

# Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 21, 2025



## Immanuel Lutheran Church

SEBEWAING, MICHIGAN



The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

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

# Pentecost

September 21, 2025

## Immanuel Lutheran Church

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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

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

### Acts 20:35

*...In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord himself said: "It is more blessed to give than to receive."*

### TODAY'S RADIO BROADCAST

...was underwritten by Ken & Janet Rink.

### FROM THE ELDERS

...A big thank you to everyone that brought a dish to pass, helped with, and attended the Elders' Breakfast and church picnic. It was a great day for an outdoor service and to be blessed with the CTK children singing, well done kids! Also, thank you to our Collide group for the s'mores, activities, and music during the picnic. Our congregation is sure blessed here at Immanuel.

### THANK YOU

...The Cemetery Fund recently received a gift from the Hofmeister-Schweigert families. We thank them for their generosity. This gift will be used to purchase grass seed, for maintenance on shrubs, headstones and lawn mowing. If you would like to help out, make your check to Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery Fund. Thank you – Cindy Smith, Treasurer

...Thanks to our church family for the prayers, cards and good wishes for my recovery. Special thanks to Pastor Boyer for the hospital visit. God is so good! Kathy Engelhardt

...Thank you so much to everyone for the cards, thoughts and prayers. I would appreciate prayers for strength and healing as I continue to recover. God's Blessings to you all – Loretta (Sam) Tope

### SPECIAL MUSIC

...Today we get to enjoy special music during the offertory and during communion from Immanuel's Glory Ringers and Adoration Choir. Thank you to all our musicians that add glory to our worship.

## **IN OUR PRAYERS**

+ The family of **Rodney Bach**, who entered his Heavenly home on September 15. A funeral service for Rodney was held on Saturday, September 20.

## **SPECIAL NEEDS**

... 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, September 14, 2025; 9:00 – 245; Monday, 6:30 – 51

## **COOK BOOK DEADLINE EXTENDED**

...The Stewardship Board has not received the response we need to publish a cookbook. As a result, we have decided to extend the deadline for recipe submissions to October 20. Please either use the form included in the bulletin or your own paper and turn in to the church office or Stewardship mailbox. Or if you wish, email them to the church office at [church@ilcmi.org](mailto:church@ilcmi.org). Thanks for supporting this effort!

## **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 "Someone Worth Having" with Lutheran Hour Speaker Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. We lost God's name along the way, but God found us and gave us the Name by which we can know him: Jesus—"God saves." (Numbers 6:27)

## **COVID TESTS**

...The Sebewaing Library has an abundance of free covid test kits available for anyone looking for them.

# **School News**

## **FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

...Anyone who purchased mums through the 7th & 8th grade fundraiser, they are now available for pick up at Kohl Farms. Thank you to Kohl Farms for helping us make this fundraiser possible! We truly appreciate your support!

...The Volleyball teams and soccer team all play at Home on the 23rd starting at 4:30. There will be some Oktoberfest fun and food during these games as well!

...Our 7th graders helped the Orphan Grain Train load a trailer, full of supplies that is bound for Latvia, to help those in need.

...Our K-1 students honored 9/11 by gathering around the flagpole for a prayer and saying the pledge of allegiance. Our 2-8 students gathered in the gym for an assembly. Teachers shared stories from that day. The students worked in Chapel families to color links to a paper chain to hang in the hallway. It was a good reminder of how the country was united during that time. It also reminds us of those who lost their lives that day.

...Trunk or Treat will be October 17 from 4-6pm. If you are interested in volunteering or registering a trunk, please contact Megan Sattelberg at 989-239-5639. More details will be in next week's bulletin.

# Our Lord's Business this Week

## September 21 – September 28

SUNDAY:            8:30 AM    Music and Fellowship in the Great Room  
                         9:00 AM    **WORSHIP/Communion**  
                         10:15 AM   Bible Study  
                         4:00 PM    Collide Jr High  
                         6:30 PM    Collide Sr High

MONDAY:           5:00 PM    Finance  
                         6:30 PM    **WORSHIP/Communion**  
                         7:30 PM    **Voters' Meeting**

TUESDAY:          6:00 PM    Public School Confirmation  
                         7:00 PM    Board of Education

WEDNESDAY:       8:05 AM    Chapel  
                         11:30 AM   CTK Early Release

THURSDAY:         12:00 PM   Bulletin Deadline

SATURDAY:          9:30 AM    Dusty Club Golf Scramble at Scenic Golf Course

NEXT SUNDAY:      8:30 AM    Music and Fellowship in the Great Room  
                         9:00 AM    **WORSHIP/Communion**  
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### **SERVING NEXT WEEK (SEPTEMBER 28)**

Elders:     9:00-John Kemp & Jeff Williamson  
Acolytes:   9:00-Gatlin & Oaklynn Bumhoffer  
Greeters:   9:00-Joanne Harder & Kathy Hofmeister  
Scrip:       9:00-Kari Stecker  
Ushers:     9:00-GROUP 5: Jim Engelhardt, Mike Wildner, Dave Wildner,  
                 Drew Rievert, Chase Rievert, Warren Volz, Evan Volz, Roger  
                 Bloomfield, Tim Smith, John Markiewicz

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Immanuel Lutheran Church, Sebewaing  
**Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
September 21, 2025  
9:00 am

## Divine Service 1

### *Announcements*

Opening Hymn – *Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come*

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### Divine Service 1

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#### Introit

Your testimonies are righteous forever;  
give me understanding that I may live.  
Righteous are you, O Lord,  
and right are your just decrees.  
You have appointed your testimonies in righteousness  
and in all faithfulness.  
My zeal consumes me,  
because my foes forget your words.  
Your promise is well tried,  
and your servant loves it.  
Your righteousness is righteous forever,  
and your law is true.  
**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.**  
Your testimonies are righteous forever;  
give me understanding that I may live.

#### Kyrie

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#### This Is the Feast

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#### Salutation and Collect

O Lord, keep Your Church in Your perpetual mercy; and because without You we cannot but fall, preserve us from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; 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 – *Amos 8:4-7*

### 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 – *1 Timothy 2:1-15*

Alleluia & Verse

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### The Gospel – *Luke 16:1-15*

Hymn – *Seek Where You May to Find a Way*

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Sermon

Apostles' Creed

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Prayer of the Church

Offering – *Nothing but the Blood of Jesus* – Glory Ringers and Adoration Choir

Offertory

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## 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

*Father Most Holy*

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*Old Rugged Cross* - Glory Ringers & Adoration Choir

*Just as I Am, without One Plea*

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*What Is the World to Me*

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Thank the Lord

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Post-Communion Collect

Benediction

Closing Hymn – *Lord of All Hopefulness*

LSB 738

### 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.

## Amos 8:4-7

Hear this, you who trample on the needy  
and bring the poor of the land to an end,  
<sup>5</sup>saying, “When will the new moon be over,  
that we may sell grain?  
And the Sabbath,  
that we may offer wheat for sale,  
that we may make the ephah small and the  
shekel great  
and deal deceitfully with false balances,  
<sup>6</sup>that we may buy the poor for silver  
and the needy for a pair of sandals  
and sell the chaff of the wheat?”  
<sup>7</sup>The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob:  
“Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.”

## 1 Timothy 2:1-15

First of all, then, I urge that supplications,  
prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be  
made for all people, <sup>2</sup>for kings and all who are  
in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful  
and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way.  
<sup>3</sup>This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of  
God our Savior, <sup>4</sup>who desires all people to be  
saved and to come to the knowledge of the  
truth. <sup>5</sup>For there is one God, and there is one  
mediator between God and men, the man  
Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who gave himself as a ransom for  
all, which is the testimony given at the proper  
time. <sup>7</sup>For this I was appointed a preacher and  
an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying),  
a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

<sup>8</sup>I desire then that in every place the men  
should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or  
quarreling; <sup>9</sup>likewise also that women should  
adorn themselves in respectable apparel, with  
modesty and self-control, not with braided hair  
and gold or pearls or costly attire, <sup>10</sup>but with  
what is proper for women who profess  
godliness—with good works. <sup>11</sup>Let a woman  
learn quietly with all submissiveness. <sup>12</sup>I do not  
permit a woman to teach or to exercise  
authority over a man; rather, she is to remain  
quiet. <sup>13</sup>For Adam was formed first, then Eve;  
<sup>14</sup>and Adam was not deceived, but the woman

was deceived and became a transgressor. <sup>15</sup>Yet  
she will be saved through childbearing—if they  
continue in faith and love and holiness, with  
self-control.

## Luke 16:1-15

[Jesus] also said to the disciples, “There was  
a rich man who had a manager, and charges  
were brought to him that this man was wasting  
his possessions. <sup>2</sup>And he called him and said to  
him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Turn in  
the account of your management, for you can  
no longer be manager.’ <sup>3</sup>And the manager said  
to himself, ‘What shall I do, since my master is  
taking the management away from me? I am  
not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to  
beg. <sup>4</sup>I have decided what to do, so that when I  
am removed from management, people may  
receive me into their houses.’ <sup>5</sup>So, summoning  
his master’s debtors one by one, he said to the  
first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ <sup>6</sup>He  
said, ‘A hundred measures of oil.’ He said to  
him, ‘Take your bill, and sit down quickly and  
write fifty.’ <sup>7</sup>Then he said to another, ‘And how  
much do you owe?’ He said, ‘A hundred  
measures of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your  
bill, and write eighty.’ <sup>8</sup>The master commended  
the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For  
the sons of this world are more shrewd in  
dealing with their own generation than the sons  
of light. <sup>9</sup>And I tell you, make friends for  
yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so  
that when it fails they may receive you into the  
eternal dwellings.

<sup>10</sup>“One who is faithful in a very little is also  
faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a  
very little is also dishonest in much. <sup>11</sup>If then you  
have not been faithful in the unrighteous  
wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches?  
<sup>12</sup>And if you have not been faithful in that which  
is another’s, who will give you that which is your  
own? <sup>13</sup>No servant can serve two masters, for  
either he will hate the one and love the other,  
or he will be devoted to the one and despise the  
other. You cannot serve God and money.”

<sup>14</sup>The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all these things, and they ridiculed him.

<sup>15</sup>And he said to them, “You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God.”

PREACHER: Rev Michael Boyer  
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**Our Congregation at Prayer**  
**Daily Scripture and Prayer**  
**To be Used in the Home**  
**Getting Ready for Proper 21 C**  
**Immanuel Lutheran Church**

Theme for Sunday: All Scripture speaks of Jesus' sacrifice for us. Heavenly Father, grant us to hear and believe all that Jesus has done for us.

*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 119.73-75, 77; ant Psalm 119.76*

Let your steadfast love comfort me

According to your promise to your servant.  
Your hands have made and fashioned me;

Give me understanding that I may learn your commandments.

Those who fear you shall see me and rejoice,  
Because I have hoped in your word.

I know, O LORD, that your just decrees are righteous,

And that in faithfulness you have afflicted me.  
Let your mercy come to me, that I may live;

For your law is my delight.

**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.**

Let your steadfast love comfort me

According to your promise to your servant.



Collect

O God, You are the strength of all who trust in You, and without Your aid we can do no good thing, Grant us the help of Your grace that we may please You in both will and deed; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Gradual

*Psalm 91.11, 103.1*

He will command his angels concerning you

To guard you in all your ways.

Bless the LORD, O my soul,

And all that is within me, bless his holy name!

The Psalm for Proper 21 C may be read (Psalm 146) 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

September 21	Nehemiah 5.1-16; 6.1-9, 15-16	1 Timothy 4.1-16
September 22	Nehemiah 7.1-4, 8.1-18 (Ezra 1.1-10.19)	1 Timothy 5.1-16
September 23	Nehemiah 9.1-21	1 Timothy 5.17-6.2
September 24	Nehemiah 9.22-38 (Nehemiah 10.1-13.31)	1 Timothy 6.3-21
September 25	Malachi 1.1-14	Matthew 3.1-17
September 26	Malachi 2.1-3.5	Matthew 4.1-11
September 27	Malachi 3.6-4.6	Matthew 4.12-25

### **Talk About Next Sunday's Old Testament Reading: Amos 6.1-7**

What is Amos' complaint?

What will happen to the people?

### **Talk About Next Sunday's Epistle Reading: 1 Timothy 3.1-13 or 1 Timothy 6.6-9**

Overseer is what we would consider today the office of pastor.

What are the qualification for an overseer?

Why would it be important that an overseer is qualified?

### **Talk About Next Sunday's Gospel Reading: Luke 16.19-31**

In this parable what happens to the rich man? What about Lazarus?

What is the point of the parable?

What should the people listen to?

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

### **Confession**

*What is Confession?*

Confession has two parts. First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.

*What sins should we confess?*

Before God we should plead guilty of all sins, even those we are not aware of, as we do in the Lord's Prayer; but before the pastor we should confess only those sins which we know and feel in our hearts.

*Which are these?*

Consider your place in life according to the Ten Commandments: Are you a father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife, or worker? Have you been disobedient, unfaithful, or lazy? Have you been hot-tempered, rude, or quarrelsome? Have you hurt someone by your words or deeds? Have you stolen, been negligent, wasted anything, or done any harm?

# WELCOME BACK!!!

## KICK OFF TO SUNDAY SCHOOL CELEBRATION!!

We are very excited to have you back with us on Sunday mornings for fun and fellowship! Now that everyone has had a chance to get used to the school routine, we hope that you will make Sunday School a part of your Sunday morning routine. We are just getting started (October 5)....come as often as you can!!

To welcome you back we want to invite you to join us for a movie and some snacks to kick off our opening Sunday. Here are the details:

- Who: 3 years old – 8<sup>th</sup> grade (feel free to bring a friend or two!!)
- When: Sunday, October 5, 2025
- Time: 10:15am – 11:10am
- Where: Immanuel Lutheran Church basement

We look forward to seeing you!

~ Chuck McGathy / Sarah Kemp / Jodi Williamson  
Immanuel Lutheran Church Sunday School



**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 15, 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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