

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 20, 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 -
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and **RADIO - 103.7FM**

Monday Worship
6:30 pm



A Stephen Ministry
Congregation

Pentecost

September 20, 2026

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.

Philemon 1:3

...Grace and peace to you, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

WEEKLY ADULT BIBLE CLASS

...on Wednesday mornings at 9:30am with Pastor Kuhl will resume on September 9 in the great room. Hope you can join us!

HOW WOULD YOU REPOND IF...

...someone tells you that "there is no evidence of Jesus' resurrection or the empty tomb"? Adults and Youth interested in participating in a short-term small group Bible Study that will examine a Christian's response to this type of question please contact Jim & Connie Bunke (989-883-2539).

FLOWERS

...behind the altar were given in honor of Warren & Mary Beers' 60th Wedding Anniversary on September 17.

OWLS

...Monthly visits with our members in nursing homes and assisting living continues on a monthly basis. For an in-home visit contact Sally Rievert, Nancy Brown, Pat Seabrook or Doug Forsberg to make arrangements.

OUR 2ND ANNUAL SUICIDE PREVENTION AWARENESS WALK

...Join Scheurer Health & Senior Life Solutions on Tuesday, September 22, from 11:30am to 1:30pm at the Scheurer Health Walking Path in Pigeon (behind the hospital). Help us raise awareness, promote hope, and support suicide prevention in our community. **What to wear:** Purple and/or teal to show your support and raise awareness. Together, we can make a difference, start conversations, and remind those who are struggling that they are not alone.

IN OUR PRAYERS

+ SPECIAL NEEDS

...Gabby Bucholz, Jason Smith, Vern Winter, Scott Adam, Lorraine Morey, Kevin Weeks, John Volz, Cassie (Molina) Kerinukm, Loretta Tope, Marlene Faber, Warren Beers, Joan Walz, Joy Sprague, Nancy Pommerenke, Gary Volz, Nelda Gnagey, Chuck Dutcher, LoAnn Rieman, Ernie Sbresny III, Sue McGathy, Jim Simmet, Barb Nitz, Colin 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, September 13, 2026; 9:00 – 120; Monday, 6:30 – 56

LISTEN TO THE LUTHERAN HOUR

...every Sunday morning on WLEW 1340AM at 11:10, WMIC 660AM at 10:05 or WSAM 1340AM at 8:30. Today's Lutheran Hour message is "High Bar to Clay Jar" with Lutheran Hour speaker Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. In Jesus, we don't need to compare ourselves to anyone else. Instead, we are free to better appreciate them. (Matthew 20:16)

THUMB ZONE LWML RETREAT IN CASS CITY

...Saturday, September 26, 9am registration, 10-4pm for the program. The theme we will be working with is "The Fruit is Ready for Harvest." NOTE – we will be emphasizing apples in decorations, etc. We will be centering our theme around Colossians 1:10 – *Bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God.* We have our flowers and food growing in a garden, be we have another garden – God's children, some who know Him and some who do not. So, let's reach out and come and grow ourselves in our own faith and share the message with others to help them grow also. We celebrate with a communion service. We will sing and exercise a little and even laugh. We will see old friends and make some new ones. We will share good food. There will be some surprises! And MORE! Call or text Connie Bunke at 989-529-0792. All women of our church are welcome to attend.

School News

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

...Congratulations to our newest Lutheran Junior Honor Association students! Emersynn Kuhl, Eleanor Matthews, Norah Matthews, and Catarina Sting were inducted into the CTK LJHA chapter. They were welcomed by Kenzie Armbruster, Kennedy Kemp, and Jaxon Kuhl, who were inducted last year!

...You can catch the B Volleyball team at home on Monday at 5:00 and both volleyball teams on Thursday, beginning at 4:30. Soccer has a home game on Monday and Tuesday with both games beginning at 4:30. 8th grade recognition will be held on Thursday.

...Thank you to everyone who purchased Mums!! Don't forget, you can pick up your flowers at Kohl Farms, beginning September 19th.

...Save the date: Our annual Trunk or Treat event will take place on October 23rd.

...We are once again accepting donations for our Adopt-a-Salad Bar for our school lunch program. You can pick up a flyer at the back of the church.

...Pick-a-Date to Donate: Students received a calendar to try and fill, if they would like. 100% of the funds collected go towards their tuition. Students can also receive prizes depending on how

much they collect. Reach out to a student if you would like to help fill some of their days. Calendars are due by Oct. 2.

Our Lord's Business this Week September 20 – September 27

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

MONDAY: 5:00 PM Finance
 6:30 PM **WORSHIP/Communion**

TUESDAY: 5:00 PM Christ's Messengers
 6:00 PM Public School Confirmation Class

WEDNESDAY: 8:15 AM Chapel
 9:30 AM Adult Bible Study
 11:30 AM CTK – Early Release
 5:00 PM Adoration Choir
 6:00 PM Glory Ringers

THURSDAY: 12:00 PM Bulletin Deadline

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

SERVING NEXT WEEK (SEPTEMBER 27):

Acolytes: Luke Gremel & Jake Fiebig

Greeters: Scott & Jill Millerwise

Scrip: Stephanie Boyer

Ushers: GROUP 6: Rodney Bohn, James Bohn, Ethan Bohn, Troy Strieter,
Tom Williamson

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9:00 am

Divine Service 1

Announcements

Hymn – *The Man Is Ever Blessed*

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Divine Service 4

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Invocation, Confession and Absolution

Introit

I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call on the name of the Lord.

What shall I render to the Lord
for all his benefits to me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the Lord.

Precious in the sight of the Lord
is the death of his saints.

O Lord, I am your servant;

I am your servant, the son of your maidservant. You have loosed my bonds.

**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.**

I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call on the name of the Lord.

Kyrie

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Gloria In Excelsis

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Salutation and Collect

Lord God, heavenly Father, since we cannot stand before You relying on anything we have done, help us trust in Your abiding grace and live according to Your Word; 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 55:6-9***

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 – ***Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30***

Children's Sermon

Alleluia & Verse

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The Gospel – ***Matthew 20:1-16***

Hymn – ***Lord of All Hopefulness***

LSB 738

Sermon

Nicene Creed

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Prayer of the Church

Offering – ***Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God*** – *Men's Trio*

Offertory

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

Salvation unto Us Has Come (v 1-5)

LSB 555

Salvation unto Us Has Come (v 6-10)

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Children of the Heavenly Father

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Nunc Dimittis

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Post-Communion Collect

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Benediction

Closing Hymn – ***In God, My Faithful God***

LSB 745

Isaiah 55:6-9

“Seek the Lord while he may be found;
call upon him while he is near;

⁷let the wicked forsake his way,
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;
let him return to the Lord, that he may have
compassion on him,
and to our God, for he will abundantly
pardon.

⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways, declares
the Lord.

⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.”

Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30

I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, ¹³so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. ¹⁴And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear. . . .

¹⁹for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, ²⁰as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. ²¹For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. ²³I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. ²⁴But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. ²⁵Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, ²⁶so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.

²⁷Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. ²⁹For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, ³⁰engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Matthew 20:1-16

[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ ⁵So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. ⁶And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ ⁷They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’ ⁸And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.’ ⁹And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, ¹²saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ ¹³But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing

you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?' ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first last."

PREACHER: Rev Michael Boyer
ORGANIST: Barbara Bleck
ACOLYTES: Gatlin & Oaklynn Bumhoffer
GREETERS: Ed & Lori Kemp
SCRIP: Joanna Matthews
USHERS: GROUP 5: Jim Engelhardt, Mike Wildner, Dave Wildner, Drew Reivert, Chase 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 21 A
Immanuel Lutheran Church

Theme for Sunday: The way of the Father is just, He wants none to perish but all to live through His Son.

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 147.1-5, ant Psalm 147.6

The LORD lifts up the humble;

He casts the wicked to the ground.

Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God;

For it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.

The LORD builds up Jerusalem;

He gathers the outcasts of Israel.

He heals the broken- hearted

And binds up their wounds.

He determines the number of the stars;

He gives to all of them their names.

Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;

His understanding is beyond measure.

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.

The LORD lifts up the humble;

He casts the wicked to the ground.



Collect

Almighty God, You exalted Your Son to the place of all honor and authority. Enlighten our minds by Your Holy Spirit that, confessing Jesus as Lord, we may be led into all truth; 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 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 A may be read (Psalm 25.1-10) 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	Nehemiah 9.22-38 (Nehemiah 10.1-13.31)	1 Timothy 6.3-21
Monday	Malachi 1.1-14	Matthew 3.1-17
Tuesday	Malachi 2.1-3.5	Matthew 4.1-11
Wednesday	Malachi 3.6-4.6	Matthew 4.12-25
Thursday	Deuteronomy 1.1-18	Matthew 5.1-20
Friday	Deuteronomy 1.19-36	Matthew 5.21-48
Saturday	Deuteronomy 1.37-2.15	Matthew 6.1-15

Talk About Next Sunday's Old Testament Reading: Ezekiel 18.1-4, 25-32

What was the problem with the proverb that the Israelites were quoting?

Why did Israel think the way of the Lord was not just?

What did God want for His people? What about us?

Talk About Next Sunday's Second Reading: Philippians 2.1-4 (5-13) 14-18

How could the Philippians complete Paul's joy?

Philippians 2.5-11 may be a very early creed. What is so special about this section?

How does Philippians 2.5-11 speak of the humiliation and exaltation of Christ?

Talk About Next Sunday's Gospel Reading: Matthew 21.23-27 (28-32)

Why would the chief priests and elders care about the authority Jesus has to do things?

Why would Jesus ask the chief priest and elders where John's Baptism came from?

In Matthew 21.28-32, who was the faithful son?

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

The Sacrament of the Altar continued

How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things?

Certainly not just eating and drinking do these things, but the words written here: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." These words, along with the bodily eating and drinking, are the main thing in the Sacrament. Whoever believes these words has exactly what they say: "forgiveness of sins."

Who receives this Sacrament worthily?

Fasting and bodily preparation are certainly fine outward training. But that person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." But anyone who does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared, for the words "for you" require all hearts to believe.

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 (September 20)....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.

- **Who:** 3 years old – 8th grade (feel free to bring a friend or two!!)
- **When:** Sunday, September 20, 2026
- **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





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CTK's 6th Grade Presents...

Crumbl Style Cookies & Apple Cider Slushes!

October 1, 2026

During Sebewaing's Moonlight Madness

4p-8p (or until sold out)

Countryside Auto Value on M-25

WARNING: Not your average cookie!
Make sure to bring your sweet tooth,
because these cookies are
big and they will go fast!

All proceeds will go towards the
Class Trip to Washington DC!

