



Immanuel Lutheran Church, Lakefield, MN - LCMS
October 26, 2025

True Freedom

As We Gather

We are blessed with many freedoms in this country. We have freedom of speech. We have freedom of religion, with the freedom to assemble. We live in the “land of the free and the home of the brave.” It is easy to rely on our citizenship for proof of our freedom. In that way, we are like the Jewish people at the time of Jesus. They relied on their Abrahamic lineage for freedom, recalling the covenant God made with Abraham and his descendants. While these national freedoms are great blessings, in the Holy Gospel, Jesus points out that for true freedom, one must be free from slavery to sin. Only in Christ is anyone truly free.

Preparation

Hymn: 556

Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice

sts. 1–5



1 Dear Chris-tians, one and all, re - joice, With ex - ul - ta - tion
2 Fast bound in Sa - tan's chains I lay; Death brood-ed dark - ly
3 My own good works all came to naught, No grace or mer - it
4 But God had seen my wretch-ed state Be - fore the world's foun -
5 God said to His be - lov - ed Son: "It's time to have com -



spring-ing, And with u - nit - ed heart and voice And ho - ly
o'er me. Sin was my tor - ment night and day; In sin my
gain - ing; Free will a - gainst God's judg - ment fought, Dead to all
da - tion, And mind - ful of His mer - cies great, He planned for
pas - sion. Then go, bright Jew - el of My crown, And bring to



rap - ture sing - ing, Pro - claim the won - ders God has done, How
moth - er bore me. But dai - ly deep - er still I fell; My
good re - main - ing. My fears in - creased till sheer de - spair Left
my sal - va - tion. He turned to me a fa - ther's heart; He
all sal - va - tion. From sin and sor - row set them free; Slay



His right arm the vic - t'ry won. What price our ran - som cost Him!
life be - came a liv - ing hell, So firm - ly sin pos - sessed me.
on - ly death to be my share; The pangs of hell I suf - fered.
did not choose the eas - y part But gave His dear - est trea - sure.
bit - ter death for them that they May live with You for - ev - er."

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Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Opening Sentences

Psalm 46:1, 7, 10–11

P God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

C The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

P “Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!”

C The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Confession and Absolution

Isaiah 35:10

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

C Almighty God, You are our mighty fortress. We resist this reality when we live according to the so-called wisdom of the world. We resist the reality that, in Christ, we are free indeed when we use our law-keeping as a measure of our standing with You. We resist the reality that You are with us when we celebrate Your works as our own. Still our selfish nature and forgive our sins for Jesus’ sake. Gladden our hearts and set us free.

P The prophet Isaiah reminds us, “The ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.” This is our reality as Jesus forgives us and sets us free. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive You all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Word

Introit *Psalm 34:1–2, 11, 22; antiphon: Psalm 119:46*

P I will speak of Your testimonies before kings, O Lord, and shall not be put to shame.

C I will bless the LORD at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

P My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.

C Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

P The LORD redeems the life of His servants; none of those who take refuge in Him will be condemned.

C 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.

P I will speak of Your testimonies before kings, O Lord, and shall not be put to shame.

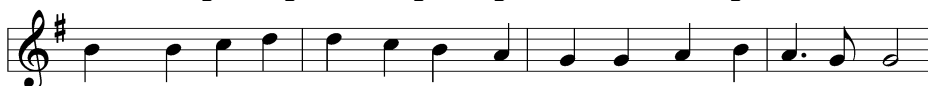
Kyrie: 803 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore Thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!

2 All Thy works with joy sur-round Thee, Earth and heav'n re - flect Thy rays,

△ 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, Ev - er bless-ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore Thee, Prais-ing Thee, their sun a - bove.
Stars and an-gels sing a-round Thee, Cen - ter of un - bro-ken praise.
Well-spring of the joy of liv - ing, O - cean-depth of hap-py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness, Drive the gloom of doubt a-way.
Field and for-est, vale and moun-tain, Flow - 'ry mead-ow, flash-ing sea,
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it, Foun-tain - head of love di-vine:



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad-ness, Fill us with the light of day.
Chant-ing bird, and flow - ing foun-tain Call us to re - joice in Thee.
Joy - ful, we Thy heav'n in - her - it! Joy-ful, we by grace are Thine!

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Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray.

O God of glory, we worship You who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water. We worship You who freely forgives us through the propitiation of Jesus' blood, which justifies us freely by Your grace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and rules with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end.

C Amen.

First Reading

Genesis 4:1–15

Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, "I have gotten a man with the help of the LORD." And again, she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a worker of the ground. In the course of time Cain brought to the LORD an offering of the fruit of the ground, and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the LORD had regard for Abel and his offering, but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell. The LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is for you, but you must rule over it."

Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him. Then the LORD said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" He said, "I do not know; am I my

brother's keeper?" And the LORD said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood is crying to me from the ground. And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. When you work the ground, it shall no longer yield to you its strength. You shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth." Cain said to the LORD, "My punishment is greater than I can bear. Behold, you have driven me today away from the ground, and from your face I shall be hidden. I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me." Then the LORD said to him, "Not so! If anyone kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold." And the LORD put a mark on Cain, lest any who found him should attack him.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Psalm 48:1a, 12–14a

P Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised in the city of our God!

C Walk about Zion, go around her, number her towers,

P consider well her ramparts, go through her citadels,

C that you may tell the next generation that this is God, our God forever and ever.

Immanuel Ringers

O Worship the King

O worship the King, all glorious above.

O gratefully sing His pow'r and His love;

Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,

Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

Frail children of dust and feeble as frail,

In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail.

Thy mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,

Our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend!

Epistle

2 Timothy 4:6–8, 16–18

For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing. . . .

At my first defense no one came to stand by me, but all deserted me. May it not be charged against them! But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Verse

Luke 12:32

P Alleluia.

C Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

P Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

2 Timothy 4:6–8, 16–18

P The Holy Gospel according to St. 2 Timothy, the fourth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

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P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sunday School Choir

I Am Jesus' Little Lamb

Children's Message

Hymn: 656 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



1 A	might	- y	for	- tress	is	our	God,
2 With	might	of	ours	can	naught	be	done,
3 Though	dev	- ils	all	the	world	should	fill,
4 The	Word	they	still	shall	let	re -	main



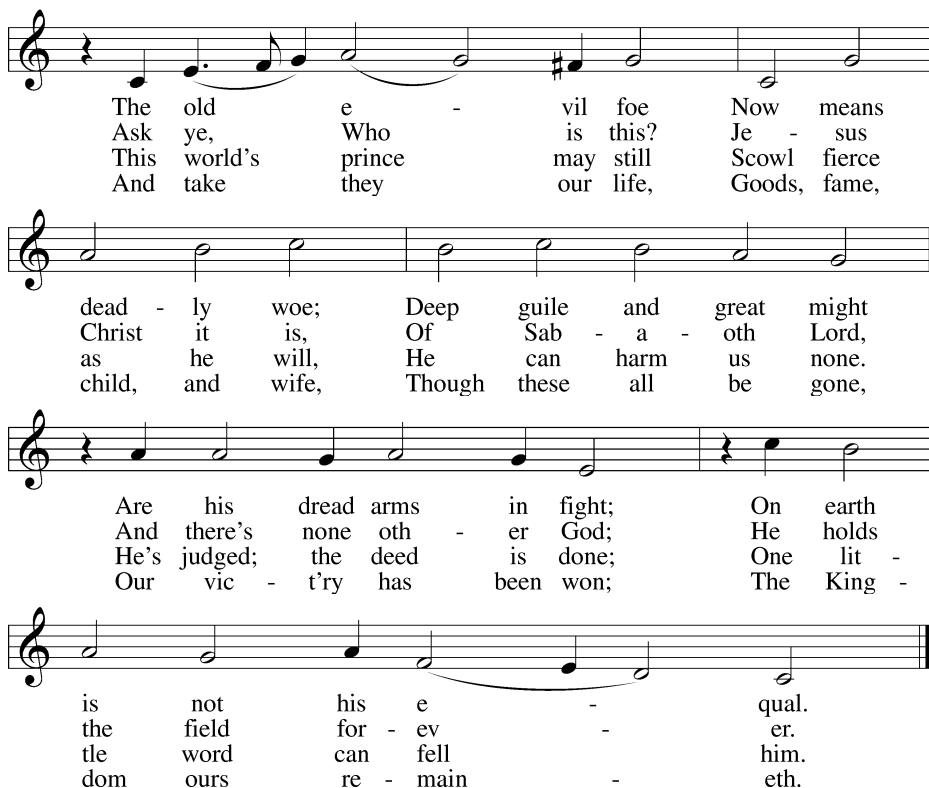
A	trust	- y	shield	and	weap	-	on;
Soon	were	our	loss	ef -	fect	-	ed;
All	ea -	ger	to	de -	vour		us,
Nor	an -	y	thanks	have	for		it;



He	helps	us	free	from	ev -	'ry	need
But	for	us	fight	the	val	-	One,
We	trem -	ble	not,	we	fear		ill;
He's	by	our	side	up -	on	the	plain



That	hath	us	now	o'er -	tak	-	en.
Whom	God	Him	- self	e -	lect	-	ed.
They	shall	not	-	ver -	pow'r		us.
With	His	good	gifts	and	Spir	-	it.



The old e - vil foe Now means
 Ask ye, Who is this? Je - sus
 This world's prince may still Scowl fierce
 And take they our life, Goods, fame,
 dead - ly woe; Deep guile and great might
 Christ it is, Of Sab - a - oth Lord,
 as he will, He can harm us none.
 child, and wife, Though these all be gone,
 Are his dread arms in fight; On earth
 And there's none oth - er God; He holds
 He's judged; the deed is done; One lit -
 Our vic - t'ry has been won; The King -
 is not his e - qual.
 the field for - ev - er.
 tle word can fell him.
 dom ours re - main eth.

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Sermon

Offering – 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Creed

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.

Offering

Prayer of the Church

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ
Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
O Lord of hosts, we give You glory and thanks for
being our refuge and strength, a very present help in

trouble, especially on this Reformation festival.
Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Thank You for the gift of Your grace that alone sets us free through the blood of Your Son, Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Faithful and forgiving God, thank You for bringing us to faith in You. It is through this faith alone that we are saved. Grow us in Your grace and guide us by Your Spirit in living our faith daily. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P O Word who became flesh and dwelt among us, You have given us the Word of Life. Strengthen us by Your Word. Lead and guide us by Your truth. Give Your church on earth faithful pastors who preach and teach the Gospel in all its purity. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Lord Jesus, You are the One who sets us free. In You alone our hope is found. You are our strength and our refuge. Remember all who face adversity of any kind, [*especially* . . .]. Comfort, strengthen, and heal them by Your Holy Spirit. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Preserve Your church, O Lord, and each of us as members of Christ's Body, that we may not surrender the true Gospel for any reason but be kept in this faith and fear throughout the days of our earthly pilgrimage, until that day when we and all Your people shall stand before the judgment seat of Christ to receive the reward You have prepared for

us and all who have loved His appearing. To You alone be all glory, now and forever, for You rule and reign as one God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

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.

Benediction *Psalm 46:1, 7, 10–11; Numbers 6:24–26*

- P** God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
- C** The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.
- P** “Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!”
- C** The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.
- 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** Amen.

Hymn: 556

Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice

sts. 6–10



6 The Son o - beyed His Fa - ther's will, Was born of vir - gin
7 To me He said: "Stay close to Me, I am your rock and
8 "Though he will shed My pre - cious blood, Me of My life be -
9 "Now to My Fa - ther I de - part, From earth to heav'n as -
10 "What I on earth have done and taught Guide all your life and



moth - er; And God's good plea - sure to ful - fill, He came to
cas - tle. Your ran - som I My - self will be; For you I
reav - ing, All this I suf - fer for your good; Be stead - fast
cend - ing, And, heav'n - ly wis - dom to im - part, The Ho - ly
teach - ing; So shall the king - dom's work be wrought And hon - ored



be my broth - er. His roy - al pow'r dis - guised He bore; A
strive and wres - tle. For I am yours, and you are Mine, And
and be - liev - ing. Life will from death the vic - t'ry win; My
Spir - it send - ing; In trou - ble He will com - fort you And
in your preach - ing. But watch lest foes with base al - loy The



ser - vant's form, like mine, He wore To lead the dev - il cap - tive.
where I am you may re - main; The foe shall not di - vide us.
in - no - cence shall bear your sin, And you are blest for - ev - er.
teach you al - ways to be true And in - to truth shall guide you.
heav'n - ly trea - sure should de - stroy; This fi - nal word I leave you."

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Elder Steve Matasovsky

Organist Lori Kruger

Acolyte Mathias Liepold & Simeon Peterson

Usher Paul & Sue Spoo

We Remember in our Prayers

Caitlin Brandt and Kody Burmeister as they were wed 10/25

Dwaine Rossow and family on the death of his wife, Doris

Rossow

Sarah Burch and family on the death of her mother, Rose

Parrington

John Luft recovering from shoulder surgery

Dave Altman, uncle of Adam Altman, undergoing heart surgery

Diane Hansen, wife of Pastor David McDonald (Trinity Brewster), hospitalized

Clyde Daberkow in Hospice

Our Farmers in the Field

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, Keith Kolander, dealing with health issues

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; Denny Daberkow; dealing with cancer

Lorri Lillquist, friend of Bruce and Jan Bakalyar; 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

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 Sarah Burch and family on the death of her mother, Rose Parrington. Rose passed away on October 20th. We pray that God would comfort the family at this difficult time.

OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS are with Dwaine Rossow and family on the death of his wife, Doris Rossow. Doris passed away on October 22nd. We pray that God would comfort the family at this difficult time.

OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS are with Caitlin Brandt and Kody Burmeister as they were wed on October 25th. We pray that God would be a cornerstone of their marriage.

ILS Shopping Night

Friday, November 7

4:30-7:30 PM

Immanuel Activity Center

620 Bush St., Lakefield, MN

Come and do your Christmas Shopping...

- Shop the products of many home-based and local businesses for unique gifts
- Bid on the Silent Auction baskets
- Meal ~ 7th-8th grade are hosting as a fundraiser for their class trip with a freewill donation
- I:55 Book Fair



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.

SILENT AUCTION OF BEAUTIFULLY DECORATED BASKETS will take place during ILS Shopping Night. If your family would like to create a beautiful basket as part of the auction, please do! If you have any questions, contact Jessica Mulder or Amy in the office. The theme (as long as it is in good taste) and the amount you wish to spend is up to you. Proceeds from the sale of the baskets will go to Immanuel Lutheran School. The baskets will be displayed at ILS Shopping Night on November 7th. Here are some guidelines to follow to make it easier for everyone:

- *Please have your baskets wrapped in cellophane which may be purchased at Wal-Mart or Hobby Lobby.*
- *Baskets need to be brought to the school by November 6th.*
- *Please make an attractive tag with all your items listed on it, plus the total of your basket.*

CHRISTMAS WREATHS: We are selling cross wreaths as a fundraiser for our youth group. Cost for a wreath is \$40. Write your check out to Immanuel. Wreaths will be ordered through Village Green. Wreaths will be ready to be picked up in the middle of November from Village Green. You will get a call from the church when the wreaths are in. Orders are due Friday, October 31st. Please let Amy in the church office know if you'd like a wreath. Call her at 507-662-5718 or email to immanuel@immanuellakefield.com

YOUTH GROUP BAKE SALE will be at a booth during ILS Shopping Night on Friday, November 7th from 4:30-7:30. If anyone would like to help out and bake some items for their bake sale, please do! Full pans of bars, partial pans, packaged cookies, pies, etc... would all be very welcome. Please drop off any donations by noon on November 7th. Any questions please contact Sarah Laabs.

SOUP AND DESSERT LUNCH is at the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Heron Lake is today, Sunday, October 26th, from 11:00-2:00. On the menu: chili, chicken noodle soup, cream of broccoli soup, potato bacon soup, desserts, and a drink. Freewill donations accepted. A bake sale will also be held. The church is located at 231 11th Street in Heron Lake.

HELP WITH THANKSGIVING DISPLAY: One of our many ministries at Immanuel is decorating for the special holidays. If you are interested in decorating the chancel area for the harvest season, please let Amy in the church office know. You can call her at 507-662-5718 or send an email to immanuel@immanuellakefield.com.

CLERGY APPRECIATION MONTH: October is designated as Clergy Appreciation Month. Please take the time to say "thank you" to Pastor Obermann for all he is does for us here at Immanuel. We are so happy to have him and his family here!

2ND ANNUAL LAKEFIELD LIONS SOCKTOBERFEST:

Collection is October 1st thru 31st. New socks only will be accepted from ages 0 to 18. Drop off points in local businesses in Lakefield. Look for the signs in the windows for a drop off. If you can't find a drop off and would like to donate socks please email lakefieldlions@gmail.com and we will contact you and collect them. Any other questions contact Sherrill Frantsen by emailing the address above.

ALL SAINTS DAY will be celebrated on Sunday, November 2nd. As part of our celebration, we will be commemorating the faithful departed, those who have been called to their eternal rest during the past year. We give thanks to our God for these individuals who were examples in Christian faith to us...

Delores Steffen

Marlene Hendricksen

Melvin Grein

Linda Wagner

Ines Henning

June Salzwedel

Beverly Hall

Rose Parrington

Doris Rossow

IMMANUEL LWML meets on Wednesday, November 5th in the church basement. Meeting starts at 5:15 p.m. with a light meal served by Dory Poppe and LaNell Rossow. At 5:30 p.m. their meeting starts with the LWML Prayer Service. All ladies are welcome to join them.

I:55 BOOK FAIR will be held here at Immanuel in the classroom by the concession stand. I:55 is a Christian based book fair company. They have a wide variety of books for all ages (from Christian books and Bible stories to Llama Llama and Bluey plus Diary of a Wimpy Kid and 39 Clues). To see all of the options, go to: i55bookfairs.com. Book Fair hours:

- Friday, November 7th ~ 4:30-7:30 p.m.
- Monday, November 10th ~ 3:15-4:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, November 11th ~ 3:15-4:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, November 12th ~ 2:30-6:15 p.m.
- Thursday, November 13th ~ 7:30-8:00 a.m.

WATKINS PRODUCTS: The Martin Luther High School Freshman Class are selling Watkins products through October 27th. Please contact their school office to order 507-436-5249.

7TH AND 8TH GRADE STEP UP DAY at Martin Luther High School in Northrop is Friday, October 31st from 10:00-1:15. All 7th-8th grade students are invited. There will be a devotion, a presentation, sandwich lunch, pumpkin carving contest, amazing contests, “This is MLHS”, and a drama preview. Martin Luther High School is located at 315 Martin Luther Drive in Northrop.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL NEWS

- Last day of the 1st quarter is Friday 10/31.
- PARENT DRIVE DAY – NO JCC BUS - MONDAY 11/3
- Students will be roller skating during their phy. ed. class beginning on 11/3.
- PTL (Parent Teacher League) meets on Thursday 11/6 at 6:00 p.m. All parents are members of the PTL and are encouraged to attend.
- NO SCHOOL – FRIDAY 11/7
- All School Choir sings at Trinity Lutheran Church in Alpha on Sunday 11/9 at 10:30 a.m.



VETERANS AND ACTIVE MILITARY THE COUGARS SALUTE YOU!

Area Veterans and active Military personnel and their significant others are invited to Immanuel Lutheran School on **Tuesday, November 11th** from **10:00-11:00 a.m.** for coffee and rolls in the Activity Center.

Our students and staff are looking forward to greeting area Veterans and Military personnel and thanking them for their service during this casual social time. Please enter the Activity Center from Bush Street.

HARVEST DINNER is at St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Worthington on Sunday, November 2nd from 11:30-1:00. Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings including homemade pie will be served for a freewill offering. A bake sale will also be held. A large portion of the proceeds will go to Logan Waldner and family. Logan is a Nobles County Deputy Sheriff who was in an auto accident while on duty in March 2025. He is still in treatment from the accident. Please use the north entrance of the church and go to the basement fellowship hall. Elevator is available. The church is located at 1505 Dover Street, Worthington.

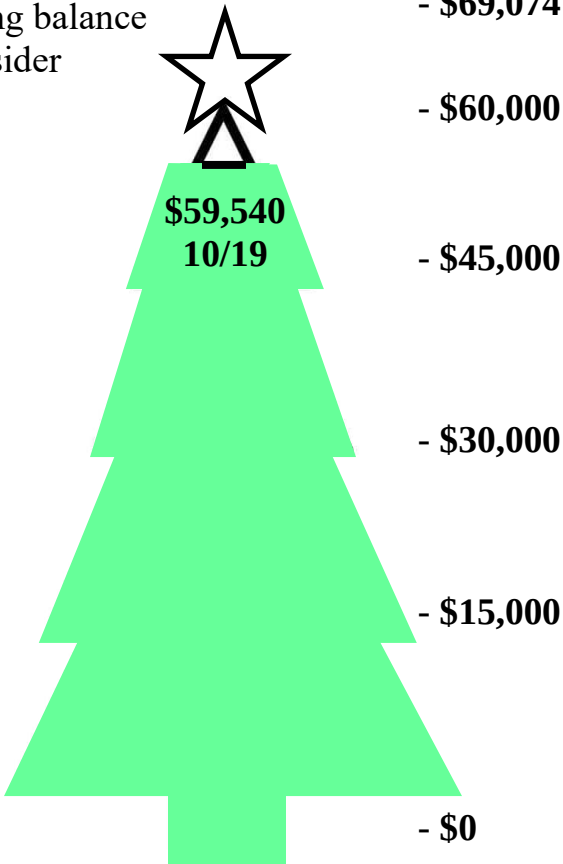
SOUP AND PIE SUPPER for Union State Line Lutheran Church Petersburg is on Sunday, November 9th, from 4:00-7:00 p.m. at the LaCanne Celebration of Life Center in Jackson. All are welcome for soup, pie, and fellowship. A freewill donation will be taken. To go orders are available. LaCanne Celebration of Life Center is located at 1000 Prospect Lane in Jackson.

A GOOD OLD-FASHIONED BIG FAMILY CHRISTMAS will be presented by the Martin Luther High School Drama Department on Friday, November 7th at 12:30 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. and on Saturday, November 8th at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome to come and watch the students perform this heart warming, hysterical story that all families can relate to. Directed by Amanda Bergt and Hayley Luther. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$8 for students. Performances are at the MLHS gymnasium. MLHS is located at 315 Martin Luther Drive in Northrop.

TURKEY SUPPER at St. Peter Lutheran Church, rural Lakefield, is Wednesday, November 12th, starting at 5:00 until gone. Turkey and all the trimmings along with a piece of pie will be served. Cost is \$12 per meal. Curbside pick up only. The church is located at 87977 State Hwy 86, rural Lakefield.

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.



ORDER YOUR POINSETTIAS

Yes, I would like to purchase a Poinsettia to help decorate our Chancel Area for Christmas. The cost of the Poinsettia is \$18. Please return your money and form to the church office by October 31st.

____ *I would like to take part in decorating the chancel area but would like to purchase my own poinsettia*

____ *I would like to purchase a poinsettia from the church*

____ *My poinsettia is to be given in memory of:*

____ *My poinsettia is to be given in honor of:*

Given by _____

(Please Return Form to Church by October 31st)



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.

SCRIP ORDERS are taken weekly. Turn your orders in 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!

POINTS OF INFORMATION October 19, 2025

Current Fund received this past week.....\$6,599

Needed each week.....\$10,112

Non-Budget Giving

Debt Reduction.....\$100

Teacher Salary Fund.....\$20

Building.....\$2

Current Fund received in September.....\$33,238

Needed in September.....\$50,560

If you have any questions, please call Jesse Ackermann

Worshipping on Sunday, October 19: 160

THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL...

Sunday, October 26

Reformation Sunday

9:00 AM Worship

10:15 AM Bible Class

10:15 AM Sunday School

10:15 AM Youth Group Bible Study

10:30 AM Board of Finance Meeting

Wednesday, October 29

8:20 AM *Chapel*
2:10 PM *Confirmation*
5:30 PM *Board of Ed Meeting*
6:10 PM *Immanuel Ringers*
7:00 PM *Board of Elders Meeting*
7:10 PM *Choir*
8:00 PM *Joint Boards*

Friday, October 31

Step Up Day at MLHS Northrop – grades 7-8

Sunday, November 2

All Saints Day

9:00 AM *Worship with Communion*
10:15 AM *Bible Class*
10:15 AM *Sunday School*
10:15 AM *Youth Group Bible Study*

Monday, November 3

PARENT DRIVE DAY – NO JCC BUS

Wednesday, November 5

8:20 AM *Chapel*
2:10 PM *Confirmation*
5:15 PM *LWML Meeting*
6:10 PM *Immanuel Ringers*
7:10 PM *Choir*

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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