



Worship Service

*Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
Presenting Catechisms to the 1st Grade
Sunday, September 20, 2026*



Baptized

*We rejoice in the Baptism of
Maya James Doelger*





9 a.m. Worship Service
The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Prelude | Welcome | Announcements | Greetings

Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Congregation: **Amen.**

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Questioning of the Confirmands over the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

📖 ***Baptismal Hymn***

LSB #590 vs. 1 & 2

“Baptized into Your Name Most Holy”

- 1 Baptized into Your name most holy, O Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
I claim a place, though weak and lowly, Among Your saints, Your chosen
host. Buried with Christ and dead to sin, Your Spirit now shall live within.
- 2 My loving Father, here You take me To be henceforth Your child and heir.
My faithful Savior, here You make me The fruit of all Your sorrows share.
O Holy Spirit, comfort me When threat'ning clouds around I see.

The Sign of The Cross

Receive the sign of the holy cross both upon your forehead ☩ and upon your heart
☩ to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.

Promise of the Parents and Sponsors

After this child has been baptized, it is your duty and privilege as parents and sponsors to remember her in your prayers, put her in mind of her baptism, give your counsel and aid that she be brought up in the true knowledge and worship of God and be taught the Ten Commandments, the Creed, and the Lord's Prayer. And that, as she grows in years you place in her hands the Holy Scriptures, bring her to the services of God's house and provide for her further instruction in the Christian faith, and that she comes to the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. And thus living in her baptismal grace, she may grow up to lead a godly life to the praise and honor of Jesus Christ.

Do you promise to fulfill these obligations gladly?

Parents and Sponsors: Yes, with the help of God.

The Lord's Prayer

(spoken together)

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.

Apostles' Creed

(spoken together)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Pastor: Who brings this child to be baptized?

Parents: We do.

How is this child to be named?

Parents: *Maya James Doelger*

The Baptism

Maya James Doelger, I baptize you in the name of the Father 🛎 and of the Son 🛎 and of the Holy Spirit 🛎. Amen.

The Lord bless your going out and coming in from this time forth and even forevermore. Lord Jesus, be with her, bless her, keep her, and O Lord, help us to remember always that you have loved us with an everlasting love.

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with his grace to life everlasting. Peace be with you. **Amen.**

Lord and giver of life, look with kindness upon the father and mother of this child and upon all our parents. Let them ever rejoice in the gift you have given them. Enable them to be teachers and examples of righteousness for their children. Strengthen them in their own Baptism so that they may share eternally with their children the salvation you have given them; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Presentation of the Newly Baptized

Through Baptism God has added *Maya James Doelger* to his own people to declare the wonderful deeds of our Savior, who has called us out of darkness into his marvelous light.

We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, a child of the same Heavenly Father, to work with us in His Kingdom.

And you, *Maya James Doelger*, the Lord bless you in all your ways from this time forth and even forevermore.

Amen.

“Baptized into Your Name Most Holy”

- 3 My faithful God, You fail me never; Your promise surely will endure.
O cast me not away forever If words and deeds become impure.
Have mercy when I come defiled; Forgive, lift up, restore Your child.
- 4 All that I am and love most dearly Receive it all, O Lord, from me.
Let me confess my faith sincerely; Help me Your faithful child to be!
Let nothing that I am or own Serve any will but Yours alone.

Confession and Absolution

Let us now confess our sins and implore God’s forgiveness

O Almighty God, merciful Father, I, a sinner, confess to you my sins with which I have offended you and deserved your punishment now and forever. I am truly sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray you in your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter suffering and death of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me. Forgive me all my sins and grant me the power of your Holy Spirit that I may amend my life.

God be gracious to you and strengthen your faith.

Amen.

In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. The God of peace will sanctify you completely and keep your spirit, soul and body sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful, and he will do it. Go in peace.

Amen.

Service of The Word

Introit

(spoken responsively)

I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving *

and call on the name of the LORD.

What shall I render to the LORD *

for all his benefits to me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation *

and call on the name of the LORD,

Precious in the sight of the LORD *

is the death of his saints.

O LORD, I am your servant; *

I am your servant, the son of your maidservant. You have loosed my bonds.

**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.**

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and call on the name of the LORD.

Collect (Prayer) of The Day

(spoken together)

Lord God, heavenly Father, since we cannot stand before You relying on anything we have done, help us trust in Your abiding grace and live according to Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Hymn

#555 vs. 1-6

"Salvation unto Us Has Come"

1. Salvation unto us has come By God's free grace and favor;
Good works cannot avert our doom, They help and save us never.

Faith looks to Jesus Christ alone, Who did for all the world atone;
He is our one Redeemer.

2. What God did in His Law demand And none to Him could render
Caused wrath and woe on ev'ry hand For man, the vile offender.
Our flesh has not those pure desires The spirit of the Law requires,
And lost is our condition.
3. It was a false, misleading dream That God His Law had given
That sinners could themselves redeem And by their works gain heaven.
The Law is but a mirror bright To bring the inbred sin to light
That lurks within our nature.
4. From sin our flesh could not abstain, Sin held its sway unceasing;
The task was useless and in vain, Our guilt was e'er increasing.
None can remove sin's poisoned dart Or purify our guileful heart—
So deep is our corruption.
5. Yet as the Law must be fulfilled Or we must die despairing.
Christ came and has God's anger stilled, Our human nature sharing.
He has for us the Law obeyed And thus the Father's vengeance stayed
Which over us impended.
6. Since Christ has full atonement made And brought to us salvation,
Each Christian therefore may be glad And build on this foundation.
Your grace alone, dear Lord, I plead Your death is now my life indeed,
For you have paid my ransom.

The Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9

“Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will

abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The Epistle Reading: Philippians 1:12-14, 19-20

I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear...for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the twentieth chapter, verses 1-16

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

“For the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and to them he said, You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you. So, they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, Why do you stand here idle all day? They said to him, because no one has hired us. He said to them, You go into the vineyard too.” And when evening came, the owner of

the vineyard said to his foreman, Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first. And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, saying, These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat. But he replied to one of them, Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity? So, the last will be first, and the first last."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

 Hymn

#555 vs 7-10

"Salvation unto Us Has Come"

7. Let me not doubt, but truly see Your Word cannot be broken;
Your call rings out, "Come unto Me!" No falsehood have You spoken.
Baptized into Your precious name, My faith cannot be put to shame,
And I shall never perish.
8. The Law reveals the guilt of sin And makes us conscience-stricken;
But then the Gospel enters in The sinful soul to quicken.
Come to the cross, trust Christ, and live; The Law no peace can ever give,
No comfort and not blessing.
9. Faith clings to Jesus' cross alone And rests in Him unceasing;
And by its fruits true faith is known, With love and hope increasing.
For faith alone can justify; Works serve our neighbor and supply
The proof that faith is living.

10. All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise To Father, Son, and Spirit,
The God who saved us by His grace; All glory to His merit.
O triune God in heav'n above, You have revealed Your saving love;
Your blessed name we hallow.

Sermon: "The Lord's Generosity"
Matthew 20:1-16

The Board of Education will be presenting the 1st-grade students with their Catechisms.

Our Offerings

Prayers

The Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

Sung: **Amen, Amen, Amen.**

 Hymn

#857

"Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way"

- 1 Lord, help us walk Your servant way Wherever love may lead
And, bending low, forgetting self, Each serve the other's need.
- 2 You came to earth, O Christ, as Lord, But pow'r You laid aside.
You lived Your years in servanthood; In lowliness You died.
- 3 No golden scepter but a towel You place within the hands
Of those who seek to follow You And live by Your commands.

- 4 You bid us bend our human pride Nor count ourselves above
The lowest place, the meanest task That waits the gift of love.
- ▲ 5 Lord, help us walk Your servant way Wherever love may lead
And, bending low, forgetting self, Each serve the other's need.

Congratulations to the 1st graders on receiving their Catechisms!

*Beau Brehmer | Collin & Ashley
Lyla Doelger | Lucas & Megan
Josephine Goebel | Jon & CJ
Ace Nordby | Karsten & Misty*

Eighth Grade Confirmation Class!

*Evelyn Buckentin | Matthew & Jocelynn
Lillyanna Draeger | Corey & Anna
Liam Fahey | Zachariah & Jessica
Jameson Mackenthun | Ryan & Tanya*

Today We Celebrate the Baptism of Maya James Doelger,

daughter of Lucas & Megan. Maya is being baptized this morning. Immanuel joyfully welcomes her into our church family. May God bless you today and always, Maya!

Announcements

Immanuel:

It's that time of year again—we are getting ready for our annual German Dinner!

Today, the donation sheets and volunteer sign-up sheets will be available for everyone to sign up. Tickets will go on sale Sunday, September 27. So, mark those dates on your calendar and keep them in mind! **We appreciate everyone who helps make our German Dinner a success!**

Ladies Aid – Save the Date!

LWML McLeod Zone Fall Rally

 **Saturday, October 17**

 **Registration: 8:30 a.m.**

 **Rally Begins: 9:00 a.m.**

 **Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Hutchinson**

Please save the date and plan to join us for a wonderful morning of fellowship and LWML!

Immanuel:

If you haven't noticed, the Noah's Ark Outdoor Learning Center is getting some wonderful additions!

The **Nordby families** has generously donated a **pergola**, and the **Brehmer family** has donated a **mud sink** for the children to enjoy.

A big **thank you** to both families for their generosity and for working so hard to add these wonderful new features for our children to explore, learn, and enjoy!

We truly appreciate you helping make our Outdoor Learning Center such a special place for our Noah's Ark kids!

Measure of Our Stewardship:

Attendance: Sunday – September 13 – 122

Contributions: General-\$1,570 | Missions-\$31 | Building Fund-\$17 | Cemetery-\$0 | Noah's Ark Preschool-\$30 | Portals of Prayers-\$0 | Special Offerings-\$0 | Lutheran Witness-\$0 | Plate-\$87 | Total- **\$1,738**

Weekly Happenings at Immanuel:

Sunday, Sept 20th *Presentation of Catechisms to the 1st Grader*

8:30 am | Just Choir Practice
9:00 am | Worship Service/Baptism
10:00 am | Sunday School
10:15 am | Ladies Aid Serving Coffee
10:30 am | Adult Bible Study
Pastoral Care Collections

Tuesday, Sept 22nd

Grand Meadows Visits
6:30 pm | (Oct) Deacon's Meeting

Wednesday, Sept 23rd

9:00 am | Bible Class
6:00-7:15 pm | Confirmation Classes

Thursday, Sept 24th

Glenfield's Visits
6:00 pm | Choir Rehearsal
6:30 pm | Nominating Committee Meeting

Friday, Sept 25th

9:00 am | online 100 Bible Stories

Sunday, Sept 27th *LWML Sunday/ Presenting Bibles to the 3rd Grade*

9:00 am | Worship Service
10:00 am | Sunday School
10:15 am | Ladies Aid Serving Coffee
10:15 am | Adult Bible Study
Last Day Pastoral Care Collections

Thank You:

Deacons: Matt Buckentin | Lane Miller
Organist: Norma Witte
Head Usher: Trent Benson
Assistant Head Usher: Vacant
Ushers: Riley Bussler | Kamrie Mauer
Acolytes: Liam Fahey | Reed Fahey

Included In Our Prayers This Week:

Family of Darlene Pikal, Wes & Barb Hoyhtya, Duane Becker, Dawn Wolter; Seminary Adopt-A-Student, Jeffrey Goetz & Stephen Peeler. Our Missionaries – Rev James Sharp and Rev Dr. Walter Steele and their families, and all those We name privately in our hearts.

Announcements

2026–2027 Immanuel Student Tuition Scholarships:

Immanuel will once again be offering scholarships for families who send their children (Preschool–12th Grade) to a Lutheran school affiliated with the Missouri or Wisconsin Synod. 📅 All forms must be submitted by September 30th. Scholarship forms are available in the Narthex, church office or on the website under Education/Student Tuition Scholarship.

Pastoral Care Committee Collection:

The Pastoral Care Committee will be collecting donations after the worship service today and next Sunday, September 27.

Thank you for your generosity and support from the Pastoral Care Committee!

Immanuel:

Your church directories are here! You can pick yours up at the church office during office hours.

Just a quick note: We did find a few errors in the directory, and we apologize to anyone who was affected. We appreciate your understanding.

We hope you enjoy your new church directory!

Noah's Ark Preschool Kwik Trip Car Wash Fundraiser:

The Noah's Ark Preschool Kwik Trip Car Wash Fundraiser is now underway! Sign-up sheets are available in the Narthex.

Thank you for supporting Noah's Ark Preschool!

Immanuel:

Please join us after worship today for **coffee and refreshments**, graciously served by the **Ladies Aid**.

We extend our sincere thanks to them for their hospitality and faithful service.

More Announcements Inside Bulletin!