

Welcome

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IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

37515 Park Trail, Almelund, MN 55012

Interim Pastor Matt Saarem

Day of Pentecost 9

August 7, 2022

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



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 **With One Voice**; Blue Book

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

INTRODUCTION:

Jesus says, "It is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." It is God's promise from the beginning—to Abraham, to the early church, and to the "little flock" of which we are a part in today's assembly. Faith, God's baptismal gift, trusts the promises of God. Have no fear.

OPENING HYMN: Great Is Thy Faithfulness #771 WOV

KYRIE: p. 28

HYMN OF PRAISE: pp. 29 & 30

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Almighty God,
you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen

FIRST READING: Genesis 15:1-6
God promises childless and aging Abram that a child of his own will be his heir and that his descendants will number as many as the stars. Abram trusts God's promise, and through this faith he is considered righteous.

¹After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ²But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

PSALM:

Psalm 33:12-22

R: Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD! Happy the people chosen to be God's heritage!

C: The LORD looks down from heaven, and sees all humankind.

R: God sits firmly enthroned and watches all who dwell on the earth.

C: God fashions all their hearts and observes all their deeds.

R: A king is not saved by the size of the army, nor are warriors rescued by their great strength.

C: The horse gives vain hope for victory; despite its great strength it cannot save.

R: Truly, your eye is upon those who fear you, O LORD, upon those who wait for your steadfast love,

C: to deliver their lives from death, and to keep them alive in time of famine.

R: Our innermost being waits for you, O LORD, our helper and our shield.

C: Surely, our heart rejoices in you, for in your holy name we put our trust.

R: Let your lovingkindness, O LORD, be upon us, even as we place our hope in you.

SECOND READING:

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Abraham and Sarah exemplify the vision of faith that people of God enact in every age. Their hope and trust in God's promise allowed them to face an unknown future and to receive the promise of God.

¹Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. ⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore." ¹³All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland.

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 = Leader
C = Congregation
R = Reader

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

Today's Scripture

Genesis 15:1-6
Psalm 33:12-22
Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16
Luke 12:32-40

Today's Hymns

Hymn #771 (WOV)
Hymn (Insert)
Hymn #725 (WOV)

**Happy Birthday
this week & Next!**

- 10 Barb Anderson
- 13 Jeanenne Zank
- 14 Pat Remer
- Tom Blakeslee
- Ryan Armstrong
- 15 William Flanery
- 16 Matt Wendel
- Tabetha Forcier
- 17 LaQuita Wedell
- 20 McCoy Lindgren

¹⁵If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: p. 31

GOSPEL: Luke 12:32-40
Jesus encourages disciples to invest their hearts and live fully into God's reign. Instead of facing life with fear, those who know God's generosity are always ready to receive from God and to give to others.

[Jesus said:] ³²"Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. ³⁵Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. ³⁹But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

SERMON:

HYMN OF THE DAY: Have No Fear Little Flock #764 ELW

APOSTLES CREED: p. 33

THE PRAYERS: p. 34

OFFERTORY HYMN & PRAYER: p.35

GREAT THANKSGIVING: pp.36-38

LORD'S PRAYER & COMMUNION: p. 39

CANTICLE: p. 40

SENDING: p. 41

CLOSING HYMN: Blessed Be the God of Israel #725 WOV

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The 2022 American Cancer Society Relay for Life will be hosting our annual event on Wed, Aug 10th at the Chisago Lakes Lutheran Church again. We will have teams selling food and display luminaries which we will light at dusk. Seeing all the Luminaries honoring or remembering those with cancer is heartwarming. The money we raise goes to Research and supporting those with Cancer. I will be selling luminaries after church in July.

Thank you for your support!

Jeske Noordergraaf, 651-775-1233

COFFEE SERVERS NEEDED!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! August 21st

ALSO!!! Month of September

Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall, by the kitchen.

VBS Meals: Serving Groups;

- Monday August 15 Group A
- Tuesday August 16 Group B
- Wednesday August 17 Group D
- Thursday August 18 Group E

Naomi Unit is going to The Stone Inn, Chisago City, August 16 at 11 o'clock. Meet at church if you need a ride at 10:40.

MISSED in August Newsletter

Next Immanuel Connection: **August 13** at the China Panda in Chisago City at 11:30

Parish Care Team meeting: **August 24** at 9:30

The Almelund Farmers Market is in it's 15th Season. Come Friday afternoons from 3-6pm , @ Rod's Country Corner. If interested, contact Pat @ 583-2100.

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

Interim Pastor:
Matt Saarem

Organist:
Momoh Freeman

Reader:
Pat Remer

Ushers:
Marty & Jody Johnson

Sound Tech:
Dave Rue

Camera Tech:
Matt Oknich

Communion Ushers:
Dave Rue, Bob Rothe,
Marty Johnson

Coffee Servers:
None as yet

Altar Guild:
Nancy Nadeau

**Immanuel Church
Calendar This Week**

Sunday, August 7

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

Monday, August 8

9-5 Office Hours
5:00 Property Meeting
6:00 Council Meeting

Tuesday, August 9

9-5 Office Hours
9:00 Worship Team Meets

Wednesday, August 10

9-5 Office Hours
12:00 Deadline for bulletin
Info
2:00 Bulletins Printed
Cancer Relay for Life @
Chisago Lakes Lutheran

Thursday, August 11

Friday, August 12

3-6 pm Farmers Market @
Rod's

Saturday, August 13

Sunday, August 14

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

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, August 4th @ 7:00—A Night of Gospel Classics

Thursday, September 22nd @ 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



Kitchen Reserved For Apple Festival Prepping:

Monday, September 12th @ 5:00 apple butter.
Thursday, September 15th @ 4:00 apple crisp.
Friday, September 16th @ 4:00 apple bread pudding.

COUNCIL MEMBERS!!!

Please pick up council packets for tomorrow evening's meeting
Monday, August 8th @ 6:00.

BLOCK PARTY: stbridgetofsweden.org 651-257-2474

September 3 @ 6-11.

Featuring Hard Day's Night at St. Bridget in Lindstrom.

Turkey Dinner with other foods; Games; Silent Auction.

\$5 Cash Raffle

Free Admission

July 31, 2022

Attendance: 68

**Weekly Giving Update:
July 31, 2022**

General	\$3,115.00
Building Fund	\$50.00
Benevolence	\$200
Loose	\$65.00
Cdfee	\$1.00
Total	\$3,431.00



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LUKE 12:49-56

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