

# Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, August 24, 2025



## 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**

**August 24, 2025**

### **Isaiah 55:3**

*... “Incline your ear and come to me. Listen, that you may live; And I will make an everlasting covenant with you, according to the faithful mercies shown to David.”*

### **EVANGELISM QUOTES OF THE WEEK**

... “Evangelism is not an option for the Christian life.” – Luis Palau

... “Heaven is not for good people...it’s for forgiven people!” – Greg Laurie

### **TODAY’S RADIO BROADCAST**

...was underwritten by Don & Pat Holland in celebration of their 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on August 28.

### **BOARD OF EVANGELISM**

...is looking to fill a vacancy. If you are interested in joining the Board of Evangelism, please contact the church office or Michele Harbuck.

### **THANK YOU**

...for your thoughtful donation to our patients and families at C.S. Mott Children’s Hospital! Your generosity allows us to support, comfort, and bring joy to our Little Victors as they stay with us in the hospital and/or visit us for long term treatment. In fact, more than 12,000 of our pediatric patients benefit from donations such as yours each year. As the #1 children’s hospital in the state of Michigan we are incredibly proud to serve our patients and their families. We know it wouldn’t be possible without partners and community supporters like you. Again, thank you for your donation and supporting our Little Victors. We truly appreciate it! Hail! – Luanne Thomas Ewald, Chief Operating Officer

### **MUSICAL NOTES**

...Anyone is welcome to join our Glory Ringers handbell group. One does not need to be able to read music in order to play. We have small bells available so don't be concerned about lifting a heavy bell. We are a friendly, fun-loving group that only plays in church when it fits the schedule of the entire group. We will begin practicing on Wednesday, Sept. 3, 6 p.m. If you would like to just try out the group for a week or two to see if you like playing, feel free to do that. We would welcome you.

...The Adoration Choir resumes rehearsals on Wednesday, Sept. 3, 7 p.m. Please meet me in the sanctuary. I look forward to seeing everyone as we praise God through the sung Word. If anyone would like to join the choir for just a few weeks to see if you like singing with us, you are most welcome to do that. - Barbara Bleck

## **IN OUR PRAYERS**

### **+ SPECIAL NEEDS**

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

### **CHURCH ATTENDANCE**

...Sunday, August 17, 2025; 9:00 – 157; Monday, 6:30 - 48

### **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 "Gideon, the Farmer General" with guest speaker Dr Oswald Hoffmann. Archives August – Dr Oswald Hoffmann recounts the story of Gideon, an unlikely military leader.

### **LIKEN HOUSE SWEET DISPLAY**

...Former area Michigan Sugar Queen's items/keepsakes/pictures are on display at the Charles W. Liken House Museum Saturday & Sunday, September 6 & 7 from 1-3 pm. Also, on Saturday & Sunday, September 27 & 28 from 10-4. Take a tour of this historic house and all its furnishings. The museum is located across from the Sebawaing Fire Department on N. Center Street. The Sebawaing Area Historical Society has worked many hours keeping the history of the area alive for future generations, come and see.

### **PRAYER VIGIL AT IMMANUEL**

...Immanuel will be hosting a prayer vigil on Saturday, September 20. Church doors will be open to anyone wanting a quiet place to pray from 9am-6pm. Public welcome.

### **L.W.M.L.**

...It is our 2025 L.W.M.L. retreat is Sept. 27th from 9 AM - 3 PM at St. John's, Port Hope. The theme is "Go to the Head of the (Bible) Class." Registration is due Sept. 10th and it is \$25.00 to attend. Lunch is included. The registration forms are available in our LWML mail slot at church. Our ingathering is basic school supplies to be given to our local Lutheran schools: pocket folders (no prongs), dry erase markers (fine point), pens, crayons, markers, 3 ring binders (1inch), college ruled paper, wooden pencils, glue sticks, tissues, rulers. Let's go back to school, too!

## **School News**

### **FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

...We had a great first week back to school! The students were very excited to tell the teachers about what they did over summer break!

...Our soccer team and the A & B volleyball teams have been hard at work during practice. We cannot wait to cheer them on once their games start!

...We are still looking for a lead latchkey teacher, so if you are interested or know someone who might be interested, please send an email to [principal@ctkl.org](mailto:principal@ctkl.org).

# Our Lord's Business this Week

## August 24 – August 31

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:       8:05 AM    Chapel

THURSDAY:        12:00 PM   Bulletin Deadline

FRIDAY:            CTK – No School

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 31)**

Acolytes: 9:00-Madison Reithel & Mason Janke

Greeters: 9:00-Judy Gregory & Stacy Pommerenke

Scrip: 9:00-Anne Bell

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

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9:00 am

## Divine Service 4

### *Announcements*

Hymn – *A Multitude Comes from the East and the West*

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### Divine Service 4

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Invocation, Confession and Absolution

### Introit

Splendor and majesty are before him;  
we will bless the Lord from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the Lord!

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.**

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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

O Lord, You have called us to enter Your kingdom through the narrow door. Guide us by Your Word and Spirit, and lead us now and always into the feast of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The First Reading – ***Isaiah 66:18-23***

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 – *Hebrews 12:4-24*

Alleluia & Verse

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The Gospel – *Luke 13:22-30*

Apostles' Creed

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Hymn – *Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying*

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Sermon

Prayer of the Church

Offering – *Here I Am, Lord* – 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

*Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior*

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*Eat This Bread*

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*Holy, Holy, Holy*

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Nunc Dimittis

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Post-Communion Collect

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Benediction

Closing Hymn – *Have No Fear, Little Flock*

LSB 735

### Who Should Commune?

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 a member of another LCMS congregation. If you have questions about our communion practice, please speak to the pastor or an elder.

## Isaiah 66:18-23

“For I know their works and their thoughts, and the time is coming to gather all nations and tongues. And they shall come and shall see my glory,<sup>19</sup>and I will set a sign among them. And from them I will send survivors to the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, who draw the bow, to Tubal and Javan, to the coastlands afar off, that have not heard my fame or seen my glory. And they shall declare my glory among the nations.<sup>20</sup>And they shall bring all your brothers from all the nations as an offering to the Lord, on horses and in chariots and in litters and on mules and on dromedaries, to my holy mountain Jerusalem, says the Lord, just as the Israelites bring their grain offering in a clean vessel to the house of the Lord.<sup>21</sup>And some of them also I will take for priests and for Levites, says the Lord.

<sup>22</sup>“For as the new heavens and the new earth that I make shall remain before me, says the Lord, so shall your offspring and your name remain.<sup>23</sup>From new moon to new moon, and from Sabbath to Sabbath, all flesh shall come to worship before me, declares the Lord.”

## Hebrews 12:4-24

In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood.<sup>5</sup>And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons? “My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him.<sup>6</sup>For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives.”

<sup>7</sup>It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline?<sup>8</sup>If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons.<sup>9</sup>Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live?<sup>10</sup>For they disciplined

us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness.<sup>11</sup>For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

<sup>12</sup>Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees,<sup>13</sup>and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed.<sup>14</sup>Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord.<sup>15</sup>See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no “root of bitterness” springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled;<sup>16</sup>that no one is sexually immoral or unholy like Esau, who sold his birthright for a single meal.<sup>17</sup>For you know that afterward, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no chance to repent, though he sought it with tears.

<sup>18</sup>For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest<sup>19</sup>and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them.<sup>20</sup>For they could not endure the order that was given, “If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned.”<sup>21</sup>Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, “I tremble with fear.”<sup>22</sup>But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering,<sup>23</sup>and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect,<sup>24</sup>and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

## Luke 13:22-30

[Jesus] went on his way through towns and villages, teaching and journeying toward Jerusalem. <sup>23</sup>And someone said to him, “Lord, will those who are saved be few?” And he said to them, <sup>24</sup>“Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. <sup>25</sup>When once the master of the house has risen and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, ‘Lord, open to us,’ then he will answer you, ‘I do not know where you come from.’ <sup>26</sup>Then you will begin to say, ‘We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our

streets.’ <sup>27</sup>But he will say, ‘I tell you, I do not know where you come from. Depart from me, all you workers of evil!’ <sup>28</sup>In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God but you yourselves cast out. <sup>29</sup>And people will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God. <sup>30</sup>And behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.”

PREACHER:	Rev Michael Boyer
ELDERS:	Ken Walz & Mike Zagata
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**Our Congregation at Prayer**  
**Daily Scripture and Prayer**  
**To be Used in the Home**  
**Getting Ready for Proper 17 C**  
**Immanuel Lutheran Church**

Theme for Sunday: The glory of God is concealed in the flesh of Jesus and revealed at the cross. He is humbled that you would be exalted.

*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 75.1-2, 6, 9; antiphon Psalm 75.7*

It is God who executes judgment,  
 putting down one and lifting up another.  
 We give thanks to you, O God; we give thanks, for your name is near.  
 We recount your wondrous deeds.  
 At the set time that I appoint  
 I will judge with equity.  
 For not from the east or from the west  
 and not from the wilderness comes lifting up.  
 But I will declare it forever;  
 I will sing praises to the God of Jacob.  
**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.**  
 It is God who executes judgment,  
 putting down one and lifting up another.



**Collect**

O Lord of grace and mercy, teach us by Your Holy Spirit to follow the example of Your Son in true humility, that we may withstand the temptations of the devil and with pure hearts and minds avoid ungodly pride; 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, 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.

The Psalm for Proper 17 C may be read (Psalm 131) 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

August 24	1 Kings 5.1-18 (6.1-7.50)	2 Corinthians 1.23-2.17
August 25	1 Kings 7.51-8.21	2 Corinthians 3.1-18
August 26	1 Kings 8.22-30, 46-63	2 Corinthians 4.1-18
August 27	1 Kings 9.1-9, 10.1-13	2 Corinthians 5.1-21
August 28	1 Kings 11.1-26	2 Corinthians 6.1-18
August 29	1 Kings 11.42-12.19	2 Corinthians 7.1-16
August 30	1 Kings 12.20-13.5, 33-35	2 Corinthians 8.1-24

**Talk About Next Sunday's Old Testament Reading: Proverbs 25.2-10**

What is the glory of God?

What does God conceal in the Old Testament?

**Talk About Next Sunday's Epistle Reading: Hebrews 13.1-17**

What kind of practical advice does the writer of Hebrews give?

What should we do with our leaders?

**Talk About Next Sunday's Gospel Reading: Luke 14.1-14**

Why did the religious leaders think work could not be done on the Sabbath?

Would they make exceptions to their law?

Who is the one who humbles himself and is therefore exalted?

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

**The Lord's Prayer Continued**

**The Third Petition**

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

*What does this mean?*

The good and gracious will of God is done even without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may be done among us also.

*How is God's will done?*

God's will is done when He breaks and hinders every evil plan and purpose of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature, which do not want us to hallow God's name or let His kingdom come; and when He strengthens and keeps us firm in His Word and faith until we die. This is His good and gracious will.

**The Fourth Petition**

Give us this day our daily bread.

*What does this mean?*

God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.

*What is meant by daily bread?*

Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self-control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.

**We Need Your Help!**

## **We Want To Publish Your Favorite Recipes!**

The Stewardship Board is collecting favorite recipes from our congregation to be published in Immanuel's next Cookbook!

**Please send us 3 or 4 of your favorite recipes as soon as possible!**

Just neatly print or type your favorite recipe on the back of this recipe form (please use the easy-to-follow format). If you need extra copies of the form, stop by the church office or ask a Stewardship member. Be sure to put a title on your recipe. Use only one recipe per form.

Please return your recipes to the Stewardship Board via the church office or Stewardship mailbox by September 12, 2025.

**These cookbooks make great gifts since they'll have your own recipes in it!**

Your friends and family will especially enjoy it...it will be a treasured keepsake for years to come.

Send in your favorite recipes, whether it is a dessert, salad, vegetable or main course. Also include recipes for the Blackstone, air fryer, crockpot, instapot and canning!

Money raised from cookbook sales will benefit the church and school kitchens.

*(Please TYPE or PRINT only one recipe per page)*

Recipe Title: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Ingredients:**

*Recommended Abbreviations: c, tsp, Tbsp, pkg, qt, pt*

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