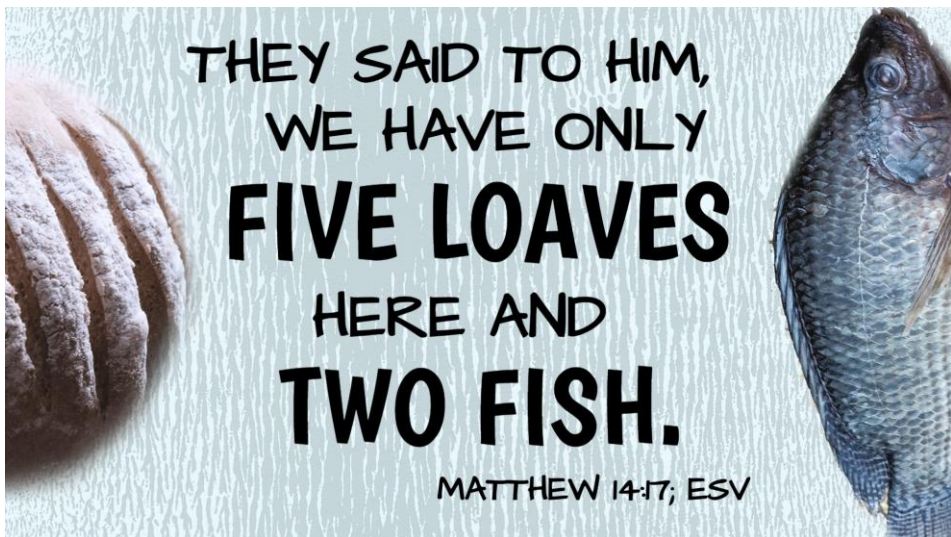




10th Sunday after Pentecost

Immanuel Lutheran Church, ~ LCMS

Lakefield, Minnesota

August 2, 2026

Hymn: 912 Christ Is Our Cornerstone



1 Christ is our cor - ner - stone, On Him a - lone we build;
2 Here may we gain from heav'n The grace which we im - plore,
△ 3 Oh, then, with hymns of praise These hal - lowed courts shall ring;



With His true saints a - lone The courts of heav'n are filled. On His
And may that grace, once giv'n, Be with us ev - er - more Un - til
Our voic - es we will raise The Three in One to sing And thus



great love Our hopes we place Of pres - ent grace And joys a - bove.
that day When all the blest To end - less rest Are called a - way.
pro - claim In joy - ful song, Both loud and long, That glo - rious name.

Text: Latin, c. 8th cent.; tr. John Chandler, 1806-76, alt.

Tune: John Darwall, 1731-89

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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 If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Kneel/Stand

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

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore 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 105:39–43; antiphon: v. 1

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples!

He spread a cloud for a covering,
and fire to give light by night.

They asked, and he brought quail,
and gave them bread from heaven in abundance.
 He opened the rock, and water gushed out;
it flowed through the desert like a river.
 For he remembered his holy promise,
and Abraham, his servant.
 So he brought his people out with joy,
his chosen ones with singing.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.
 Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples!

Kyrie

LSB 152

- A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



- C** Lord, have mer - cy.

- A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



- C** Lord, have mer - cy.

- A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



- C** Lord, have mer - cy.

- A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



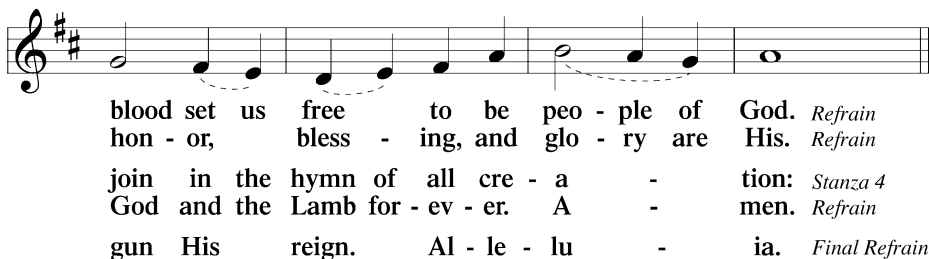
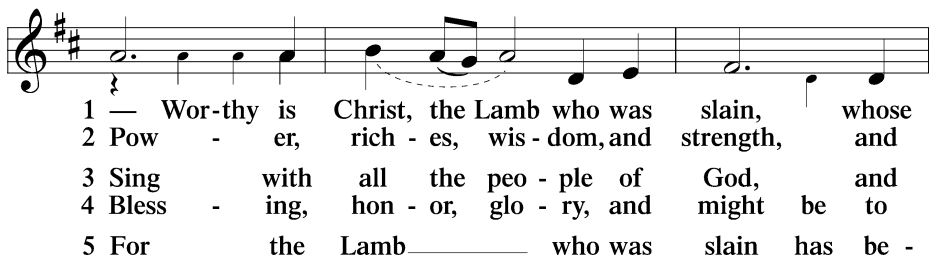
- C** Lord, have mer - cy.

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



This Is the Feast

LSB 155



Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, though we do not deserve Your goodness, still You provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your gifts, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 127

Unless the LORD builds the house,
those who build it labor in vain.

Unless the LORD watches over the city,
the watchman stays awake in vain.

It is in vain that you rise up early
and go late to rest,
eating the bread of anxious toil;
for he gives to his beloved sleep.

Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD,
the fruit of the womb a reward.

Like arrows in the hand of a warrior
are the children of one's youth.

Blessèd is the man
who fills his quiver with them!

He shall not be put to shame
when he speaks with his enemies in the gate.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Romans 9:1–13

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit—that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh. They are

Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen.

But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For not all who are descended from Israel belong to Israel, and not all are children of Abraham because they are his offspring, but “Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.” This means that it is not the children of the flesh who are the children of God, but the children of the promise are counted as offspring. For this is what the promise said: “About this time next year I will return and Sarah shall have a son.” And not only so, but also when Rebecca had conceived children by one man, our forefather Isaac, though they were not yet born and had done nothing either good or bad—in order that God’s purpose of election might continue, not because of works but because of his call— she was told, “The older will serve the younger.” As it is written, “Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

LSB 156



C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 14:13–21

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourteenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

Now when Jesus heard [about the death of John], he withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a desolate place, and the

day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” But Jesus said, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” They said to him, “We have only five loaves here and two fish.” And he said, “Bring them here to me.” Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Hymn: 696 O God, My Faithful God

sts. 1–2, 4, 6



1 O God, my faith - ful God, True foun-tain ev - er flow - ing,
 2 Grant me the strength to do With read - y heart and will - ing
 4 Lord, let me win my foes With kind - ly words and ac - tions,
 6 And on that fi - nal day When all the dead are wak - ing,



With - out whom noth - ing is, All per - fect gifts be - stow - ing:
 What - ev - er You com - mand, My call - ing here ful - fill - ing;
 And let me find good friends For coun - sel and cor - rec - tion.
 Stretch out Your might - y hand, My death - ly slum - ber break - ing.



Give me a health - y frame, And may I have with - in
 That I do what I should While trust - ing You to bless
 Help me, as You have taught, To love both great and small
 Then let me hear Your voice, Re - deem this earth - ly frame,



A con - science free from blame, A soul un - stained by sin.
 The out - come for my good, For You must give suc - cess.
 And by Your Spir - it's might To live in peace with all.
 And bid me to re - joice With those who love Your name.

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585–1647; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.

Tune: Neu-vermehrtes . . . Gesangbuch, 1693, 3rd ed., Meiningen

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Sermon

Stand

Nicene Creed

C 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.

Prayer of the Church

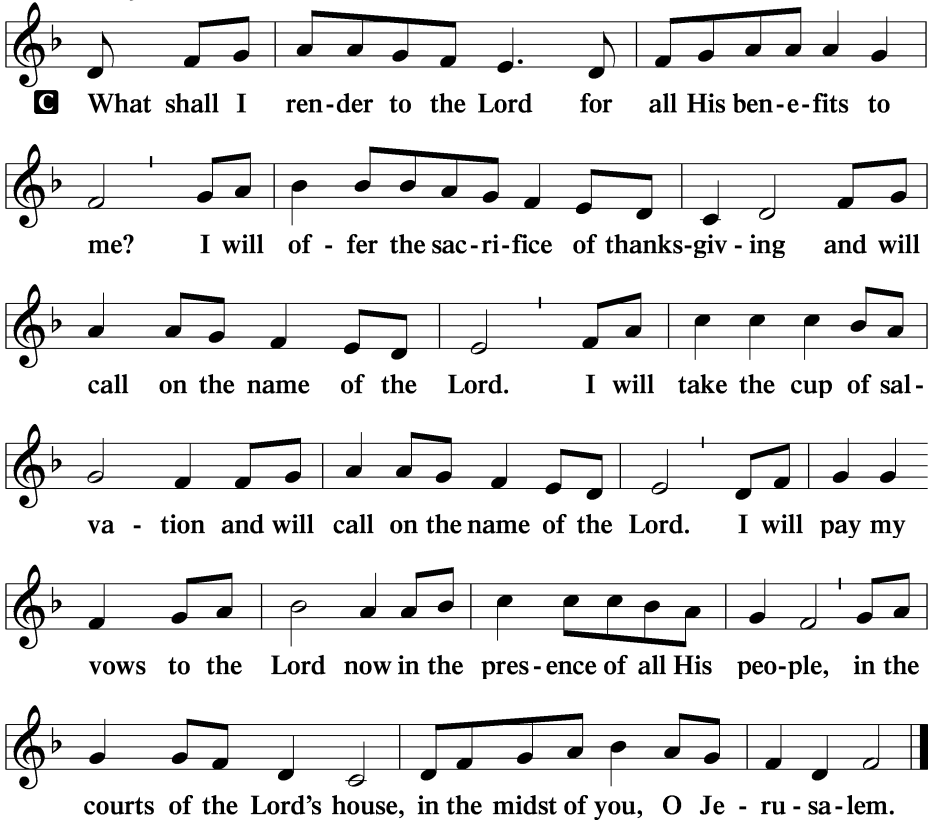
Sit

Offering

Stand

Offertory

LSB 159



C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo-ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

LSB 160

P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, 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:

Sanctus

LSB 161



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 161

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

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.”

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Lord’s Prayer

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.

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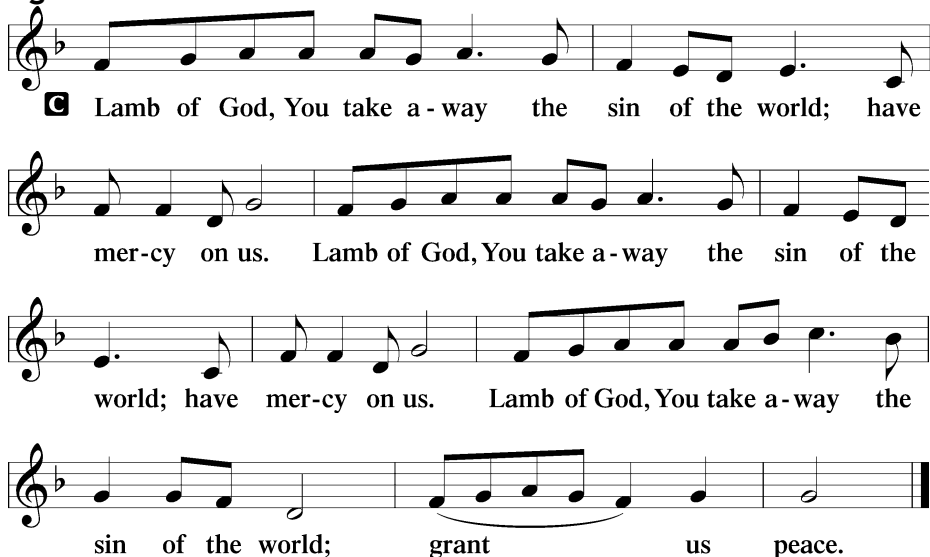
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P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



Agnus Dei

LSB 163



Sit

Distribution

Hymn: 618 I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table

Hymn: 818 In Thee Is Gladness

Hymn: 602 The Gifts Christ Freely Gives

Hymn: 621 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Stand

Thank the Lord

LSB 164



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Benediction

LSB 166

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



C A - men.

Hymn: 806 Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart

The musical score is written on ten staves in a single system. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is written in a soprano voice. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words underlined. The score includes a final double bar line at the end of the tenth staff.

Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, Give thanks to the
Ho - ly One, Give thanks _____ be - cause He's giv - en _____ Je - sus
Christ His Son. Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, Give
thanks to the Ho - ly One, Give thanks _____ be - cause He's giv - en _____
Je - sus Christ His Son. And now let the weak say "I am
strong," Let the poor say "I am rich," _____ Be - cause of
what the Lord has done for us. And now let the
weak say "I am strong," Let the poor say "I am
rich," _____ Be - cause of what the Lord has done for us.
Give thanks, _____ give thanks. _____

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Assisting with the Service

Preacher Rev. Eric Obermann
Elder Shane Rossow & Jim Berkevich
Organist Lori Kruger
Acolyte Mathias Liepold & Jada Milbrath
Usher

We Remember in our Prayers

Betty Hage on her 90th birthday 8/8
Amy Altman undergoing knee surgery 8/3
Leanne Oelke dealing with health issues
Eileen Miesner, sister of Connie Rossow, recovering from back surgery
Ann Falkenheim, friend of Connie Rossow, dealing with health issues
Our residents at Colonial Manor, Valley View, Golden Horizons in
Worthington, Accura HealthCare in Milford, Paynesville Health
Care Center, Good Sam in Estherville, Lakeview in Fairmont,
Good Sam in Jackson
Jackie Ward, Ladonna Driggins, Merlyn Rossow, Keith Kolander,
dealing with health issues
Stephanie Tordsen; Jerry Beech, friend of Roger and Beth Carlson; Paul
Obermann, father of Rev. Paul Obermann; Tim Rossow; Cathy
Henry, Randy Henry's stepmom; Sandy Brown, sister of Vickie
Baumann; Jeff Meyer, friend of Bruce and Jan Bakalyar; Mitch
Voehl, son of Lila Voehl; Joyce Urmie, sister-in-law of Vickie
Baumann; Marla Holcomb, sister of Wade and Alan Salzwedel;
Diane Hansen, wife of Pastor David McDonald (Trinity
Brewster); Miles Ramsey, toddler cousin of Amy Altman; Pastor
Dennis Brech; Pastor Ben Rucker; Denny Daberkow; dealing
with cancer
Dan Altman, father of Adam Altman; Rich Polz, friend of Bruce and Jan
Bakalyar; Chad Kolander, brother of Keith and Corey Kolander;
Curt Gates, brother-in-law of Miles Voehl (Lila's son), dealing
with health issues
Our Law Enforcement
Our Missionaries in the Field
Our Country and Our Military

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.

LADIES NIGHT AT THE WINERY: All women are invited to spend an evening with the Immanuel LWML at the Round Lake Vineyards and Winery on Wednesday, August 12th. We will carpool from the church at 5:00 p.m. or you can meet us at the winery at 5:30 p.m. Attendees are responsible for paying for their own food and beverage. Following our meal, we will have our monthly LWML meeting. RSVP's are requested by Sunday, August 2nd to Carolyn Hansen 507-830-2108 or Donna Hage 507-360-4339.

GARDENER'S MARKET is open Saturday mornings at 9:00 a.m. in August. If anyone has any garden produce or baked goods that they would like to donate to the Gardener's Market, please have them at the church carport by 8:45 a.m. on Saturday mornings. All proceeds from the garden produce and baked goods sold go to various mission projects (both local and national). In the past, these have included Immanuel School Hot Lunch, Immanuel Good Shepherd Fund, Jackson County Ministerial, Lakefield Food Shelf, the Fort Wayne and St. Louis Seminary Food Banks, among others.

ROAST BEEF DINNER is at Trinity Lutheran Church in Sioux Valley on Sunday, August 9th, from 11:00-1:00. Menu includes slow cooked roast beef, homemade mashed potatoes and gravy, home grown sweet corn, glazed carrots, coleslaw, and fabulous desserts. Cost is \$15 for adults, \$5 children age 4-10, and free for children age 3 and under. Meal is sponsored by the Trinity Lutheran Church LWML. The church is located at 38523 730th Street, rural Lakefield.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
AUGUST 2-5
4:30-7:00

CALLING ALL CHILDREN from age 3-year-old and potty-trained to those who finished 4th grade this spring to join us as we embark on this mission! Bible lessons, crafts, games, music, and supper!

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL NEWS

- Back to School packets have been mailed out.
- Back to School Night is Monday, August 24th from 5:30-7:00.
- First Day of Tuesday, September 1st.
- We are fully staffed for the upcoming school year. We welcome:
 - Kelly Ackermann teaching 4th grade.
 - Mallory Jurries as our teacher aide.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS to Betty Hage who will be celebrating her 90th birthday on August 8th. If you would like to send her a birthday wish, her address is 76669 460th Ave., Lakefield, MN 56150. May the Lord bless Betty on this special day and always.

2026-2027 BUDGET was approved at the July voters meeting. It begins August 1st. A printed copy is available in the narthex

SPECIAL MEAL AT VBS: All families of the kids at VBS along with our congregation members are invited to have a meal with the kids on Wednesday, August 5th, at 6:00 p.m. Board of Congregational Services is serving and want to let you know that you are welcome! Following the meal, the kids will have a short program showing what they have learned at VBS this summer.

UPDATE FROM BOARD OF FINANCE: Our church fiscal year is ending July 31st, and we were able to keep on track in June and July to meet our budget obligations. Check out the thermometer in the Narthex. Our need for the two summer months was \$80,896 and we finished with a big week last weekend with our Christmas in July service to end up at \$80,021. On top of that, we received an anonymous gift of \$25,000 to the Teachers Salary Fund. Church attendance has been good this summer, and while the giving varied quite a bit week to week, we finished the fiscal year in the black. We start our new budget year on August 1st, and will have a weekly goal of \$11,800. While we won't continue to update the big thermometer, please follow the Finance Box in the bulletin throughout the year. If you would like more information or to get signed up for Joyful Response, our automated giving program, please talk to Amy in the church office, or a member of the Finance Board. Trust in the Lord and His blessings for Immanuel Lutheran Church and School!

SIoux FALLS LUTHERAN SCHOOL BOOK SALE is at Memorial Lutheran Church, 5000 S. Western Avenue, in Sioux Falls on:

- Wednesday, August 5th: 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- Thursday, August 6th: 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- Friday, August 7th: 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- Saturday, August 8th: 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

There is a \$7 bag sale on Friday and Saturday. All proceeds support the Tuition Assistance Fund at Sioux Falls Lutheran School.

SCRIP ORDERS are taken monthly during the summer. The next order date is Monday, August 24th. Please turn your order in to Amy in the church office anytime that day. Remember, we do have local scrip on hand for Maynard's, Cutting Image, and SoJo. Just stop in the office and see Amy for those anytime. Scrip is a great way to support Immanuel! If you're wondering what it is and how it works, contact Amy in the church office.

Need a warm, delicious meal delivered right to your door during an illness, or after a new addition to the family? Our **Church Meal Train** is here for you! We know life can throw unexpected challenges—or beautiful blessings—your way, and our church family wants to shower you with love (and good food) when you need it most. If you or someone you know in our



congregation could use a little extra support and a hot meal, please don't hesitate to reach out. Get in touch: Contact **Lisa Jennissen at 320-224-6242** to sign up or request a Meal Train. Let us serve you!

ICE CREAM SOCIAL is at Belmont Lutheran Church, rural Jackson on Sunday, August 9th, from 4:30-7:00 p.m. Barbeques, ice cream, homemade pies, coffee, and lemonade will be served under the trees for a freewill offering (Suggested donation \$8). Bring a lawn chair and visit with friends and neighbors. The church is located at 83971 510th Ave., rural Jackson.

FRIENDS OF THE JACKSON COUNTY LIBRARY are now accepting donations for the annual Book Sale! Donations will be collected now through August 31st at the following locations: Historic State Theater in Jackson, Sunshine Foods in Jackson, Lakefield Library, and Heron Lake Library. Donations of gently used Books, Audiobooks, DVD Movies, Music CDs, Games, and Puzzles are greatly appreciated! Please put your donations in a bag or a box. For large donations, please call the library and we will try to arrange a pick up time. Thank you for your donations!

HELP WANTED: Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School in Northrop is looking for a part-time Learning Support Specialist for the upcoming school year. If you are a licensed special ed teacher or a paraprofessional that would be able to serve about 10 hours a week please contact the MLHS office at 507-436-5249.

ILS STAFF DEDICATION will take place during the 9:00 a.m. worship service on Sunday, August 30th. Immanuel Lutheran School staff includes:

- Dean Jennissen: Principal/Early Childhood Director
- Sarah Mattila: Grades 7-8
- Gretchen Benda: Grades 5-6
- Kelly Ackermann: Grade 4
- LaDonna Peterson: Grades 3-4
- Cassie Ulbricht: Grades 1-2
- Stacie Soleta: Kindergarten
- Stacy Soderholm: Preschool/PreK
- Raeleen Grein: Computer/Accelerated Reader
- Crystal Rossow: Teacher Aide
- Deb Jons: Teacher Aide
- Mallory Jurries: Teacher Aide
- Amy Altman: Administrative Assistant
- Pat Pohlman: Hot Lunch

ENJOY AN ICE CREAM SUNDAE FOLLOWING THE ILS STAFF DEDICATION: The Board of Ed will be serving ice cream sundaes for everyone after the worship service on Sunday, August 30th, in celebration of our school staff and as a way of congratulating Principal Dean Jennissen on completion of his colloquy.



FILLING THE BALLOT for Officers of Immanuel Lutheran Church... the Nominating Committee of our Voting Assembly is beginning 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 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.

UPDATE ON BOARD POSITIONS: We have some board members who are at the end of their second terms, including 2 that are Trustees, 1 on Congregational Services, and 1 Elder. All board positions are 3 year terms. Congregational Chairman and Congregational Secretary terms are 2 years.

THANK YOU to everyone who came to the Christmas in July outdoor worship service and potluck picnic on Sunday, July 26th. We thank the Lord and sing his praise for the beautiful weather, shade, and breeze so we were able to worship outside. We sang joyfully of the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ, through many beloved Christmas hymns. Our All School Choir, along with a surprise appearance from our school's alumni, sang "Away in a Manger" with everyone joining in for a special last verse. Thank you to everyone who helped out with this congregational event including:

Board of Elders and Craig Rients for getting everything ready outside
LWML for decorating the church basement, providing the cheesy turkey and beverages for the meal, and getting the food line ready
Board of Finance and Board of Education for cleaning up and taking down the tables and chairs

Board of Congregational Services for taking down the food line and cleaning up

Jared and Jesse Ackermann for putting up the Christmas lights outside

Pastor Obermann for leading this special service

It was a wonderful day and helped out the Teacher Salary Fund. All thanks and praise to God!



**SWEET CORN & PORK BURGER
FUNDRAISER
for Immanuel Lutheran School
Sunday, September 6
10:30-12:30
North City Park in Lakefield**



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St. Paul Rost Lutheran Church**

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED: Please call the church office at 507-662-5718 or Mike Dempster if you can help out. It does not have to be every Sunday, we will need subs also.

ENROLL TODAY AT MARTIN LUTHER HIGH SCHOOL NORTHRUP:

Families with students entering grades 9–12 are invited to enroll today for the 2026–2027 school year. At MLHS, students receive a Christ-centered education that prepares both their hearts and minds for a life of faith, service, and learning.

As David and Alysha Nelson share:

"If you're looking for a school that partners with you in raising your child to know and follow Christ while providing a strong academic foundation, MLHS is an incredible choice. Your child will be known, loved, and guided in both their education and their walk with the Lord."

Schedule a visit by calling 507-436-5249--we'd love to meet with you!
Learn more at martinlutherhs.com.

CLASSES AT MARTIN LUTHER JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL for the 2026-2027 school year will begin on Wednesday, August 26th. The theme for the year is "Imagine" based on 1 Corinthians 2:9. We welcome new faculty and staff members. Elizabeth Knea is the Science teacher, Hayley Luther will teach Art, Paula Tietje will teach Spanish I & II, and Sarah Pfeffer is the office manager.

MK5K FUN AND FAMILY WALK is on Wednesday, August 5th at the Nobles County Fairgrounds in Worthington. This is a 5k run or a 2 mile walk that benefits the Southwest Crisis Center. All proceeds go towards housing, shelter, and critical programs for individuals and families in crisis. Register online at <https://bit.ly/MK5KAugust52026Worthington> Cost is \$30 if you register before August 5th or \$40 the day of the event. Registration is at 6:00 p.m. with the run/walk starting at 6:30. MK5K is presented by Leading Edge Credit Union. Nobles County Fairgrounds is located at 1600 Stower Drive in Worthington.

LAUNCH DAY AT MARTIN LUTHER HIGH SCHOOL NORTHRUP: Final registration day for the 2026–2027 School Year for pre-enrolled students will be held on Wednesday, August 5th, by appointment at Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School.

Students will:

- Finalize their class schedules
- Receive their locker assignments
- Have their school year picture taken

Appointments are available from 11:00–8:00 for finance and guidance consultations. To schedule an appointment visit martinlutherhs.com Students must come in from 3:00-7:00 for school pictures--no appointment is needed.

Preparing students for discipleship until Christ's return.

HOT DOGS & ICE CREAM

Friday, August 28

5:30-7:00 p.m.

North City Park, Lakefield

All are invited to enjoy a meal of hot dogs, chips, homemade ice cream, and water. This is also a wonderful opportunity to have fellowship with your family, friends, and neighbors.

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THRIVENT T-SHIRTS: Have you gotten this year's Thrivent t-shirt yet? Want an extra one? Check out the table in the narthex. Each size is separated by box. Help yourself!

LCMS LUTHERAN SINGLES RETREAT is at Camp Okoboji in Milford August 21st-23rd. Retreat is for single men and women from ages 21-41. Cost is \$100. Register online at faithwinterset.org. Questions contact Dr. Keith Schweitzer at 641-745-5143 or keithlcms@gmail.com

CAMP OMEGA GOLF BENEFIT: Golfers and donations are needed for the Camp Omega Golf Benefit on Monday, August 10th, at Valleywood Golf Course with shotgun start at 1:00 p.m. There will be prizes for First Place Foursome, First Place Team of 2, and individual prizes along with food, games, and raffles. Register or donate now at www.campomega.org/event/golf/

Thank you for helping a child learn about Jesus at Camp Omega! Any questions contact Deb at 612-720-7264 or debv@campomega.org. The golf course is located at 4851 McAndrews Road in Apple Valley.

NOT A GOLFER? If you do not want to golf, come and enjoy a TACO BAR buffet, served by Hollywood Sports Catering service, and a chance of winning some great raffle prizes donated from Bass Pro and other donors. Cost is \$20 for the buffet that begins at 5:00 p.m. RSVP is required by August 8th to Deb Vinkemeier at 612-720-7264 or the Camp Omega Office at 507-685-4266 but you are welcome to come that day if you did not RSVP.

WE NEED YOUR HELP: We are looking for members to help with ushering. Please check out the sign-up sheet on the window in the narthex and write yourself in for a service if you are able to. Questions on ushering? Please ask one of our elders.

EMAIL PRAYER CHAIN: We have an email prayer chain so we can pray for our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ when they are in need. If you would like to be added to the email prayer chain, please email Amy at immanuel@immanuellakefield.com.

OFFERING ENVELOPES: With our offering envelopes not being date specific, please continue to use them until they are gone. When you are getting low ask Amy in the church office or an elder for a new box and they will get one for you. Remember, your number will never change and we do have an extra box with your number on it.

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.

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.

Wondering where you can watch this service?

1. Facebook: “Immanuel Lutheran Church” at the time of the service or any time after up to a month.
2. YouTube: “Immanuel Lutheran Church and School Lakefield” at the time of the service or any time after.

POINTS OF INFORMATION July 26, 2026	
<i>Current Fund received this past week.....</i>	\$14,968
<i>Needed each week.....</i>	\$10,112
Non-Budget Giving	
<i>Teacher Salary Fund.....</i>	\$4,150
<i>Immanuel Lutheran School.....</i>	\$800
Memorials given in memory of	
<i>Ines Henning to Teacher Salary Fund.....</i>	\$20
<i>June Salzwedel to Teacher Salary Fund.....</i>	\$20
<i>Bev Hall to Teacher Salary Fund.....</i>	\$20
<i>Rose Parrington to Teacher Salary Fund.....</i>	\$20
<i>Doris Rossow to Teacher Salary Fund.....</i>	\$20
<i>Larry Miller to Teacher Salary Fund.....</i>	\$20
<i>LeeAnn Bauer to Teacher Salary Fund.....</i>	\$20
<i>Marilyn Bauer to Teacher Salary Fund.....</i>	\$20
<i>Clyde Daberkow to Teacher Salary Fund.....</i>	\$20
<i>Ardie Westergard to Teacher Salary Fund.....</i>	\$20
<i>Current Fund received in July.....</i>	\$39,310
<i>Needed in July.....</i>	\$41,914
Worshipping on Sunday 7/26: 121	
If you have any questions, please call Josh Swanson	

THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL...

Sunday, August 2

Last Day to RSVP for LWML Ladies Night at the Winery

9:00 AM Worship with Communion

4:30-7:00 VBS

Monday, August 3

4:30-7:00 VBS

Tuesday, August 4

4:30-7:00 VBS

Wednesday, August 5

4:30-7:00 VBS

Saturday, August 8

9:00 AM Gardeners Market

Sunday, August 9

9:00 AM Worship

Wednesday, August 12

5:30 PM Elders Bible Study

5:30 PM Board of Ed Meeting

5:30 PM LWML Ladies Night at the Winery

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