

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

37515 Park Trail, Almelund, MN 55012

Pastor Justin Fenger

Day of Pentecost

May 24, 2026

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



SERVICE FOR SUNDAY 5/24/2026

GATHERING

TODAY'S SERVICE IS USING ELW: RED BOOK

PRELUDE:

Spirit of The Living God

Momoh Freeman

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 2:1-21

Psalm 104:24-35

John 20:19-23

CALL TO WORSHIP:

L: I ask you, what will separate us from our God?

C: Nothing can separate us from God's love in Christ!

L: Can hardship or distress, persecution or famine, peril, or sword?

C: Nothing can separate us from God's love in Christ!

L: Can death or life, rulers or powers, height, or depth?

C: Nothing can separate us from God's love in Christ!

OPENING HYMN:

Shine, Jesus, Shine

ELW 671 Red

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

God of holy fire, **When the time was right, you sent your Holy Spirit to empower your disciples. Inspire us yet today with your fire, that with burning hearts we might eagerly continue the work which they started, for the sake of our savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC:

Rain Down

Momoh Freeman

CHILDREN'S SERMON:

SCRIPTURE READING:

Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. ⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." ¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. ¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. ²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'"

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

PSALM:

Psalm 104:24-35

R: O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.
C: Yonder is the sea, great and wide, creeping things innumerable are there, living things both small and great.
R: There go the ships, and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.
C: These all look to you to give them their food in due season;
R: when you give to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.
C: When you hide your face, they are dismayed; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.
R: When you send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the ground.
C: May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord rejoice in his works—
R: who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke.
C: I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.
R: May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the Lord.
C: Bless the Lord, O my soul. Praise the Lord!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Come and Fill Our Hearts x2 ELW 528 Red

GOSPEL: John 20:19-23

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.”

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to You, O Christ

SERMON:

HYMN OF THE DAY: O Holy Spirit, Root of Life (v.v.1,3) ELW 399 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 Don’t Know About Tomorrow Momoh Freeman

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS: Create In Me ELW 186 Red

OFFERTORY PRAYER:

You withheld nothing from us, **O God—not even your only son. How can we then hold back anything from you, when all has been freely given to us? Receive these gifts which we offer for the work of your kingdom and move us with your Spirit of power and love. In Jesus’ name. Amen.**

SENDING:

L: Feel now the rushing wind of the Spirit's breath!

C: See now the light shining from the flames of the Spirit's presence!

L: Hear now the good news of Jesus in a language the Spirit makes you to understand!

C: Prophecy now as the Spirit, poured out, gives you the words of truth!

L: Dream now of God's reign of justice and peace as the Spirit gives you inspiration!

C: Go now into the world, to will and to work as the Spirit enables you!

CLOSING HYMN:

God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind (v.v.1,3,4)

ELW 400 Red

DISMISSAL:

Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The flowers on the altar are in memory of Bernice Medine for her birthday on May 23rd.

Attention 2026' Graduates

Senior Recognition Sunday, will be May 31st

Community Dinner, Friday June 12 from 4:30-6:30.

Mark Your Calendars

Almelund Farmer's Market began 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! 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!**

Added this year is the Cemetery Walk featuring the lives of some of the community's former residents along with some displays of local history. The first walk will be at 10:00 with the second at 1:30 - placards will be placed to guide visitors through the site. The Walk will introduce you to John Almquist, who owned the first general store in Almelund and Glen Berg, a highly decorated WW II fighter pilot along with several others with interesting stories! Also featured will be some of the most interesting grave markers and monuments in the cemetery - look for the special flags. Tour guides will be available to show the newly decorated sanctuary and also introduce you to the church's labyrinth - a place for meditation and reflection. There is no cost to participate in the Cemetery Walk or any of the educational tours. The event is open to the public - any donations received will benefit Almelund's Amador Heritage Center, sponsor of the Walk. **Help make the cemetery beautiful this year** - if there is an empty pot on a site, feel free to plant flowers. Maybe you have a hanging basket you can loan us for the Memorial Day Weekend? **Volunteers are needed to greet visitors** in the sanctuary and at the labyrinth. Information will be provided for volunteers.

Youth Group News

The Youth Group leaves on June 6th for their mission trip to Louisville KY. We are in need of school supplies. If you would like to donate there will be a box set up by the Fireside Room until June 4th

New Address: Lois Johnson's new address is: 23140 Melanie Tr. N.
Scandia, MN 55073

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 May25th, our Memorial Day Program & Dinner.

Have you come to the delicious, tasty, appetizing Community Dinner held at our church the second Friday of each month from 4:30 to 6:30? Please do so. Thanks to all those who have helped with this meal.

Luther Point Campership

Parents: Get your kids signed up! **Grandparents:** Get your grandkids signed up! **Kids:** Invite a friend, or a cousin, or a sibling! Even if they are not members of Immanuel, we will pay their entire cost of camp!

Immanuel will pay for your camp experience!!

There are one, two and five-day opportunities. This is for children entering grades 1-12. Just register on line.

For further information go to www.lutherpoint.org or info@lutherpoint.org

It's with great sadness that I tell you this... My dear younger sister, Lynn, was killed in a car accident last Monday morning, May 11th on her way to work.. Funeral celebration for Lynn Chindvall Stalker on Saturday, June 6, at Isle Evangelical Free Church in Isle, MN.

11:00 Family Visitation
Noon-1:00 General Visitation
1:00 PM Service

Graveside Service following, and then lunch. Lynn's father, Pastor Chindvall, was pastor here at Immanuel before pastor Schafner. She was confirmed in the class of 1967.

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

Holy Smokes!
Mark, your calendars - Holy
Smokes is at Wild Mtn.
Winery on Thursday, May
28 at 6:30 PM.

Faith Conversations Widening Circles

*Starting with I/Me, and widening outward, — relationships,
church and community*

EVENT DETAILS

Wild Mountain Winery
4th Thursday of the
Month
6:30 PM
April–October 2026

4th Thursday • 6:30 PM

- April — iNDIVIDUALISM: Me, Myself, & I Alone
- May — Law & Gospel: Captured & Free
- June — The Myth(?) of Christian Self-Help
- July — My Story. Your Story. God's Story
- August — Mental Health (It's NOT just you...)
- September — Listening 101: Listening as the First Act of Love
- October — Figuring Out Forgiveness

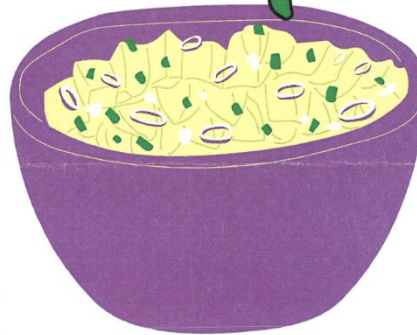
All are welcome Good conversation • good community

THANK YOU

A huge thank you for all that helped clean the sanctuary on Wednesday. Your hard work and dedication truly made a difference. And a special thank you to the 5 children that helped us!!! Thank you once again for your willingness to lend a hand and for your support and love for our church.

First Lutheran WELCA invites you to our annual

Salad *Luncheon*



**Variety
of
Salads**

**Free
Will
Offering**

**June 10
11am - 1pm**



**1000 S. Jay Ave
& Cty Rd. 7**

**First Evangelical Lutheran Church
in Rush City, MN**

Fri., June 12, 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



Immanuel Church Calendar This Week

lead worship today!

Pastor:
Justin Fenger

Organist:
Momoh Freeman

Special Music:
Momoh Freeman

Reader:
Bob Stirling

Ushers:
Steve Tuhy
Ella Tuhy

Sound Tech:
Julie Johnson

Camera Tech:
Vern Johnson

Proclaim:
Carli Linngren

Children's Sermon:
Pastor Justin

Altar Guild:
Diane Rothe
Tora Carlson

Coffee Servers:
No Coffee Served

Sunday May 24
PICK UP NEWSLETTERS
9:00 Worship Service Live and Online.
10:00 Coffee Served
11:00 Service at First Ev. Lutheran Church TF

Monday May 25
MEMORIAL DAY
11:30 Memorial Day Service
Ham Dinner follows Service – Veterans get dinner free

Tuesday May 26
9-3 Office hours
9:00 Worship Team Meets

Wednesday May 27
9-3 Office hours
5:30-7:00 Confirmation

Thursday May 28
Deadline for Bulletin Info
9:00am Wisdom Seekers study @ First Lutheran TF
6:30 Holy Smoke @ Wild Mtn. Winery

Friday May 29
9-3 Office hours
Bulletins Printed
3-6 Almelund Farmer's Market @ Rods

Saturday May 30

Sunday May 31
9:00 Senior Recognition & Healing Worship Service Live and Online.
10:00 Coffee Served
11:00 Service at First Ev. Lutheran Church TF

IMMANUEL STAFF

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Momoh Freeman, Organist
Pat Remer, Accompanist
Mark Weslander, Administrative Assistant & Financial Recorder
Kyle Hendrickson, Financial Secretary
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Daryl Abrahamson, Cemetery Groundskeeper
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May 17, 2026
Attendance:

Weekly Giving Update: 73
May 17, 2026

General	\$2,537.00
Benevolence:	
-Undesignated	\$ 100.00
-Lutheran Soc. Serv.	\$ 25.00
-Luther Point:	\$ 25.00
Building Fund	\$ 52.00
Youth Mission Trip	\$ 150.00
Loose	\$ 54.00
Online Service Fee	\$ 2.00
TOTAL	\$2,945.00

Happy birthday this week!

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Hailey Swenson
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Brogan Bauman
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Darla McKenzie
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Logan Lundsted