



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

37515 Park Trail, Almelund, MN 55012

Pastor Justin Fenger

Sunrise Easter Sunday

April 5, 2026

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



**SERVICE FOR SUNDAY 4/5/2026
SUNRISE EASTER GATHERING
TODAY'S SERVICE IS USING
ELW: RED BOOK**

Sunrise Service: we gather outside around the smoldering fire and reflect on the coming light and warmth at the Labyrinth

P: O living God, this morning begins in darkness, the day dawns in quiet. Come, God, arise! Bring forth the sun from its slumber, and Jesus from the tomb. Break forth the Holy Light, your Blessed Child. Greet us on this morning of mystery and hope. **Amen.**

Reading of John 1

P: Christ is our light C: **Thanks be to God**

Prayers

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

John 1

P: Holy One, we give you thanks for your care throughout all of life.

C: You showed your care for us as you created us in your own image.

P: You showed your care for us as you showed your love to Sarah and Abraham for their faithfulness.

C: You showed your care for us as you led your people out of slavery, through the sea, to freedom.

: You showed your care for us as you led your people through the night with a pillar of fire.

C: You showed your care for us as you gave us the light of Christ, our Morning Star, to be a light to all creation.

P: Christ is our light!

All: Thanks be to God!

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: "Were you there"

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Were you there when they crucified my Lord
Were you there when they crucified my Lord
O sometimes it causes me to tremble tremble tremble
Were you there when they crucified my Lord

Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree
O sometimes it causes me to tremble tremble tremble
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree

Were you there when they pierced him in the side
Were you there when they pierced him in the side
O sometimes it causes me to tremble tremble tremble
Were you there when they pierced him in the side

Were you there when the sun refused to shine
Were you there when the sun refused to shine
O sometimes it causes me to tremble tremble tremble
Were you there when the sun refused to shine

Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb
O sometimes it causes me to tremble tremble tremble
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb

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SERMON:

Renewal of Baptism Vows

P: Sisters and brothers, on this day, when we celebrate the rising of Christ from death, let us gather at the water to celebrate our baptism, which is the sign and seal of our new life in Christ, by saying the promises that were made at our baptism: to reject sin and be committed to Jesus Christ.

P: We gather at the water of baptism, the source of our unity in the Body of Christ, to reaffirm our baptism into that body.

Profession of Faith:

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all who wish to come forward, to dip their hands in the water, and to make the sign of the cross on their foreheads with the water as a reminder of their baptism.

HYMN:

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today” (v.v.1,2,3)

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

OFFERTORY:

Momoh Freeman

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS:

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

ELW #184 Red

OFFERTORY PRAYER:

We rejoice at the fulfilment of your promise, O God, **and in gratitude offer here our gifts and our tithes, as a sign of our love and faithfulness. Bless them, that they may be a blessing that reaches beyond our wildest imagining for the good of the world. 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:

DISTRIBUTION:

Come To The Table

Momoh Freeman

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, in a wonderful sacrament you strengthen us with the saving power of your suffering, death, and resurrection. May this Sacrament of your body and blood so work in us that the way we live that the fruits of your redemption will show forth in the way we live, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

SENDING HYMN:

“Canticle of the Turning” (v.v.1,2,3)

ELW #723 Red

THE BLESSING:

P: Rejoice, people of God! Christ is risen from the dead! Go in peace to love and serve God. Christ is with you always, even to the end of the age! Alleluia!

C: Alleluia!

<p>Thank you for helping lead worship today!</p> <p>Pastor: Justin Fenger</p> <p>Organist: Momoh Freeman</p> <p>Special Music:</p> <p>Reader:</p> <p>Ushers: Deb Kregel Julie Weller</p> <p>Communion Servers: Clay Ryberg</p> <p>Sound Tech:</p> <p>Camera Tech:</p> <p>Proclaim:</p> <p>Children's Sermon:</p> <p>Altar Guild: Diane Rothe Joanne Johnson</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Immanuel Church Calendar This Week</p> <p>Sunday April 5 6:30 Sunrise Easter Service 9:00 Easter Communion Worship Service W/Joint Choir Live and Online. W/Noisy Offering. Sunday School after Children's Sermon 10:00 Coffee Served 11:00 Service at First Ev. Lutheran Church TF</p> <p>Monday April 6 9-3 Office hours 9:00 Parish Care Team Meets 10:00 WOW Practice 10:00 Stewardship Meets</p> <p>Tuesday April 7 9-3 Office hours 9:00 Worship Team Meets 5:00 Choir Practice @ FELC</p> <p>Wednesday April 8 9-3 Office hours 5:30-7:00 Confirmation</p> <p>Thursday April 9 Deadline for Bulletin Info 9:00am Wisdom Seekers bible study @ First Lutheran TF</p> <p>Friday April 10 9-3 Office hours Bulletins Printed 4:30-6:30 Community Dinner</p> <p>Saturday April 11</p> <p>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</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">IMMANUEL STAFF</p> <p>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</p>																								
<p style="text-align: center;">March 29, 2026 Attendance: 178 Lenten Service Att: 36</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Weekly Giving Update: March 29, 2026</p> <table border="0"> <tr><td>General</td><td>\$2,945.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Benevolence:</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>-Undesignated</td><td>\$ 160.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Building Fund</td><td>\$ 10.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Loose</td><td>\$ 134.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Youth Group</td><td>\$ 50.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Lenten Supper</td><td>\$ 78.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Lent</td><td>\$ 65.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Easter</td><td>\$ 100.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Use of Church</td><td>\$ 100.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Online Service Fee</td><td>\$ 10.40</td></tr> <tr><td>TOTAL</td><td>\$3,652.40</td></tr> </table>	General	\$2,945.00	Benevolence:		-Undesignated	\$ 160.00	Building Fund	\$ 10.00	Loose	\$ 134.00	Youth Group	\$ 50.00	Lenten Supper	\$ 78.00	Lent	\$ 65.00	Easter	\$ 100.00	Use of Church	\$ 100.00	Online Service Fee	\$ 10.40	TOTAL	\$3,652.40	<p style="text-align: center;">Happy birthday this week!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">5</p> <p>Craig Stomberg Diana Schleusner Cora Massey</p> <p style="text-align: center;">7</p> <p>Angie Weness</p> <p style="text-align: center;">8</p> <p>Clay Larson Mitchel Lutz Ashley Larkin</p> <p style="text-align: center;">10</p> <p>Quintin Carlson Connie Linder Peyton Lindgren</p> <p style="text-align: center;">11</p> <p>Lynn Lindgren</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">CONTACT INFORMATION</p> <p style="text-align: center;">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</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Justin Fenger, Pastor pastor@immanuelalmelund.com (651)308-7717</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mark Weslander, Administrative Assistant office@immanuelalmelund.com (651)431-8941</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Kyle Hendrickson, Financial Secretary finance@immanuelalmelund.com (651)717-8804</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Momoh Freeman, Organist/Director momohfreeman@yahoo.com (763)415-0330</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Teresa Carlson, Sunday School Leader (651)214-9531</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Jason & DeeDee Fredlund, Youth Directors jfredlund@frontiernet.net</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Dianne Wiik, Prayer Chain ywiik99@yahoo.com (651)583-2600</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Daryl Abrahamson, Cemetery julie.l.abrahamson@gmail.com (651)674-2419</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Martha Strecker, Quilting group mmstreck@frontiernet.net (651)341-3885</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Joanne Johnson, Prayer Shawl group chareter@yahoo.com (651)278-2686</p>
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