



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

37515 Park Trail, Almelund, MN 55012

Pastor Justin Fenger

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 17, 2025

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



SERVICE FOR SUNDAY 8/17/2025

GATHERING

TODAY'S SERVICE IS USING THE ELW; RED BOOK
THEME

CROSSROADS OF CULTURE AND FAITH

PRELUDE:

They Will Know We Are Christians by Our Love

Quinn & Friends

**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 to 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 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

1 Kings 4:29-34
Luke 17:11-19

Today's Hymns

Hymn #825 (ELW)
Hymn #796 (ELW)
Hymn #793 (ELW)
Hymn #733 (ELW)
Hymn #184 (ELW)
Hymn #523 (ELW)
Hymn #826 (ELW)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

P: God of creation, today we worship you—the one who stands head and shoulders above all living things.

C: In power and ability you have no equals. Yet you choose not to remain aloof, or detached from the world we know, instead, you are integral to it all.

P: Today we come before you in humility, acknowledging the times we have misused the gifts of our intellect and ability.

C: When wisdom became arrogance, and our talents and gifts become tools of oppression.

P: In those moments of self-grandiose assessment we stray from paths of righteousness.

C: In those moments when we assume ourselves better than others—more talented, more intelligent, we risk falling away from the humility you ask us to have. Forgive us

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS:

P: In your gracious love we find our acceptance.

C: No matter how undeserving we might be—you hold no love or forgiveness back from us.

P: From this day forward, let us live and serve as those who strive for justice.

C: In all our endeavors, let love be our guiding light, and may we put the welfare of others very much ahead of all that is selfish by nature. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP:

P: O the beauty.

C: O the wonder.

P: O the poetry.

C: O the discovery.

P: When words fail, And questions flow, And faith evolves, And ideas reshape us.

C: We respond, Together, In worship, Here.

OPENING HYMN:

You Servants of God

ELW 825 Red

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

God of all things, we are surrounded by a world that is vast and infinite.

There is so much to experience in creation.

There is so much to learn about this world too, and the more we learn, the more we appreciate what we have and what we are part of. Amen

SPECIAL MUSIC:

Hard Fought Alleluia

Quinn & Friends

CHILDREN'S SERMON:

LUMINARY DEDICATION:

SCRIPTURE READING:

1 Kings 4:29-34

²⁹ God gave Solomon very great wisdom, discernment, and breadth of understanding as vast as the sand on the seashore, ³⁰ so that Solomon's wisdom surpassed the wisdom of all the people of the East and all the wisdom of Egypt. ³¹ He was wiser than anyone else, wiser than Ethan the Ezrahite and Heman, Calcol, and Darda, children of Mahol; his fame spread throughout all the surrounding nations. ³² He composed three thousand proverbs, and his songs numbered a thousand and five. ³³ He would speak of trees, from the cedar that is in the Lebanon to the hyssop that grows in the wall; he would speak of animals, and birds, and reptiles, and fish. ³⁴ People came from all the nations to hear the wisdom of Solomon, from all the kings of the earth who had heard of his wisdom.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

How Firm a Foundation (v.1)

ELW #796 Red**GOSPEL:**

Luke 17:11-19

Glory to you, O Lord

¹¹ On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³ they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" ¹⁴ When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵ Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶ He prostrated himself at Jesus's feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine?" ¹⁸ Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹ Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ**SERMON:**

Bishop: Rev. Patricia Lull

HYMN OF THE DAY:

Be Thou My Vision

ELW 793 Red**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:**

Congregational Response: **Lead Me Jesus Lead Me Jesus
Lead Me Jesus... Lead Me Lord**

OFFERTORY:

Great Is Thy Faithfulness (v.1)

ELW #733 Red**PRESENTATION OF GIFTS:**

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

ELW #184 Red**OFFERTORY PRAYER:**

Gracious God, we offer these gifts today, in response to your call to love, and give generously out of the richness with which we have been blessed. We live not in isolation from the challenges faced by your people. We exist in a church that has the enthusiasm to serve faithfully, but which needs resources to be able to do so. May these offerings reflect your generosity, and we ask that they may be used wisely and appropriately for the work of your mission in the world. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION:**THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION:**

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION:

Christ invites you to this table. Come, taste and see.

DISTRIBUTION: Let Us Go Now to the Banquet

ELW 523 Red

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

SENDING:

As we go from here into a world of both certainty and uncertainty, hold fast to what you know and have faith enough to trust in the love of God, Creator, Redeemer and Comforter.

CLOSING HYMN: Thine the Amen (v.v.1,2,3,4)

ELW 826 Red

DISMISSAL:

Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE:

ILC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our prayers go out to the Mylo Lundquist family today. Mylo passed away on Saturday, August 9, 2025. Funeral service will be at 11:00 on Friday, August 29, 2025. Visitation is at 10:00. Group D will be serving.

“Planting Hope” TODAY August 17, 2025

Please welcome Bishop Lull, at today's service.

Tithing Outside Our Walls, will be matching the loose offering and coffee money for the Planting Hope Campaign.

Relay for Life 2025; **Today** is the last day to buy luminaries to honor or remember someone who has had cancer. The Relay for Life is taking place this Fri, 8/22/25 from 6-9 at Chisago Lake Lutheran Church and our own Pastor Justin is giving the invocation. All are welcome. There will be a food and ice cream truck there too. Come join with entertainment prior to the 6 pm program. The Illuminated Immanuel Team be dedicating them today, August 17th. Everyone is welcome to join our Team or come to the Relay. Cancer touches all of us unfortunately. Help us raise money for research to beat it. You can contact me with any questions @ 651-775-1233 or jnoordergraaf@yahoo.com. Thank you.

The museum is open on Sundays from 1 - 4 p.m. this summer. If you could PLEASE help with hosting the museum one Sunday afternoon it would be much appreciated. The only thing you have to do is greet any guests and sit in a lawn chair on the front steps! There is also internet if you would like to be connected! Please let me know - the museum is all clean with all the exhibits ready - so there is nothing else to do. Thank you! Lin Strong

Almelund Farmers Market Began its 18th Season Friday, May 23rd at Rod's Country Corner! Come Friday afternoons from 3-6pm 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.

WISDOM SEEKERS

A new discussion group called "Wisdom Seekers" will begin meeting at 9 AM on Thursday, September 4, 2025, in the youth room at First Evangelical Lutheran Church. This discussion is open to all interested parties. We will be exploring how history has influenced religion and how religion has influenced history. Since both of these topics are influenced by philosophy, we will explore that aspect of human thought as well. Your opinion will be appreciated by everyone in attendance and the lives of everyone will be enriched by the open, unjudged, fascinating thoughts that will come to the surface as we compare theology, history, and philosophy. (Facilitated by Jerry Rhoads).

SAVE THE DATE

The Saint Paul Area Women's Synodical Organization invites you to our annual

Bible Study Enrichment

Previewing the 2025-2026 Bible Studies from the Gather Magazine
with Bible Study Leader Pastor Carrie Stiles

Saturday, September 20, 2025

St. Mark's Lutheran Church - North St. Paul

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM followed by lunch

All women are welcome!

Registration and more information will follow soon.

Naomi Circle will meet on Tuesday, August 19th at 9:30 am at ILC Church. See you all then!

Tune in our Daily Texts,

Monday through Saturday on our Facebook page [@immanuelchurchofalmelund](https://www.facebook.com/immanuelchurchofalmelund)

A daily devotional time based on an Old and New Testament Bible verse based on a Moravian Church tradition and Ground Up Grace Publications Daily Texts 2025 books.

Apple Festival Committee is reserving the kitchen...

Tuesday, September 9 @ 12:00 - Apple Butter

Thursday, September 18 @ 2:00 - Apple Crisp

Friday, September 19 @ 4:00 - Apple Bread Pudding

Summer Concert Series @ St. Bridget of Lindstrom. Alex Schindler, Thursday August 21st @ 7:00

Youth Group will be starting up soon. If you have a 6th-12th grader that would like to join stay tuned for registration night! Youth will be having the Walking Taco stand at Apple Fest. All youth will be needed to help with this great fundraiser on Sept. 21st!

The Immanuel quilters are enjoying a hot summer break. Our next sewing day is Tuesday, September 9th.

Be sure to save the date and check [ELCA.org/DayOfService](https://www.elca.org/DayOfService) for updated resources soon.

Created & Becoming Faith Conversations at the Edges of Life and Creation

FAITH CONVERSATIONS LIVING IN THIS MOMENT

THE AFTERLIFE

The mysteries surrounding the afterlife and why it matters

WHAT ARE YOU DOING WITH YOUR LIFE?

Finding purpose and discerning God's will

FAITH IN THE DAWN OF A.I.

Technology and the challenges of the age to come

GENETIC ENGINEERING AND WHAT IT MEANS TO BE HUMAN

Modern science and human flourishing

END OF TIMES?

Theology, hope, and the meaning of the Apocalypse

EVOLUTION, THEOLOGY, SCIENCE, CANCER AND GOD'S TOOLS FOR CREATION

Understanding God's working in world



CREATION AND EARTH CARE

Faith and its expression toward the natural world

FOURTH THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH

6:30 PM

WILD MOUNTAIN WINERY

BROUGHT TO YOU BY IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN ALMELUND AND FIRST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN TAYLORS FALLS

Fourth Thursday of every month at the Wild Mountain Winery 6:30 PM – Come early for wine, stay for the conversation! **August 28th not the 21st as newsletter shows**

August – Evolution, Theology & Cancer: God's Tools for Creation

Is God at work in natural selection? What do illness and survival reveal about divine purpose? We'll wrestle with how science, suffering, and spirituality intersect.

Photo of our donated quilt at the Luther Point Bible Camp live auction



God's work. Our hands.



September 7, 2025

Mark your calendar for **Sunday, Sept. 7**, when congregations of the ELCA will join together for our annual day of service, [“God's work. Our hands.”](#)

Participating in service projects is one way to celebrate who we are as the ELCA — one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor.

We are a church that is energized by lively engagement in faith and life. As we continue our tradition of service, we remember the words of Martin Luther, **“Our faith is a living, busy, active, mighty thing.”** With our hands, we do God's work of restoring and reconciling communities in Jesus Christ's name.

If your congregation cannot participate on Sept. 7, you are encouraged to pick another date that fits your schedule. **ELCA congregations participate in acts of service every day.** This day of service is an extension of the work you already do to make your community a better place.

Be sure to save the date and check [ELCA.org/DayOfService](https://www.elca.org/DayOfService) for updated resources soon.

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. Join us on Sept. 7!

THANK YOUS

I Thank everyone for your kindness, generosity and support. Every bit of help of any kind is extremely appreciated. Thank you again,

Jackson Thelander

Thank you to all who helped with VBS! It has been a fun week. Thanks to all who donated food, the serving groups for cooking and serving, all the volunteers for helping guide the kids each night through their activities, the activity leaders: Cami, Katie, Beth, Pastor Justin, Kristi, Momoh and all those that helped plan and decorate including those listed above as well as Diane, Jenny, Valerie and Julie Flodquist. All your help is greatly appreciated! Thank you to all families who were able to participate and celebrate Jesus with us!

- Christian Ed and the Immanuel VBS Group

Thank you for helping lead worship today!	Immanuel Church Calendar This Week	Happy Birthday this week!
Guest Pastor: Rev. Patricia Lull	Sunday, August 17 9:00 VBS Communion Worship Live and Online with Bishop Patricia Lull 10:00 Coffee Served: 11:00 First Lutheran Service	20 McCoy Lindgren Bridgette Hall Sadie Rothe
Organist: Momoh Freeman		21 Marlin Ness
Reader: Bob Stirling		23 Sadie Hunter Andrew Johnson
Special Music: Quinn Johnson & Friends	Monday, August 18 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 9-3 Office Hours 10:00 WOW Practice 6:00 Chris. Ed. Meets	
Ushers: Steve Tuhy Family	Tuesday, August 19 9-3 Office Hours 9:00 Worship Team meets 9:30 Naomi meets at church	
Sound Tech: Nancy Nadeau		
Camera Tech: Jodi Johnson-Waldemar	Wednesday, August 20 9-3 Office Hours 11:00 Newsletter Proofing 1:30 Prayer Shawl Meets	August 3, 2025 Attendance: 68
Children’s Sermon:	Thursday, August 21 Deadline for bulletin Info	Weekly Giving Update: August 3, 2025
Communion Servers: Norm Peterson Amanda Cook Beth Berger	Friday, August 22 9-3 Office Hours Bulletins Printed 10:00 Newsletter Assembly 3-6 Farmer’s Market @ Rod’s	General \$2,790.00 Building Fund \$100.00 Loose \$29.00 Online Serv. Fee <u>\$1.25</u> Total \$2,920.25
Altar Guild: Green Nancy Nadeau	Saturday, August 23	Noisy Offering \$72.12
Coffee Servers: Naomi Circle	Sunday, August 24 PICKUP NEWSLETTERS 9:00 Worship Service Live and Online 10:00 Coffee Served: 11:00 First Lutheran Service	

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