

SEPTEMBER 20, 2026 || SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Welcome to Worship at



fall 2026 sermon series

MORE *to* YOUR STORY

based on the book by MAX LUCADO



ordinary matters

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

9.20.26 || SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST || BANNER #35 "WORSHIP"

PRELUDE & BELL	Milianna Carlson
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS	Grant Severson
PRAYER & CALL TO WORSHIP	Grant Severson
OPENING HYMN	<i>#354 I Cannot Tell</i>
GREETING	Pastor Allison
STUDENT MINISTRY LEADERS INSTALLATION	
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE SONG	<i>I Am the Church</i>
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE	Pastor Andrew
SCRIPTURE READINGS	Kayla Haberl
<i>Luke 2:1-7; Colossians 1:9-14; Isaiah 53:1-6</i>	
APOSTLES' CREED	Pastor Allison
OFFERTORY	<i>#678 We Are An Offering</i>
MESSAGE	Pastor Allison
<i>More To Your Story: Ordinary Matters</i>	
WORSHIP SONGS	<i>Reckless Love//Cornerstone</i>
CLOSING PRAYERS & LORD'S PRAYER	
BENEDICTION & SENDING	Pastor Andrew
CLOSING HYMN	<i>In Christ Alone</i>
POSTLUDE	Milianna Carlson

CHURCH & COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

Welcome to worship at Immanuel! With warm hearts and hands, we welcome all who have come to worship the Lord. May this be a time of encouragement and inspiration for us all.

Today is the last day to register for our summer 2027 Youth Mission Trip! We are excited to partner with YouthWorks again and complete service work in Duluth, Minnesota the week of June 27 - July 2, 2027. This mission trip opportunity is open to students 7th grade - 12th grade (*current 6th graders - 12th graders are able to attend next summer*). See more info by scanning the QR code or the information packet on the slatwall. All questions can be directed to Pastor Allison.



Today at 11am, our 2nd Graders and parents are encouraged to attend the **"My Bible Class"** with Pastor Allison. Students will learn how to navigate God's Word as they begin their journey with Jesus.

Finishing the Year Strong - General Fund Update: As we approach the end of our fiscal year on September 30, our General Fund giving is currently \$48k below our approved budget. This fund sustains our worship, daily operations, local outreach, and global missionaries. To ensure our ministries continue without interruption, please consider making a special end-of-year gift by September 30. You can drop off a check at the church office. Every gift helps us enter the new fiscal year on solid ground! Thank you.

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!



DON'T FORGET TO **REGISTER** for **SUNDAY SCHOOL!**

A new Sunday School year is just around the corner!
We can't wait to grow in God's Word together!

**SCAN HERE
TO REGISTER**



*It's going to be a
great year!*



JOIN US AT IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH FOR

lunch & learn

Sunday, September 27 at 11:30 A.M.

Lutheran Distinctives

presented by Brad Waline

FREE EVENT - RESERVATIONS REQUIRED - LIMITED SEATING

Event includes lunch, presentation, and Q & A



RSVP on the Sign Up Genius Link or
contact the church office directly.



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What exactly does it mean to be a "Lutheran"? Who was Martin Luther, and what is Reformation Sunday? What makes Lutherans different from other denominations? We'll learn how our Lutheran heritage and theology help us better understand our faith and live out our callings in Christ. Whether you grew up Lutheran or not - this is a class you don't want to miss!

RSVP is required for this event.

Here at Immanuel we offer a **First Communion class** for all 5th graders! Our First Communion Lesson Night will be Wed., Sept. 30th from 6:15-7:15 p.m. We will serve our normal pizza meal at 5:45, parents are invited to join us for dinner and encouraged to attend the communion class with your child! *Please RSVP to Pastor Allison if you plan to attend the meal.* We will then celebrate all First Communion students on Sunday, October 4th during our morning worship service at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome to join us!

Our pastors, staff, and LCMC delegates will travel to Des Moines for this year's **LCMC Annual Gathering and Convention** (Oct 4 - 7), hosted by Lutheran Church of Hope. It will be a meaningful time of worship, fellowship, and gathering fresh ideas to bless our church and community.

Any articles, pictures, or other newsletter submissions for our **WINTER Quarterly Newsletter** (November - December - January) are due to the church office by October 15th.



ANNUAL MEETING



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18
AFTER WORSHIP



POTLUCK
Served afterwards
by the Deacons



**ALL CHURCH MEMBERS
ARE ENCOURAGED TO
ATTEND AND VOTE.**

ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

- Election of Council, Committee Members and Delegates
- Ministry Highlights
- Missions Commitment
- Endowment Fund Updates
- Pastoral Compensation for the Next Year



**ANNUAL REPORT
SUBMISSIONS**
(including reports
and pictures) are
due to the church
office by
OCTOBER 4TH.



Have something to share

WITH THE IMMANUEL CHURCH COMMUNITY?

All bulletin, worship and/or
weekly email announcements are



DUE TO THE CHURCH OFFICE

BY 10 A.M.

on Thursday mornings

for inclusion in our church communications.



Contact Milianna in the church office with questions.



IMMANUEL
LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Building strong relationships in Christ
and making Him known to all.*

For more **church and community announcements**,
subscribe to our weekly emails (contact the church office!)
and grab a copy of our Fall Quarterly Newsletter on the
slatwall (or see a digital copy on our website).

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS

WELCOME TEAM

Rhys & Maggie Hermanson Family

READER

Kayla Haberl

TECH TEAM

Craig & Nancy Sargent

ACOLYTE

Elsy Haberl

FELLOWSHIP HOSTS

*Jaynee Christian,
Frank & Carol Baedke*

COFFEE CART

Steve & Miriam Skartvedt

PRAYER PARTNERS

Immanuel Deacons

BANNER/PARAMENT COMMITTEE

Cathy Braathun

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



SERMON NOTES

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Church Office Hours:

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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