

15th Sunday after Pentecost

Immanuel Lutheran Church ~ LCMS Lakefield, Minnesota September 21, 2025

Hvmn: 829 Christ the Eternal Lord



forth on Scrip-ture's page; And by His death sal - va - tion won For ev - 'ry child of earth; Morn-ing Star in splen-dor bright, The Life, the Truth, the Our Wav: Whose praise un - end - ing a - ges sing, Whom yet un - seen we love;



Trans - form our thought and mind, spire our hearts, we pray, truth That light of You give When mor - tal life is past

stand be - fore Your throne, all who read. En - light - en tell Your love a - broad. To To ser - vants as to friends. Your voice from heav-en's throne



to serve You all our days And make Your glo-ry known. Your Word by faith to find The bread of life in - deed. With - in may hon - or Christ to - day And fol - low Him as to walk, Your life to live, Till earth's brief jour-ney That all Shall call Your chil - dren home at last To know we are known. as

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Stand

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

- In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- \mathbf{C} Amen.
- 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,
- I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my 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 119:137–140, 142; antiphon: v. 144*

Your testimonies are righteous forever; give me understanding that I may live. Righteous are you, O LORD,

and right are your just decrees.

You have appointed your testimonies in righteousness and in all faithfulness.

My zeal consumes me,

because my foes forget your words.

Your promise is well tried,

and your servant loves it.

Your righteousness is righteous forever, and your law is true.

Your testimonies are righteous forever; give me understanding that I may live.





Salutation and Collect of the Day

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

O Lord, keep Your Church in Your perpetual mercy; and because without You we cannot but fall, preserve us from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; 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

Amos 8:4-7

Hear this, you who trample on the needy and bring the poor of the land to an end, saying, "When will the new moon be over, that we may sell grain?

And the Sabbath.

that we may offer wheat for sale, that we may make the ephah small and the shekel great

and deal deceitfully with false balances, that we may buy the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals and sell the chaff of the wheat?"

The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: "Surely I will never forget any of their deeds."

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

1 Timothy 2:1–15

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in

every way. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time. For this I was appointed a preacher and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or quarreling; likewise also that women should adorn themselves in respectable apparel, with modesty and self-control, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly attire, but with what is proper for women who profess godliness—with good works. Let a woman learn quietly with all submissiveness. I do not permit a woman to teach or to exercise authority over a man; rather, she is to remain quiet. For Adam was formed first, then Eve; and Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived and became a transgressor. Yet she will be saved through childbearing—if they continue in faith and love and holiness, with self-control.

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

Stand



- **P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixteenth chapter.
- **C** Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

[Jesus] also said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. And he called him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.' And the manager said to himself, 'What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he said to the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He said, 'A hundred measures of oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.' Then he said to another, 'And how much do you owe?' He said, 'A hundred measures of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, and write eighty.' The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings.

"One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful in that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own? No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money."

The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all

these things, and they ridiculed him. And he said to them, "You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God."

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- **C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

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 '

He suffered and was buried.

Pilate.

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

who spoke by the prophets.

worshiped and glorified,

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.

Sit





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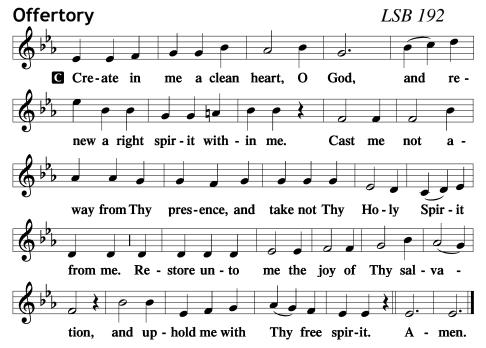
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Sermon

Praying – 1 Timothy 2:1-14

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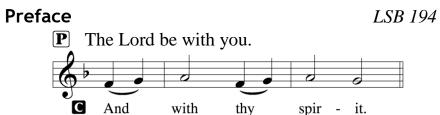
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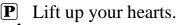
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Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament





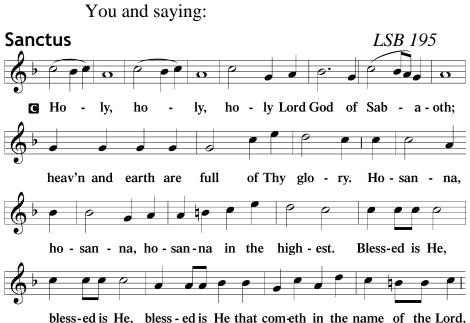


P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



C It is meet and right so to do.

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, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saving:





Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

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

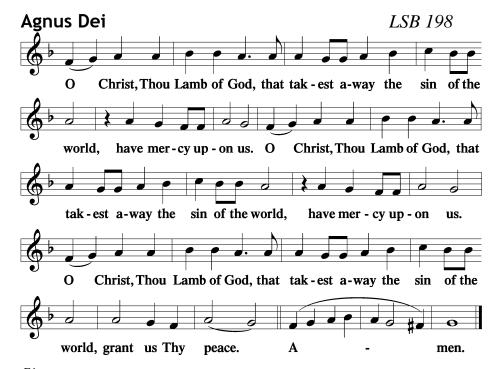
Dur Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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.

C A - men.

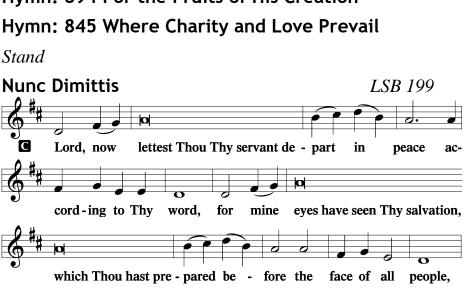


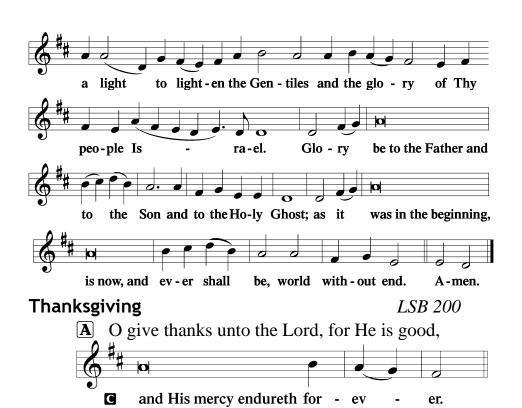
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Distribution

Hymn: 842 Son of God, Eternal Savior

Hymn: 894 For the Fruits of His Creation





A Let us pray.

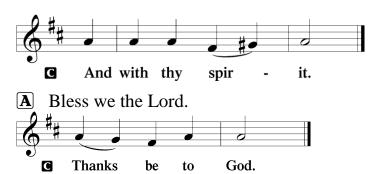
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You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



Salutation and Benedicamus

LSB 201

P The Lord be with you.



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: 712 Seek Ye First

Assisting with the Service

Preacher Rev. Eric Obermann

Elder Steve Matasovsky & Joel Poppe

Organist Brenda Matasovsky

Acolyte Karissa Daberkow & Caleb Laabs

Usher Rhonda Swanson

We Remember in our Prayers

Lila Voehl on her 90th birthday 9/17

Marie Kruse on her 80th birthday 9/22

Roger and Beth Carlson on the death of Beth's sister, Paulette (Sunni) Rosso

Lorri Lillquist, friend of Bruce and Jan Bakalyar, recovering from surgery

Megan John and Brent Zemler on their upcoming wedding 10/4

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

Jan Bakalyar, 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

Butch Bakalyar, nephew of Bruce and Jan Bakalyar; 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

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.

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.

OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS are with Roger and Beth Carlson & family on the death of Beth's sister, Paulette (Sunni) Rosso. Paulette passed away on September 15th. We pray that God would comfort the family at this difficult time.

SUNDAY SCHOOL, YOUTH GROUP BIBLE STUDY, AND ADULT BIBLE CLASS are held after church from 10:15-11:15. All are welcome to join us!

- Sunday School (3-year-old through 5th grade) is in the school classrooms.
- Youth Group Bible Study for 6th-12th grade is in the mother's room (in the church basement).
- Adult Bible Class is in the church basement.

OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS are with Megan John and Brent Zemler as they will be united in marriage on October 4th. We pray that God would be a cornerstone of their marriage.

SUBMISSIONS FOR THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER need to be turned in to Amy in the office by September 25th.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL NEWS

- Upcoming Volleyball
 - O Tuesday 9/23 at 4:30: 5th-6th and 7th-8th at St. Paul's Truman
 - O Thursday 10/2 at 4:15: 5/6 at home vs. St. John Vianney
- Join us for Chapel on Wednesdays at 8:20 a.m.

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 ZWML

SPAGHETTI/CHICKEN ALFREDO MEAL AND BAKE SALE at St.

Joseph Catholic Church in Lakefield is today, 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 today, 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.

"I WILL BE GLAD AND EXULT IN YOU; I WILL SING PRAISE TO YOUR NAME, O MOST HIGH." PS 9:2. Choir begins September 24th at 7:10 p.m. in the balcony. If you like to sing, please join our group. All are welcome to share in the fellowship and fun we having praising our Lord. No requirements other than a love for singing. Everything else will be taught. We hope to see you there.

HELP NEEDED at the Pulled Pork Dinner on Wednesday, October 1st. This dinner is sponsored by our LWML. Can you help them out? Please check out the sign-up sheets on the window in the narthex. Thank you so much! The LWML uses its proceeds to help out with many projects at the church and parsonage along with supporting missions. Previous projects include flooring in the parsonage, new church organ, new parsonage stove, new dishwasher for church kitchen, new church kitchen flooring, refinish church basement flooring...



LWML SUNDAY OCTOBER 12 "GO" LUKE 24:44-53

LWML Sunday here at Immanuel is October 12th.

Over 80 years of History!

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) was established in 1942 as the official women's auxiliary of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Beginning with the launch of our new logo in 2023, we have shifted toward the use of the descriptive phrase Lutheran

Women in Mission. This phrase clearly states who we are and what we do. **Lutheran Women in Mission:** As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others. On Lutheran Women in Mission Sunday we remember our past and look to the future.

Did you know that purple is the LWML color? We are asking everyone in the congregation to please wear purple to church on LWML Sunday, October 12th.

scrip orders are taken weekly again now that the school year has started. Turn in your orders to Amy in the church office by 8:00 on Monday mornings and it will be ready for you to pick up on the following Monday. Order forms are on the welcome center in the narthex (they're blue). Any questions ask Amy in the office by calling 507-662-5718 or send an email to immanuel@immanuellakefield.com This is a GREAT way to support Immanuel!



LWML Fall Get-Together

ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH 1505 DOVER STREET WORTHINGTON

(use North entrance – elevator available)
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4
9:30 a.m. with a 9:00 registration
Cost is \$5

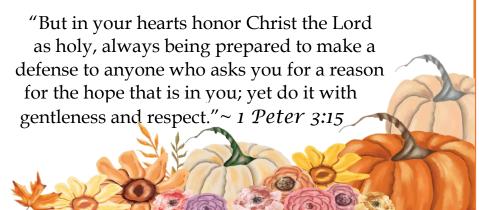
Want to carpool? We are leaving at 8:30. Please park in the alley next to Immanuel.

Theme: Hope

Speaker: Wade Wacker, founder of "Reasons for Hope"

Gifts from the Heart items are being collected for both Reasons for Hope and Southwest Crisis Center: toothpaste, toothbrush, wet wipes, toilet paper, Kleenex, shampoo (full size), conditioner (full size), body lotion, bath soap, feminine products, diapers (sizes 4, 5, 6), baby wipes, hair accessories (binders, clips, brushes, combs), nail care (files, polish, clippers), cleaning supplies (paper towels, toilet paper, Clorox wipes, rags, cleaning spray)

There is a collection box in the narthex.



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.



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.

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.

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.

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.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL HOT LUNCH is 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 in the kitchen.

PASTOR'S DAY OFF during the week is Friday.

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.

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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THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL...

Sunday, September 21

9:00 AM Worship with Communion

10:15 AM Sunday School

10:15 AM Bible Class

10:15 AM Youth Group Bible Study

Tuesday, September 23

4:30 PM VB at St. Paul's Truman (5/6 & 7/8)

Wednesday, September 24

8:20 AM Chapel

2:10 PM Confirmation

5:30 PM Board of Ed Meeting

5:30 PM Board of Elders Meeting

6:10 PM Immanuel Ringers

7:00 PM Joint Boards and Church Council

7:10 PM Choir

Sunday, September 28

9:00 AM Worship

10:15 AM Sunday School

10:15 AM Bible Class

10:15 AM Youth Group Bible Study

10:30 AM Board of Finance Meeting

Wednesday, October 1

8:20 AM Chapel

2:10 PM Confirmation

4:30-6:30 LWML Pulled Pork Dinner

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