

13th Sunday after Pentecost

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Lakefield, Minnesota ~ LCMS September 7, 2025

Hymn: 738 Lord of All Hopefulness

Your

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Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- P In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **C** who made heaven and earth.
- P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.
- and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Kneel/Stand

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- May sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- **P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in

the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Stand

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 119:28–32; antiphon: v. 27

Make me understand the way of your precepts, and I will meditate on your wondrous works.

My soul melts away for sorrow;

strengthen me according to your word!

Put false ways far from me

and graciously teach me your law!

I have chosen the way of faithfulness;

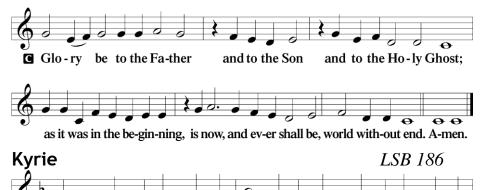
I set your just decrees before me.

I cling to your testimonies, O LORD; let me not be put to shame!

I will run in the way of your commandments

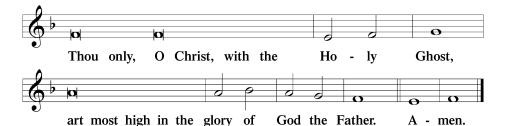
when you enlarge my heart!

Make me understand the way of your precepts, and I will meditate on your wondrous works.



■ Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -





Salutation and Collect of the Day

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And with thy spirit.
- **P** Let us pray.

O merciful Lord, You did not spare Your only Son but delivered Him up for us all. Grant us courage and strength to take up the cross and follow Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading Deuteronomy 30:15–20

"See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying

his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Psalm 34:9, 19, alt.

Fear the LORD, you his saints,

for those who fear him lack nothing!

Many are the afflictions of the righteous,

but the LORD delivers him out of them all.

Epistle

Philemon 1–21

Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our beloved fellow worker and Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier, and the church in your house:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, because I hear of your love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and all the saints, and I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ. For I have derived much joy and comfort from your love, my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you.

Accordingly, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do what is required, yet for love's sake I prefer to appeal to you—I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus—I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment. (Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me.) I am sending

him back to you, sending my very heart. I would have been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on your behalf during my imprisonment for the gospel, but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own free will. For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, as a beloved brother—especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

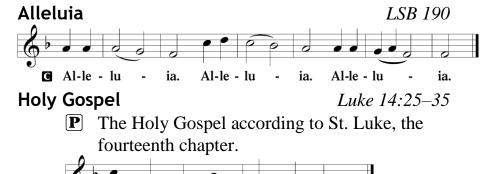
So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me. If he has wronged you at all, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, write this with my own hand: I will repay it—to say nothing of your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, I want some benefit from you in the Lord. Refresh my heart in Christ.

Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

G Glo-ry

Stand



Lord.

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Now great crowds accompanied [Jesus], and he turned and said to them, "If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.

"Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is of no use either for the soil or for the manure pile. It is thrown away. He who has ears to hear, let him hear."



Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,

God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came
down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the
virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius '
Pilate.

He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures

and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,

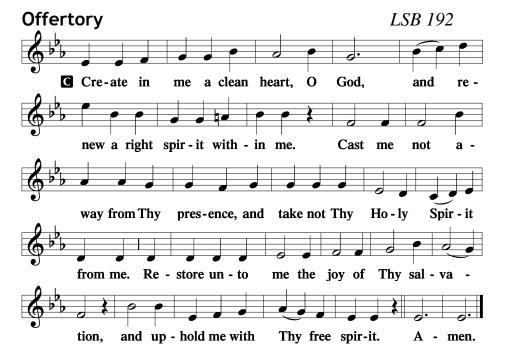
and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.



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Sermon

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Offering

Dedication of Sunday School Teachers

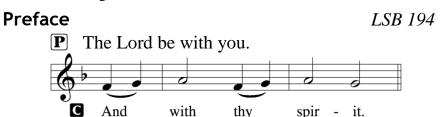
Presentation of Bibles to First Grade Sunday School Children

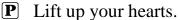
Presentation of Catechisms to Third Grade Sunday School Children

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament





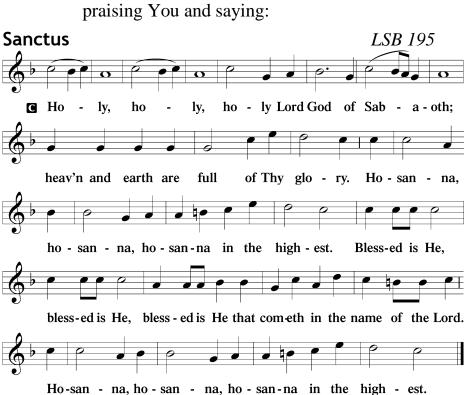


C We lift them up un - to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



C Our Father who art in heaven,

hallowed be Thy name,

Thy kingdom come,

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;

give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive

those who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

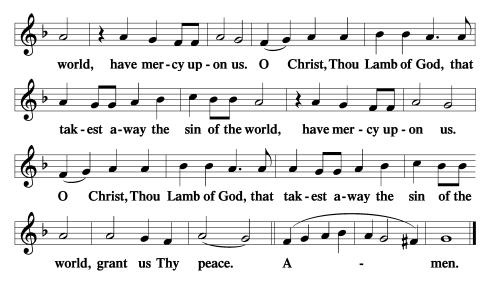
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini LSB 197

The peace of the Lord be with you always.







Sit

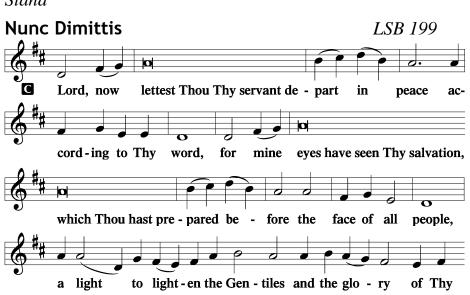
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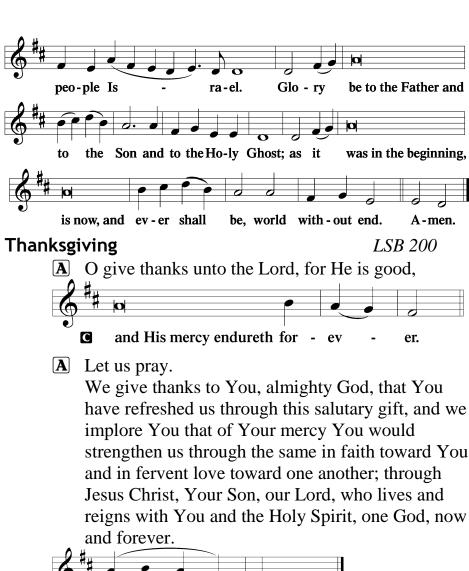
Hymn: 629 What Is This Bread

Hymn: 797 Praise the Almighty

Hymn: 791 All People That on Earth Do Dwell

Stand







Salutation and Benedicamus

LSB 201

The Lord be with you.



A Bless we the Lord.



Benediction LSB 202

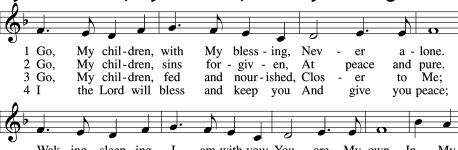
P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace.



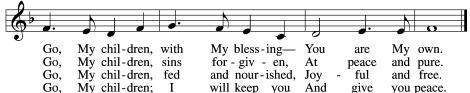
Hymn: 922 Go, My Children, with My Blessing



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, am with you; You My own. are My Here you learned how much I love you, What Ι can cure. Here vou love and love Grow in by serv-ing, Joy - ful and free. Here Mv the Lord will smile up - on you And give you peace: I the



love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you Mine for - ev - er. heard My dear Son's sto - ry; Here you touched Him, saw His glo - ry. Spir - it's pow - er filled you; Here His ten - der com - fort stilled you. Lord will be your Fa - ther, Sav - ior, Com - fort - er, and Broth - er.



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Assisting with the Service

Preacher Rev. Eric Obermann

Elder Shane Rossow & Luke Henning

Organist Jayson Matasovsky

Acolyte Maddox Boogerd & Nora Freking

Usher Josh & Ami Swanson

We Remember in our Prayers

Jan Bakalyar recovering from knee surgery

Butch Bakalyar, nephew of Bruce and Jan Bakalyar, recovering from surgery

Easton and Daisy Gettler

Clyde Daberkow in Hospice

Our residents at Colonial Manor, Valley View, Golden Horizons in Worthington, Accura HealthCare in Milford, Koronis in Paynesville, Good Sam in Estherville

Merlyn Rossow, Rose Parrington, Keith Kolander, dealing with health issues

Doris Rossow; Diane Hansen, wife of Pastor David
McDonald (Trinity Brewster); Miles Ramsey, toddler
cousin of Amy Altman; Pastor Dennis Brech; Joyce
Urmie, sister-in-law of Vickie Baumann; Pastor Ben
Rucker; Mitch Voehl, son of Lila Voehl; Marcus Lere,
grandson of Joyce Bretzman; Denny Daberkow; dealing
with cancer

Curt Gates, brother-in-law of Miles Voehl (Lila's son), dealing with health issues

Our Missionaries in the Field Our Country and Our Military

IF YOU ARE IN NEED OF PASTORAL CARE you may call the church office at 507-662-5718, Pastor Obermann at 563-321-0032, or speak to one of the elders.

COMMUNION: The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is being offered to our confirmed communicants today and is administered in accordance with the Holy Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions. It is celebrated in the confidence that we truly receive, under the bread and wine, the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, through which we further truly receive the forgiveness of sins. Besides individually receiving Christ's gift of forgiveness in this Sacrament, all those who commune here make a confession of their unity in the faith as it is believed and taught in our Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod and in this congregation. Therefore, if you are not a confirmed communicant member, in good standing, of a Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod congregation, we kindly ask that you respect our beliefs and refrain from coming to the altar to receive the Sacrament until you have had an opportunity to speak with Pastor.

THANK YOU SO MUCH to our Immanuel family and friends for the thoughts, prayers, and cards during my recent illness. It is greatly appreciated!

- Dana Schmid

SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY DAY SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 10:15 A.M.

Join us for Rally Day Sunday, September 7th after church starting at 10:15 a.m. It will be on the church carport. The Board of Congregational Services is hosting activities for the kids plus there will be cookies and refreshments for all!!!

(kids, parents, and the congregation!)

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER DEDICATION is today, Sunday, September 7th during the worship service. We thank our teachers who have volunteered their time to teach the children here at Immanuel. Rally Day is also today at 10:15 a.m. Regular Sunday School classes will begin next Sunday, September 14th. They are held from 10:15-11:15 a.m. in the Immanuel Lutheran School classrooms. We are so grateful for our Sunday School staff including:

- ◆ Teachers: Hristina Hage, April Kraft, Amber Liepold, Emily Obermann, and Roger & Shelley Pohlman
- ♦ Superintendent: Mike Dempster
- ♦ Craft Support: Deb Jons
- ♦ Subs: Monette Berkevich, Kari Byam, Sheila Freking, Lola Gunther, Deb Jons, Sarah Laabs, Suzy Milbrath, Rhonda Swanson, Breann Grein, Ami Swanson, Amber Liepold
- ♦ Cradle Roll: Amy Altman

BIBLES will be presented to our first grade students today by Pastor. He will call their name and ask them to come forward. Our first grade students are: Kylee Aukes, Evie Obermann, Kade Pauling, and Tim Larsen.

CATECHISMS will be given to our 3rd graders today. Students will come forward (along with their parents) to get their catechism from Pastor. Our 3rd graders are: Charlie Aukes, Morgan Byam, Easton Gettler, Nevaeh Henning, Riley Henry, Elliott Obermann, Lena Rossow, Soriah Scholten, Jack Swanson, Tate Swenson, and Ezra Wendt.

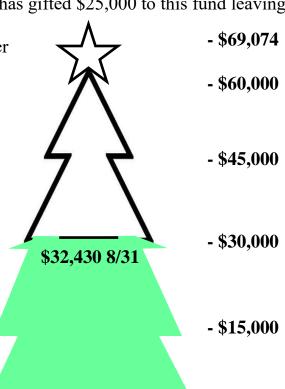
NEW PORTALS OF PRAYER for the months of October through December are now available on the welcome center in the narthex in both regular and large print. Please help yourself to a copy for your devotional use.

CHALLENGE FROM THE FINANCE BOARD: The Christmas in July Service is always a special service for our congregation. We sing some of our favorite Christmas hymns, worship outside in our Lord's creation, and gather together afterwards for a meal. At this service we also get the opportunity to show support for our school with gifts toward the Teacher Salary Fund. The gifts towards this crucial mission go towards providing payroll to our outstanding faculty who teach the young students of Immanuel to grow in Christ. The end of this school year marked our 126th anniversary. As a gift to ensure that the mission of the school in Immanuel is as eternal as God's love, let us challenge ourselves to give 12.6% of our salaries and benefits of school faculty in the amount of \$69,074 as a special giving project. There has been an anonymous donor who has gifted \$25,000 to this fund leaving

a remaining balance of \$44,074. Please consider making a gift above and beyond your normal offering.

There will be a tracking thermometer in the Narthex to follow along with as we work towards this goal along plus this Christmas tree in the bulletin.

Don't forget to mark your offering envelopes "TSF or Teacher Salary Fund" when giving.



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SPAGHETTI/CHICKEN ALFREDO MEAL AND BAKE SALE is at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Lakefield on Sunday, September 21st from 11:30-1:00. Menu includes: spaghetti and meatballs, chicken alfredo, California blend veggies, garlic bread, ice cream, and beverage. Cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 children aged 6-12, and free children age 5 and under. Take out available by contacting Kathy Condon at 507-841-2467. The church is located at 410 Broadway Ave., Lakefield.

SPAGHETTI SUPPER at Trinity Lutheran Church in Brewster is on Sunday, September 21st from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Spaghetti, meatballs, corn, cheesy bread, and a dessert are on the menu. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$6 for children ages 5-12. To go meals are available. Frozen Pies will also be for sale. The church is located at 1025 4th Avenue in Brewster.

Immanuel Pulled Pork Dinner

Drive-thru with Curbside Delivery

Wednesday, October 1

4:30-6:30 p.m.

On the menu:

Smoked Pulled Pork Sandwich

German Potato Salad

Mandarin Orange Fluff

Bag of Chips

Bar

(Gluten free available by request)

Freewill Donation Accepted

Orders will be delivered to your vehicle. Please park on the south side of Immanuel Lutheran Church and School (604 Bush St. Lakefield)

Sponsored by the Immanuel ZVVML

BIBLE CLASS will start up again on Sunday, September 14th. Bible Class is held following church from 10:15-11:15 in the church basement. Pastor will be leading us in a Bible Study focused on the book of Acts. All are welcome to join us.

YOUTH GROUP BIBLE STUDY will start up again on Sunday, September 14th. It is held following church from 10:15-11:15 in the mother's room (in the church basement). LaDonna Peterson will lead the group.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL NEWS

- ILS Soccer Tournament is Friday 9/12 at the athletic field. Come cheer on our Cougars!!!
- School Picture Day is Tuesday 9/16
- Chapel is held Wednesday mornings at 8:20 a.m. All are welcome to join us.

IMMANUEL LWML meets on Wednesday, September 10th. They are starting off with a Favorite Hymn Sing at Valley View at 5:00 p.m. Following the hymn sing, they will gather at the church for their meeting. Hostesses are Lori Kruger and Dellynne Monson.

RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE is at Bethlehem Lutheran Church here in Lakefield on Tuesday, September 23rd from 1:00-6:00. Call 800-733-2767 to schedule an appointment or online at www.redcrossblood.org with code: LAKEFIELDMN.

THANK YOU to everyone who donated and purchased garden produce and bake sale items at the Gardener's Markets this summer! Because of your generosity, \$1,466 was donated for mission projects. If anyone still has fruits and vegetables they would like to donate, please contact Pat Pohlman, our Immanuel Lutheran School Hot Lunch cook.

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER: If anyone did not get their September newsletter or only got the outside sheet, let Amy know (507-662-5718). Something happened with the mail and we received 6 newsletters back in the mail without the outside sheet. We don't know whose they are without that sheet.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY ANNUAL USED BOOK SALE is held at the Jackson County Fairgrounds in the big blue building on these days:

- Thursday, September 11: 10:00-8:00
- Friday, September 12: 10:00-6:00
- Saturday, September 13: 9:00-1:00 (\$3 bag sale all day) Proceeds of the sale assist our Jackson County libraries (Jackson, Lakefield, Heron Lake) with supplemental funds for programs, materials, and extras at the libraries.

WE WELCOME all of our guests and visitors today. We invite you to visit us again. If you have no church home and would like to make Immanuel your church home, please speak to Pastor Obermann or one of the Elders at the end of the service.

BRAD STINE "LAUGH WHILE IT'S LEGAL" TOUR: Clean Comedy with "God's Comic", Brad Stine, is at Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School in Northrop on Saturday, September 27th at 7:00 p.m. E-ticket advance sale only. Here's the link: https://www.martinlutherhs.com/brad-stine-comedy-show.html General admission tickets are \$30. VIP tickets which include a meet & greet with Brad and reserved front row seats are \$60. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Comedy Show is sponsored by Nick Cress, Gemini Studios, and MLHS. Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School is located at 315 Martin Luther Drive in Northrop.

Come at 5:30 for the show and enjoy Supper in the Parking Lot! Pork Chops on a Stick are \$5, Mac 'n Cheese Bowl is \$5. O Scoops Ice Cream and Coke Products will also be available.

FILLING THE BALLOT for Officers of Immanuel Lutheran Church...the Nominating Committee of our Voting Assembly is in the process of nominating officers for Immanuel Lutheran Church. We encourage each and every one of you, if contacted to serve, to prayerfully consider serving your Lord in this capacity. Any questions about boards and duties can be directed to Pastor, the elders, or Amy in the church office. Remember that women can also serve on the Board of Education, Board of Trustees, Board of Finance, Board of Congregational Services, or as Congregational Secretary.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL HOT LUNCH will be accepting food donations of any extra fruits and vegetables. Also any meat donations (frozen) will be accepted. If any one feels they can help with a money donation to the program that would be great also! Questions? Contact Pat Pohlman, our hot lunch cook.

Wondering where you can watch this service?

- 1. Facebook: "Immanuel Lutheran Church" on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. or any time after.
- 2. YouTube: "Immanuel Lutheran Church and School Lakefield" on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. or any time after.

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POINTS OF INFORMATION	August 31, 2025
Current Fund received this past week.	\$4,148
Needed each week	\$10,112
Non-Budget Giving	
Teacher Salary Fund	\$1,125
Immanuel School	\$220
<i>Bible</i>	\$20
Current Fund received in August	\$47,381
Needed in August	\$50,560
If you have any questions, please ca	ıll Jesse Ackermann
Worshipping on Sunday, August 31: 194	

THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL...

Sunday, September 7

Sunday School Teacher Dedication

9:00 AM Worship with Communion

10:15 AM Sunday School Rally Day

Monday, September 8

5:15 PM Board of Congregational Services Meeting

Wednesday, September 10

8:20 AM Chapel

2:10 PM Confirmation

5:00 PM LWML Favorite Hymn Sing at Valley View with meeting to follow at church

Friday, September 12

ILS Soccer Tournament

Sunday, September 14

9:00 AM Worship

10:15 AM Sunday School

10:15 AM Bible Class

10:15 AM Youth Group Bible Study

Tuesday, September 16

School Picture Day

Wednesday, September 10

8:20 AM Chapel

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