyed God's Grace, Love and Light through their Musical Ministry.

May 22 - **Almelund Farmer's Market** begins its 19th Season at Rod's Country Corner!! Come Friday afternoons - 3-6:00 and check out the local items...annuals, perennials and garden plants, asparagus, rhubarb, eggs, maple syrup, honey, breads, jams/jellies, craft items and other goodies! Products change with the season. New vendors are encouraged and welcomed to join this fun community get-together. If interested, contact Pat @ 651-583-2100.

May 25 - **Memorial Day** is the day we remember the sacrifices made by those who have served in our military, and to also remember the lives of all our loved ones. This Memorial Day we will again gather for an 11:30 Ceremony of Remembrance at the Immanuel Cemetery. Ham Dinner will follow served in the Fellowship Hall. Cost to be determined. Veterans eat Free! Food Service Group D will be in charge with help from the congregation! The Food Sign-Up Chart will be located in the gathering area and will be posted soon. Volunteers will be needed to help set-up 9:00 Saturday, May 23 and for Memorial Day kitchen food preparation and clean-up. We have heard many times throughout the years how much this day is appreciated - not only for the Ceremony of Remembrance, but for the delicious Ham Dinner and the opportunity to reconnect with family and friends. **Mark your calendars for this Meaningful, Community Event!**

Dear Church Family-

Sarah Circle is organizing a cleaning of the sanctuary with Murphy's oil wood cleaner on Wednesday, May 13 at 10:00 am, to maintain our beautiful space and ensure it remains welcoming for everyone. We would love your help! Whether you can spare an hour or more, your contribution makes a difference.

Thank you for considering this opportunity. Together, we all can keep our church a "shining" place of worship and fellowship!

ATTENTION: Our veteran's picture board needs to be updated. If you were in the military:

Please provide a picture in uniform.

Branch of Service; dates; job; any special recognition you were awarded or information you wish to share.

Contact Gwen Swenson (651)674-8568 or

Sharon Thiel (218)770-3870

We would like to do this by May 25th, our Memorial Day Program & Dinner.

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 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.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

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

Unexpected Company Chorale is excited to present their spring concert, "Sing as ONE". There will be performances on May 1st, 7:30PM at Faith Lutheran church in Forest Lake, and on May 3rd, 3:00PM at Chisago Lakes High School PAC. Tickets are available on the Unexpected Company Chorale website: ucchorale.org, from any member in advance of the concert, and at the door. All tickets are \$15.

Many thanks,

Mike, UCC Board Member



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



Saint Paul Area Synod

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

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:
WOW Group

Reader:
Gwen Swenson

Ushers:
Kim & Scott Raschke

Communion Servers:
Amanda Cook
Chris Schumacher
Clay Larson

Sound Tech:
Nancy Nadeau

Camera Tech:
Jodi Johnson-Waldemar

Proclaim:
Carli Linngren

Children's Sermon:
Sharon Thiel

Altar Guild: White
Diane Rothe
Joanne Johnson

Teachers:
Valerie Lutz
Cami Peltier

Coffee Servers:
Oriole Ave Lutherans

Immanuel Church Calendar This Week

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

Monday April 20

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

Tuesday April 21

9-3 Office hours
9:00 Worship Team Meets
9:30 Naomi Meets @ Sharon Thiel's
5:00 Choir Practice @ ILC

Wednesday April 22

9-3 Office hours
11:00 **Newsletter** is ready for proofreading
5:30-7 Confirmation Meets

Thursday April 23

Deadline for Bulletin Info
9:00am Wisdom Seekers bible study @ First Lutheran TF
6:30 Holy Smokes @ Wild Mtn. Winery

Friday April 24

9-3 Office hours
Bulletins Printed
10:00 **Newsletter Assembly**

Saturday April 25

Sunday April 26

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
PICKUP NEWSLETTERS

IMMANUEL STAFF

Justin Fenger, Pastor
Momoh Freeman, Organist
Pat Remer, Accompanist
Mark Weslander, Administrative Assistant & Financial Recorder
Kyle Hendrickson, Financial Secretary
Kim's Kleaning, Church Custodial Work
Daryl Abrahamson, Cemetery Groundskeeper
Jason & DeeDee Fredlund, Youth Directors
Teresa Carlson, Sunday School Leader
Office Hours: M,T,W,F 9:00am-3:00pm
Unless otherwise noted.
Cell phone (651)431-8941

CONTACT INFORMATION

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/ImmanuelLutheranChurchofAlmelund>
Justin Fenger, Pastor
pastor@immanuelalmelund.com
(651)308-7717
Mark Weslander, Administrative Assistant
office@immanuelalmelund.com
(651)431-8941
Kyle Hendrickson, Financial Secretary
finance@immanuelalmelund.com
(651)717-8804
Momoh Freeman, Organist/Director
momohfreeman@yahoo.com
(763)415-0330
Teresa Carlson, Sunday School Leader
(651)214-9531
Jason & DeeDee Fredlund, Youth Directors
jfredlund@frontiernet.net
Dianne Wiik, Prayer Chain
ywiik99@yahoo.com
(651)583-2600
Daryl Abrahamson, Cemetery
julie.l.abrahamson@gmail.com
(651)674-2419
Martha Strecker, Quilting group
mmstreck@frontiernet.net
(651)583-2221
Joanne Johnson, Prayer Shawl group
chareter@yahoo.com
(651)278-2686

April 12, 2026
Attendance: 109

Weekly Giving Update: April 12, 2026

General	\$5,593.00
Benevolence:	
-Undesignated	\$ 120.00
-Synod	\$ 450.00
-Lutheran Soc. Serv.	\$ 25.00
-Itonia Cong.	\$ 50.00
-Luther Point:	\$ 75.00
Building Fund	\$ 30.00
Easter	\$ 50.00
Use of church	\$ 100.00
Shared Ministry	\$2,130.00
Loose	\$ 220.00
Online Service Fee	\$ 13.00
TOTAL	\$8,856.00

Happy birthday this week!

19
Lois Johnson
Anna Sundell
Jeske Noordergraaf
20
Jill Hasselquist
Judy Peterson
Matt Paavola
21
Francis Tauer
22
Joe Anderson
25
Adam Cook

Mark & Cindy Weslander address is:
19948 Headwaters BLVD N #206
Forest Lake, MN 55025