



## IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

37515 Park Trail, Almelund, MN 55012

Pastor Justin Fenger

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 28, 2025

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



Service for Sunday 9/28/2025

**GATHERING**

Today's Service is using the ELW; Red Book

**PRELUDE:**

Help Us See Christ

By WOW Group

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**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 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

32:1-3a, 6-15

Psalms 91:1-6, 14-16

1 Timothy 6:6-19

Luke 16:19-31

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:**

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

*Pause for silence and reflection.*

P: Merciful God,

**C: As we stand before you in the all-revealing light of your eternal love, we cannot help but see all the ways we have sinned and fallen short. We have done and said things that have caused harm to others. We have failed to do and say things for the sake of peace and justice. We have continuously sought after our own comfort, rather than your world-transforming love. Forgive us for our selfishness and shortsightedness, and bring us into the way of active love of you and neighbor each new day.**

P: The good news is that Jesus died to cleanse us from sin, and because of this, our joy can be complete. Receive the forgiveness of all your sins, for the sake of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**

L: We gather to hear God's word,

**C: God's word of love and justice.**

L: We will open our ears and our hearts,

**C: And listen for God's commands.**

**OPENING HYMN:** Outside My Gate and Outside My Door

Outside my gate, outside my door,  
is someone there who's lost or poor?  
Is someone there I do not see —  
that I walk by — who has a need?

Is there a child who longs for care?  
An older friend who needs a prayer?  
Someone who seeks a helping hand?  
A refugee new to this land?

Outside our church, is someone near  
who cries in pain, who lives in fear?  
Is someone close who has no way  
to buy the food she needs this day?

Some gates are made of wood or stone,  
And some are made of sin alone.  
Some doors are made of greed and pride;  
they also keep the poor outside.

As we look out, Christ, may we see  
our common, shared humanity.  
May we kneel down and serve you more  
outside our gate, outside our door.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

Holy God, **We are daily bombarded by messages telling us we need to acquire more at the expense of ourselves and others. Relieve us of our self-absorption, call us back to the path you would have us walk, and walk alongside us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC:** I'll Praise My Maker While I've Breath By WOW Group

**CHILDREN'S SERMON:**

**32** The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord in the tenth year of King Zedekiah of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar. <sup>2</sup>At that time the army of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and the prophet Jeremiah was confined in the court of the guard that was in the palace of the king of Judah, <sup>3</sup>where King Zedekiah of Judah had confined him.

<sup>6</sup>Jeremiah said, The word of the Lord came to me: <sup>7</sup>Hanamel son of your uncle Shallum is going to come to you and say, “Buy my field that is at Anathoth, for the right of redemption by purchase is yours.” <sup>8</sup>Then my cousin Hanamel came to me in the court of the guard, in accordance with the word of the Lord, and said to me, “Buy my field that is at Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for the right of possession and redemption is yours; buy it for yourself.” Then I knew that this was the word of the Lord. <sup>9</sup>And I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel, and weighed out the money to him, seventeen shekels of silver. <sup>10</sup>I signed the deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and weighed the money on scales. <sup>11</sup>Then I took the sealed deed of purchase, containing the terms and conditions, and the open copy; <sup>12</sup>and I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch son of Neriah son of Mahseiah, in the presence of my cousin Hanamel, in the presence of the witnesses who signed the deed of purchase, and in the presence of all the Judeans who were sitting in the court of the guard. <sup>13</sup>In their presence I charged Baruch, saying, <sup>14</sup>Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase and this open deed, and put them in an earthenware jar, in order that they may last for a long time. <sup>15</sup>For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

**PSALM:**

Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16

R: You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,

**C: will say to the Lord, ‘My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust.’**

R: For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence;

**C: he will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge;  
his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.**

R: You will not fear the terror of the night, or the arrow that flies by day,

**C: or the pestilence that stalks in darkness, or the destruction that wastes at noonday.**

R: Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name.

**C: When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble,  
I will rescue them and honor them.**

R: With long life I will satisfy them, and show them my salvation.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

O God in Heaven (v.1)

ELW 748 Red

**GOSPEL:**

Luke 16:19-31

**Glory to you, O Lord**

<sup>19</sup>“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. <sup>20</sup>And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, <sup>21</sup>who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. <sup>22</sup>The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. <sup>23</sup>In Hades, where he was being tormented, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. <sup>24</sup>He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.’ <sup>25</sup>But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things and Lazarus in like manner evil things, but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. <sup>26</sup>Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ <sup>27</sup>He said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house <sup>28</sup>for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ <sup>29</sup>Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ <sup>30</sup>He said, ‘No,

father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’<sup>31</sup> He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’ ”

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ**

**SERMON:**

Treasuring generosity

**HYMN OF THE DAY:**

I’m So Glad Jesus Lifted Me

ELW 860 Red

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:**

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

**THE LORD’S PRAYER:**

Pg.112 ELW

**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:**

Take My Life, That I May Be

ELW 583 Red

**PRESENTATION OF GIFTS:**

Create In Me

ELW 186 Red

**OFFERTORY PRAYER:**

Merciful God, we know that nothing we have is our own. Receive now these gifts, and bless them for the work of caring for all those in need, on our own doorsteps and in communities around the world. Amen.

**SENDING:**

P: Happy are we when we care for those who are poor.

**C: Not just by giving a hand-out.**

P: Not by donating to the food shelf.

**C: Not just by voting for candidates who support social programming.**

P: But by loving them—by acting in love for them in all we do and say.

**C: God, show us the joy of loving our neighbors.**

**CLOSING HYMN:**

Light Dawns on a Weary World

ELW 726 Red

**DISMISSAL:**

Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE:**

## ILC ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Parish Care Team** will meet on September 30<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 and not in October.

### 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).

### 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.

### *Fourth Thursday of every month at the Wild Mountain Winery*

6:30 PM – Come early for wine, stay for the conversation! On October 23, 2025

### Singers invited to sing during Lighting Festival

The 33rd annual Choral Vesper Service will be held 4:30 PM Saturday, November 29 as part of Taylors Falls Lighting Festival. The choral group is made up of singers and musicians from the community at large. All singers are invited to participate in this short term commitment. There are five Sunday 6:00 to 8:00 PM rehearsals at Taylors Falls United Methodist Church, 290 W. Government Street, starting October 26 and four Sundays in November. Tyler Olson is director. Please register now at [wwymd@aol.com](mailto:wwymd@aol.com) with your name, cell number, and voice range - S,A,T,B. More information will be emailed directly to you.

**Please take notice;** of the antique quilt hanging in the Fellowship Hall.

### ILC “Ways to Jump in.” This Fall

Sun, Sept 28 — Rally Sunday & Sunday School Launch (+ Men’s Pancake Breakfast for Fellowship)

- Celebrate the start of a new program year.
- Get involved: register kids for SS, volunteer as a classroom helper/sub / help with clean-up.

Sat–Sun, Oct 4–5 — Playground Install Work Days (Triangle Park & the Old School House)

- Hands-on service weekend.
- Get involved: bring gloves, socket/wrench sets, cordless drills; help with site prep, assembly, or snack/water station.

Sun, Oct 5 — Confirmation Info Meeting (after worship)

- For all 6th–8th graders and parents/guardians.
- Get involved: attend to receive the schedule, expectations, and Q&A; volunteers welcome for occasional meals/transport.

Wed, Oct 8 — Confirmation Begins, 5:30–7:30 pm (includes dinner)

- Weekly rhythm: meal, lesson, small groups.
- Get involved: join the meal team (cook/serve/clean)

Sun, Oct 12 — The Looney Lutherans, 2:30 pm

- Fun afternoon program—invite friends!

Sat, Oct 18 — Spiritual Gifts Workshop, 9:00 am–1:00 pm

- Discover how God has wired you to serve; new members strongly encouraged.
- Get involved: RSVP, bring a friend, and consider childcare needs (let the office know so we can plan).

Sun, Oct 26 — Tractor & Treat, 4:00–6:00 pm

Decorate your tractor (or trunk), donate candy, help with set-up/clean-up, hospitality, and parking/traffic flow. Costumes welcome—invite friends and neighbors!

## FALL DAY AT CAMP



**Saturday**  
**October 18**  
9:00am - 5:00pm  
Fall Camp will be  
for 1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> graders!

### OUR THEME FOR THE WEEKEND:

*God Promises to Provide: Learning through Creation*

Our theme for the weekend is going to be focusing on preparing for winter, campers will learn about what we do with our garden at camp and our new addition of chickens. We will study the story of Elijah and the Widow from 1 Kings 17 and connect it back to the hands on activities we have planned with the garden, chickens and more!

**Confirmation Classes:** for October  
5:30-7:00

8<sup>th</sup> Beginnings;  
22<sup>nd</sup> God births a people;  
29<sup>th</sup> The Wilderness School.

“trick or treat”

**IMMANUEL**  
lutheran  
**CHURCH** annual

Tractor  
and  
Treats  
fun  
for All!

Boo!

**Sunday**  
**October 26th**  
4~6pm  
37515 Park Trail, Almelund, MN.

## YOUNG(ish) AT HEART



[www.looneylutherans.com](http://www.looneylutherans.com)

**October 12, 2025 2:30**

Free will offering  
Desserts and refreshments served after  
program.

**Everyone is invited to a hilarious comedy at:**  
Immanuel Lutheran Church  
37515 Park Trail  
Almelund, MN 55012



**All Saints Sunday, November 2** we will be celebrating the lives of the saints in our lives! We will remember the loved ones we have lost this year and those who have died in past years that we hold close in our hearts. There will be an opportunity during our worship service to come forward to light a candle in remembrance of our special loved ones.

Name of person(s) to be remembered or honored: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Given to this Memorial Fund: \_\_\_\_\_

*Similar to the Easter Memorial Garden, please return this form to the church, along with your contribution by Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup>.*

*Make check to Immanuel Lutheran Church Memorial Fund.*

*You can bring your contribution to the office or drop it in the gray box outside the office.*

Funds will be used as designated for your chosen Memorial Fund throughout the year. Thank you.

**Note:** *Forms turned in after the*

*October 26<sup>th</sup> deadline will not be included in the*

*All Saints Sunday  
memorials listing in the  
bulletin, but will be listed  
the next Sunday in the  
bulletin. Thank you!*

#### **IMMANUEL'S MEMORIAL FUNDS:**

Sunday School Bibles & Curriculum

Vacation Bible School

Luther Point Bible Camp

Christian Education Curriculum for Children, Youth, and Adults

Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall

Audio Visual Equipment

Youth Group Mission Trips

Scholarship Funds

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Immanuel Quilters

Church Banners

Itonya Congregation Support

African Student Scholarships

Endowment Fund

Archives Room supplies & Compact

DVD System for Archives Room

Church Library Fund

Choir Music Fund

Landscaping Fund

Cemetery Perpetual Care

Labyrinth

Carillon Repair Fund

Church Renovation Fund

Church computer/software needs

Fellowship Hall Sound System

Baptism Booklets (for parents and sponsors)

Grief Booklets (for families members of those who  
have lost loved ones)

Altar Guild

Undesignated memorial

#### **THANK YOU**

Many, Many **THANKS** to everyone who helped in **ANY WAY** with the 30th Almelund Apple Festival. What a great day we had to celebrate this fun and educational community event. We often hear how much people look forward to this experience and without all the **AWESOME VOLUNTEERS**, the event would not be the success it is. **THANK YOU** for continuing to make "Almelund, the Busiest Small Town in Minnesota" - You **ALL** are **GREATLY APPRECIATED!!**

<b>Thank you for helping lead worship today!</b>	<b>Immanuel Church Calendar This Week</b>	<b>Happy Birthday this week!</b>
<b>Pastor:</b> Justin Fenger	<b>Sunday, September 28</b> 9:00 <b>RALLY SUNDAY WOW</b> Worship Service Live and Online 10:00 Pancake Breakfast Served by the Men of Immanuel 11:00 First Lutheran Service 2:00 Ecumen Service	28 Brianna Mohn 29 Jesiah Peltier 30 Kate DeVault
<b>Organist:</b> Momoh Freeman		<b>October</b> 1 Kristopher Koran
<b>Reader:</b> Lori Blomquist	<b>Monday, September 29</b> 9-3 Office Hours	2 Bradley Johnson Christina Loyas Lucas Anderson
<b>Ushers:</b> Marty & Jody Johnson	<b>Tuesday, September 30</b> 9-3 Office Hours 9:00 Worship Team meets 6:00 Choir Practice @ ILC	3 Mark W. Johnson Jason Fredlund Calvin Flanery
<b>Sound Tech:</b> Loraine Rue	<b>Wednesday, October 1</b> 9-3 Office Hours 1:30 Prayer Shawl Meets 6-7 Youth Group Meets	4 MacKenzee Hays
<b>Camera Tech:</b> Dave Rue	<b>Thursday, October 2</b> Deadline for bulletin Info 9:00 Wisdom Seekers @ First	
<b>Children's Sermon:</b> Pastor Fenger	<b>Friday, October 3</b> 9-3 Office Hours Bulletins Printed	
<b>Altar Guild: Green</b> Jeske Noordergraaf	<b>Saturday, October 4</b> 9:00am Triangle Park Playground Installation	
<b>Coffee Servers:</b> ILC Men's Pancake Breakfast	<b>Sunday, October 5</b> 9:00 Communion Worship Service Live and Online W/Noisy Offering; Sunday School is after Children's Sermon 10:00 Coffee Served: 11:00 First Lutheran Service	
		<b>September 21, 2025</b> <b>Attendance: 83</b>  <b>Weekly Giving Update:</b> <b>September 21, 2025</b>  General \$2,567.00 Benevolence -Undesignated \$10.00 Building Fund \$30.00 Loose \$54.00 Sunday School \$2.00 Fund Transfers \$3,450.00 Online Serv. Fee <u>\$1.25</u> <b>Total \$6,114.25</b>

<p><b>IMMANUEL STAFF</b></p> <p><b>Justin Fenger, Pastor</b> <b>Momoh Freeman, Organist</b> <b>Pat Remer, Accompanist</b> <b>Kim's Kleaning, Church Custodial work</b> <b>Mark Weslander, Administrative Assistant &amp; Financial Recorder</b> <b>Kyle Hendrickson, Financial Secretary</b> <b>Daryl Abrahamson, Cemetery Groundskeeper</b> <b>Jason &amp; DeeDee Fredlund, Youth Directors</b> <b>Teresa Carlson, Sunday School Leader</b> <b>Office Hours: M-W &amp; F 9:00-3:00</b> unless otherwise noted. Cell phone is always available @ 651-431-8941</p>	<p><b>CONTACT INFORMATION</b></p> <p><b>Immanuel Lutheran Church</b> 37515 Park Trail, Center City, MN 55012 <b>Email:</b> office@immanuelalmelund.com <b>Phone:</b> 651-583-2340 <b>Website:</b> www.immanuelalmelund.com <b>Facebook:</b> <a href="https://www.facebook.com/immanuelchurchofalmelund">https://www.facebook.com/immanuelchurchofalmelund</a> <b>Justin Fenger, Pastor</b> pastor@immanuelalmelund.com 651-308-7717 <b>Mark Weslander, Administrative Assistant</b> office@immanuelalmelund.com 651-431-8941 <b>Kyle Hendrickson, Financial Secretary</b> (651)717-8804 finance@immanuelalmelund.com</p>	<p><b>Momoh Freeman, Organist/Director</b> Momohfreeman@yahoo.com (763)415-0330 <b>Teresa Carlson, Sunday School Leader</b> 651-214-9531</p> <p><b>Jason &amp; DeeDee Fredlund, Youth Directors</b> jfredlund@frontiernet.net <b>Jason</b> 651-208-5915 <b>DeeDee</b> 651-206-1190</p> <p><b>Dianne Wiik, Prayer Chain</b> ywiik99@yahoo.com (651)583-2600</p> <p><b>Daryl Abrahamson, Cemetery</b> Julie.1.abrahamson@gmail.com (651)674-2419</p>
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