

Mission Statement
“We are called to Love, Serve, and Share God’s Word.”

Vision Statement
· Be a loving presence to those in our lives by opening our hearts to all.
· To serve others by being an example of Christ in all we do
· To share the Word of God through worship, education, community service, and intentional living.

<u>This Week at Immanuel</u>	
Today (20)	9:00am Fellowship Hour 9:15am Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service 11:15am Ice Cream Social 11:25am Adult Study Group
Monday (21)	6:30pm Church Council
Tuesday (22)	9:00am Quilting Group
Wednesday (23)	10:00am Bible Study 4:00pm Praise Team Practice

- Upcoming Events**
- September 27 – Blessing of the pets
- September 27 – Choir Practice Begins
- September 28 – Book Group
- September 29 – Grand Ravine Brunch
- October 4 – Blessing of the Quilts
- October 6 – God’s Garden
- October 12 – Bible and Brew
- October 13 – Coffee for Vets

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Serving Today
Reader: Sharon Aksamit Communion Assistant: Mike Aksamit
Counters: Laura Compton & Sharon Aksamit
Greeters: Jim and Marie Combs
Serving September 27, 2026
Reader: Karen Acosta Communion Assistant: Mike Fusillo
Counters: Joyce Davis & Jim Combs
Greeters: Jim & Marie Combs

PRAYER PARTNER LETTERS: *Please sign the Letter on the Welcome Table* this morning before you leave. Today we are praying for Feast of Victory Lutheran Church in Acme, Michigan.

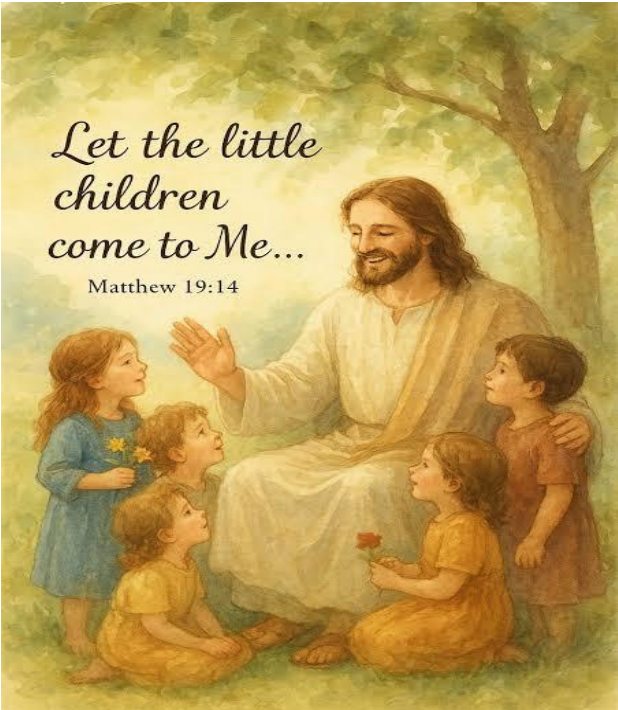
Please remember these people in your prayers for: ***On-going health concerns:*** Julia, Cheryl, Julia, Rebecca, Gloria, Whitney, Alex, Cyndi, Sam & AJ, Jennifer, Zandra, Christian, Barbara, Vicki, Jeff, Lynda, Dennis, Pat, Mike, Lisa, Rick, Sally, Dan, Susan, Marie, Russ, Bill, Dan, Dawn, Marie, Dottie, Ken, and the family and friends of Alex West.

Coffee for Veterans
Will be held at Immanuel on the **2nd Tuesday of each month from 9:00 am - 11:00 am.** This is for all Veterans who have served or those who are still serving. A time to gather, spend time together, share conversation, and enjoy coffee and donuts / rolls. Please come and see what it is all about and share this with others. If you have any questions, please call Jessie (269)650-0026 or the church office at (269)673-3335. Thank you.

Our Financial Stewardship
\$1,693.70 (includes online giving)
Our weekly offering goal: \$1,434.32
SMART offering goal: \$2,298.35
Noisy Offering (Previous Month) \$146.76
Attendance Last Week: 48 Bible Study: 6

2026 Church Council
Sandie Horwath, President
Rick Bierlein, Vice President
Jacquelyn Burnside Recording Secretary
Trevor Horwath, Treasurer/Stewardship
Shelley Busfield, Worship/Music
Ursala Armourillo, Education
Mike Acosta, Property
Sharon Aksamit, Mission/Outreach

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH



Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost September 13, 2026

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Pastor Chris Laughlin

Immanuel Welcomes You!
We welcome all visitors who worship with us today. If you would like more information about Immanuel, please stop by the welcome Table outside of the sanctuary.

GUEST VIOLINIST: We are pleased to have Elena Gonzales with us today. She will be sharing her talents on the violin for two solo presentations for the Hymn of the Day and the 1st Communion hymn. She will also be playing as part of the Praise Team. Thank you Elena.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL: The young people are hosting another Ice Cream Social ***today*** immediately after the worship service. We have several flavors, toppings, sprinkles, and chopped nuts. Donations will go to help send some of our youth to the ELCA National Youth Convention in Minneapolis next year. We appreciate your support (and the ice cream is delicious).

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND ADULT STUDY GROUP resume today at their regular times. Sunday School starts at 9:15am and the Adult Study Group will meet at 11:15am. Pastor Chris insists that he is very capable of leading the Adult class even though he will be enjoying his ice cream.

CHURCH COUNCIL will meet tomorrow at 6:30pm. If you have a report to be printed, please have it in the office that morning.

THE OCTOBER NEWSLETTER will be published on Thursday the 24th. If you have anything that needs to be included in the newsletter, please see that it is in the church office prior to that date.

BLESSING OF THE PETS: Please bring these very special family members to the church next Sunday (the 27th) at 3pm for the blessing. Weather permitting, we will meet outside behind the church building.

CHOIR PRACTICE will resume next Sunday the 27th and we would like to begin around 9:10 am in the sanctuary. See Lori if you have questions.

We believe that Holy Communion is Christ’s own body and blood, given and shed for us for the forgiveness of sins, as Christ himself promised. We also believe that this is Christ’s table, not ours, so we welcome all as Christ welcomed all. Communion comes in two elements, or forms – (1) bread and (2) wine or grape juice. The bread we serve is gluten-free, nut-free, and dairy-free in hopes that our entire community will be able to share the same bread. The wine is in the clear cups or grape juice is in the purple cups; please indicate to the assisting minister which you would like. If you can only receive the sacrament in one element (bread or wine / grape juice), please know that you receive the fullness of Christ in that one element.

Prelude:
“Great are You Lord”

Announcements

Gathering

*Confession and Forgiveness
*Entrance Hymn:
“How Great is Our God”
*Call to Worship
*Prayer of the Day

Word

Noisy Offering
Children’s Message
First Reading
Psalm
Second Reading
*Gospel
Sermon:
*Hymn of the Day
“Amazing Grace” (Violin Solo by Elena Gonzales)

Pastor Chris
Jonah 3:10 – 4:11
Psalm 145:1-8
Philippians 1:21-30
Matthew 19:13-15
Pastor Chris

*Affirmation of Faith

*Prayers of Intercession
Each petition ends with
“Receive us, O God”
And the congregation responds with
“**Your mercy is great**”

Worship Assistant

*Sharing of the Peace
Offering
Offertory
*Doxology
*Offertory Prayer

Worship Assistant

Meal

*The Great Thanksgiving
*The Proper Preface
*The Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy)
*The Verba (Words of Institution)
*The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory, are yours, now and forever. Amen.

The Invitation
The Distribution
Communion Song:
“Goodness of God” (Violin solo by Elena Gonzales)
“Make me a Servant”

*Communion Blessing
*Prayer after Holy Communion Worship Assistant

Sending

*Benediction
*Recessional Hymn
“I’ll Fly Away”

*Dismissal:

Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.
Thanks be to God!

Readings for Next Sunday
Ezekial 18:1-4, 25-32
Psalm 25:1-9
Philippians 2:1-13
Matthew 20:1-16