



18th Sunday after Pentecost

Immanuel Lutheran Church - LCMS

Lakefield, MN

September 27, 2026

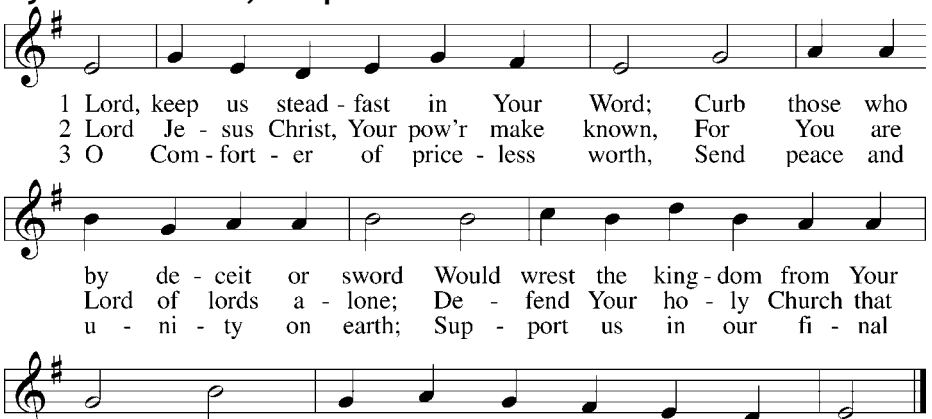
My Pleasure

As We Gather

From the beginning, God implanted His life-creating power into His creation with the command “Be fruitful and multiply” to animals (Genesis 1:22) and to humans (1:28), with one important difference. You are not an accident or only a product of biology. Every human being is a personal soul. So we confess, “I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them” (Small Catechism, Creed, Explanation of the First Article). Because of our inherited sin, however, “the soul who sins shall die” (Ezekiel 18:4). Nevertheless, God’s design is for life—eternal life. He declares, “I have no pleasure in the death of anyone” (18:32). Because God so loves you, He sent His Son to take away your sin by the shedding of His blood on the cross. Therefore, “we preach Christ crucified, . . . the power of God and the wisdom of God” (1 Corinthians 1:23–24). Christ died to sin for you. By Holy Baptism, you died with Christ and are raised to new life in Him. The love of God is yours today by faith in the cross of Jesus Christ. The Father’s declaration of Jesus now becomes yours: “My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased” (Matthew 3:17).

Preparation

Hymn: 655 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word



1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in Your Word; Curb those who
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, Your pow'r make known, For You are
3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, Send peace and
by de - ceit or sword Would wrest the king - dom from Your
Lord of lords a - lone; De - fend Your ho - ly Church that
u - ni - ty on earth; Sup - port us in our fi - nal
Son And bring to naught all He has done.
we May sing Your praise e - ter - nal - ly.
strife And lead us out of death to life.

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Allister Edwin Burmeister



Theodore Lee Burmeister

Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Opening Sentences

Psalm 43:4; 124:8; Isaiah 25:9

- P** I will go to the altar of God,
C to God my exceeding joy.
P Our help is in the name of the LORD,
C who made heaven and earth.
P Behold, this is our God; we have waited for Him, that He might save us.
C This is the LORD; we have waited for Him; let us be glad and rejoice in His salvation.

Confession and Absolution

- P** God invites His whole creation to the great feast of His salvation. That we may boldly enter into His gates of mercy, let us lift up our prayer of repentance and faith.
C Lord God, heavenly Father, with thanksgiving for Your great love and promise of new life and hope for living, we confess to You all our sins, our waywardness, our neglect

of Your call, as well as our failure to be of help to our neighbor and one another. We humbly pray, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew and cleanse our hearts and minds, and give us true faith in Your promised grace and deliverance.

P The feast of God's salvation has already begun for you by your Baptism into Christ. Now receive the Lord's abiding forgiveness, faith, strength, and help to live in the certain hope of eternal life in fellowship with Him: 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 147:1–5; antiphon: v. 6

C The LORD lifts up the humble; He casts the wicked to the ground.

A Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.

The LORD builds up Jerusalem;

He gathers the outcasts of Israel.

He heals the brokenhearted

and binds up their wounds.

He determines the number of the stars;

He gives to all of them their names.

Great is our LORD, and abundant in power;

His understanding is beyond measure.

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.

The LORD lifts up the humble; He casts the wicked to the ground.

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Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, You exalted Your Son to the place of all honor and authority. Enlighten our minds by Your Holy Spirit that, confessing Jesus as Lord, we may be led into all truth; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Psalms 134

Come, bless the LORD, all you servants of the LORD,
who stand by night in the house of the LORD!
Lift up your hands to the holy place
and bless the LORD!

May the LORD bless you from Zion,
he who made heaven and earth!

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Philippians 2:1–4, 14–18

If there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. . . .

Do all things without grumbling or questioning, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

C Alleluia. All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 21:23–32

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” Jesus answered them, “I also will ask you one question, and if you tell me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things. The baptism of John, from where did it come? From heaven or from man?” And they discussed it among themselves, saying, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ But if we say, ‘From man,’ we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet.” So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.

“What do you think? A man had two sons. And he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ And he answered, ‘I will not,’ but afterward he changed his mind and went. And he went to the other son and said the same. And he answered, ‘I go, sir,’ but did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. And even when you saw it, you did not afterward change your minds and believe him.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Children’s Message

Hymn: 686 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing



1 Come, Thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Tune my heart to
 2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer, Hith - er by Thy
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or Dai - ly I'm con -
 4 Oh, that day when freed from sin - ning, I shall see Thy



sing Thy grace; Streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing,
 help I've come; And I hope, by Thy good plea - sure,
 strained to be; Let that grace now like a fet - ter
 love - ly face; Clothed then in the blood - washed lin - en,



Call for songs of loud - est praise. While the hope of end - less
 Safe - ly to ar - rive at home. Je - sus sought me when a
 Bind my wan-d'ring heart to Thee: Prone to wan - der, Lord, I
 How I'll sing Thy won-drous grace! Come, my Lord, no long - er



glo - ry Fills my heart with joy and love, Teach me
 strang - er, Wan - d'ring from the fold of God; He, to
 feel it; Prone to leave the God I love. Here's my
 tar - ry; Take my ran - som'd soul a - way; Send Thine



ev - er to a - dore Thee; May I still Thy good - ness prove.
 res - cue me from dan - ger, In - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.
 heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts a - bove.
 an - gels soon to car - ry Me to realms of end - less day.

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Sermon

Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth.
 And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died and was buried.
 He descended into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.

Offering

Prayer of the Church

- P** Almighty God, we give You thanks for all Your goodness and loving kindness that You have bestowed on us as Your own creation. For Your whole creation and the blessings of this life, we give You praise and thanks. Continue Your gift of life and grant that all look to You as their Creator and Giver of life through the gift of Your redemption in Christ Jesus, the Lord. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Grant Your blessing and guidance on Your holy church in this world to be the beacon of the light of Your salvation for all who look to You for the salvation of their souls and for every help in need. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Send upon the ministers of Your church and the congregations committed to their care the healthful spirit of Your grace, making all pastors diligent to preach Your Holy Word, and send Your people faithful obedience that they be comforted and strengthened in faith and do all things that are well pleasing to You. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Guide and direct the governments of all nations to seek the ways of Your will in peace and justice, especially in the face of any and all adversity. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Help all who call upon You in any need, that they have patience in times of sorrow or suffering and be released

from their afflictions. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P We remember before You all those who have loved and served You and who now rest from their labors. Keep us in fellowship with all Your saints and bring us at last to the joys of Your heavenly kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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.

Benedicamus

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

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: 824 May God Bestow on Us His Grace

1 May God be - stow on us His grace, With bless - ings rich pro -
2 Thine o - ver all shall be the praise And thanks of ev - 'ry
Δ 3 O let the peo - ple praise Thy worth, In all good works in -
vide us; And may the bright - ness of His face
na - tion; And all the world with joy shall raise
creas - ing; The land shall plen - teous fruit bring forth,
To life e - ter - nal guide us, That we His sav - ing
The voice of ex - ul - ta - tion. For Thou shalt judge the
Thy Word is rich in bless - ing. May God the Fa - ther,
health may know, His gra - cious will and plea - sure,
earth, O Lord, Nor suf - fer sin to flour - ish;
God the Son, And God the Spir - it bless us!
And al - so to the na - tions show Christ's rich - es with - out
Thy peo - ple's pas - ture is Thy Word Their souls to feed and
Let all the world praise Him a - lone, Let sol - emn awe pos -
mea - sure And un - to God con - vert them.
nour - ish, In righ - teous paths to keep them.
sess us. Now let our hearts say, "A - men!"

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Assisting with the Service

<i>Preacher</i>	<i>Rev. Eric Obermann</i>
<i>Elder</i>	<i>Ken Pohlman</i>
<i>Organist</i>	<i>Brenda Matasovsky</i>
<i>Acolyte</i>	<i>Gander Grein & Izzy Larsen</i>
<i>Usher</i>	<i>Paul & Sue Spoo</i>

We Remember in our Prayers

Allister Edwin Burmeister, son of Kody and Caitlin Burmeister, baptized today

Theodore Lee Burmeister, son of Kody and Caitlin Burmeister, baptized today

Sarah Laabs diagnosed with cancer

Jake Ackermann, nephew of Jim and Jeanine Ackermann, recovering at home

Our residents at Colonial Manor, Valley View, Golden Horizons in Worthington, Accura HealthCare in Milford, Paynesville Health Care Center, Lakeview in Fairmont, Good Sam in Jackson

*Leanne Oelke, Jackie Ward, Keith Kolander, dealing with health issues
Lanette Reynolds; 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; 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; Pastor Dennis Brech; Pastor Ben Rucker; Denny Daberkow; dealing with cancer*

Ann Falkenheim, friend of Connie Rossow; 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

BAPTIZED TODAY are Allister Edwin Burmeister and Theodore Lee Burmeister. Allister and Theodore are twin sons of Kody and Caitlin Burmeister. They were born on July 19th. Theodore and Allister's sponsors are Chanah Brandt, Karissa Podzimek, Landon Burmeister, and Devin Burmeister. We pray that the Lord would continue to watch over Theodore and Allister and their family.

ADULT CHOIR rehearsals for the new season begin Tuesday, September 29th, at 7:10 p.m. in the balcony. Anyone who loves to sing is welcome to join us - that's all you need. Everything else will be provided. Invite a friend and join the fellowship while learning great music to enhance our worship. We hope to see you there!

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND ADULT BIBLE CLASS are held after church from 10:15-11:15. Sunday School (3-year-old through 5th grade) is held in the school classrooms. Bible Class is in the church basement. All are welcome to join us!

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.

VOTERS MEETING for the 3rd quarter is on Sunday, October 11th after the church service starting around 10:15 a.m.

Immanuel Pulled Pork Dinner

Drive-thru with Curbside Delivery

Wednesday, October 7

4:30-6:30 p.m.

On the menu:

Smoked Pulled Pork Sandwich

German Potato Salad

Mandarin Orange Fluff

Baby Carrots (raw)

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 LWML



CHURCH DIRECTORIES ARE IN! If you had your picture taken, they will be available after church in the narthex to pick up. They can also be purchased for \$15, if you need an extra. Thank you!

PANCAKE BENEFIT AND BAKE SALE for Mason Behrens is at BARC in Windom today, Sunday, September 27th from 9:00-12:30. Pancake breakfast suggested donation \$10. Breakfast served by the Windom Lions Club. Anyone interested in donating items for the bake sale can contact Linda Kintzi at 507-822-2042. Mason is a 4 year old recently diagnosed with Rett syndrome. It is a complex genetic disorder with symptoms including the loss of motor skills, communication abilities, hand function, and a compromised immune system. All proceeds will assist with medical expenses. BARC is located at 1012 5th Avenue in Windom. Donations may also be mailed to Windom Lions Club, PO Box 72, Windom, MN 56101. Make checks payable to Lisa Behrens. Venmo is an option for donating as well, check out the QR code on the bulletin board flyers.

SPAGHETTI SUPPER is at Trinity Lutheran Church in Brewster today, Sunday, September 27th, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Menu includes spaghetti, meatballs, corn, cheesy bread, and dessert. 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.

KINSHIP'S RADIO KJIA SOUP AND SWEETS is at First Presbyterian Church in Spirit Lake on Thursday, October 1st, from 4:30-7:00 p.m. Freewill offering accepted or this delicious meal and sweet treats. Kinship Radio is a Christian radio station sharing the message of Christ. More info can be found at kinshipradio.org. The church is located at 3501 Hill Avenue in Spirit Lake.

HELP NEEDED at the Pulled Pork Dinner on Wednesday, October 7th. This dinner is sponsored by our LWML. Can you help them out by making a pan of bars or a mandarin orange salad? 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...

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 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 (Elder, Trustee, Finance, Congregational Services, Education) are 3 year terms. Congregational Chairman and Congregational Secretary terms are 2 years.



LWML Fall Get-Together

ST. PETER LUTHERAN CHURCH

87977 STATE HWY 86, LAKEFIELD

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

9:30 a.m. with a 9:00 registration

Cost is \$5

Want to carpool? We are leaving at 8:50 from the church.

Theme: He Restoreth My Soul

Bible Study: led by Pastor Dale Hedstrom

Servant Event: coloring & designing boxes and coloring pages for Phil's Friends

Gifts from the Heart being collected for Phil's Friends:

Crest mouthwash (3.3 oz. alcohol free), Thera Breath Oral Rinse (3 oz. alcohol free), Kleenex (small package), lotion (5 oz. or smaller), smaller tubes of toothpaste, journals 5x7 (not spiral), puzzle books, lip balm, decks of playing cards with no advertising on them, gift cards

There is a collection box in the narthex.

"The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he restores my soul." ~ *Psalms 23:1-3a*

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL NEWS

- ILS Soccer Tournament has been rescheduled again. It’s now on Monday 9/28. Come cheer on our Cougars!!!
- 5/6 Volleyball is at St. John Vianney in Fairmont on Thursday 10/1 at 4:30.
- Nystrom Orchard Fundraiser: Students are selling apples, apple pie, apple crisp, dips, snack mixes and granola. Everything is locally grown and made at Nystrom Orchard in Worthington. If you are not asked but would like to order, contact Amy in the office at 507-662-5718. Last day to order is Sunday 10/11.
- Cougar Clothing Online Store is open until October 11th through Daily Hustle in Jackson. Personalized options this year include putting names on sweatshirts! Kids clothing comes in a variety of colors. All ordering is done online at <https://ils.deco-apparel.com/>

LWML meets on Wednesday, October 14th. They are starting off with a Favorite Hymn Sing at Valley View beginning at 4:45 p.m. Following the hymn sing, they will head back to the church for their meeting and a light supper. Hostesses are Leann Henning and Deb Jons. All ladies are welcome to join them!

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.

POINTS OF INFORMATION <i>September 20, 2026</i>	
<i>Current Fund received this past week.....</i>	<i>\$11,171</i>
<i>Needed each week.....</i>	<i>\$11,800</i>
<i>Non-Budget Giving</i>	
<i>Immanuel School.....</i>	<i>\$50</i>
<i>Memorials given in memory of</i>	
<i>Sheryl Hanson to Immanuel School.....</i>	<i>\$50</i>
<i>Merlyn Rossow to Immanuel School.....</i>	<i>\$30</i>
<i>Current Fund received in August.....</i>	<i>\$39,310</i>
<i>Needed in August.....</i>	<i>\$47,200</i>
<i>Worshipping on Sunday 9/20: 141</i>	

THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL...

Sunday, September 27

9:00 AM *Worship*
10:15 AM *Sunday School*
10:15 AM *Bible Class*

Wednesday, September 30

8:30 AM *Chapel*
2:10 PM *Confirmation*
5:30 PM *Board of Elders Meeting*
5:30 PM *Board of Congregational Service Meeting*
6:00 PM *Board of Finance Meeting*
7:00 PM *Joint Boards and Church Council*
7:10 PM *Choir*

Thursday, October 1

4:30 PM *5/6 VB at St. John Vianney Fairmont*

Sunday, October 4

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

Monday, October 5

4:30 PM *5/6 & 7/8 VB at St. Paul's Truman*
4:30 PM *Boys Soccer at Worthington Christian*

Wednesday, October 7

8:30 AM *Chapel*
2:10 PM *Confirmation*
4:30-6:30 *LWML Pulled Pork Dinner served drive-thru style*
6:10 PM *Immanuel Ringers*
7:10 PM *Choir*

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.

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