

Welcome



## IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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



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Pat Remer, Accompanist

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Mark Weslander, Administrative Assistant &  
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Daryl Abrahamson, Cemetery Groundskeeper

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## 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:

**PRELUDE:** "As The Deer" by Marco Sherve

### INTRODUCTION:

*Invited and inviting—that is the nature of the church. By God's grace in holy baptism we have a place at Christ's banquet table. When, by the power of that same Spirit, humility and mutual love continue among us, the church can be more inviting still.*

### Prayer Of Adoration And Confession:

Pulpit: Welcoming God, we join together to offer this time of worship.

**Lecturn: We are glad to come as we are, each one unique, different and each loved just the same.**

P: We are aware that you meet us here, may we notice your presence all around us.

**L: : You are the honored guest, we are invited to be here to join together in worship, in song, word and silence.**

P: May we remain humble and faithful to you here and now and always.

**L: We come to show our love for you and all you have revealed to us in Jesus.**

P: We come to hear your word afresh and learn more of you.

**L: We come to offer ourselves just as we are and to give our gifts to help build your kingdom.**

P: Lord, we come to confess our faults and failings, you know the poor choices we have made, the pride we battle with daily, the ego that longs to rule our lives, we ask forgiveness, Lord, for mistakes and poor choices this past week.

**L: Help us to receive your freely offered forgiveness and to recommit ourselves to making better choices and paying attention to your spirits guiding in our daily lives.**

**ALL: Lord, we want to be the best we can be and to live faithfully in your way, may we draw strength and courage from you as we go about our daily lives. Amen.**

**ACCPETANCE OF NEW MEMBER:** Jen Marshall

Pastor: Jen, welcome to our fellowship

**Congregation: Amen. We welcome you into our fellowship here at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Almelund. We receive you as a fellow member of the Body of Christ, child of the same heavenly Father, and a worker with us in the Kingdom of God.**

## OPENING HYMN:

O Christ The Same

#778 WOV

O Christ the same through all our story's pages  
Our loves and hopes our failures and our fears  
Eternal Lord the King of all the ages  
Unchanging still amid the passing years  
O Living Word the source of all creation  
Who spread the skies and set the stars ablaze  
O Christ the same who wrought our whole salvation  
We bring our thanks for all our yesterdays

O Christ the same the friend of sinners sharing  
Our inmost thoughts the secrets none can hide  
Still as of old upon Your body bearing  
The marks of love in triumph glorified  
O Son of Man who stooped for us from heaven  
O Prince of life in all Your saving power  
O Christ the same to whom our hearts are given  
We bring our thanks for this the present hour

O Christ the same secure within whose keeping  
Our lives and loves our days and years remain  
Our work and rest our waking and our sleeping  
Our calm and storm our pleasure and our pain  
O Lord of love for all our joys and sorrows  
For all our hopes when earth shall fade and flee  
O Christ the same beyond our brief tomorrows  
We bring our thanks for all that is to be

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## FIRST READING:

Proverbs 25:6-7

*The book of Proverbs is part of a collection of writings known as wisdom literature. Wisdom literature gave directions to Israel's leaders and people for the conduct of daily life. Today's reading is about humility.*

<sup>6</sup>Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great; <sup>7</sup>for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

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

Proverbs 25:6-7

Psalms 112

Hebrews

13:1-8, 15-16

Luke 14:1, 7-14

## Today's Hymns

Hymn: #641 ELW

Hymn: #531 ELW

**Happy Birthday  
this week!**

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Kailie Loyas

Matt Oknich

Elizabeth Sandberg

Kendall Flanery

29

Lowell Carlson

Dave Nelson

Sept 1

Carol Carlson

2

Kayla Burnside

3

Ruth Ekstrom

**PSALM:**

Psalm 112

R: Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the LORD and have great delight in God's commandments!

**C: Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

R: Wealth and riches will be in their house, and their righteousness will last forever.

**C: Light shines in the darkness for the upright; the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**

R: It is good for them to be generous in lending and to manage their affairs with justice.

**C: For they will never be shaken; the righteous will be kept in ever lasting remembrance.**

R: They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; their heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD.

**C: Their heart is established and will not shrink, until they see their desire upon their enemies.**

R: They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast forever; they will hold up their head with honor.

**C: The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away; the desires of the wicked will perish.**

**SECOND READING:**

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

*The conclusion of the letter to the Hebrews contains suggestions for the conduct of a holy life, all of which are shaped by God's love toward us in Jesus Christ.*

<sup>1</sup>Let mutual love continue. <sup>2</sup>Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. <sup>3</sup>Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. <sup>4</sup>Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. <sup>5</sup>Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." <sup>6</sup>So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?" <sup>7</sup>Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. <sup>8</sup>Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. <sup>15</sup>Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. <sup>16</sup>Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

The word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**GOSPEL:**

Luke 14:1, 7-14

**Glory to you O Lord**

*Jesus observes guests jockeying for position at the table. He uses the opportunity to teach his hearers to choose humility rather than self-exaltation. Jesus also makes an appeal for hosts to imitate God's gracious hospitality to those in need*

<sup>1</sup>On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. <sup>7</sup>When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. <sup>8</sup>"When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; <sup>9</sup>and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. <sup>10</sup>But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. <sup>11</sup>For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." <sup>12</sup>He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. <sup>13</sup>But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. <sup>14</sup>And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ**

**SERMON:**

**HYMN OF THE DAY:**

All Are Welcome

#641 ELW

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:**

God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

**OFFERTORY:**

Sanctuary

Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary pure and holy, tried and true; with thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

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

**Interim Pastor:**

Matt Saarem

**Organist:**

Momoh Freeman

**Reader:** Pat Remer

**Special Music:**

Marco Sherve

**Instrumental:**

MarkWeslander &  
Pat Remer

**Ushers:** Marty & Jody  
Johnsn

**Sound Tech:**

Julie Johnson

**Camera Tech:**

Vern Johnson

**Altar Guild: Green**

Nancy Nadeau

**Coffee Servers:**

Youth Group

**Immanuel Church  
Calendar This Week**

**Sunday, August 28**

8:30 Service Prep for  
Worship Leaders.  
9:30 Worship Service Live  
and Online,  
10:30 Coffee Server:  
Lynn Schultz  
11:00 Counters count offering

**Monday, August 29**

9-5 Office Hours  
10:00 Newsletter Assembly

**Tuesday, August 30**

9-5 Office Hours  
9:00 Worship Team Meets

**Wednesday, August 31**

9-5 Office Hours  
12:00 Deadline for bulletin  
Info  
2:00 Bulletins Printed

**Thursday, September 1**

**Friday, September 2**

3-6 pm Farmers Market @  
Rod's

**Saturday, September 3**

**Sunday, September 4**

8:30 Service Prep for  
Worship Leaders.  
9:30 Communion Worship  
Service Live and Online,  
10:30 Coffee Servers: None  
11:00 Counters count offering

**OFFERING PRAYER:**

L: Generous God,  
**C: you give us more than we need and continue to shower us with gifts throughout our lives.**  
L: Your son, Jesus,  
**C: taught us of your generosity and invites us to be generous too. You give away so much and ask so little. You invite us to receive and to give away generously too.**  
L: We are sorry that  
**C: sometimes we want to hold on to gifts instead of sharing them.**  
L: Help us to remember  
**C: we do not own your gifts they are ours for a time and we are meant to let them go so they others may enjoy them too.**  
L: Help us to look for ways to share each day  
**C: and hold lightly to what we have received, enjoying it all but ultimately looking for ways to give it away. Amen.**

**LORD'S PRAYER:**

**SENDING:**

L: Go in the name of the One who spoke the world into being.  
**C: Go in the name of the One who, for our sake, came to save and to serve.**  
L: Go in the name of the One who calls us to follow him, and to show our love in humble acts of service to God and to our neighbor.  
**C: Go in the name of the One who calls you his friends and, as you do, go knowing that you are blessed beyond your wildest imagining, this day, and always**

**CLOSING HYMN:**           The Trumpets Sound           #531 ELW

**DISMISSAL:**

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

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**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.

**Sarah Circle meeting** on September 7 at 6:30 at church.

**COFFEE SERVERS NEEDED!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

For the Month of September  
Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall, by the kitchen.

**SUMMER CONCERT SERIES**

St. Bridget of Sweden Catholic Church, is hosting a summer concert series open to all! Come enjoy music from great local talent this summer! Thursday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 7:00—Music and Comedy w/3 of Lakes Areas own. All concerts are free-will offering admission. Concerts held at: St. Bridget of Sweden Catholic Church. 13060 Lake BLVD, Lindstrom, MN 55045

**Apple Festival - Sunday**, September 18th 11:00 - 4:00. Volunteers are needed Sunday to help set-up, serve and clean-up - if interested, please contact Pat @ 583-2100.

Mark Your Calendars for *The Almelund Sampler*, Sunday, October 30th @ 2:00pm. You do not want to miss this afternoon event, featuring music of local musicians sharing their talents. Come - invite your family and friends! Worship & Music will be serving Layer Cakes and Coffee following the concert.

**August 21, 2022**

**Attendance: 62**

**Weekly Giving Update:**

**August 21, 2022**

General	\$3,000.00
Benevolence	\$50.00
Building Fund	\$60.00
Loose	\$24.00
VBS	\$3.00
Use of Church	\$147.50
Online Serv. Fee	<u>\$12.20</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,296.70</b>