Welcome to Worship at

IMMANUEL
LUTHERAN CHURCH

fall 2026 sermon series

MORE *to* YOUR STORY (here)

based on the book by MAX LUCADO



a place to invest

ORDER OF WORSHIP

11.15.26 ||TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST || BANNER #28 "THANKS BE TO GOD"

PRELUDE & BELL Milianna Carlson

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Allison

PRAYER & CALL TO WORSHIP Pastor Allison

OPENING HYMN *#797 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

GREETING Pastor Allison

KINGDOM KIDS SING Nicole Engelhardt, director

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE SONG *I Am the Church*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Pastor Allison

SCRIPTURE READINGS Bradey Haberl

Romans 12:1-8; 1 Corinthians 3:10-17

APOSTLES' CREED

OFFERTORY *#816 We Give Thee But Thine Own*

MESSAGE Julie Smith

More To Your Story (Here): A Place to Invest

YOUNG DISCIPLES SING Kelly Dahl, director

WORSHIP SONG *Another Like You*
led by the Young Disciples

CLOSING PRAYERS & LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION & SENDING Pastor Andrew

CLOSING WORSHIP SONG *Build My Life*

POSTLUDE Milianna Carlson

CHURCH & COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

Welcome to worship at Immanuel! We gather with gratitude for the extravagant goodness of Almighty God. As members of the family of God, let us rejoice and reach out in love toward one another.

Today's bulletin is sponsored in loving memory of Margaret Thompson. As the family and this congregation remembers her birthday on November 21st, we are thankful for her beautiful life and the love she shared with so many. Happy heavenly birthday, Margaret!

Sponsor any worship bulletin in honor or in memory of someone - perfect for birthdays, anniversaries, or special remembrances. Sponsorship is $20 and helps us offset our printing and paper expenses. Contact the church office to schedule your sponsorship!

Give a secure financial gift to Immanuel online!
You can give via a debit or credit card, Venmo, Google Pay, or directly from your bank.
Please contact the church office if you have questions about your giving!

We welcome **Julie Smith**, LCMC service coordinator, to worship this morning!

You're invited to a **service of Holy Communion** after worship this morning - we will gather at the altar following the closing song.

The Immanuel congregation expresses condolences to the family and friends of Vinnie Quang who passed away on November 12. A visitation will take place Sunday, November 15 from 3 - 7pm. A funeral service will be held at Immanuel on Monday, November 16 at 11am with a luncheon to follow. Our prayers are with Em Quang and the rest of the family during this time of grief.

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EPIC
YOUTH PROGRAM UPDATES & NEEDS



Serve Pizza!

We need parents to sign up to serve pizza on Wednesday evenings!
Several openings are available beginning in December —
and we may even need someone for next Wednesday!



Help in a Small Group!

Consider staying to help with an EPIC small group on the same night you serve pizza!

Join your child's group or another group of your choice. It's a great way to see what happens at EPIC, and our leaders would appreciate the extra hands!

(This is optional, so please don't let it keep you from serving pizza.)



Schedule Change!

Beginning Wednesday, November 11, our middle school EPIC time will be extended by 10 minutes.

NEW TIME: 5:45 – 7:25 PM

SIGN UP TO SERVE PIZZA HERE

SPONSOR A

Christmas Poinsettia

We have ordered a limited number of red, pink, and white poinsettias from Goode Greenhouses to decorate the sanctuary for Christmas. These poinsettias are in a 4.5" pot and include 3 to 5 blooms. If you would like to sponsor a poinsettia **in honor or in memory of** a loved one, please fill out this form (with payment) and return to the church office or scan the QR code and fill out the online form by **Sunday, November 22**.

Each plant is $10 to sponsor. We will list your name and the names of those you are sponsoring in the bulletin insert on Christmas Eve. You may remain anonymous if you wish.

You can choose from the assorted plants in our display in the sanctuary after Christmas Eve worship *(Thursday, December 24)*.

Given by: _____

_____

I/We would like to order _____ poinsettias at $10 each.

_____ In Honor of _____

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_____ In Memory of _____

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You may pick up your plant(s) following worship on Christmas Eve (Thursday, December 24). Contact the church office with questions.



We will meet in the Social Hall for auditions. All participants are asked to wait until the cast list is announced at 2pm. There is a $10 participation fee per participant to help us pay for our cast t-shirts. We also ask that each family take a turn supplying the snacks for our Wednesday rehearsals. Contact Pastor Allison or Milianna with questions regarding this production. Thank you!



We're looking for individuals or groups to provide **special music** during our Christmas Eve worship services on Thursday, December 24, at 4:30 and 7:00pm. Whether you sing or play an instrument, we invite you to share your musical gifts as we celebrate the birth of our Savior! If you're interested, please contact Milianna in the church office so we can add you to our Christmas worship plan!

SERMON NOTES



For more **church and community announcements**, subscribe to our weekly emails (contact the church office!) and grab a copy of our Quarterly Newsletter on the slatwall (or see a digital copy on our website). See the lobby slatwall for more community announcements - have something to post? Contact the church office!

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS

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John & Corine Nordeen, Brice & Jenessa Haskin

READER
Bradey Haberl

TECH TEAM
John Rathmacher

ACOLYTE
Reagan Harriman

FELLOWSHIP HOSTS
Brad & Julie Skaar, Edgar & Jaynee Christian

COFFEE CART
Steve & Miriam Skartvedt

PRAYER PARTNERS
Immanuel Deacons

BANNER/PARAMENT COMMITTEE
Laura Carlson

Contact Milianna Carlson with questions or if you need assistance using Sign-up Genius.

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Mondays - Thursdays: 9 A.M. - Noon
Fridays by appointment only

Sunday Schedule

8:00 A.M. RADIO BROADCAST
(KASI, 1430 A.M.)

8:30 A.M. EDUCATION HOUR

9:30 A.M. WORSHIP
LIVE STREAM

10:30 A.M. FELLOWSHIP (SOCIAL HALL)

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