

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

37515 Park Trail, Almelund, MN 55012

Pastor Justin Fenger

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 12, 2026

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

SERVICE FOR SUNDAY 7/12/2026

GATHERING

TODAY'S SERVICE IS USING **ELW: RED BOOK**

PRELUDE: Praise to the Lord, The Almighty
JoAnn Dolezalek

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

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

Pause for silence and reflection.

P: Patient God,

C: You have taught us all we need to be your faithful people. And yet we persist in going our own way, doing our own thing, and minding our own business when we ought to be about the business of your kingdom. Forgive our selfish neglect of others and bring us back into wholeness with our brothers and sisters. Amen.

P: God is merciful, patient, kind and forgiving. We have been pardoned for all that we have done, and all that we have overlooked. May we give now as we have received: generously and extravagantly, in the way of our loving teacher, savior and friend. **Amen.**

CALL TO WORSHIP:

L: The word of God lights our way,

C: And shows our feet where to walk.

L: Accept our praise, O God,

C: And teach us all about your ways.

L: Your law is eternal and enduring

C: And makes our hearts happy.

OPENING HYMN:

All Hail the Power of Jesus Name (v.v.1,2,6)

ELW 634 Red



**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

Genesis 25:19-34

Psalms 119:105-112

Matthew

13:1-9, 18-23

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Holy God, **You scatter your word far and wide. Make our hearts fertile ground to receive it, grow it, and share its fruits with all who need to hear it, for the sake of Jesus. Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC:

Speak, O Lord

JoAnn Dolezalek

CHILDREN'S SERMON:

SCRIPTURE READING:

Genesis 25:19-34

¹⁹These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, ²⁰and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. ²¹Isaac prayed to the Lord for his wife, because she was barren; and the Lord granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. ²²The children struggled together within her; and she said, "If it is to be this way, why do I live?" So she went to inquire of the Lord. ²³And the Lord said to her, "Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples born of you shall be divided; the one shall be stronger than the other, the elder shall serve the younger." ²⁴When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. ²⁵The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. ²⁶Afterward his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them. ²⁷When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. ²⁸Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob. ²⁹Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. ³⁰Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!" (Therefore he was called Edom.) ³¹Jacob said, "First sell me your birthright." ³²Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?" ³³Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. ³⁴Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

PSALM:

Psalms 119:105-112

R: Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

C: I have sworn an oath and confirmed it, to observe your righteous ordinances.

R: I am severely afflicted; give me life, O Lord, according to your word.

C: Accept my offerings of praise, O Lord, and teach me your ordinances.

R: I hold my life in my hand continually, but I do not forget your law.

C: The wicked have laid a snare for me, but I do not stray from your precepts.

R: Your decrees are my heritage forever; they are the joy of my heart.

C: I incline my heart to perform your statutes forever, to the end.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia

ELW pg. 151

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, Alleluia.

GOSPEL:

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Glory to you, O Lord

¹ That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ² Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³ And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴ And as he sowed, some seeds fell on a path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵ Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶ But when the sun rose, they were scorched, and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷ Other

seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them.⁸ Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.⁹ If you have ears, hear!”¹⁸ “Hear, then, the parable of the sower.¹⁹ When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path.²⁰ As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy,²¹ yet such a person has no root but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away.²² As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of this age and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing.²³ But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to You, O Christ

SERMON:

HYMN OF THE DAY: Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil

ELW 512 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 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.**

OFFERTORY: Here I Am Lord

JoAnn Dolezalek

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS: Create In Me

ELW 186 Red

OFFERTORY PRAYER:

Like a bountiful harvest, so is the gift of your salvation to us. Loosen our grip on the things of this world, that our possessions need not possess us, and the energy of our lives be spent seeking ways to serve you ever more faithfully. Accept what we offer here for the work of your kingdom and bless others through these gifts. For the sake of your son who sacrificed everything. Amen.

SENDING:

L: A sower went out to sow.

C: We want to be soil that grows the plants.

L: We want to be the ones result in fruit.

C: Because obviously that makes us “good,” right?

L: Except sometimes we’re not that soil.

C: Sometimes we just don’t get it,

L: And the seeds get eaten before they can grow.

C: Sometimes we doubt and stray when life gets hard,

L: And the seedlings wither.

C: Sometimes the clamors of the world make us forget our faith,

L: And the young plants are choked.

C: Does that mean we’re not “good”? Not lovable and acceptable to God?

L: God loves us in spite of our imperfections.

C: God can bring good even out of our failings.

L: The seeds on the path nourished the birds.

C: The seedlings in the rocky soil brought color and beauty for a time.

L: The young plants who died among the thorns fertilized the soil.

C: God still calls us to be fertile soil,

L: That we would receive and grow God's word and bear fruit in the world.

C: But God knows we will sometimes fail, and lovingly gives us new opportunities each day.

CLOSING HYMN:

As Rain From the Clouds (v.v.1,2)

ELW 508 Red

DISMISSAL:

Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE:

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

JoAnn Dolezalek

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Community Dinner, Friday August 14 from 4:30-6:30.

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.

"Patty Melts" at the Almelund Lion's Ball Field! The 11th Season began Wednesday, June 10 - running through July 29. Serving starts at 5:30. The "Crew" will be cooking Patty Melts, Cheeseburgers, Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, French Fries & Cheese Curds, chips, candy & beverages available. Don't miss these fun, summer nights to meet up with friends and neighbors. What a Great Way to support the Almelund Lion's Club! See You There!!!

Music in Almelund!

The Amador Heritage Museum invites you to Music in Almelund!

On the 3rd Sunday of July and August the museum will feature local musicians from 2p – 3p in the museum's picnic shelter.

Sunday, July 19, 2p – 3p

Country Music – Dirk Doble and Cav

Sunday, August 16, 2p – 3p Interstate
Band (TF/SCF)

Bring a lawn chair or blanket! WIFI is available!

Allow time to see the new exhibits in the Museum.

The Museum is open Sundays, 1p – 4p.

Remember: the 3rd Sunday in September is the Apple Festival!
11a – 4p

Holy Smokes!

Mark, your calendars - Holy Smokes is at Wild Mtn. Winery on Thursday, July 23 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

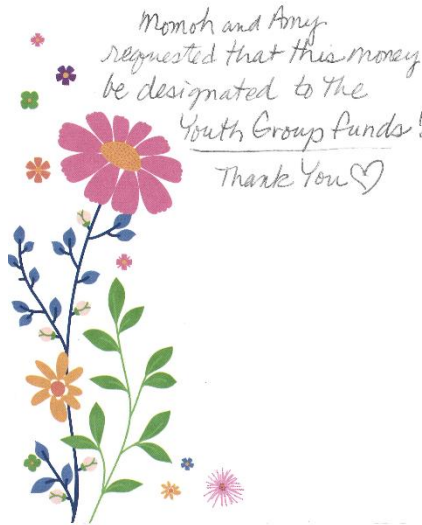
All are welcome

Good conversation • good community

June 26, 2026 - MEMORIES

Many good memories of Pastor Chindvall, John & Alice Mortenson, Vivian Johnson, Ruby Sedlund, Dory Johnson, Sylvia Froberg, and confirmation & Luther League!

Charles Cedergren



24 June 2026

To: Norm Peterson; All who prepared & served the meal, and the Youth Group of Immanuel Lutheran!

Your kindness is appreciated.♡

We are forever grateful for the generosity and kindness you "showered" upon our family. Amy and Momoh will always remember their rehearsal dinner prepared & served with love & Lutheran hospitality!! We thank you ALL for accepting us into your family!! With love and gratefulness!
Kathleen & Dave Peterson & family
Amy and Momoh

The ACS Chisago County Relay for Life will be taking place on Friday, August 21 from 5:30 - 9:00 pm at the Chisago Lake Lutheran Church in Center City. We will be selling luminaries at our Church on Sunday, August 2 and 16 after the service. All donations are welcome. Cancer research is making great strides extending lives and improving the quality of those lives. Thank you for supporting this worthy cause and come join us at this uplifting event.

Jeske Noordergraaf and Kris Koran

Hello, I am sharing on behalf of Chisago County Relay for Life. Please share this flyer and information as you are able. Merely mention you are the fundraiser when you order at Chipotle on July 18 from 4-8pm and 25% of those orders are donated.

Thank you! Sue

Fri., Aug 14, 4:30-6:30

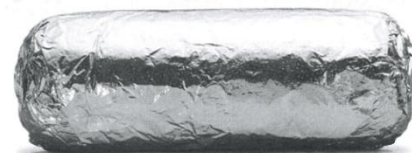
Community Dinner

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



CHIPOTLE FUNDRAISER FOR
CHISAGO COUNTY
RELAY FOR LIFE

25% OF EVENT SALES GET DONATED TO THE CAUSE

SATURDAY, JULY 18TH | 4-8PM
5330 ST CROIX TRAIL, NORTH BRANCH, MN, 55056

ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP USING CODE **H4QP6BR**
OR SHOW THIS FLYER IN RESTAURANT



For online orders to count towards the fundraiser, they must be placed for pickup only from the restaurant location of, and during the hours of, the fundraiser. Delivery orders and gift cards do not qualify. \$150 minimum event sales required to receive any donation.

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

Summer 2026



	1 st - 4 th Grade	4 th - 6 th Grade	7 th - 9 th Grade	Adventure Camp	Family Camp
Week 1 June 21 - 26	1 st & 2 nd Grade Overnight (June 22 & 23)	4 th - 6 th Grade	7 th - 9 th Grade		Grandparent/ Grandchild (June 24 - 26)
Week 2 June 28 - 30 (HALF WEEK)	3 rd & 4 th Grade	4 th - 6 th Grade	7 th - 9 th Grade	7 th - 12 th Grade Night Life Camp	
Week 3 July 5-10	3 rd & 4 th Grade (July 8 - 10)	4 th - 6 th Grade	7 th - 9 th Grade	5 th - 12 th Grade Horse Camp	Grandparent/ Grandchild (July 5 - 7)
Week 4 July 12 - 17	1 st & 2 nd Grade Overnight (July 13 & 14)	4 th - 6 th Grade	7 th - 9 th Grade	4 th - 6 th Grade Fish Camp	Family Camp
Week 5 July 19 - 24	3 rd & 4 th Grade (July 19 - 21)	4 th - 6 th Grade	7 th - 9 th Grade	7 th - 12 th Grade Fish Camp	Grandparent/ Grandchild (July 22 - 24)
Week 6 July 26 - 31	1 st & 2 nd Grade Day at Camp (July 27)	4 th - 6 th Grade	7 th - 9 th Grade	5 th - 12 th Grade Horse Camp 5 th - 12 th Outpost Camp	

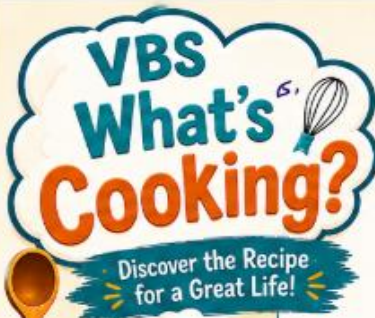
VBS "What's Cooking"

3 years old – 5th

August 10-13th 5:30-8:00pm

Looking for volunteers. Sign-up in gathering area outside fireside room and/or pick up registration forms





Discover the Recipe for a Great Life!



REGISTRATION FORM

AUGUST 10-13, 2026 • MONDAY-THURSDAY • 5:30-8:00 PM

Join us for 4 days of **FAITH, FUN & FRIENDS!** 

1 CHEF'S NAME (Child)

First Name: _____
Last Name: _____
Grade (Fall 2026): ☐ K ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5
Date of Birth: _____ ☐ Boy ☐ Girl

2 KITCHEN CREW (Parent/Guardian)

Parent/Guardian Name: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

3 FOOD ALLERGIES & INGREDIENTS TO AVOID

Please list any food allergies, dietary restrictions, or medical concerns we should know about: _____

5 PHOTO PERMISSION

We love capturing memories! Photos may be used in church publications, social media, and promotional materials.

☐ YES! I give permission.
☐ NO, I do not give permission. 

5 CHEF'S SIGNATURE (Parent/Guardian)

I give permission for my child to participate in VBS and authorize the VBS staff to obtain medical care for my child in case of an emergency.

Signature: _____
Date: _____

REGISTER ONLINE! 
www.myvbs.org/ILCA/



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We can't wait to see YOU there! 

Thank you for helping lead worship today! Leader: Jason Fredlund Organist: JoAnn Dolezalek Special Music: JoAnn Dolezalek Reader: Mitchell Lutz Ushers: Marty Johnson Sound Tech: Loraine Rue Camera Tech: Dave Rue Proclaim: Carli Linngren Children's Sermon: Jason Fredlund Altar Guild: Green Diane Rothe Tora Carlson Coffee Servers: Linda Peterson Pat Noyes	Immanuel Church Calendar This Week Sunday July 12 9:00 Worship Service Live and Online. After Church; WELCA meets by Sarah Circle 10:00 Coffee Served 11:00 Service at First Ev. Lutheran Church TF Monday July 13 5:00 Property meeting 6:00 Council meeting Tuesday July 14 9-3 Office hours 9:00 Worship Team Meets Wednesday July 15 9-3 Office hours 1:30 Prayer Shawl 5:30 Patty Melts at the Ball Field Thursday July 16 Deadline for Bulletin Info Friday July 17 9-3 Office hours Bulletins Printed 3-6 Almelund Farmer's Market at Rods Saturday July 18 Sunday July 19 9:00 Communion Worship Service Live and Online. 10:00 Coffee Served 11:00 Service at First Ev. Lutheran Church TF		IMMANUEL STAFF Justin Fenger, Pastor Pat Remer, Accompanist Mark Weslander, Administrative Assistant & Financial Recorder Jenica Beck, Financial Secretary Kim's Kleaning, Church Custodial Work Daryl Abrahamson, Cemetery Groundskeeper Jason & DeeDee Fredlund, Youth Directors Office Hours: T,W,F 9:00am-3:00pm Unless otherwise noted. Cell phone (651)431-8941																								
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