

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, July 19, 2026



Immanuel Lutheran Church

SEBEWAING, MICHIGAN



The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

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

Pentecost

July 19, 2026

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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

WHO SHOULD COMMUNE HERE

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Luke 11:28

...He replied, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it."

YEARBOOK

...It's the time of year again that we start working on the yearbook. To all committees, please turn in your end of year report to the church office ASAP. To all members of Immanuel, if you have had any changes to your address, phone number, email address, marital status, etc., please let the church office know by July 22.

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN IN CASS CITY

...is seeking a qualified, friendly individual to head up our church office as our Church Secretary. The ideal candidate should have excellent oral and written communication skills and be able to organize their work using tools such as MS Word, Canva and our church organizational software; Shepherd's Staff. This is a fifteen hour per week, year-round position. For questions and to request an application please contact Amy at 989-872-2770 (Office hours are Mon., Wed, & Fri. 8:00am - 12:00 pm) or email her at goodshepherdcasscity1@gmail.com.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY

...NEXT Sunday, July 26 will be a "Christmas is July" outdoor service with Christmas hymns and readings. Communion will not be offered on Sunday. Bring your lawn chair and your Christmas spirit! Monday, July 27, evening service will have the same Christmas theme but will include communion in the great room.

IN OUR PRAYERS

+ SPECIAL NEEDS

...Vern Winter, Scott Adam, Lorraine Morey, 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, 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, July 12, 2026; 9:00 – 117; Monday, 6:30 – 63

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 "From Groans to Glory" with guest speaker Rev. Dr. Glenn Nielsen. A day will come when the grief will end, the groans will be silenced. Jesus will return and the dead in Christ will arise with bodies glorified. (Romans 8:21-27)

CPR/AED CLASS

...A compression-only CPR class for adult, child and infant, along with AED training will be held at Son's Life Missionary Church in Sebawaing on July 21 from 5:30-8pm. Cost is \$35 a person. To register please call 989-883-9999 or go to www.sonslife.org/connect?ei=PZGF62E.

School News

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

...The school office will be closed July 20-22 as it is being cleaned and waxed. We will be back in the office on July 23.

...Preschool will be hosting their Open House on August 5 from 6-8pm with a parent meeting at 6:30. Registration for K-8 will be August 12 from 11am-6pm.



Our Lord's Business this Week

July 19 – July 26

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 – no communion**

TUESDAY: 7:00 PM Board of Education

WEDNESDAY: 4:00 PM Newsletter Deadline

THURSDAY: 12:00 PM Bulletin Deadline

NEXT SUNDAY: 9:00 AM **Outdoor WORSHIP** – no communion
 10:15 AM Bible Study

SERVING NEXT WEEK (JULY 26)

Acolytes: 9:00-Brenden Brink & Colt Gangler

Greeters: 9:00-Mary Bauer & Chris Walz

Scrip: 9:00-Joanna Matthews

Ushers: 9:00-GROUP 6: Rodney Bohn, James Bohn, Ethan Bohn, Troy Stierter, Tom Williamson

Online giving with Vanco



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Divine Service 4

Announcements

Hymn – *Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling*

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Divine Service 4

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Invocation, Confession and Absolution

Introit

Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer;
listen to my plea for grace.

Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth;
unite my heart to fear your name.

I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,
and I will glorify your name forever.

For great is your steadfast love toward me;
you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.

O God, insolent men have risen up against me; a band of ruthless men seek my life,
and they do not set you before them.

But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

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.

Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer;
listen to my plea for grace.

Kyrie

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Gloria In Excelsis

Salutation and Collect

O God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your final judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of living here and dwell with You in perfect joy hereafter; 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 44:6-8*

The Gradual

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!

How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

For from him and through him and to him are all things.

To him be glory forever. Amen.

The Epistle – *Romans 8:18-27*

Alleluia & Verse

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The Gospel – *Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43*

Apostles' Creed

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Hymn – *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

LSB 700

Sermon

Prayer of the Church

Offering – *The Old Rugged Cross*

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

At the Lamb's Hight Feast We Sing

LSB 633

Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

LSB 683

From All That Dwell Below the Skies

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Nunc Dimittis

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Post-Communion Collect

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Benediction

Closing Hymn – *Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me*

LSB 761

Isaiah 44:6-8

Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel
and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts:

"I am the first and I am the last;
besides me there is no god.

⁷Who is like me? Let him proclaim it.

Let him declare and set it before me,
since I appointed an ancient people.

Let them declare what is to come, and
what will happen.

⁸Fear not, nor be afraid;

have I not told you from of old and
declared it?

And you are my witnesses!

Is there a God besides me?

There is no Rock; I know not any."

Romans 8:18-27

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. ²³And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind

of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

[Jesus] put another parable before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, ²⁵but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. ²⁶So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. ²⁷And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?' ²⁸He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' So the servants said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' ²⁹But he said, 'No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. ³⁰Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'" . . .

³⁶Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." ³⁷He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. ³⁸The field is the world, and the good seed is the children of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, ³⁹and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the close of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the close of the age. ⁴¹The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, ⁴²and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear."

PREACHER: Rev Michael Boyer
ORGANIST: Barbara Bleck
ACOLYTES: Norah & Eleanor Matthews
GREETERS: Virginia Nitz & Barb Gunsell
SCRIP: Lois Bohn
USHERS: GROUP 5: Jim Engelhardt, Mike Wildner, Dave Wildner, Chase Rievert, Drew Rievert, Warren Volz, Evan Volz, Roger Bloomfield, Tim Smith, John Markiewicz

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Our Congregation at Prayer
Daily Scripture and Prayer
To be Used in the Home
Getting Ready for Proper 12 A
Immanuel Lutheran Church

Theme for Sunday: Jesus searches for you amid your sin, He gives all to buy you back from eternal death.

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 105.2-6, ant Psalm 105.1

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;

Make known his deeds among the peoples!

Sing to him, sing praises to him;

Tell of all his wondrous works!

Glory in his holy name;

Let the heart of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

Seek the LORD and his strength;

Seek his presence continually!

Remember the wondrous works that he has done,

His miracles, and the judgments he uttered,

O offspring of Abraham, his servant,

Children of Jacob, his chosen ones!

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.

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;

Make known his deeds among the peoples!



Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope and love, that, receiving what You have promised, we may love what You have commanded; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Gradual Romans 11.33, 36

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!

How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

For from him and through him and to him are all things.

To him be glory forever. Amen.

The Psalm for Proper 12 A may be read (Psalm 125) 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	1 Samuel 6.19-1.17	Acts 19.1-22 (19.23-21.14)
Monday	1 Samuel 8.1-22	Acts 21.15-36
Tuesday	1 Samuel 9.1-27	Acts 21.37-22.16
Wednesday	1 Samuel 10.1-27	Acts 22.17-29
Thursday	1 Samuel 12.1-25	Acts 22.30-23.11
Friday	1 Samuel 13.1-18	Acts 23.12-35
Saturday	1 Samuel 14.47-15.9	Acts 24.1-23

Talk About Next Sunday's Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 7.6-9

How were the Israelites the treasured possession of God?

What had God done for the Israelites?

What should the people's response be to God?

Talk About Next Sunday's Second Reading: Romans 8.28-39

What works together for our good? (see the next verses)

How are we more than conquerors?

What then can separate us from the love of God?

Talk About Next Sunday's Gospel Reading: Matthew 13.44-52

What is the "kingdom of heaven" that Jesus keeps talking about?

How is this kingdom of heaven like a merchant?

How is this kingdom of heaven like a net?

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

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven.

What does this mean?

With these words God tenderly invites us to believe that he is our true Father and that we are His true children, so that with all boldness and confidence we may ask Him as dear children ask their dear father.

The First Petition

Hallowed be Thy name.

What does this mean?

God's name is certainly holy in itself, but we pray in this petition that it may be kept holy among us also.

How is God's name kept holy?

God's name is kept holy when the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity, and we, as the children of God, also lead holy lives according to it. Help us to do this, dear Father in heaven! But anyone who teaches or lives contrary to God's Word profanes the name of God among us. Protect us from this, heavenly Father!

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: _____

