

15th Sunday after Pentecost

Immanuel Lutheran Church ~ LCMS Lakefield, Minnesota September 1 & 4, 2024 Hymn: 665 Be Strong in the Lord 1 Be strong in the Lord In mor of light, ar -2 In teg - ri - ty gird You round im to part 3 With shod Stand firm ea - ger - ness in your place, 4 Though Sa - tan pre sume То test vou and try, 5 So wield well your blade, Re joice in its pow'rs, With hel - met and With shield for fight; sword, the The truth of His Word As truth in your heart; Or forth for God With of His go news grace; In hel - met and plume Your head shall high; be Fight on un - dis mayed For Je - sus is ours! Be On prayer be de - pen dent, belt - ed and shod, righ - teous - ness As breast-plate mail, His wear - ing of No foe shall dis - arm vou Nor force you to vield. Be - set by temp - ta Be tion true to vour Lord. Then in Him vic - to rious Your ar - mor lav down, In breast - plate splen - dent: The re of God. ar mor vic - to -His shar - ing, Be vail. ry strong to pre -No ar - row With faith shield. can harm you as your Your hel - met sal - va - tion And Scrip - ture your sword. praise, glo - rious, His To ev - er His cross and crown. Text: Timothy Dudley-Smith, 1926-2024 Tune: C. Hubert H. Parry, 1848-1918 Text: © 1984 Hope Publishing Co. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110002984 Tune: Public domain

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- С
 - Amen.
- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **C** who made heaven and earth.

- If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- **C** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.
- Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Kneel/Stand

- C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.
- Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- **C** Amen.

Stand

Service of the Word

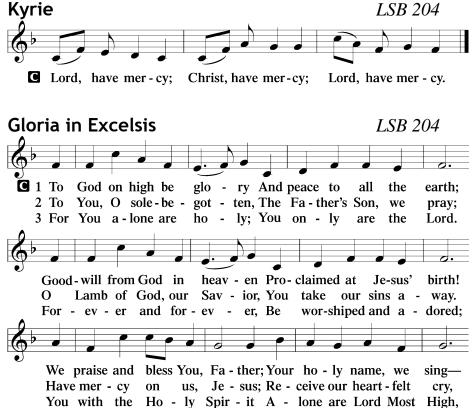
Introit

Psalm 51:7, 10–12; antiphon: v. 2

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;

wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with a willing spirit.
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.
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin!





Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King. Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high— In God the Fa-ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply. Text: Stephen P. Starke

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O God, the source of all that is just and good, nourish in us every virtue and bring to completion every good intent that we may grow in grace and bring forth the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Sit

Old Testament Reading Deuteronomy 4:1–2, 6–9

"Now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the just decrees that I am teaching you, and do them, that you may live, and go in and take possession of the land that the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving you. You shall not add to the word that I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you. . . .

Keep them and do them, for that will be your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.' For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is to us, whenever we call upon him? And what great nation is there, that has statutes and just

C Amen.

decrees so righteous as all this law that I set before you today?

"Only take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things that your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. Make them known to your children and your children's children."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Psalm 34:9, 19, alt.

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.

Epistle

Ephesians 6:10–20

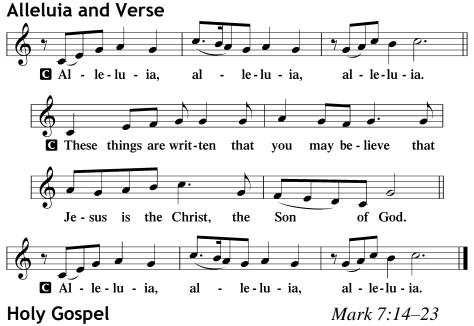
Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, and

also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand



■ The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the seventh chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

[Jesus] called the people to him again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand: There is nothing outside a person that by going into him can defile him, but the things that come out of a person are what defile him." And when he had entered the house and left the people, his disciples asked him about the parable. And he said to them, "Then are you also without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile him, since it enters not his heart but his stomach, and is expelled?" (Thus he declared all foods clean.) And he said, "What comes out of a person is what defiles him. For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- **C** Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God,

the Father Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth

and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,

the only-begotten Son of God,

begotten of His Father before all worlds,

God of God, Light of Light,

very God of very God,

begotten, not made,

being of one substance with the Father,

by whom all things were made;

who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven

and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary

and was made man;

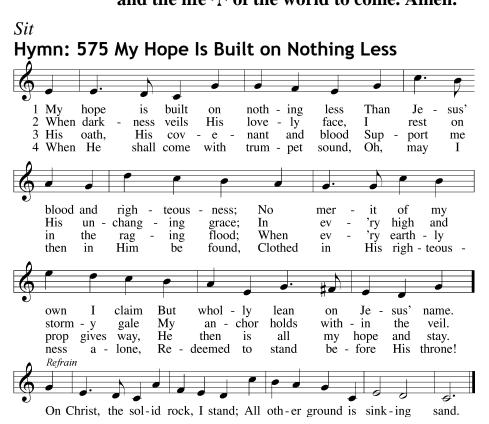
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures

and ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.



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Sermon

Prayer of the Church

Sit

Offering

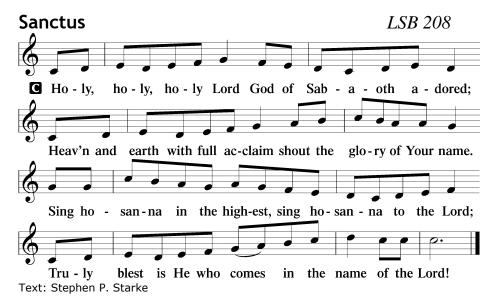
Service of the Sacrament

Stand

Preface

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **C** We lift them to the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- **C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer

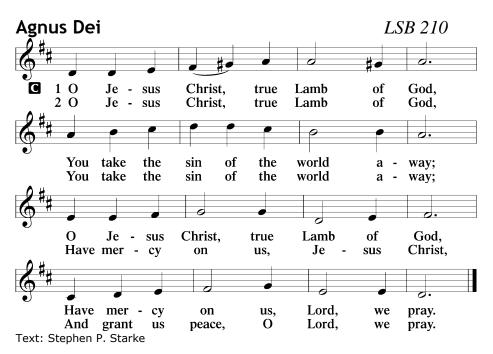
C Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

- **P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- **C** Amen.



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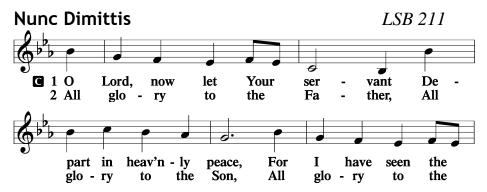
Hymn: 621 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

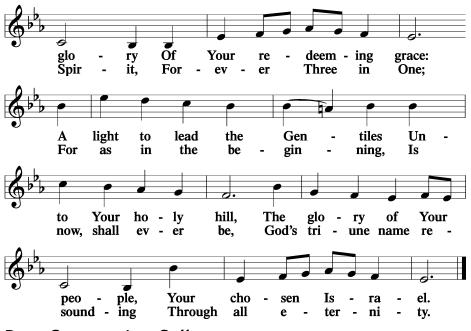
Hymn: 817 Earth and All Stars

Hymn: 587 I Know My Faith Is Founded

Hymn: 724 If God Himself Be for Me

Stand





Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Benedicamus and Benediction

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- **A** Let us bless the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.
- **P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C Amen. Hvmn: 965 God Bless Our Native Land 1 God bless tive land: Firm may she er stand our na ev 2 So God shall our prayers a - rise То a bove the skies: When the wild tem-pests rave, Rul - er Through storm and night. of Him we wait. Thou who art ev - er nigh, Guard-ing with On wind and wave, Do Thou our coun - try save By Thy great might. Thee a - loud we cry: God save the watch-ful eye, To state!

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Assisting with the Service

Preacher	Rev. John Schuetz
Elder	Albert Henning & Shane Rossow (Sun)
	Jim Berkevich (Wed)
Organist	Jayson Matasovsky
Acolyte	Kaelyn Swanson-Voight & Nora Freking (Sun)
	Simeon Peterson (Wed)
Usher	Paul and Sue Spoo (Wed)

We Remember in our Prayers

The family of Esther Cornelius on her passing away Tim and Sherilyn Timko on their 40th wedding anniversary 9/1 Darcie Follon, granddaughter of Bruce and Jan Bakalyar, recovering from surgery

- Jackie Ward recovering from a fall at Koronis Health Care Center in Paynesville
- Pastor Samuel Thole as he considers the Call to Immanuel and his current churches at Peace Lutheran Church in Brookings, SD, Redeemer Lutheran in Flandreau, SD, and Zion Lutheran in White, SD
- Our residents at Colonial Manor, Valley View, Golden Horizons in Worthington, Good Sam in Jackson, Accura HealthCare in Milford, Lakeview in Heron Lake
- Jan Bakalyar, Ken Pohlman, Marlene Hendricksen, Paul Spoo, Bruce Bakalyar, Ines Henning, Merlyn Rossow, Betty Hage, Berniece Kolander, Bev Hall, dealing with health issues
- Miles Ramsey, infant cousin of Amy Altman; Pastor Dennis Brech, Lake Shetek; Ben Byam, cousin of Mike Byam; Joyce Urmie, sister-in-law of Vickie Baumann; Stacey Dunker, mother of ILS student Janessa Dunker; Pastor Ben Rucker; Mitch Voehl, son of Lila Voehl; Marcus Lere, grandson of Joyce Bretzman; Denny Daberkow; Jim Salentiny, uncle of Mark Freking; dealing with cancer
- Brent Baumann, brother of Myleen Swanson and LaNell Rossow; Mary Holt, aunt of Debbi Gettler; Cailee Jo Pauling, granddaughter of Bob and Mary Pauling; Jeff Meyer, friend of Bruce and Jan Bakalyar; Rob Pohlman, son of Ken Pohlman; Curt Gates, brother-inlaw of Miles Voehl (Lila's son), dealing with health issues

Our Missionaries in the Field Our Country and Our Military **COMMUNION:** The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is being offered to our confirmed communicants today and is administered in accordance with the Holy Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions. It is celebrated in the confidence that we truly receive, under the bread and wine, the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, through which we further truly receive the forgiveness of sins. Besides individually receiving Christ's gift of forgiveness in this Sacrament, all those who commune here make a confession of their unity in the faith as it is believed and taught in our Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod and in this congregation. Therefore, if you are not a confirmed communicant member, in good standing, of a Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod congregation, we kindly ask that you respect our beliefs and refrain from coming to the altar to receive the Sacrament until you have had an opportunity to speak with Pastor.

A CALL was extended to Rev. Samuel Thole. Please pray for Pastor Thole and his family as he considers the Call to serve us here at Immanuel and his current Call to Peace Lutheran Church in Brookings, SD, Redeemer Lutheran in Flandreau, SD, and Zion Lutheran in White, SD. Pray that the Lord would guide him in his decision.

OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS are with the family of Esther Cornelius. Esther passed away on August 23rd. We pray that God would comfort the family at this difficult time.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to Tim and Sherilyn Timko who celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary today, September 1st. The flowers by the pulpit are given to the glory of God in thankfulness for their anniversary. May the Lord bless Tim and Sherilyn at this special time and always.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL NEWS

- First Day of School is Tuesday, September 3rd.
- Parent Teacher League (PTL) meets on Thursday, September 5th at 6:00 p.m.
- ILS Soccer Tournament is Friday, September 13th at the athletic field. Come cheer on our Cougars!

SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY DAY SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 10:00 A.M.

Join us for Rally Day Sunday, September 8th before church starting at 10:00 a.m. and going until church starts. It will be on the church carport. The Board of Congregational Services is is hosting activities for the kids plus there will be cookies and refreshments for all (kids, parents, and the congregation!)

BIBLES will be presented to our first grade students on Sunday, September 8th by Pastor Bohmer. Our first grade students are: Brenner Burmeister, Claire Dagel, Brynlea Kraft, Flynn Kruger, and Jules Swanson

CATECHISMS will be given to our 3rd graders during the worship service on Sunday, September 8th. Students will come forward (along with their parents) to get their catechism from Pastor Bohmer. Our 3rd graders are: Gus Burmeister, Grady Dagel, Rachel Henry, and Asher Wendt

IMMANUEL LWML will meet on Wednesday, September 4th with a light lunch at 5:15 p.m. with the meeting to follow at 5:30 p.m. Hostesses are Sue Spoo and Myleen Swanson. All ladies are welcome to join them.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER DEDICATION is Sunday,

September 8th during the worship service. We thank our teachers who have volunteered their time to teach the children here at Immanuel. Rally Day is also Sunday, September 8th at 10:00 a.m. Regular Sunday School classes will begin the following Sunday, September 15th. They are held from 9:30-10:30 a.m. in the Immanuel Lutheran School classrooms. We are so grateful for our Sunday School staff including:

- Nursery through Kindergarten: April Kraft
- Grades 1-2: Mary Poppe, Nicole Dagel
- Grades 3-5: Amber Liepold
- Superintendent: Mike Dempster
- Music Support: Amber Liepold, Ami Swanson, Brenda Matasovsky, Jayson Matasovsky, Kaelyn Swanson-Voight
- Craft Support: Deb Jons
- Subs: Monette Berkevich, Kari Byam, Sheila Freking, Lola Gunther, Deb Jons, Hristina Hage, Sarah Laabs, Suzy Milbrath, Rhonda Swanson, Roger and Shelley Pohlman, Breann Grein, Ami Swanson
- Cradle Roll: Amy Altman

WE ARE LOOKING FOR SOMEONE TO TEAM TEACH 3RD-5TH GRADE WITH AMBER... WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO HELP? LET MIKE DEMPSTER OR AMY IN THE OFFICE KNOW.

BIBLE CLASS will start up again on Sunday, September 15th. Bible Class is held before church from 9:30-10:30 in the church basement. It is led by Alan Salzwedel. All are welcome to join us.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL HOT LUNCH will be

accepting food donations of any extra fruits and vegetables. Also any meat donations (frozen) will be accepted. If any one feels they can help with a money donation to the program that would be great also! Questions? Call the committee: Ami Swanson (715-651-1884), Sarah Laabs (605-310-3052), Leann Henning (507-220-4448)

IF YOU ARE IN NEED OF PASTORAL CARE you may contact Pastor McDonald directly (507-993-1113 or mcdonald.david66@yahoo.com), Amy in the church office (507-662-5718 or immanuel@immanuellakefield.com), or speak to one of the elders. This includes visits, prayer requests, communion for home bound members, among others. Pastor McDonald is our administrative vacancy pastor.





PRAIRIE WINDS KITE FLY is Saturday, September 7th from 10:00-4:00 at the Jackson Airport. Free admission! Watch giant kites flown by pro kite flyers, fly or make your own kite! There will be door prizes, concessions, parachute races, sidewalk chalk, bubble stations, and candy drops. Come out and enjoy this free, family-friendly event. Sponsored by the Prairie Ecology Bus Center. The Jackson Airport is located at 54498 800th St., Jackson.

FOUND: A wedding ring was found on the grass here at Immanuel when we had some seeding done. It may have been there a while. To claim it, please contact Amy in the office at 507-662-5718. **CONFIRMATION** for our 6th-8th grade students will start in September. It is on Wednesdays starting at 2:10 p.m. We will be combining our confirmation classes with students from Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Jackson.

- 8th grade: Pastor Schuetz's class starts on September 4th in the 5th-6th grade classroom
- 7th grade: Pastor McDonald's class starts on September 11th in the 7th-8th grade classroom
- 6th grade: Mrs. LaDonna Peterson's class starts on September 11th in the 1st grade classroom

FILLING THE BALLOT for Officers of Immanuel Lutheran Church... the Nominating Committee of our Voting Assembly is in the process of nominating officers for Immanuel Lutheran Church. We encourage each and every one of you, if contacted to serve, to prayerfully consider serving your Lord in this capacity. Any questions about boards and duties can be directed to the elders or Amy in the church office.

OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED on Monday, September 2nd for the Labor Day holiday.

WE WELCOME all of our guests and visitors this weekend. We invite you to visit us again. If you have no church home and would like to make Immanuel your church home, please speak to Pastor or one of the Elders at the end of the service.

WORSHIP SERVICE UPDATE: MIDWEEK SERVICES WILL RESUME THIS MONTH STARTING ON WEDENESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4th AT 7:00.

Wondering where you can watch this service?

- 1. Facebook: "Immanuel Lutheran Church" on Sundays at 10:45 a.m. or any time after.
- 2. YouTube: "Immanuel Lutheran Church and School Lakefield" on Sundays at 10:45 a.m. or any time after.

POINTS OF INFORMATION	August 25, 2024
Current Fund received this past week.	\$9,515
Needed each week	\$18,504
Non-Budget Giving	
Cemetery Plot	\$800
Tuition Assistance Program	\$500
Church Pews	\$150
Immanuel Hot Lunch	\$100
Video Ministry	\$25
Building	\$52
Memorials given in memory of:	
Keith Buresch to Immanuel School	<i>!</i> \$25
Current Fund needed for August	\$74,016
Offering Received in August	\$44,857
+ Tuition Received in August	\$42,504
= Current Fund Total August	\$87,361
Worshipping on Sunday, Aug	gust 25:107
If you have any questions, please cal	ll Jesse Ackermann

THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL...

Sunday, September 1 10:45 AM Worship with Communion Monday, September 2 LABOR DAY – OFFICES CLOSED Tuesday, September 3 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL 8:20 AM Opening Chapel Wednesday, September 4 2:10 PM Confirmation – 8th grade only 5:15 PM LWML Meeting 7:00 PM Worship with Communion Thursday, September 5 6:00 PM PTL Meeting (Parent Teacher League) Saturday, September 7 10:00-4:00 LWML selling Walking Tacos & Nachos at Prairie Winds Kite Fly – Jackson Airport Sunday, September 8 Sunday School Teacher Dedication Sunday School Rally Day on Carport 10:00 AM 10:45 AM Worship Monday, September 9 5:15 PM Board of Congregational Services Meeting Wednesday, September 11 8:20 AM Chapel 2:10 PM *Confirmation – all grades* 7:00 PM Worship

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