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IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

37515 Park Trail, Almelund, MN 55012

Pastor Justin Fenger

Day of Pentecost

May 28, 2023

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



"Receive the Holy Spirit."
John 20:22

<div>Welcome to Immanuel!</div> <div>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.</div> <div>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.</div> <div>We Encourage all Children who can read, to follow along in the bulletin during our worship service.</div>	<div><div>GATHERING</div><div>Today’s Service is using <u>ELW</u>; Red Book</div></div> <div><div>PRELUDE:</div><div>Sound The Trumpet by Henry Purcell Momoh & Quintin</div></div> <div><div>WELCOME ANNOUNCEMENTS:</div></div> <div><div>INTRODUCTION:</div><div>Jesus may no longer walk the earth alongside his followers, but by no means is he absent. The disciples are about to get blown away by a new and powerful presence.</div></div> <div><div>CALL TO WORSHIP:</div><div>P: Can you feel it? The Spirit hovers over this space like a dove in flight. C: Can you hear it? The Spirit offers a voice to us in whispered tones. P: Can you accept it? The Spirit seeks to inspire us and guide us in our living. C: The Spirit of God is here. We worship God, Father, Son and Spirit.</div></div> <div><div>PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION:</div><div>P: Father, Son, Spirit. C: Creator, Word, Wind. P: One and Three, perfect unity, glorious diversity. C: Here and now fill this place with your Spirit: stir our souls, move our hearts, inspire our imaginations, unite us as we worship you this day. P: When we have labelled and judged and found others wanting; when we have ignored, or bullied, or not spoken up for the vulnerable; when we have disempowered, or disenfranchised, or destroyed, forgive us. Free us. C: May the breath of the Spirit blow away our little boxes and our labels; Blow our minds with ‘same’ and ‘different’ and ‘all are welcome’. May the warmth of the Spirit thaw too-cold hearts; thaw our stiffened joints into care and concern and action for others. May the power of the Spirit flow in and through us, refining and renewing; flow out from us as a source of blessing, this day, and always. Amen. L: We are all together in one place. C: Then comes the rush of wind, L: And the tongues of flame. C: The Holy Spirit is among us!</div></div> <div><div>OPENING HYMN:</div><div>God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind #400 ELW v.v.1,2,3</div></div>	<div><div>PRAYER OF THE DAY:</div><div>Holy Spirit, Give us tongues to proclaim your love to all peoples, and power to work for justice in all the world, through Jesus Christ our savior. Amen.</div></div> <div><div>SPECIAL MUSIC:</div><div>Let My People Go Momoh & Quintin</div></div> <div><div>CHILDREN’S SERMON:</div></div> <div><div>FIRST READING:</div><div>Acts 2:1-21 Pentecost was a Jewish harvest festival that marked the fiftieth day after Passover. Luke portrays the Holy Spirit being poured out upon the disciples before the gathered and astonished people assembled in Jerusalem for the festival. Filled with the Spirit, the disciples were able to witness to the power of Christ's resurrection.</div><div><p>¹When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. ⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." ¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. ¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. ²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."</p></div></div>	<div>We invite you to follow the service and take part in a way that feels right to you.</div> <div>Hearing devices are available from an usher.</div> <div>P = Pastor L = Leader C = Congregation R = Reader</div> <div>Sections in bold are to be read by the congregation.</div> <div><div>Today’s Scripture</div><div>Acts 2:1-21 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 John 20:19-23</div></div> <div><div>Today’s Hymns</div><div>Hymn #400 (ELW) Hymn #676 (ELW) Hymn #401 (ELW) Hymn #674 (ELW) Hymn #521 (ELW)</div></div>
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Happy Birthday
this week!

- 29
Logan Lundsted
- 31
Robert Linder
- Dale Sandberg
- JUNE
- 1
Goldeann Carlson
- Lindsey Thorsen
- Adam Oknich
- Henry Carlson
- 2
- Douglas Peterson
- Kylie Lundsted
- 3
- Gwendolyn Swenson
- Willa Tauer
- James Rue

SECOND READING:

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

Paul is helping the Corinthians understand the relationship between our God-given unity and Spirit-created diversity. The Spirit creates the unity of faith and gives all Christians diverse gifts for the common benefit of all. We need one another's diverse spiritual gifts because the same Spirit has given them to each person for the common good.

^{3b}No one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. ⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. ¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Lord, Speak to Us That We May Speak
v. 1 #676 ELW

GOSPEL:

John 20:19-23

Glory to you, O Lord

The risen Jesus appears to his disciples, offering them a benediction, a commission, and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON:

HYMN OF THE DAY: Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading
(v.v. 1,2,3) #401 ELW

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

God of grace,

hear our prayer.

OFFERTORY: Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ #674 ELW
(v.v. 1,2)

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS:

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

OFFERTORY PRAYER:

Everything we have we owe to your generosity, O God.
Receive these gifts we offer and use them to benefit your children in need, whoever and wherever they may be in this world. In Jesus' name. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER:

LITANY:

L: Feel now the rushing wind of the Spirit's breath!
C: See now the light shining from the flames of the Spirit's presence!
L: Hear now the good news of Jesus in a language the Spirit makes you to understand!
C: Prophecy now as the Spirit, poured out, gives you the words of truth!
L: Dream now of God's reign of justice and peace as the Spirit gives you inspiration!
C: Go now into the world, to will and to work as the Spirit enables you

CLOSING HYMN: O Day of Rest and Gladness #521 ELW
(v.v.1,2,3)

DISMISSAL:

Go in peace. Serve the Risen One. Thanks be to God.

Thank you for helping
lead worship today!

Pastor:
Justin Fenger

Organist:
Momoh Freeman

Special Music:
Momoh Freeman &
Quintin Carlson

Reader:
Richard Sellman

Ushers:
Steve & Laurie
Peterson

Sound Tech:
Julie Johnson

Camera Tech:
Vern Johnson

Children's Sermon:
Pastor Justin

Altar Guild: Red
Tora Carlson &
Diane Rothe

<p>Immanuel Church Calendar This Week</p> <p>Sunday, May 28 9:30 Worship Service Live and Online. 11:00 Counters count offering</p> <p>Monday, May 29 MEMORIAL DAY 11:30 Service 12:00 Dinner</p> <p>Tuesday, May 30 9-5 Office Hours 9:00 Worship Team meets</p> <p>Wednesday, May 31 9-5 Office Hours 12:00 Deadline for bulletin Info 2:00 Bulletins Printed 6:30 Confirmation 6:30 Youth Group Meets</p> <p>Thursday, June 1</p> <p>Friday, June 2 3-6 Farmers Market</p> <p>Saturday, June 3</p> <p>Sunday, June 4 9:30 Communion Worship Service Live and Online, W/Noisy Offering , Senior Recognition, Commissioning of the Youth & Dedication of the fire pit. 10:30 Coffee Served: 11:00 Counters count offering</p>	
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<p>ANNOUNCEMENTS</p> <p>Memorial Day Dinner Group A is in charge of the dinner this year. We are looking for more volunteers to help. We are also hopeful that the youth group will be available to help with clearing and clean up. Look for the sign up board in the gathering area for food and money donations. Please check it and see where you can help.</p> <p>Almelund Farmers Market Began its 16th Season on Friday, May 26th at Rod's Country Corner! Come Friday afternoons from 3-6pm 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 @ 651-583-2100.</p> <p>Class of 2023 Baccalaureate Service Wednesday, June 7, 7:00 p.m. North Branch Area High School Auditorium All senior students, their families, and the public are invited and welcome to this non-denominational service. The service is not required but optional. Baccalaureate is a time where the community and the area churches gather together to honor the graduating class. This year's Baccalaureate will include music, scripture, speaker, prayer, and blessing for the Class of 2023.</p> <p>Youth Group News Youth has just 1 more meeting left this year. <u>MAY 31st</u> @ 6:30pm</p> <p>Please pray for the youth who are going on their Mission Trip to North Carolina</p>	
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<p>COFFEE SERVERS NEEDED FOR July 2nd, 9th, 23rd & 30th; please sign up next to kitchen, Thank you</p> <p>The Zoom Bible Study. The Chosen Season 2 Bible Study, Mondays 7:30pm on Zoom. If interested please contact Pastor Justin</p> <p>Tune in our Daily Texts, Monday through Saturday on our Facebook Page @immanuellutheranchurchofalmelund A daily devotional time based on an Old and New Testament bible verse based on a Moravian Church tradition and Ground Up Grace Publications.</p> <p>COMING SOON!! "Patty Melts" at the Almelund Lion's Ball Field beginning it's 8th season, Wednesday, June 7th and running through July 26th. 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!!</p> <p>The Immanuel quilting group will meet June 13th from 10am-2pm. Come for coffee or join us for a noon potluck. We're working on quilts for our graduates & quilts for the women's shelter. Everyone welcome!</p> <p>The American Cancer Society’s Relay for Life luminary event is going to take place on Wed August 2nd outside the Chisago Lakes Lutheran Church from 6-9 pm. This event raises money for cancer research and supports those going through cancer treatments. I have been involved since 2006 when Dory Johnson invited me to my first Relay.</p> <p>We will be selling luminaries after church on July 16, 23 and 30th. We will also be serving coffee on July 16th. A donation of \$10 is suggested for each luminary on which is written the name of the person you want to remember or honor.</p> <p>The ILC Connection Meets at 11:00 on Saturday, June 17th. Watch for location in the bulletin.</p> <p>Naomi unit meets at church on June 20 at 9:30. We will be having our devotion at the labyrinth. Linda Peterson is serving.</p> <p>Parish Care Team meets on Wednesday, June 21st at 10:00 am.</p>	
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<p>May 21, 2023 Attendance: 98</p> <p>Weekly Giving Update: May 21, 2023</p> <table> <tr> <td>General</td> <td>\$2,508.81</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Benevolence</td> <td>\$57.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Building Fund</td> <td>\$230.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Loose</td> <td>\$94.10</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sunday School</td> <td>\$9.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Online Serv. Fee</td> <td><u>\$9.85</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>\$2,909.26</td> </tr> </table>	General	\$2,508.81	Benevolence	\$57.00	Building Fund	\$230.00	Loose	\$94.10	Sunday School	\$9.50	Online Serv. Fee	<u>\$9.85</u>	Total	\$2,909.26	
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THANK YOU

Sarah Circle would like to thank everyone who came to the Spring Tea. It was a fun day for all. We took a special offering that was given to Viking Vittles in North Branch and Taylors Falls Food for Kids. We received a total of \$515, so each organization got \$257.50. Again THANK YOU very much.



Come and support the many ministries of
Luther Point Bible Camp!

If you have a donation for the auction please contact the
camp office: 715-689-2347, info@LutherPoint.org

Sunday, August 6, 2023

11:00 a.m. Auction Preview Open

11:30 a.m. Worship

12:00 p.m. Lunch

1:00 p.m. Live Auction

August 6, 2023

Luther Point Bible Camp Summer 2023

It's time to get excited for Summer 2023! Scholarships pay 2/3 of camp registration and are paid for all our campers! Camp brochures are available on the table in the Gathering Area.

The theme this summer is Walking with Jesus - Leviticus 26:12. Join a Walk with Jesus to the places of his life through Bible study, crafts, games, and summer fun! Registration is now open. Contact information is as follows: www.lutherpoint.org or 715-689-2347 or info@lutherpoing.org.

The B.U.D.D.I.E.S Program (Building Up Dedicated Disciples Into Experienced Servants) is a great opportunity for 9th-12th graders to not only come to camp for 2 weeks FREE but to share and grow in their faith! Apply online at www.LutherPoint.org.

Camp Connect is an opportunity for K-6th grade kids to come and spend the day learning, singing, and playing games all in the beauty of Luther Point's campus. Full and half day options every week of the summer programming. Breakfast and lunch will be provided for all full day programs, Breakfast will be provided for morning half day programs. A snack will be served every afternoon. \$75/week for half day programs & \$100/week for full day programs. Dates: June 5-9, June 12-16, June 19-23, June 26-30, July 10-14, July 17-21, July 24-28. Find daily schedules online. Volunteers are needed. Join in sharing kindness to others by volunteering to help in many areas around camp for kitchen help to arts and crafts, swim time, boat beach, rec room and more! Sign up online or call the camp office.

Quilt & Craft donations are needed for the annual Summer Celebration and Auction August 5 & 6. Free lodging will be available on a first come first served basis by filling out the request form. Families with young children will be given preference for the family cabins and retreat center. This is the largest fundraiser of the year to support the many ministries of Luther Point Bible Camp. More information and turn-in cards can be found on our website www.LutherPoint.org.

Plan your Retreat or Family Gathering at Luther Point Bible Camp! The Retreat Center boasts 12 rooms with private bathrooms, showers, 2 fireside rooms, and large meeting space complete with a kitchen. There are 48 beds and sleeps 60 people.

The Pine Cove Family Cabins are nestled down along Akermark Bay of Big Wood Lake and are an excellent place for you, your family, and your friends to get away and renew and reconnect. Each of these cabins have been newly remodeled and are fully winterized for year-round use. Each cabin has a small kitchen where you can cook your own meals. The 5 cabins situated along Akermark Bay, steps from an excellent ice fishing location. Finally, each cabin has a fire ring for use.

PLEASE JOIN US; SALAD LUNCHEON
DATE: Wed., June 14, 1023 TIME: 11:00 to 1:00
First Lutheran Church, 1000 S. Jay Ave, Rush City, MN
(Free will Offering) Take-out Available

May 28, 2023
DAY OF PENTECOST

Spirit of Unexpected Peace

Jesus, crucified and risen Lord of mercy, had a mission for his disciples: share the forgiveness they have received with all those longing to know God. He even had the promised gift of the Spirit to empower them. But first, he had to figure out how to get them out from behind locked doors. Jesus' disciples were afraid that what had happened to Jesus would also happen to them, so they locked themselves away and hid.

You could picture Jesus standing outside the door of their room, calling: *Come on out! It's okay! Don't worry! It's time to start sharing the good news!* And the disciples would just say: *No! We're too afraid to open the door!*

Instead of getting them out from behind their locked door, Jesus comes on in. Instead of yelling through the door to stop being such cowards, Jesus slips past their fear and their locked-up lives and brings them unexpected peace. His own Spirit of peace moves out of him as breath, as the wind of God that creates new things, and creates in them a new calming faith. Then the mission of mercy begins. This Spirit from Jesus is a pure gift that creates peace, and peace creates mission.

Fear often keeps us locked up, anxious, unable to live the life God has given us. Thankfully, Jesus knows the way past our locked doors and our fearful hiding. Instead of making us feel small for hiding when we are afraid, he breaks through whatever barriers we put up and gets right past our locked doors. Jesus' own Spirit comes to us through the word, through bread and wine, through silence, through the one next to us, slipping past whatever barriers we put up. The Spirit comes as a gift of peace—peace we can't create for ourselves, peace that is deeper than our own understanding of it, peace that creates new energy for mission.

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The Summer of 2023 Tour



June 10	Wild River Outfitters, Grantsburg	1:00-5:00
June 11	Wild Mountain Winery, Almelund (Second Sunday of each month)	1:30-4:30
June 17	320 Brewing, Pine City	4:00-7:00
July 9	Wild Mountain Winery Almelund	1:30-4:30
July 14	North Folk Winery, Harris	5:15-8:00
Aug 13	Wild Mountain Winery, Almelund	1:30-4:30
Aug 19	Wild River Outfitters, Grantsburg	1:00-5:00
Sept 30	Wild River Outfitters, Grantsburg	1:00-5:00

Dwight
Momoh
Randy



Join
The
Fun!