



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

37515 Park Trail, Almelund, MN 55012

Pastor Justin Fenger

Easter Sunday

April 5, 2026

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



SERVICE FOR SUNDAY 4/5/2026

EASTER GATHERING

TODAY'S SERVICE IS USING

ELW: RED BOOK

PRELUDE:

Easter Song

Brass

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 10:34-43

Matthew 28:1-10

CALL TO WORSHIP:

L: Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed!

L: This is the day that the Lord has made!

C: Let us rejoice and be glad!

L: Give thanks to the Lord our God,

C: Whose steadfast love endures forever!

OPENING HYMN:

Thine Is The Glory

ELW 376 Red

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Risen God, **You call us by name, and the dawning truth of your resurrection breaks through the darkness of our grieving. Slow us down to savor this moment of unexpected wonder, that we might prepare our hearts to carry the good news to the world. In your holy name we pray. Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC:

An Easter Alleluia

Joint Choir

CHILDREN'S SERMON:

NOISY OFFERING:

SCRIPTURE READING:

Acts 10:34-43

³⁴Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

PSALM:

Psalm 118:1-2,14-24

R: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

C: Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

R: The Lord is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.

C: There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:

"The right hand of the Lord does valiantly;

R: the right hand of the Lord is exalted; the right hand of the Lord does valiantly."

C: I shall not die, but I shall live and recount the deeds of the Lord.

R: The Lord has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death.

C: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

R: This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

C: I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

R: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

C: This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

R: This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds (V.1)

ELW 367 Red

GOSPEL:

Matthew 28:1-10

Glory to you, O Lord

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ²And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." ⁸So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to You, O Christ

SERMON:

HYMN OF THE DAY:

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

ELW 365 Red

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

OFFERTORY:

Pilots Dream

Don Moyer

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:

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:

Jesus, who is alive and present here with us, invites you to this festive table. Here is bread and wine in remembrance of him, prepared for you, his beloved siblings and friends. Come and be fed, that your joy may be complete.

DISTRIBUTION:

Now The Green Blade

Joint Choir

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

BLESSING:

L: We are frantic, searching. We cannot find where they have laid him.

C: We are distracted by our busy lives. There is so much to do.

L: How are we to anoint his body when there is no body to anoint?

C: How are we to recognize the significance of this day when we do not have time to think?

L: Jesus calls us by name,

C: And we stop.

[Pause for five full seconds]

L: *(quietly, with wonder)* Jesus is risen.

C: *(quietly, with wonder)* Jesus is risen.

L: *(louder, with realization)* Jesus is risen.

C: *(louder, with realization)* Jesus is risen.

All: *(shouting with joy)* Jesus is risen! Alleluia!

CLOSING HYMN:

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!

ELW 385 Red

DISMISSAL:

Go in peace forgiven, whole and free..

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: 8th, Jerusalem
22nd, Risen Jesus, A Risen People
29th, The Danger of Pharaoh's Egypt

Parish Care Team will meet April 6, 2026, at 9:00am

Stewardship will meet on April 6 at 10am in the Fireside Room.

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.

THANK YOU

I recently gave a Prayer Shawl to a friend whose husband passed away. She asked me to pass on this message. "Thank you so much for arranging the Prayer Shawl from your church. It is beautiful. Please thank them on my behalf"
-Kay

COMMUNITY EVENTS

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

Chisago County One-Room Schools Program

Our March program was canceled due to snow - but join us on Sunday, 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



Jeanenne Zank is moving to Lindstrom Senior Living this week. We had a farewell party for her here at Point Pleasant Heights this morning. She is 95 years young! Please post this picture, as I thought folks at church would like to know this. She will be missed here!
Thank you!

Jennifer Abbott



Shirley with the quilt Lydia unit made. She is the last member from Lydia.

Easter Memorial Garden 2026

In memory of David Wm. Johnson and all our Loved Ones by Joanne Johnson and Family; To Archives.

In memory of Carleton & Evelyn Peterson; Cecil Coe and Truman & Liz Olson by Steve & Laurie Peterson

In memory of Ed & Agnes Berg and loved ones by Donna Lou Berg

In memory of Grandma Dianne by Henry & Owen Larkin

In memory of Walter & Elizabeth Mielke; Walter & Dorothy O'Connell by Jim & Linda Mielke To Youth

In memory of Lowell & Ellie Olson by Olson Family

In memory of Kirk Lane and Lee Michael Ness, by Marlin & Lois Ness to the Youth Mission Trip.

In memory of Paul & Fran Magner, by the Magner Family

In memory of Loved Ones, by David & Loraine Rue

In memory of Martin Strecker, by Martha Strecker to the Immanuel Quilters .

In memory of James R. Swenson by Gwendolyn Swenson & Families to the Youth Mission Trip

In memory of Parents: Vernon & Lois Kressin; In-laws: Emma & Ray Teeman, Roy Swenson by Gwendolyn Swenson to the Youth Mission Trip

In loving memory of Richard & Audrey Peterson; Jerry Marstaeller; Drew Thorsen by Dennis & Judy Peterson

In memory of dad & mom - Archie & Anita Abrahamson; Loved Ones by Teresa & Curt Carlson and Family

In memory of Roger & Bernice Medin by Rorie & Bob Chinnock

In memory of Walden Johnson by Lois Johnson Johnson Family to African support

In memory of Wayne Carlson; Helen & Harold Olsen; Kelly & Ella Carlson and Tong Her by Tora Carlson & family to Youth Group Mission Trips & Immanuel Quilters

In memory of Rod, Lois and Gayle Johnson; Nels & Myrtle Bostrom; and Dean Kosen by Mark & Diane Johnson; To Youth Group Mission Trips

In memory of Loved Ones by Kris Koran

In memory of Judith Sellman; Mom & Dad; Duane; Chanann & Ciara by Richard Sellman; To Parish Care Team

In loving memory of Britta Grace Johnson, Erin Marie Thornton; by Tyler, Kelly, Sully, Ollie, Vinny and Oskar Johnson

In memory of Beloved Family & Friends by Norm & Linda Peterson

In memory of our parents honored with 6 children, 20 Grandkids and 26 Great Grandkids by Sharon & Duane Thiel

In memory of Thomas F. Jesse; Mr. & Mrs. Helmuth Jesse; Mr. & Mrs. Clyde Berge; by Tom Jesse; to Cemetery Perpetual Care

In memory of our parents: Lawrence & Irene Linder; Eugene & Patricia Nissen by Bob & Connie Linder

In memory of Ruth Gleason; Walter & Hilma Bjork by Lanny Gleason

In memory of Jim Huber by Diann Huber

In memory of Loved Ones by Linda Holm

In memory of Donna & Dale Westlund by John Westlund

In memory of Archie & Anita Abrahamson; Edwin Schaefer; Steve & Randy Abrahamson; Donald & Marie Eggum; Louis & Ellie McNamara; Vern & Doris Nordquist; Bill & Betty Ryberg by Daryl & Julie Abrahamson

In memory of Wayne and Tong Her by Matt & Soua Carlson

In memory of Loved Ones by Natalie Oknich; to Cemetery Perpetual Care

In memory of Loved Ones by Vickie Johnson; to Cemetery Perpetual Care

In memory of Britta Grace Johnson; Ray & Dory Johnson; Adrian & Mary Peterson by Marty & Jody Johnson

In memory of Burdette Johnson, Husband; Algot & Alvina Carlson, Parents by Ida Johnson

In memory of Clifford & Mildred Anderson; Eugene Fisk; Robert Fisk; Hjalmer & Flora Lindgren by Marvin & Lynn Lindgren

<p>Thank you for helping lead worship today!</p> <p>Pastor: Justin Fenger</p> <p>Organist: Momoh Freeman</p> <p>Special Music: Joint Choir Brass</p> <p>Reader: 9:00 Julie Weller</p> <p>Ushers: 6:30 Deb Kregel & Julie Weller 9:00 Jason & Dee Fredlund</p> <p>Communion Servers: 6:30 Clay Ryberg 9:00 Beth Berger Norm Peterson Julie Weller</p> <p>Sound Tech: Dave Rue</p> <p>Camera Tech: Matt Oknich</p> <p>Proclaim: Carli Linngren</p> <p>Children's Sermon: Jason Fredlund</p> <p>Altar Guild: White Diane Rothe Joanne Johnson</p> <p>Coffee Servers: Worship & Music</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. 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>
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March 29, 2026	
Attendance: 178	
Lenten Service Att: 36	
Weekly Giving Update:	
March 29, 2026	
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

Happy birthday this week!	
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Craig Stomberg	
Diana Schleusner	
Cora Massey	
7	
Angie Weness	
8	
Clay Larson	
Mitchel Lutz	
Ashley Larkin	
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Quintin Carlson	
Connie Linder	
Peyton Lindgren	
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Lynn Lindgren	