

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, August 16, 2026



Immanuel Lutheran Church

SEBEWAING, MICHIGAN



The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

*Faithful to God's Word -
We receive, celebrate and share Jesus Christ.*

Pentecost

August 16, 2026

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Barbara Bleck

Sunday Worship

9:00 am

with

LIVESTREAM –

FB & YOUTUBE

and RADIO – 103.7 FM

Monday Worship

6:30 pm



A Stephen
Ministry Congregation

WHO SHOULD COMMUNE HERE

...In the Sacrament of the Altar we receive, as Christ says, His true body and His true blood for the forgiveness of our sins. Those who come to the Lord's Supper at this altar, are those who: 1 Repent of their sins, and earnestly seek to live according to God's will. 2 Trust the Word of Christ that His body and blood are truly present and received here for forgiveness. 3 Confess the faith of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, as a member of this congregation or of another LCMS congregation. If you have questions about our communion practice, please speak to the pastor or an elder.

Psalm 103:8

...The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.

STUDENTS ENTERING A COLLEGE CAMPUS THIS FALL

...Connect your high school or returning student attending Michigan universities by using this link and completing the form michigandistrict.org/campusconnect. Pastors or other leaders from these ministries and congregations will connect directly with your students. For more information on campus ministry in the Michigan District, reach out to Rev. Dr. Randy Duncan, Pastor of Campus Mission, Michigan District Campus Ministry Network, at randy@micampusministry.net or 734.968.9339.

HOW WOULD YOU RESPOND IF...

...someone tells you that "there is no personal god, but just an impersonal universal energy force or consciousness"? Adults and Youth – Interested in participating in a short-term small group Bible study that will examine a Christian's response to these type of questions? Contact Jim & Connie Bunke (989-883-2539) if you are interested in participating in these Bible study conversations!

2025-2026 YEARBOOKS

...The yearbooks are printed and ready to be picked up from the table outside the church office.

MAILBOXES

...Just a reminder to existing and new board chairs, there is a church mailbox for each board in the top left-hand corner of the mailboxes. Please check to see if your board has any mail.

IN OUR PRAYERS

+ **Theo Ethan Androl**, son of Ethan & Tiffany (Lutz) Androl, born July 14, 2026, who is being baptized today. We pray for God's richest blessings over Theo today and for his faith to grow throughout his life.

+ **SPECIAL NEEDS**

... Vern Winter, Scott Adam, Lorraine Morey, Kevin Weeks, John Volz, Cassie (Molina) Kerinuk, Loretta Tope, Marlene Faber, Warren Beers, Joan Walz, Joy Sprague, Nancy Pommerenke, Gary Volz, Nelda Gnagey, Chuck Dutcher, LoAnn Rieman, Ernie Sbresney III, Sue McGathy, Jim Simmet, Barb Nitz, Collin Nitz, Frank Gunsell, Ian Faist, Wayne Morris, Karen Swartzendruber, Stephen Sprague, Scott Smith, Brenda Chambers, Rick Chambers, Christine Brown, and Hank & Sandy Brandt.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

...Sunday, August 9, 2026; 9:00 – 113; Monday, 6:30 – 57

LISTEN TO THE LUTHERAN HOUR

...every Sunday morning on WLEW 1340AM at 11:10, WMIC AM 660 at 10:05 or WSAM AM 1340 at 8:30. Today's Lutheran Hour message is "Look at Me" with Lutheran Hour speaker Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. God hears our cry for justice, not as an indifferent judge, but as our merciful heavenly Father. (Luke 18:1-8)

School News

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

...The first day of school for K-8 is Tuesday, August 18.

...The new safety doors, purchased with safety grant money, have been installed at both campuses.

...Thank you to the trustees, at both churches, for the school upgrades that they have helped with over the summer! We truly appreciate it!

...If you are interested in financially helping a student at CTK, please take a look at our sponsorship flyer. Your continued support is greatly appreciated!



Opening Chapel

You are invited to join us for the opening chapel service to kick off the new school year.

Listen to God's word, sing hymns and learn about the theme verse that will be our guide for this year.



Sebewaing Campus
at Immanuel Lutheran Church
8:05 am

Unionville Campus
at St. Paul Lutheran Church
9:30 am

Tuesday, August 18

Our Lord's Business this Week

August 16 – August 23

SUNDAY:	8:30 AM	Music and Fellowship in the Great Room
	9:00 AM	WORSHIP/Communion
	10:15 AM	Bible Study
MONDAY:	5:00 PM	Finance
	6:30 PM	WORSHIP
	6:30 PM	Stewardship
TUESDAY:	8:00 AM	CTK Opening Chapel and first day of school
WEDNESDAY:	4:00 PM	Newsletter Deadline
THURSDAY:	12:00 PM	Bulletin Deadline
NEXT SUNDAY:	8:30 AM	Music and Fellowship in the Great Room
	9:00 AM	WORSHIP/Communion
	10:15 AM	Bible Study

SERVING NEXT WEEK (AUGUST 23)

Acolytes: 9:00-Carter Sweetman & Cole Vermeersch

Greeters: 9:00-Carol Truemner & Nancy Brown

Scrip: 9:00-Sandy Irion

Ushers: 9:00-GROUP 1: Warren Reithel, Jim Reithel, Mark Reithel, Joel Gremel, Shaun Gremel, Seth Gremel, Dave Lutz, Michael Lutz, Matt Bumhoffer, Doug Elston

Online giving with Vanco



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Divine Service 4

Announcements

Hymn – *Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me*

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Divine Service 4

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Invocation, Confession and Absolution

Introit

The Lord is the strength of his people;
he is the saving refuge of his anointed.

To you, O Lord, I call; my rock, be not deaf to me,
lest, if you be silent to me, I become like those who go down to the pit.

Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to you for help,
when I lift up my hands toward your most holy sanctuary.

Blessèd be the Lord!

For he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.

The Lord is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped;
my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.

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.

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Kyrie

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Gloria In Excelsis

Salutation and Collect

Almighty and everlasting Father, You give Your children many blessings even though we are undeserving. In every trial and temptation grant us steadfast confidence in Your loving-kindness and mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The First Reading – ***Isaiah 56:1, 6-8***

The Gradual

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.

The Epistle – ***Romans 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32***

Children's Sermon

Alleluia & Verse

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The Gospel – ***Matthew 15:21-28***

Apostles' Creed

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Hymn – ***When in the Hour of Deepest Need***

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Sermon

Prayer of the Church

Offering - ***Here I Am, Lord*** - *Doug Forsberg, Ken Engelhardt*

Communion Liturgy

Service of the Sacrament

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Preface

Sanctus

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

The Words of Our Lord

Agnus Dei



Distribution Hymns

Jesus, Lead Thou On

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Lamb of God

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Sent Forth by God's Blessing

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Nunc Dimittis

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Post-Communion Collect

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Benediction

Closing Hymn – ***Blest Be the Tie That Binds***

LSB 649

Isaiah 56:1,6-8

Thus says the Lord:

“Keep justice, and do righteousness,
for soon my salvation will come,
and my deliverance be revealed. . . .

⁶“And the foreigners who join themselves to
the Lord,

to minister to him, to love the name of
the Lord,

and to be his servants,
everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not
profane it,

and holds fast my covenant—
⁷these I will bring to my holy mountain,
and make them joyful in my house of
prayer;

their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar;
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.”

⁸The Lord God,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel,
declares,

“I will gather yet others to him
besides those already gathered.”

Romans 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By
no means! For I myself am an Israelite, a
descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe
of Benjamin. ²God has not rejected his people
whom he foreknew. . . .

¹³Now I am speaking to you Gentiles.
Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the
Gentiles, I magnify my ministry ¹⁴in order
somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and
thus save some of them. ¹⁵For if their rejection
means the reconciliation of the world, what will
their acceptance mean but life from the dead? .

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²⁸As regards the gospel, they are enemies of
God for your sake. But as regards election, they
are beloved for the sake of their forefathers.

²⁹For the gifts and the calling of God are

irrevocable. ³⁰Just as you were at one time
disobedient to God but now have received
mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹so they
too have now been disobedient in order that by
the mercy shown to you they also may now
receive mercy. ³²For God has consigned all to
disobedience, that he may have mercy on all.

Matthew 15:21-28

Jesus went away from there and withdrew
to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²And behold,
a Canaanite woman from that region came out
and was crying, “Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son
of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by
a demon.” ²³But he did not answer her a word.
And his disciples came and begged him, saying,
“Send her away, for she is crying out after us.”
²⁴He answered, “I was sent only to the lost
sheep of the house of Israel.” ²⁵But she came
and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.”
²⁶And he answered, “It is not right to take the
children’s bread and throw it to the dogs.” ²⁷She
said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the
crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.”
²⁸Then Jesus answered her, “O woman, great is
your faith! Be it done for you as you desire.”
And her daughter was healed instantly.

PREACHER: Rev Michael Boyer
ORGANIST: Barbara Bleck
ACOLYTES: Myah O'Berski & JayDee Dyer
GREETERS: Lorene Zagata & Judy Bollstetter
SCRIP: Lori Kemp
USHERS: GROUP 9: Peter Boyer, Neil Gaeth, Bruce Bach, Nicolas Lutz, Chuck McGathy, Tim Mathews, Dalton Anderson, Bentley Bumhoffer, Dustin Kuhl

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**Our Congregation at Prayer
Daily Scripture and Prayer
To be Used in the Home
Getting Ready for Proper 16 A
Immanuel Lutheran Church**

Theme for Sunday: The church is built on the confession of who Jesus is and what He has done. On this rock we shall not be moved.

The following short order may be used for devotions at home during the week or Daily Prayer for individuals and families may be used in the hymnal (LSB page 294 and following).

Invocation

In the Name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Introit Psalm 2.6-7, Ps 117; ant Psalm 115.18

But we will bless the LORD

From this time forth and forevermore. Praise the LORD!

As for me, I have set my King

On Zion, my holy hill.

I will tell of the decree:

The LORD said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you."

Praise the LORD, all nations!

Extol him, all peoples!

For great is his steadfast love toward us,

And the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.

Praise the LORD!

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

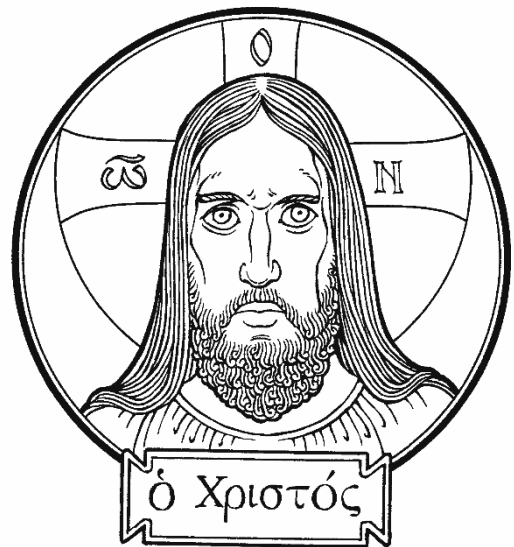
And to the Holy Spirit;

As it was in the beginning,

Is now, and will be forever. Amen.

But we will bless the LORD

From this time forth and forevermore. Praise the LORD!



Collect

Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life that we may boldly confess Him to be the Christ and steadfastly walk in the way that leads to life eternal; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Gradual Psalm 34.9, 19

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.

The Psalm for Proper 16 A may be read (Psalm 138) or those printed below.

Daily Psalms	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Morning	110	62	13	96	116	85	61
Evening	66; 23	73; 8	36; 5	132; 134	26; 130	25; 40	138; 98

Readings for next Sunday (see below) or these daily readings may be used

Sunday	2 Samuel 12.1-25 (13.1-19.43)	1 Corinthians 12.1-13
Monday	1 Kings 1.1-4, 15-35	1 Corinthians 12.14-31
Tuesday	1 Kings 2.1-27	1 Corinthians 13.1-13 (14.1-16.24)
Wednesday	1 Kings 3.1-15 (3.16-4.34)	2 Corinthians 1.1-22
Thursday	1 Kings 5.1-18 (6.1-7.50)	2 Corinthians 1.23-2.17
Friday	1 Kings 7.51-8.21	2 Corinthians 3.1-18
Saturday	1 Kings 8.22-30, 46-63	2 Corinthians 4.1-18

Talk About Next Sunday's Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 51.1-6

What is the rock Isaiah is talking about?

How does the Lord comfort Zion?

How does the Lord's righteousness draw near?

Talk About Next Sunday's Second Reading: Romans 11.33-12.8

What does this doxology (Romans 11.33-35) remind us about God?

Why could we never give something to God that God should repay us?

What does Paul mean that we are one body with many members?

Talk About Next Sunday's Gospel Reading: Matthew 16.13-20

Who were people saying the Christ was?

How does Peter make the correct confession?

What is the rock on which the church is build?

Catechism Selection (this may be read, recited, or spoken responsively)

Holy Baptism – First Part

What is Baptism?

Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God's command and combined with God's word.

Which is that word of God?

Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew: "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." (Matthew 28:19)

Holy Baptism – Second Part

What benefits does Baptism give?

It works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare.

Which are these words and promises of God?

Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Mark: "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned." (Mark 16:16)



Ways to Sponsor a CTK Student



With students at the public school receiving free schooling and free lunches, it is becoming more attractive to families who have a hard time financially.



We have several ways for you to sponsor a student, either with tuition assistance or lunch assistance.

**Non-Member
Tuition
First Child- \$3,350**

**Sponsor
the Salad Bar
for a day or
for the week**

**Member
Tuition
First Child- \$1,800**



**Hot Lunch
Full Year- \$578.50**



**Preschool Tuition
Full Time- \$490/month**

**If interested, please contact Jen or Katie.
at (989) 883-3730.**



**Partial sponsorships
are appreciated also!**



SUNDAY SCHOOL SURVEY

'Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these' " ~Matthew 19:14

Since COVID our Sunday School program has seen a significant decline in attendance. We would love to get your feedback as to why your child comes, or does not come, to Sunday School and what we can do better.

We appreciate your honest feedback and appreciate your time to complete and return this survey. Please return survey to:

- Church Office
- Box in Narthex

Age group of your child at end of 2025-2026 school year? (If more than one child, please check all that apply)

- _____ 3 year old - Grade 1
- _____ Grade 2 - Grade 5
- _____ Grade 6 - Grade 8

Does your child attend Sunday School?

- If no, please let us know why: _____

- If yes:

- What does your child like about Sunday School? _____

- What would your child like to see differently? _____

What do you think we need to do to attract/keep children coming to Sunday School?

What can we do to make Sunday School a better experience for children? _____

Additional Comments: _____

