

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

September 27, 2026

10:30 am



We welcome you to Immanuel. As we worship together let us rejoice in the love that God has shown us in Jesus Christ and share that love with each other.

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Mary Miller, Jenny Sheldon & Marsa Terrell

Flowers are provided by Diana Penley, in memory of her son Michael

18th Sunday after Pentecost

Today's hymns are projected on the wall.

Please stand as you are able where the asterisk (*) appears.

Prelude

"Lead Me, Guide Me"

PL Welcome

PL Mission Statement: We welcome, accept and encourage all people as we follow Jesus.

Kid's Time

Pastor Leah Stolte-Doerfler

GATHERING

*Call to Worship

PL The apostle Paul calls us to "let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus." What is the mind of Jesus?

C **The mind of Jesus is to love God, neighbor, self, and all creation.**

PL Paul reminds us that "it is God who is at work in you." How is God at work in us?

C **God enables us through grace to love God, neighbor, self, and all creation.**

PL Beloved, we gather to worship God who, through Jesus, shows us how to love and enables us to love as Christ loves us.

C **We gather to learn how to live in full accord through our love of God, neighbor, self, and all creation.**

*Opening Song

"Be Thou My Vision"

ELW #793

*Greeting

PL Siblings in Christ, beloved children of God: grace, mercy, and peace be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

***PL Prayer of the Day** (prayed by all)

God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

A First Reading: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

The word of the Lord came to me: What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, “The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge”? As I live, says the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins who shall die. Yet you say, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed, they shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and live.

(NRSV)

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

A Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-13

If, then, there is any comfort in Christ, any consolation from love, any partnership in the Spirit, any tender affection and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or empty conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness. And being found in appearance as a human, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. Therefore God exalted him even more highly and gave him the name that is above every other name, so that at the name given to Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence but much more now in my absence, work on your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure. (NRSV)

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

***Gospel Verse**

“Change My Heart, O God”

ELW #801

***PL The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.**

C Glory to you, O Lord.

***PL Gospel: Matthew 21:23-32**

When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?” And they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why, then, did you

not believe him?’ But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd, for all regard John as a prophet.” So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. “What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ He answered, ‘I will not,’ but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same, and he answered, ‘I go, sir,’ but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him, and even after you saw it you did not change your minds and believe him.” (NRSV)

*PL The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Message

Pastor Leah Stolte-Doerfler

Song of the Day “Will You Come and Follow Me” vs. 1,2,3,5 ELW #798

*The Prayers

A Reminded of God’s gracious and abundant love, we offer our prayers, confident that God hears us. *A brief silence.* Center your church in humility as we strive to follow in your way. Help us listen to the cries of those who have been unfairly hurt by the church and dare to name difficult truths. Show all your love. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A You call us to care for your creation. Lead us into your promise of a better world through sustainable practices and respect for your handiwork. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Inspire all in positions of authority to act honorably. Remind them of their call to use their authority for the sake of the common good. Give them the gift of humility. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Comfort those who come before you in fear and trembling. Calm troubled hearts with your forgiveness. Help all those in need. Grant us your salvation. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Change this congregation’s heart when we say no to your call. Open us to courageous learning and service in our community, especially in new or challenging places. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Your steadfast love holds all the saints who have finished their work and are at rest. As we grieve, remind us of your mercy so we may also give thanks. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Grant the prayers we have offered, what we have forgotten to ask, and whatever else you see that we need. We ask this in Jesus’ name.

C Amen.

MEAL

Offering

Offertory

“Take My Life, That I May Be”

ELW #685

*PL **Offertory Prayer** (read by all)

God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always. Amen.

*PL **Words of Institution**

*PL **The Lord's Prayer** (prayed by all)

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 Communion of Christ's People

Communion Songs *"Here is Bread"* ELW #483
 "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart" ELW #484

After all have communed:

PL May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever.

C Amen.

PL **Post-Communion Prayer** (prayed by all)

Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

SENDING

Announcements

***Sending Song** *"Shine, Jesus, Shine"* ELW #671

Blessing

PL Friends, what is the mind of Jesus?

C To love God, neighbor, self, and all creation.

Dismissal

PL Go in peace and live it out!

C Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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*Welcome to Immanuel! We are so glad you worshiped with us today!
If you are new to Immanuel, please sign in on the sheet outside the first sanctuary door.*

The Silver Falls School District superintendent Kim Kellison will be in the fireside room after service today to answer any questions about the bond.

Rummage Sale - October 2 & 3

Help will be needed September 27-October 3 to set up, work the sale, and clean up. Baked goods are also welcome and sell well! All proceeds go to Missions. Let us know if you can help or sign up on the sheets in the narthex! *Clean and sellable donations may be dropped off in the gym.*

October 4, immediately following worship, is your opportunity to gather for information/questions about next year's Shared Ministry Model of Church Leadership.

Bible Study on the Gospel of John - Wednesdays, 10:30 am

We will meet for 21 weeks to cover the 21 chapters of John. *Optional: Purchase 'John for Everyone' by N.T. Wright as a supplement.* Pastor Joe Medley and Pastor Patricia Hughes are our volunteer leaders.

Suicide Awareness Walk - October 10

The Out of the Darkness Walk for Suicide awareness at Riverfront Park in Salem will be held Saturday, October 10. Check in at 10 am; walk begins at 11 am. Patricia Hughes will be walking again this year, and you are invited to walk as well. This event honors our love and loss over suicide deaths in our lives, and in the world. Contact Patricia if you want to meet up - patriciamakesjam@gmail.com

New Members & Transfers - November 8

Are you interested, ready to celebrate being on this faith journey together? We will receive new members on November 8 during the 10:30 service. Please reach out to Pastor Leah if you have questions or are ready for a conversation. {503.302.7712}

Sheltering Silverton Fundraiser - November 8

Sheltering Silverton is hosting their annual Kinship Dinner fundraiser on November 8 at the Oregon Garden. Event information can be found at www.shelteringsilverton.org/events.

Want to stay up to date on events? Contact the office to subscribe to our weekly emails.