



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

37515 Park Trail, Almelund, MN 55012

Pastor Justin Fenger

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 5, 2026

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

SERVICE FOR SUNDAY

7/5/2026

GATHERING

TODAY'S SERVICE IS USING

HFG TEAL BOOK

PRELUDE:

"God Bless the USA"

by Lee Greenwood

JoAnn Dolezalek

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

PROCESSION OF THE FLAGS:

The Star Spangled Banner

#688 HFG Teal

(v.1) Francis Scott Key, 1814

CALL TO WORSHIP:

American Litany

P: Unto Him who is the author and giver of all good, I render sincere and humble thanks for His manifold and unmerited blessings, and especially for our redemption and salvation by his beloved Son.

(Written by John Jay, Original Chief Justice U.S. Supreme Court)

C: Blessed be His holy name.

P: I desire to bless and praise the name of God most high for appointing my birth in a land of Gospel Light where the glorious tidings of a

Savior and of pardon and salvation through Him have been continually sounding in mine ears.

(Robert Treat Paine, signer of the Declaration of Independence)

C: Blessed be His holy name.

P: Rendering thanks to my Creator for my existence and station among His works, for my birth in a country enlightened by the Gospel and

enjoying freedom, and for all His other kindnesses, to Him I resign myself humbly confiding in His goodness and in His mercy through

Jesus Christ for the events of eternity.

(John Dickinson, signer of the Declaration of Independence)

C: Blessed be His holy name.



**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

Jeremiah 28:5-9

Psalms 89:1-4, 15-18

Romans 6:12-23

Mark 12:13-17

OPENING HYMN: My Country, 'Tis of Thee (v.v.1,2,3)

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My Country, 'Tis Of Thee

Written by Samuel Francis Smith after he heard a German tune. "I think," he later recalled, "I instantly felt the impulse to write a patriotic hymn of my own adapted to the tune. Picking up a scrap of waste paper which lay near me, I wrote at once, probably within half an hour, the hymn 'America' as it is now known everywhere." The hymn was first sung at a July 4th celebration at the Boston Sabbath School Union at Park Street Church in 1831.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Lord God Almighty, **you have made all the peoples of the earth for your glory, to serve you in freedom and in peace: Give to the people of our country a zeal for justice and the strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC: America The Beautiful

JoAnn Dolezalek

CHILDREN'S SERMON:

NOISY OFFERING: (For Soliders Six)

FIRST READING:

1Chronicles 16:28-34

²⁸ Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. ²⁹ Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come before him. Worship the Lord in holy splendor; ³⁰ tremble before him, all the earth. The world is firmly established; it shall never be moved. ³¹ Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice, and let them say among the nations, 'The Lord is king!' ³² Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; let the field exult, and everything in it. ³³ Then shall the trees of the forest sing for joy before the Lord, for he comes to judge the earth. ³⁴ O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.

PSALM:

Psalms 66:1-9

R: Be joyful in God, all you lands; be joyful, all the earth.

C: Sing the glory of God's name; sing the glory of God's praise.

R: Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!

Because of your great strength your enemies cringe before you.

C: All the earth bows down before you, sings to you, sings out your name."

R: Come now and see the works of God, how awesome are God's deeds toward all people.

C: God turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the water on foot, and there we rejoiced in God.

R: Ruling forever in might, God keeps watch over the nations; let no rebels exalt themselves.

C: Bless our God, you peoples; let the sound of praise be heard.

R: Our God has kept us among the living and has not allowed our feet to slip.

SECOND READING:

1Timothy 2:1-4

2First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings should be made for everyone, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. ³This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

God Of Our Fathers

The lyrics for this festive hymn were written by Daniel Crain Roberts, a Civil War Veteran and Episcopal priest in 1876 in celebration of the 100th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Originally these lyrics were sung to the tune of the Russian national anthem. Twelve years later organist, George William Warner, composed the current tune with its trumpet fan fares for the 100th anniversary of the adoption of the US Constitution. A few years later in 1892 this hymn was also used to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the discovery of America by Christopher Columbus.

GOSPEL:

Mark 12:13-17

Glory to you O Lord*The Question about Paying Taxes*

13 Then they sent to him some Pharisees and some Herodians to trap him in what he said. ¹⁴And they came and said to him, ‘Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality, but teach the way of God in accordance with truth. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not? ¹⁵Should we pay them, or should we not?’ But knowing their hypocrisy, he said to them, ‘Why are you putting me to the test? Bring me a denarius and let me see it.’ ¹⁶And they brought one. Then he said to them, ‘Whose head is this, and whose title?’ They answered, ‘The emperor’s.’ ¹⁷Jesus said to them, ‘Give to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.’ And they were utterly amazed at him.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ**SERMON:****HYMN OF THE DAY:**

Battle Hymn of the Republic (v.v.1,4)

#692 HFG Teal

Battle Hymn Of The Republic

Julia Ward Howe, deeply concerned about the issues of the Civil War, decided to visit an Army camp near Washington in 1861. A song she heard there obsessed her; it was “John Brown’s Body,” a Methodist hymn tune to which soldiers had given more military, if hardly genteel, lyrics. Her mind caught by its rhythms, Mrs. Howe spent a sleepless night at the Willard Hotel in Washington thinking out some rhymes; the next morning she jotted down the poem that has made her name famous forever. Time has only burnished the song’s glory and made it brighter. Every few years a special performance or a fresh arrangement makes us hear the inspiring words and triumphant melody as if they were once again totally new.

THE APOSTLES CREED:

Pg. 105 ELW Red

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit**

**born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father,**

And he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

**the holy catholic* church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

OFFERTORY:

Battle Hymn of The Republic

JoAnn Dolezalek

Almighty God, you have given us this good land as our heritage. Make us always remember your generosity and constantly do your will. God, who has given us everything in Christ, may we hold nothing back in our giving to others in his name. Bless these gifts and use them for your mission in ministry. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

ELW Pg. 112 Red

JoAnn Dolezalek

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Community Dinner, Friday July 10 from 4:30-6:30.

The Noisy offering and Sunday school offering on July 5th will go to Soldier's 6.

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!!!

From the newest happy couple:

Good morning Mark and Pastor Justin,

We made it to Wyoming safely! This is my new address
1968 Truman St
Laramie, Wyoming 82070

Amy's number is 307-214-4177 and email is Amypete24@gmail.com

Feel free to share with members of Immanuel. We look forward to keeping in touch with all of you.

Momoh & Amy

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

 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
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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

DO GOOD WITH CHIPOTLE



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.

FRI., JULY 10, 4:30-6:30 PM

Community Picnic

**MUSEUM PICNIC SHELTER
ALMELUND**

Meet your Neighbors!

**Come & Bring a Friend!
Free & Open to the Public!**

Join us!



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	

THANK YOU

Dear Joanne & Prayer Shawl Group, A huge “THANK YOU” for all the beautiful prayer shawls that Joanne dropped off for Fairview Lake Medical Center. You do beautiful work and they are so meaningful to patients and their families as they navigate challenging health circumstances. So appreciated. May God bless and keep you all!

Chaplain Annie

Thank you so much to the kind people of Immanuel Lutheran for the love, prayers, and support you've shown Kinsley and our family following Kinsley's recent leukemia diagnosis. We are overwhelmed with gratitude for the generous monetary gift you blessed us with.

We would also like to thank the Immanuel Quilters for giving Kinsley one of their beautiful handmade quilts. She loves wrapping up in it and feeling cozy. Thank you as well to the Sunday school children for their thoughtful cards—they truly brightened her day.

Our family is beyond grateful for your kindness, generosity, and prayers. Thank you for surrounding us with such love during this difficult time.

-Jacob and Nichelle Karas

Dear Martha & Ladies of the quilting group. Thank you so much for your generous donation of handmade quilts! They are lovely & the new moms will be so blessed by your wonderful gift!

Sincerely,

Ann Olson - OFW

Thank you for helping lead worship today! Pastor: Justin Fenger Organist: JoAnn Dolezalek Special Music: JoAnn Dolezalek Reader: Dwight Johnson Ushers: Marty Johnson Communion Servers: Clay Ryberg Perry Lindberg Beth Berger Sound Tech: Dave Rue Camera Tech: Matt Oknich Proclaim: Carli Linngren Children's Sermon: Pastor Justin Altar Guild: Green Diane Rothe Tora Carlson Coffee Servers: Prayer Shawl	Immanuel Church Calendar This Week Sunday July 5 9:00 Communion Worship Service Live and Online. W/Noisy Offering. 10:00 Coffee Served 11:00 Service at First Ev. Lutheran Church TF Monday July 6 Tuesday July 7 9-3 Office hours 9:00 Worship Team Meets Wednesday July 8 9-3 Office hours 5:30 Patty Melts at the Ball Field Thursday July 9 Deadline for Bulletin Info Friday July 10 9-3 Office hours Bulletins Printed 3-6 Almelund Farmer's Market at Rods 4:30-6:30 Community Picnic Saturday July 11 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		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																
	June 28, 2026 Attendance: 130 Weekly Giving Update: June 28, 2026 <table><tr><td>General</td><td>\$6,110.26</td></tr><tr><td>Benevolence:</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>-Undesignated</td><td>\$ 160.00</td></tr><tr><td>Building Fund</td><td>\$ 40.00</td></tr><tr><td>Loose</td><td>\$ 324.00</td></tr><tr><td>Use of Church</td><td>\$ 87.50</td></tr><tr><td>Online Service Fee</td><td>\$ 9.40</td></tr><tr><td>TOTAL</td><td>\$6,731.16</td></tr></table>	General	\$6,110.26	Benevolence:		-Undesignated	\$ 160.00	Building Fund	\$ 40.00	Loose	\$ 324.00	Use of Church	\$ 87.50	Online Service Fee	\$ 9.40	TOTAL	\$6,731.16	Happy birthday this week! 1 Joyce Sellman Carl Abbott 3 Kelsey O'Donnell 4 Greta Stanek 7 Gary Weness Kim Raschke 8 Vada Fenger 9 Cami Peltier Lynn Carlson Kelsey Larson 10 Henrietta Hendrickson 11 Scott Lundquist Trent Johnson Dunken Buckingham	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 Jenica Beck, Financial Secretary finance@immanuelalmelund.com (763)377-5396 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
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