



“By God’s grace, Immanuel Lutheran Church is a faith community striving to love and serve as disciples of Jesus.”

*18th Sunday after Pentecost
ELW Holy Communion Setting Eight
Sunday, September 27, 2026*

*** Indicates when Congregation should stand**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS (W/L) Sue Easler

TODAY’S RADIO BROADCAST is in loving memory of Roger Brookins. Roger was born September 24, 1944 and passed away on October 29, 2013. Sponsored today by his daughter Cindy & her entire family.

***The Holy Spirit calls us together as people of God. Please stand! (W/L)**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.

Compassionate God, **we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

GATHERING SONG: *God Is Here!*

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***GREETING (P)**

***KYRIE (P)**

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***CANTICLE OF PRAISE (P)**

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***PRAYER OF THE DAY – (W/L)**

Let us pray

God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Congregation may be seated

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

Sharon Johnson

A reading from Ezekiel.

The word of the LORD came to me: What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, “The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge”? As I live, says the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins who shall die.

Yet you say, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed, they shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, “The way of the

Lord is unfair.” O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord GOD. Turn, then, and live.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 25:1-9, Canticle 10

Rick N, Pastor(s) Dan & Nathan

SECOND READING: Matthew 21:23-32 Sharon Johnson

A reading from Matthew.

When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?” And they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why, then, did you not believe him?’ But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd, for all regard John as a prophet.” So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

“What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ He answered, ‘I will not,’ but later he changed his mind and went.

The father went to the second and said the same, and he answered, ‘I go, sir,’ but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him, and even after you saw it you did not change your minds and believe him.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Congregation Stands

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ALL)**

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***GOSPEL: Philippians 2:1-13**

The holy gospel according to Philippians. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

If, then, there is any comfort in Christ, any consolation from love, any partnership in the Spirit, any tender affection and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or empty conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness. And being found in appearance as a human, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God exalted him even more highly and gave him the name that is above every other name, so that at the name given to Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence but much more now in my absence, work on your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S MUSIC – *Jesus Love Me*

CHILDREN'S SERMON (P)

SERMON (P)

Congregation Stands

***HYMN OF THE DAY:**

ELW 818

O Master, Let Me Walk with You

***CREED (W/L)**

*** PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (W/L)**

ACS 1043

***PEACE (P)**

OFFERING INTERLUDE

OFFERING SONG, Verse 1

O God in Heaven

ELW 748

Congregation Stands

***OFFERING PRAYER – (W/L)**

Let us pray.

God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always. Amen.

DIALOGUE (P)

***PREFACE (P)**

***HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (P)**

***THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE (P)**

***LORD'S PRAYER (W/L)**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION (P)

LAMB OF GOD

COMMUNION (*piano*)

COMMUNION SONGS

O Bread of Life from Heaven

ELW 480

Give Me Jesus

ELW 770

***POST COMMUNION BLESSING (P)**

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (W/L)**

Let us pray.

Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world.

Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

***BENEDICTION (P)**

***CHORAL BENEDICTION**

God Be With You Til We Meet Again

***SENDING SONG:**

The Lord Now Sends Us Forth

ELW 538

***DISMISSAL (P)**

By God's grace, we are a faith community...

striving to love and serve as disciples of Jesus.

Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

Thanks be to God.

Congregational Announcements

Our Thoughts & Prayers go out to the Massa family after the loss of Kathy Massa on Mon, Sept 21, 2026. Mike Massa was a long-time pastor at Immanuel and Kathy served in many capacities right along-side him. Services will be at 3:00 p.m. on Oct 3rd in Marshalltown, Our Savior Lutheran Church.

Adult Bible Study WILL meet tonight at 6:00 p.m. All are invited to join us at any time to dig into the books of the Bible.

Reminder as you flip your calendars over to October, Thursday, October 1st at 6:00 p.m. Church Boards will meet in the fellowship hall. All Boards are to turn in their reports to their Liaison and a copy to the office as soon as possible.

Thanks to our worship & music leaders & assistants:

Worship Leader – Sue Easler **Lector** – Sharon Johnson
Music Leaders – Rick Nance, Barb Larsen, Sarah Holten
 & Jackie Tallman

Projection – Bob Gast

Acolytes – Matt Hemann, Kim & Gabe Steven

Greeters/Ushers – Mary Gunhus & Martha Rasmusson

Communion Asst – Gary & Sharon Johnson

Video/Sound/Facebook & Radio Broadcast – Arlyn & Vickie Grube, Al Voyna & Matt Gates

Weekly Giving/Attendance Reports

September 21, 2026 Tithes

General Offering this week: \$1,187.00

**Needed to cover General weekly expenses: \$5,000.00*

Shortfall/Overage this week: - \$3.813.00

(Average General Offering each week: \$3,941.00)

Benevolence: \$239.67

Other Donation: \$15.00 Total Received: \$1,471.67

Worship Attendance:

Wed 9.16 – 36 ~ Sun 9.20 – 68

Prayers of Healing, Comfort and Guidance

Derek Grube, Jordon Grube, David Jacobson, Judy Jacobson,
Vince Kappes, Malissa Kappes, Jackson Ollendieck
Gayland Peter, Brian Stapelkamp & Helen Wigert

Birthdays ~ Sept 27 – Oct 3, 2026

Sept 27 – Michelle Tlusty & Joyce Vagts

Sept 29 – Carol Lienhard

Sept 30 – Mary Gumhus & Dakota Rasmusson

Oct 2 – Oliver Johnson & Dave Matt

Oct 3 – Jen Baldwin



Calander of Events ~ Sept 27 – Oct 3, 2026

Sun, Sept 27	8:00 a.m.	<i>Adult Bible Study</i>
	9:00 a.m.	Worship
	10:00 a.m.	<i>Fellowship</i>
	10:30 a.m.	<i>Worship @ Peace</i>
Wed, Sept 30	6:00 p.m.	Bible Study w/Pastor Dan
	5:00 p.m.	Community Meal
	6:00 p.m.	GLOW/Faith Formation
Thurs, Oct 1	7:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast
	6:00 p.m.	<i>Church Board Mtgs</i>
Fri, Oct 2		Office Closed!



Online giving is now available! Scan QR code to give online.

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