



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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



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Welcome

Welcome to Immanuel!

Thank you for joining us for our worship service. Whoever you are, whatever you've done, or where ever 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 Interim Pastor Matt Saarem 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.

GATHERING

Today's Service is using the ELW; Red Book

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

PRAYER SHAWL DEDICATION:

Today's dedication is special because we are blessing some 36 shawls created by Robin Chinander and given by her family to the Prayer Shawl Ministry following Robin's passing. Robin's shawls were beautifully done but she was unable to finish them. Some needed fringe, some a bit more crocheting or yarn ends woven in, so Prayer Shawl members have finished them for her. A big "thank you" to Beth Koran Hays, who put fringe on many of them for us and also shared a new way for us to fringe our shawls! Robin was an active member of the Prayer Shawl Ministry from the time she joined our Immanuel family and we miss her.

INTRODUCTION:

To love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, strength, and mind is to reflect God's mercy in responding to one's neighbor. That mercy found its most profound expression in the "gospel that has come to you"—namely the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. That gospel mercy comes to us again today: at the font, at the table, and from the pulpit. It is very near to you.

CALL TO WORSHIP:

L: Brothers and sisters, all are welcome in this place.

C: Each child is born of God, loved and cared for.

L: We are called to love each child, as God loves.

C: We are called to bring our hearts and souls and allow God to love us so that we might love in return.

L: Come then brothers and sisters,

ALL: together let us worship our wonderful God.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, whose steadfast love endures forever.

Amen.

Today's

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Merciful God,

we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life.

Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors.

Amen.

Hear the good news! God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves.

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

O Lord God,

your mercy delights us, and the world longs for your loving care. Hear the cries of everyone in need, and turn our hearts to love our neighbors with the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

OPENING HYMN:

"Open Our Eyes"

Open our eyes, Lord, We want to see Jesus, To reach out and touch Him, And say that we love Him. Open our ears, Lord, And help us to listen; Open our eyes, Lord, We want to see Jesus

FIRST READING:

Deuteronomy 30:9-14

Moses calls the people who are about to enter the promised land to renew the covenant God made with their ancestors. Through this covenant God gives life and asks for obedience. God's commandment is neither burdensome nor too far off, but dwells in the people's hearts.

⁹The LORD your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the LORD will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, ¹⁰when you obey the LORD your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul. ¹¹Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. ¹²It is not in heaven, that you should say, "Who will go up to heaven for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?" ¹³Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, "Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?" ¹⁴No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

PSALM:

Psalm 25:1-10

R: To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

C: My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

We invite you to follow the service and take part in a way that feels right to you.

P = Leader

C = Congregation

R = Reader

Sections in **bold** are to be read by the congregation.

Today's Scripture

Deuteronomy 30:9-14

Psalm 25:1-10

Colossians 1:1-14

Luke 10:25-37

Today's Hymns

Open Our Eyes

INSERTS

Unto Thee O Lord

Prayer of St. Francis

Hymn #801 (ELW)

Hymn #543 (ELW)

**Happy Birthday
this week!**

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Scott Lundquist

Trent Johnson

Dunken Buckingham

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Lori Lundquist

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Jennifer Ranbow

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Dan Pearson

R: Let none who look to you be put to shame; rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

C: Show me your ways, O LORD, and teach me your paths.

R: Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

C: Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.

R: Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

C: You are gracious and upright, O LORD; therefore you teach sinners in your way.

R: You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way.

C: All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.

HYMN: "Unto Thee O Lord"—Insert

SECOND READING: Colossians 1:1-14

The letter to the Colossians was written to warn its readers of various false teachings. The first part of the letter is an expression of thanks for the faith, hope, and love that mark this community, including a prayer for strength and courage.

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, ²To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father. ³In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁴for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, ⁵because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel ⁶that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. ⁷This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, ⁸and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit. ⁹For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. ¹¹May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully

¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL:

Luke 10:25-37

Jesus is challenged to explain what is involved in obeying the greatest commandment. He tells a parable rich in surprises: those expected to show pity display hard hearts while the lowly give and receive unexpected and lavish mercy.

²⁵Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ²⁶He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" ²⁷He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." ²⁸And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live." ²⁹But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" ³⁰Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. ³¹Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. ³²So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. ³⁴He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' ³⁶Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" ³⁷He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON:

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Prayer of St. Francis" - Insert

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

God of grace,

hear our prayer.

OFFERTORY: "Change My Heart Oh God" #801 ELW

**Thank you for helping
lead worship today!**

Interim Pastor:

Matt Saarem

Organist:

Momoh Freeman

Reader: Diane Rothe

Ushers: Dave &
Loraine Rue

Sound Tech:

Steve Blomquist

Camera Tech:

Tracy Tolzmann

Altar Guild: Green

Diane Rothe & Tora
Carlson

Coffee Servers:

Marlin & Lois Ness

ATTENTION,

NEEDED!!!

Sound Tech:

July 17th

Coffee Server:

July 24th

**Immanuel Church
Calendar This Week**

Sunday, July 10
8:30 Service Prep for Worship
Leaders.
9:30 Worship Service
Live and Online,
Sarah Circle Meeting
10:30 Coffee Servers: Marlin
&Lois Ness
11:00 Counters count offering

Monday, July 11
9-5 Office Hours
10:00 WOW Practice
11:00 Bible School Meeting
5:00 Property Meeting
6:00 Council Meeting

Tuesday, July 12
9-5 Office Hours
9:00 Worship Team Meets

Wednesday, July 13
9-5 Office Hours
12:00 Deadline for bulletin
Info
2:00 Bulletins Printed
5:30 Patty Melts @ Ballpark

Thursday, July 14

Friday, July 15
10:00 WOW Practice
3-6 pm Farmers Market @
Rod's

Saturday, July 16
Saint Paul Area Synodical
Women's Organization
Convention

Sunday, July 17
8:30 Service Prep for Worship
Leaders.
9:30 WOW Communion
Worship Service Live
and Online,
10:30 Coffee Servers: WOW
11:00 Counters count offering

OFFERING PRAYER:

We offer to you, O God,
**all that you have given to make us better neighbors and
better stewards of the riches of the earth. Accept our gifts,
offered in love, for all the world. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

SENDING:

L: Go in the company of God your maker.
C: Go and walk hand in hand with Jesus.
L: Go in the strength of the Holy Spirit.
C: Go and be kind.
L: Go and be just.
C: Go and be loving

CLOSING HYMN:

“Go, My Children, with My Blessing” #543 ELW

DISMISSAL:

Go in peace. Love your neighbor.
Thanks be to God.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bible School Meeting: Monday, July 11 at 11 o'clock. We are excited about our plans for Bible School. We still have some great opportunities for you to help out with the children. Please come to the meeting or let Sharon or Kris know if you can help out.

The Almelund Farmers Market is in it's 15th Season.

Come Friday afternoons from 3-6pm , @ Rod's Country Corner 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 @ 583-2100.

Mark Your Calendars - Inter State Band will be in Almelund, Friday July 22nd. Meet up with your friends and neighbors for "**Music in Triangle Park**" from 6-7:00pm. [In case of rain, concert will be in the Amador Town Hall. Bring your lawn chairs, blankets, a picnic supper. Don't want to cook? Order fresh-made pizza or subs from Rod's Country Corner. Come early to check out the Farmers Market - the plan is that the Museum will be open, too! Celebrate Summer - enjoy an evening of easy listening - don't miss this fun, old fashioned community get-together!

Every Wednesday there are "Patty Melts" at the Almelund Lion's Ball Field. It is in its 7th Season. From now through July 27th. Serving starts at 5:30. The "crew" will be cooking Patty Melts, Cheese Burgers, Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, French Fries, Cheese Curds with chips, candy & beverages available. What a Great Way to support the Almelund Lion's Club! Don't miss these fun, summer nights to meet up with friends and neighbors - See You There!!

LUTHER POINT CAMPERSHIPS

It's that time again. Check out the brochures and send the kids to camp. WELCA will pay 2/3rds of the price. If you cannot pay the deposit, please contact Diane Rothe (651-583-2402) and we will help you out.

Bible School;

will be held at church on Aug 15-18 starting at 5:30 with a meal for everyone followed by Bible Study, crafts and games. Offering each day will go to the Food Shelf. It can be food or money. Our theme this year will be Celebrations. Our celebration at the end will be a free Taylors Scenic Boat Ride (must be accompanied by an adult) on Sunday evening, August 21. We are looking for helpers especially someone to sing with the children. This could happen between 6 and 6:15 or 7:30 and 7:45 each night. Other helpers are also needed. If you can help please call Sharon Thiel -218-770-3870, Kris Koran 651-583-2336 or the church office. Celebrate Our Life in Christ with the children!

As a finale to 2022 VBS, WELCA has rented the Taylors Falls Scenic Boat on Sunday, August 21, 2022 from 6:00 PM thru 7:20 PM. This tour is open to all and all you need to do is contact Gwen Swenson at 651-674-8568 or email to lovesfairs4htoo@gmail.com to let her know how many will be attending. The boat holds 149 passengers, so we just need an idea of how many will attend.

**July 3, 2022
Attendance: 39**

**Weekly Giving Update:
July 3, 2022**

General	\$4,33800
Benevolence	\$151.00
Building Fund	\$41.00
Loose	\$11.00
Cdfee	<u>\$9.40</u>
Total	\$4,550.40