

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, August 23, 2026



Immanuel Lutheran Church

SEBEWAING, MICHIGAN



The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

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

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Sunday Worship

9:00 am

with

LIVESTREAM –

FB & YOUTUBE

and RADIO – 103.7 FM

Monday Worship

6:30 pm



A Stephen
Ministry Congregation

Pentecost

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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 103:11

...For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him.

FLOWERS

...behind the altar were given in loving memory of Shelby Janke for her 90th birthday today by Kevin and David Janke.

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 "Jesus was just a good teacher with a message of peace and love"? 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!

EVANGELISM BOARD

...We are currently seeking a few people to become Greeters for our Sunday morning worship services. This includes a few Sundays of the year. If you are interested please contact Joyce Jahr 989-798-3702 or the church office 989-883-3050. Thank you!

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

...Sunday, August 16, 2026; 9:00 – 115; Monday, 6:30 – 65

IN OUR PRAYERS

+ **Hayes Matthew Schallow**, son of Matthew & Jillian (Williamson) Schallow, born April 24, 2026, who is being baptized today. We pray for God's richest blessings over Hayes today and always.

+ **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.

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 "Real Riches" with Lutheran Hour speaker Rev. Ken Klaus. It's not wrong to have possessions, but to love anything in such a way that it takes the place of God is spiritually deadly. (Luke 12:15)

175TH COMMITTEE NOTES

...We are continuing to work on community outreach as we send our church into the future of this community. We have been greatly blessed in the past 175 years and want our church to show God's love going forward. Our focus is a pop-up food pantry / food truck next spring and an active participation with the Blessing Boxes here in Sebawaing. Many thanks to those who have given money for the work of the 175th committee. If you have any questions or comments, do not hesitate to speak with me or one of the other committee members: Doug Forsberg, Cindy Smith, Kelly Dufty. It is a pleasure to plan and work with these three people. They truly love Immanuel, have creative thinking, and are willing workers. Praise God from whom all blessings flow! Barbara Bleck, Chairman

NEW SEASON OF BEAUTY AND LOVE 🎵

...God's beauty and love come to us in many forms. He gave us the gift of music, through which we can show that beauty and love. Our music ensembles are returning for a new season, an opportunity to show God's love and inspire others to move closer to Jesus. God doesn't say we must have a trained voice in order to sing His praises. All are welcome to sing in the choir or to join the handbell group. Perhaps a short commitment of just a few weeks to try out the group would work best for you. We are flexible and that would be fine with us. 🎵

...Our choir returns to practicing on Wed., Sept 9th, 7:00 p.m., while the men's ensemble will return on Tues., Sept. 8th at 5:30 p.m. The handbells start again on Wednesday, Sept. 9th, 6:00 p.m. If you have any questions or comments, feel free to speak with me or any musician in our church. Blessings to you as we show God's love and beauty through music.

Barbara Bleck, Director of Music



School News

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

...The first week of school is in the books for grades K-8. Thank you to everyone who joined us for opening Chapel on Tuesday! We had a great week! Preschool will start on August 31.

...A special thank you to everyone who continues to donate their extra office and school supplies when sorting through things at home. We truly appreciate all the extra goodies to help keep the classrooms and offices stocked.

...Over the summer some of the doors were updated. There are 4 classroom doors from the Unionville campus and 1 classroom door from the Sebawaing campus available for purchase. Please contact the school office at 883-3730 if you are interested.

Our Lord's Business this Week August 23 – August 30

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/Communion

TUESDAY: 7:00 PM Board of Education

WEDNESDAY: 8:15 AM Chapel

THURSDAY: 12:00 PM Bulletin Deadline

FRIDAY: CTK – No School

NEXT SUNDAY: 7:15 AM Elders Meeting
 8:30 AM Music and Fellowship in the Great Room
 9:00 AM **WORSHIP/Communion**
 10:15 AM Bible Study

SERVING NEXT WEEK (AUGUST 30)

Acolytes: 9:00-Anne Meek & Brooklyn Bills

Greeters: 9:00-Kristi Eimers & Mary Engelhardt

Scrip: 9:00-Candice Reithel

Ushers: 9:00-GROUP 2: Mark Bauer, Dale Truemner, Tucker Truemner,
Easton Konecny, Garrett Adam, Mark Adam, Cole Finkbeiner,
Cody Finkbeiner, Caden Finkbeiner, Adam Maust

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Divine Service 4

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Hymn – *Built on the Rock*

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Baptism of Hayes Matthew Schalow

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Invocation, Confession and Absolution

Introit

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!

Kyrie

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Gloria In Excelsis

Salutation and 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.**

The First Reading – *Isaiah 51:1-6*

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 11:33-12:8*

Children's Sermon

Alleluia & Verse

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The Gospel – *Matthew 16:13-20*

Hymn – *Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones*

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Sermon

Prayer of the Church

Offering

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Preface

Sanctus

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Words of Our Lord

Agnus Dei



Distribution Hymns

All Who Believe and Are Baptized

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I'm But a Stranger Here

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God Loved the World So That He Gave

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Nunc Dimittis

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Post-Communion Collect

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Benediction

Closing Hymn – *Church of God, Elect and Glorious*

LSB 646

Isaiah 51:1-6

¹"Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness, you who seek the Lord: look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug.

²Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, that I might bless him and multiply him.

³For the Lord comforts Zion; he comforts all her waste places and makes her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song.

⁴"Give attention to me, my people, and give ear to me, my nation; for a law will go out from me, and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples.

⁵My righteousness draws near, my salvation has gone out, and my arms will judge the peoples; the coastlands hope for me, and for my arm they wait.

⁶Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and they who dwell in it will die in like manner; but my salvation will be forever, and my righteousness will never be dismayed."

Romans 11:33-12:8

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! ³⁴"For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?" ³⁵"Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?" ³⁶For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

¹I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you

may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, ⁵so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. ⁶Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; ⁷if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; ⁸the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

Matthew 16:13-20

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." ²⁰Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

PREACHER: Rev Michael Boyer
ORGANIST: Barbara Bleck
ACOLYTES: Carter Sweetman & Cole Vermeersch
GREETERS: Carol Truemner & Nancy Brown
SCRIP: Sandy Irion
USHERS: GROUP 1: Warren Reithel, Jim Reithel, Mark Reithel, Joel Gremel, Shaun Gremel, Seth Gremel, Dave Lutz, Michael Lutz, Matt Bumhoffer, Doug Elston

Who Should Commune?

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Our Congregation at Prayer
Daily Scripture and Prayer
To be Used in the Home
Getting Ready for Proper 17 A
Immanuel Lutheran Church

Theme for Sunday: 'The Son of Man will suffer and die for the sins of the world. He will fulfill the law in your place. He will do it!'

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 37.5-7, ant Psalm 37.4

Delight yourself in the LORD,

And he will give you the desires of your heart.

Commit your way to the LORD;

Trust in him, and he will act.

He will bring forth your righteousness as the light,

And your justice as the noonday.

Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him;

Fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man who carries out evil devices!

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.

Delight yourself in the LORD,

And he will give you the desires of your heart.



Collect

Almighty God, Your Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption. Grant us courage to take up our cross daily and follow Him wherever He leads; 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 17 A may be read (Psalm 26) or those printed below.

Daily Psalms	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Morning	103	5	42	89.1-18	97	51	104
Evening	117; 139	84; 29	102; 133	1; 33	16; 62	142; 65	118; 111

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

Sunday	1 Kings 9.1-9, 10.1-13	2 Corinthians 5.1-21
Monday	1 Kings 11.1-26	2 Corinthians 6.1-18
Tuesday	1 Kings 11.42-12.19	2 Corinthians 7.1-16
Wednesday	1 Kings 12.20-13.5, 33-35	2 Corinthians 8.1-24
Thursday	1 Kings 16.29-17.24	2 Corinthians 9.1-15 (10.1-13.14)
Friday	1 Kings 18.1-19	Ephesians 1.1-23
Saturday	1 Kings 18.20-40	Ephesians 2.1-22

Talk About Next Sunday's Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 15.15-21

What is Jeremiah talking about, eating God's Word?

What does Jeremiah hope that the Lord will do?

What was the Lord's response to Jeremiah?

Talk About Next Sunday's Second Reading: Romans 12.9-21

What sort of advice does Paul give here?

How can Christians practically do all this?

How does Christ accomplish all this through His earthly ministry?

Talk About Next Sunday's Gospel Reading: Matthew 16.21-28

Why does Jesus tell His disciples so bluntly about His suffering and death?

What does Peter think about all this?

When will the Son of Man come in His kingdom?

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

Holy Baptism - Third

How can water do such great things?

Certainly not just water, but the word of God in and with the water does these things, along with the faith which trusts this word of God in the water. For without God's word the water is plain water and no Baptism. But with the word of God it is a Baptism, that is, a life-giving water, rich in grace, and a washing of the new birth in the Holy Spirit, as St. Paul says in Titus, chapter three: "He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. This is a trustworthy saying." (Titus 3:5-8)

Holy Baptism - Fourth

What does such baptizing with water indicate?

It indicates that the Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.

Where is this written?

St. Paul writes in Romans, chapter six: "We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life." (Romans 6:4)