

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, August 31, 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 31, 2025

John 10:14

...I am the good shepherd, and I know My own, and My own know Me.

TODAY'S RADIO BROADCAST

...was underwritten by Ken & Janet Rink.

BOARD OF EVANGELISM

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

MUSICAL NOTES FROM BARBARA BLECK

...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.

...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 or handbell group for just a few weeks to see if you like singing with us, you are most welcome to do that.

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 Sebewaing Fire Department on N. Center Street. The Sebewaing 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.

DUSTY CLUB GOLF OUTING

...Saturday, September 27 will be the Annual Dusty Club Golf Outing at Scenic Golf Course. Sponsorship and golfer registration forms are in the September newsletter and in the church office.

THE LUCKHARD MUSEUM-THE INDIAN MISSION

...will be open this afternoon, Sunday, August 31 from 2-4pm. Stop by for a tour and a visit!

IN OUR PRAYERS

- + **Finley Grey Cannarile**, daughter born to Miranda Fuerst on June 8, 2025, who was baptized on Friday, August 29. We pray for Finley's faith in Jesus to grow all her life.
- + Congratulations and God's continued blessings on Nathan & Emma Engelhardt who welcomed their first baby, a daughter, **Ellie Elaine**, on August 25, 2025.

+ **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 24, 2025; 9:00 – 142; Monday, 6:30 – 57

ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC

...Sunday, September 14 will be the annual church picnic/potluck after the 9am outdoor worship service. Eggs, sausage, pancakes, coffee, and drinks will be provided. Free-will donations greatly appreciated. Dishes may be dropped off before church at the school cafeteria door.

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!

...LWML, Women's Missionary League is collecting reading eye glasses. We collected 100 pair last year. All glasses are used even if broken or parts missing. Please put glasses in the box in the back of church. **NO CASES**, just glasses. Thank you!

OWLS

...This Tuesday, the 2nd, at Bay View Gardens at 10:30 am. is our monthly devotion followed by visiting with our ILC members and other residence there at Bay View. Also, in home visits can be arranged by contacting any member of the planning committee: Nancy Brown, Pat Seabrook, Barbara Neuman, Sally Rievert, or Doug Forsberg.

School News

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

...We had another successful week at school! The students are starting to dig into their classes, now that the routines are in place.

...Staff and students are enjoying an extended weekend, this weekend, for Labor Day. School will resume on Tuesday, September 2.

...We are excited for our Preschool and Latchkey to start on September 2 as well! The teachers have done a great job getting the classrooms ready to welcome our Little Knights!

...Our volleyball teams have a Home game on Tuesday. The B team plays at 4:30, and the A team plays after, which is around 5:30. The soccer team plays at Hemlock on Tuesday, at 4:45. Go Knights!

Our Lord's Business this Week

August 31 – September 7

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

MONDAY: Labor Day – CTK No School – Church Office Closed
 5:00 PM Finance
 6:30 PM WORSHIP/Communion

TUESDAY: 10:30 AM Devotions at Bay View Gardens
 5:30 PM Christ's Messengers

WEDNESDAY: 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study
 8:15 AM Chapel
 6:00 PM Glory Ringers
 7:00 PM Adoration Choir

THURSDAY: 12:00 PM Bulletin Deadline

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 (SEPTEMBER 7)

Acolytes: 9:00-Samuel Hofmeister & Jaxon Kuhl

Greeters: 9:00-Jerry & Sandy Gross

Scrip: 9:00-Lori Kemp

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

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Immanuel Lutheran Church, Sebewaing

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Divine Service 4

Announcements

Hymn – *Lift High the Cross*

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Invocation, Confession and Absolution

Introit

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.**
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Kyrie

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Gloria In Excelsis

Salutation and 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.**

The First Reading – ***Proverbs 25:2-10***

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 13:1-17*

Children's Sermon

Alleluia & Verse

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The Gospel – *Luke 14:1-14*

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Hymn – *O Blessed, Holy Trinity*

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Sermon

Prayer of the Church

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Sanctus

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

The Words of Our Lord

Agnus Dei



Distribution Hymns

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing (v1-4)

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Take My Life and Let It Be

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I Love Your Kingdom, Lord

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Benediction

Closing Hymn – *Son of God, Eternal Savior*

LSB 842

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.

Proverbs 25:2-10

It is the glory of God to conceal things,
but the glory of kings is to search things
out.

³As the heavens for height, and the earth for
depth,

so the heart of kings is unsearchable.

⁴Take away the dross from the silver,
and the smith has material for a vessel;

⁵take away the wicked from the presence of
the king,

and his throne will be established in
righteousness.

⁶Do not put yourself forward in the king's
presence

or stand in the place of the great,

⁷for it is better to be told, "Come up here,"

than to be put lower in the presence of a
noble.

What your eyes have seen

⁸do not hastily bring into court,
for what will you do in the end,

when your neighbor puts you to shame?

⁹Argue your case with your neighbor himself,
and do not reveal another's secret,

¹⁰lest he who hears you bring shame upon you,
and your ill repute have no end.

Hebrews 13:1-17

Let brotherly love continue. ²Do not neglect to
show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some
have entertained angels unawares. ³Remember
those who are in prison, as though in prison
with them, and those who are mistreated, since
you also are in the body. ⁴Let marriage be held
in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be
undefiled, for God will judge the sexually
immoral and adulterous. ⁵Keep your life free
from love of money, and be content with what
you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you
nor forsake you." ⁶So we can confidently say,

"The Lord is my helper;

I will not fear;

what can man do to me?"

⁷Remember your leaders, those who spoke
to you the word of God. Consider the outcome
of their way of life, and imitate their
faith. ⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and
today and forever. ⁹Do not be led away by
diverse and strange teachings, for it is good for
the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by
foods, which have not benefited those devoted
to them. ¹⁰We have an altar from which those
who serve the tent have no right to eat. ¹¹For
the bodies of those animals whose blood is
brought into the holy places by the high priest
as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the
camp. ¹²So Jesus also suffered outside the gate
in order to sanctify the people through his own
blood. ¹³Therefore let us go to him outside the
camp and bear the reproach he endured. ¹⁴For
here we have no lasting city, but we seek the
city that is to come. ¹⁵Through him then let us
continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God,
that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his
name. ¹⁶Do not neglect to do good and to share
what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing
to God.

¹⁷Obeys your leaders and submit to them, for
they are keeping watch over your souls, as
those who will have to give an account. Let
them do this with joy and not with groaning, for
that would be of no advantage to you.

Luke 14:1-14

One Sabbath, when [Jesus] went to dine at
the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were
watching him carefully. ²And behold, there was
a man before him who had dropsy. ³And Jesus
responded to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying,
"Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or
not?" ⁴But they remained silent. Then he took
him and healed him and sent him away. ⁵And he
said to them, "Which of you, having a son or an
ox that has fallen into a well on a Sabbath day,

will not immediately pull him out?" ⁶And they could not reply to these things.

⁷Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, ⁸"When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, ⁹and he who invited you both will come and say to you, 'Give your place to this person,' and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place. ¹⁰But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. ¹¹For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

¹²He said also to the man who had invited him, "When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your

relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. ¹³But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, ¹⁴and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. You will be repaid at the resurrection of the just."

PREACHER: Rev Michael Boyer

ELDERS: Ken Walz & Mike Zagata

ORGANIST: Barbara Bleck

ACOLYTES: Madison Reithel & Mason Janke

GREETERS: Judy Gregory & Stacy Pommerenke

SCRIP: Anne Bell

USHERS: GROUP 1: Warren Reithel, Jim Reithel, Mark Reithel, Joel Gremel, Shaun Gremel, Seth Gremel, Dave Lutz, Michael Lutz, Matt Bumhoffer, Doug Elston



Our Congregation at Prayer
Daily Scripture and Prayer
To be Used in the Home
Getting Ready for Proper 18 C
Immanuel Lutheran Church

Theme for Sunday: 'There is no half way of being a disciple of Jesus. The cost is following the law completely, that is, choosing life. Yet, it is Jesus who had given up all for you.

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 119.28-32; antiphon Ps 119.27*

Make me understand the way of your precepts,
and I will meditate on your wondrous works.
My soul melts away for sorrow;
strengthen me according to your word!
Put false ways far from me
and graciously teach me your law!
I have chosen the way of faithfulness;
I set your just decrees before me.
I cling to your testimonies, O LORD;
let me not be put to shame!
I will run in the way of your commandments
when you enlarge my heart!

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.

Make me understand the way of your precepts,
and I will meditate on your wondrous works.



Collect

O merciful Lord, You did not spare Your only Son but delivered Him up for us all. Grant us courage and strength to take up the cross and follow Him, 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 18 C may be read (Psalm 1) or those printed below.

Daily Psalms	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Morning	19	136	123	15	36	130	56
Evening	81; 113	97; 112	30; 86	48; 4	80; 27	32; 139	100; 62

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

August 31	1 Kings 16.29-17.24	2 Corinthians 9.1-15 (10.1-13.14)
September 1	1 Kings 18.1-19	Ephesians 1.1-23
September 2	1 Kings 18.20-40	Ephesians 2.1-22
September 3	1 Kings 19.1-21 (20.1-22.53)	Ephesians 3.1-21
September 4	2 Kings 2.1-18	Ephesians 4.1-24
September 5	2 Kings 2.19-25, 4.1-7	Ephesians 4.25-5.14
September 6	2 Kings 4.8-22, 32-37	Ephesians 5.15-33

Talk About Next Sunday's Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 30.15-20

What is set before the people of God in this text?

What does God want for them?

Talk About Next Sunday's Epistle Reading: Philemon 1.1-21

Who was Onesimus?

What had happened to Onesimus?

What is Paul pleading to Philemon for?

Talk About Next Sunday's Gospel Reading: Luke 14.25-35

Why does Jesus make being His disciple so difficult?

What does Jesus mean by counting the cost of building a tower?

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

The Lord's Prayer Continued

The Fifth Petition

And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

What does this mean?

We pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would not look at our sins, or deny our prayer because of them. We are neither worthy of the things for which we pray, nor have we deserved them, but we ask that He would give them all to us by grace, for we daily sin much and surely deserve nothing but punishment. So we too will sincerely forgive and gladly do good to those who sin against us.

The Sixth Petition

And lead us not into temptation.

What does this mean?

God tempts no one. We pray in this petition that God would guard and keep us so that the devil, the world, and our sinful nature may not deceive us or mislead us into false belief, despair, and other great shame and vice. Although we are attacked by these things, we pray that we may finally overcome them and win the victory.

The Seventh Petition

But deliver us from evil.

What does this mean?

We pray in this petition, in summary, that our Father in heaven would rescue us from every evil of body and soul, possessions and reputation, and finally, when our last hour comes, give us a blessed end, and graciously take us from this valley of sorrow to Himself in heaven.



Mum Sale!

Christ the King 7th and 8th grade classes are selling
mums for their D.C. trip!

Purchase your \$13 voucher by September 12
pick up your mums at Kohl Farms beginning September 20



The 9th Annual Dusty Club Golf Scramble & Blessing of the Clubs Sept 27, 2025

Sponsored by Immanuel Lutheran Church
With proceeds benefiting upgraded windows & HVAC
for Immanuel Lutheran Church in Sebawaing !

- **Where:** **Scenic Golf Course**
8364 W. Filion Rd
Pigeon, MI 48755
- **When:** **Registration @ 9:30am**
Tee Time @ 10:30am

Fun Contests Throughout the Day!

Fun Putt **Longest Putt & Drive**
Skins & 50/50s **Putting Challenge**
Hole in 1 Contest **300 Club!!**
New! —Grenades & Mulligans!!

- 4 Person Scramble w/ Cart
- Free Driving Range Prior to Tee Off
- Ties Decided by Highest Handicap Hole
- Contest Prizes, Silent Auction & More!
- Brats/Dogs at Turn & Meal Following
- Great Goodie Bags
- Prizes to the Winners



8th Annual Dusty Club Golf Scramble Registration Form

_____ @ \$75.00/ Person (Non-Members of Scenic) ~Deadline Sept 20, 2025~
_____ @ \$65.00/Person (Scenic Members)

If you are interested in helping to sponsor the scramble or would like to sponsor a hole, please let us know!

Team Members:

1. _____ (Captain) Telephone: _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Address: _____

Make Checks Payable to: Immanuel Lutheran Church

Mail Payment & Reg Form To: Becky Fiebig, 3812 Bay Port Rd, Sebawaing, MI 48759
For more info contact Lori Sweetman (989)280-4931 or Becky Fiebig at (989)670-5635
Email: beckyfiebig@countrysidemi.com



The 9th Annual Dusty Club Golf Scramble Sponsorship Opportunities



Join Immanuel Lutheran Church as we hold our 9th golf scramble on Sept 27, 2025 to benefit upgraded windows and HVAC systems at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Sebewaing! We appreciate your support!



Please Return Form by Sept 20, 2025



Dusty Club Golf Scramble Sponsorship Form

- _____ **\$1,000 Event Sponsor** –Signage recognition throughout event, at dinner and social media mentions
- _____ **\$500 Meal Sponsor** -Signage by food and social media mentions
- _____ **\$300 Contest Sponsor** -Signage at contest holes and social media mentions
- _____ **\$150 Hole Sponsorship** - Signage at a hole
- _____ **\$75 Cart Sponsorship** - Signage at on a cart

Business/Name: _____
(to be printed on signage)

Address: _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Make Checks Payable to: Immanuel Lutheran Church

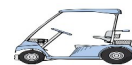
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· Where: Scenic Golf Course
8364 W. Fillion Rd
Pigeon, MI 48755

· When: Sept 27, 2025
Registration @ 9:30am
Tee Time @ 10:30am

Thank you for your support!



Dust off your clubs, gather your friends and join us for a great day!!