NOVEMBER 8, 2026 || TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Welcome to Worship at

IMMANUEL
LUTHERAN CHURCH

fall 2026 sermon series

MORE *to* YOUR STORY (here)

based on the book by MAX LUCADO



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

11.8.26 ||TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST || BANNER #27 "GIVE THANKS UNTO THE LORD"

PRELUDE & BELL Milianna Carlson

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Andrew

PRAYER & CALL TO WORSHIP Pastor Andrew

OPENING HYMN *#429 They'll Know We Are Christians*

GREETING Pastor Andrew

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE SONG *I Am the Church*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Grant Severson

SCRIPTURE READINGS Kelly Dahl

Ephesians 4:11-16; Matthew 9:35-38; Exodus 3:1-14

APOSTLES' CREED

OFFERTORY *#678 We Are An Offering*

MESSAGE Pastor Allison

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

WORSHIP SONGS *Lord, I Need You//Open the Eyes of My Heart*

CLOSING PRAYERS & LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION & SENDING Grant Severson

CLOSING WORSHIP SONG *I Will Follow*

POSTLUDE Milianna Carlson

CHURCH & COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

Welcome to worship at Immanuel! A joyous greeting to one and all. We especially welcome all veterans, as our nation honors them this week.

Today's bulletin is sponsored by Lori Whipple and family in memory of Dan Whipple. Today would have been his 70th birthday. His presence is missed but his love is remembered and his legacy lives on.

We have choir rehearsal following worship today! We'll gather in the choir pews at 10:45 to rehearse our Advent anthem as well as the combined church choir anthem for the Thanksgiving Ecumenical Worship Service on November 22. Contact Milianna if you need a copy of either piece of music. We will perform our Advent anthem during worship on November 29. All voices and singers (6th grade and up!) are welcome!

Register for our upcoming Lunch & Learn! Our Spiritual Gifts class will be on Sunday, November 15 at 11:30am in the Social Hall. Please register online or with the church office by November 11. Whether or not you've taken this class before or not, this is a great introduction to discover what gifts God has given you and how you can use them to serve others and the Kingdom of God!

The Kingdom Kids (3-year-olds through 1st Grade) and Young Disciples (2nd Grade through 5th Grade) will sing during worship next Sunday.

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!

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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.)



This Wednesday!

We need at least two adult helpers this Wednesday during our middle school EPIC time!
It's a large-group evening, so there's no teaching or preparation required — just a willingness to help supervise and keep things running smoothly!



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: _____

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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.

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Annual Gathering

hosted at
IMMANUEL
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Saturday, November 14, 2026

8:30 Registration || 9:00 - 2:30 Event with lunch

Called to Go - Rev Julie Smith
Our speaker for the day is Julie Smith, Service Coordinator for LCMC.

"Our calling as God's people is a call to go. There is a sending out that is part of each of our vocations. Sometimes that sending is to the person right next to you. Sometimes it is to the ends of the earth. But it is always outside of yourself. Our vocations, our callings, are not about self-improvement. Our callings are about our neighbors, near and far."



Immanuel Members

RSVP to the church office by Tuesday, November 10th and we'll cover your $20 registration fee (thanks to the Deacons).

You can also register online and select "Pay at the door" - please notify the church office if you register this way.

Questions? Contact the church office!

Register here!





If you are willing to **provide a pie** for the Thanksgiving Ecumenical Worship Service on November 22, please pick up a pie card in the lobby to indicate which pie you are bringing. Pies are due to the Social Hall (uncut) by 2pm on November 22. Label your pie tin (if not disposable). Contact Julie Skaar with questions.

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

WELCOME TEAM
John & Corine Nordeen, Brice & Jenessa Haskin

READER
Kelly Dahl

TECH TEAM
John Rathmacher

ACOLYTE
Lane Rickerl

FELLOWSHIP HOSTS
Marcy Johnson, Karen Hermanson

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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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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