



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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*Caring for Our Community Through Christ
for over 125 Years!*

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GENERAL INFORMATION

- **Restrooms** are located downstairs. An elevator is available in the narthex.
- A **nursery room** is available at the rear of the Sanctuary for young children and their parents. The nursery room is equipped with a speaker so you can hear the service.
- **Worship Bags** are available in the nursery room every Sunday to help kids engage and participate in the service. They include coloring pencils, coloring sheets and Worship Guides. After worship service, keep your papers and place the bag back in the nursery room.
- **Registration cards** are placed in the back of the pews for worshipers to use for: 1) Visitor registration; 2) Communion registration for communion services; 3) Prayer requests may be written on the back of the card; after filling out the card, please place it in the offering plate.
- **Preprinted offering envelopes** are available in the pews for special offerings and Special Funds donations. Visitors are welcome to use these envelopes as well as members. Members, please make sure to note your envelope number on these special envelopes and place in the offering plate.
- **Kids Worship** - We love having children in church! It is so important for the kids to be welcomed and loved in God's house. Kids Worship is offered during the service, after the Bible Readings. Kids ages 3 through 10 can come downstairs where we offer an age appropriate lesson on the readings, snack and sometimes a craft. Children will return to the sanctuary on communion Sundays just before communion. For more information, contact Rene Langwost at 410-253-8735.

We kindly request that all cell phones be silenced.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 4, 2025 ~ 10:30 a.m.

WELCOME TO IMMANUEL!

Welcome to worship, friends! As Jesus met Saul (later called Paul) in a powerful light and voice on the road to Damascus, so he meets us here.
It might be less dramatic, but it's no less real.

WORDS OF PREPARATION

“Weeping may stay for the night, but rejoicing comes in the morning” (Psalm 30:5, NIV).
Whatever emotion each of us is feeling right now,
may this time of worship grant nourishment. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION AT IMMANUEL

Holy Scripture, according to St. Paul, clearly teaches that in Holy Communion we are receiving the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus, together with the bread and wine, for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our Christian faith and life. Furthermore, Holy Scripture clearly teaches that those who do *not share this* belief about the Sacrament would be sinning against Jesus if they were to receive the Sacrament (1 Corinthians 11:27, 29).

For this reason, if you desire to receive Holy Communion today, you are, in obedience to God's Word (1 Corinthians 11:28), to examine yourself *before* receiving the Sacrament. To do so, ask yourself the following questions:

1. Have I been baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?
2. Do I believe that I am a sinner in need of God's forgiveness?
3. Do I believe that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, paid for my sins by His death on the cross?
4. Do I believe that in Holy Communion Jesus gives me His true body and true blood, with the bread and wine, to forgive my sins and to strengthen my Christian faith and life?
5. Do I intend, with God's help, to turn away from my sin and try to live as God wants me to live?

If you answer, “Yes,” to all five of these questions and you have been instructed in the Christian faith of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS), then you are well prepared to receive the Sacrament here at Immanuel. If you are not in agreement and have not received instruction, we ask that you, out of great Christian love and concern for your spiritual welfare, to refrain from the Sacrament. If you are a visitor who has not communed with us before, we ask that you meet with our pastor as soon as possible to let him know your intention to commune prior to the service.

Those receiving the Sacrament should wait for the usher's invitation to approach the altar. The pastor will offer the bread. The assistant will offer the individual cup of wine to those who desire to receive in that manner, after which the pastor will offer the chalice to those who desire to receive the wine in that manner. A few cups of white grape juice are available for those who are not able to drink wine.

♪ = congregation sings response

Prelude

“Variations on GAUDEAMUS PARITER”

Gathering Prayer Concerns

Welcome

The Call to Worship

P This is the day the Lord has made.

C **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

P We pause silently to prepare ourselves for worship.

Sharing of the Peace

P The Lord says to you as Paul wrote to the church at Colossae: “Put on then, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.”

C **We come to the Lord to hear His Word, to receive His forgiveness, present our tithes and offerings at the altar, and to celebrate the Sacrament of the Altar. It is my desire to be reconciled – to make things right – with you my sisters and brothers (Matthew 5:23-24). Receive the “peace” I share with you as I receive the peace of God through Jesus.**

Stand

Opening Hymn

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

LSB 525

~ Confession and Absolution ~

LSB 167

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

P In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**
- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

~ Service of the Word ~

Introit

Psalm 145:4-7, 9; antiphon: v. 10

- P All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,
and all your saints shall bless you!
C **One generation shall commend your works to another,
and shall declare your mighty acts.**
P On the glorious splendor of your majesty,
and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.
C **They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds,
and I will declare your greatness.**
P They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness
and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.
C **The LORD is good to all,
and his mercy is over all that he has made.**
C **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.**
C **All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,
and all your saints shall bless you!**

Kyrie

LSB 168

- P In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- ♪ C ***Lord, have mercy.***
- P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
- ♪ C ***Lord, have mercy.***
- P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
- ♪ C ***Lord, have mercy.***
- P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
- ♪ C ***Lord, have mercy.***
- P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- ♪ C ***Amen.***

This Is the Feast

LSB 171

- A *This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.*
- ♪ C ***Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.***
- Power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and blessing and glory are His.***
- This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.***
- Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:***
- Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.***
- This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign.***
- Alleluia, alleluia.***

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P The Lord be with you.
- ♪ C ***And also with you.***
- P Let us pray.
- O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- ♪ C ***Amen.***

Sit

First Reading

Acts 9:1-22

¹But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ²and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴And falling to the ground he heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?” ⁵And he said, “Who are you, Lord?” And he said, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.” ⁷The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one. ⁸Saul rose from the ground, and although his eyes were opened, he saw nothing. So they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹And for three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

¹⁰Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, “Ananias.” And he said, “Here I am, Lord.” ¹¹And the Lord said to him, “Rise and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul, for behold, he is praying, ¹²and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.” ¹³But Ananias answered, “Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints at Jerusalem. ¹⁴And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on your name.” ¹⁵But the Lord said to him, “Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel. ¹⁶For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.” ¹⁷So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” ¹⁸And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized; ¹⁹and taking food, he was strengthened.

For some days he was with the disciples at Damascus. ²⁰And immediately he proclaimed Jesus in the synagogues, saying, “He is the Son of God.” ²¹And all who heard him were amazed and said, “Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem of those who called upon this name? And has he not come here for this purpose, to bring them bound before the chief priests?” ²²But Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Christ.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 30

P ¹I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up
and have not let my foes rejoice over me.

C ²**O LORD my God, I cried to you for help,
and you have healed me.**

P ³O LORD, you have brought up my soul from Sheol;
you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.

C ⁴**Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints,
and give thanks to his holy name.**

P ⁵For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime.
Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

C ⁶**As for me, I said in my prosperity,
“I shall never be moved.”**

P ⁷By your favor, O LORD, you made my mountain stand strong;
you hid your face; I was dismayed.

C ⁸**To you, O LORD, I cry,
and to the Lord I plead for mercy:**

P ⁹“What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the pit?
Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness?

C ¹⁰**Hear, O LORD, and be merciful to me!
O LORD, be my helper!”**

P ¹¹You have turned for me my mourning into dancing;
you have loosed my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness,

C ¹²**that my glory may sing your praise and not be silent.
O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever!**

C **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.**

Second Reading

Revelation 5:8–14

⁸And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. ⁹And they sang a new song, saying,

“Worthy are you to take the scroll
and to open its seals,
for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God
from every tribe and language and people and nation,
¹⁰and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God,
and they shall reign on the earth.”

¹¹Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, ¹²saying with a loud voice, “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!” ¹³And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, “To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!” ¹⁴And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” and the elders fell down and worshiped.

L This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

LSB 173

♪ C *Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.*

Holy Gospel

John 21:1-14

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twenty-first chapter.
♪ C *Glory to You, O Lord.*

¹After this Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he revealed himself in this way. ²Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together. ³Simon Peter said to them, “I am going fishing.” They said to him, “We will go with you.” They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵Jesus said to them, “Children, do you have any fish?” They answered him, “No.” ⁶He said to them, “Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some.” So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish. ⁷That disciple whom Jesus loved therefore said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he was stripped for work, and threw himself into the sea.

⁸The other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred yards off.

⁹When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread. ¹⁰Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.” ¹¹So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, 153 of them. And although there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹²Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” Now none of the disciples dared ask him, “Who are you?” They knew it was the Lord. ¹³Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish. ¹⁴This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

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

Sit

Kids' Worship

Sermon

Rev. Edward Thayer

Stand

Nicene Creed

LSB 174

**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.**

Prayer of the Church

- P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
- P Worthy are You, O Lord, to receive the praise and thanksgiving of Your people. For You have sent Your Son as the Lamb to ransom us by His blood and make us a kingdom of priests in Your service. Bless Your Church, that all we endeavor to do in Your name may be in accord with Your will. Accomplish Your holy purpose in calling many joyfully to know Your redemption. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P Ever-living God, You raised up Saul from among Your enemies, that he would suffer for Your name. Stir up all those baptized into Your name, and call many men to the service of Your Church. Sustain all [*including all missionaries*] who suffer for the Gospel, and continue to confound its enemies with Your wisdom. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P Lord of all nations, You provided a miraculous catch of fish to the apostles and, much more, blessed their efforts as fishers of men. Continue to bless the Church as she spreads the Gospel and gathers in as many as would be saved. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P Heavenly Father, one generation of Your saints commends Your works to another. As we have received Your glorious Gospel, grant all fathers and mothers strong and joyful faith to declare Your mighty acts to the generation to come. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P Lord enthroned in heaven, You have ordered all the nations of the earth and have set Your Church among them to shepherd them unto eternal life. Hear the prayers we continually offer for our rulers, [*especially _____,*] and grant them faithful and peaceful governance. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P Lord of life, You are glorified in the sufferings of Your faithful people. Teach us to trust You through all our trials and graciously bear up those who struggle among us, [*especially _____,*] that they would know the fullness of Your love. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**

P Merciful God, You gave Your Son to be the Lamb. He has given us His own flesh to be our food and His very blood to be our drink. Give us Your Holy Spirit so that we who approach His table may receive His gifts with repentant hearts and faith, that what we receive with our lips we may keep in holy hearts and show forth in holy lives. Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord, You are holy, and You sanctify us in Christ. Give us strength during temptation, courage in times of fear, comfort in distress and resolve in the face of persecution. Help us to abound in hope in every circumstance; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C **Amen.**

Sit

Offering

“Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup”

Senior Choir

Stand

Offertory

LSB 176

♪ C *What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?
I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,
in the courts of the Lord’s house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.*

~Service of the Sacrament~

Preface

LSB 177

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, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 178

♩C *Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heav'n and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 178

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

LSB 179

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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

P 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

LSB 180

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

Agnus Dei

LSB 180

♪ C *Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
 Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
 Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.*

Sit

Distribution

Communion Hymn

“Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me”

LSB 683

Communion Hymn

“Chief of Sinners Though I Be”

LSB 611

Stand

Thank the Lord

LSB 181

♪ C *Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev’ryone what He has done.
 Let ev’ryone who seeks the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.
 He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy
 with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.*

Post-Communion Collect

P 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.

♪ C *Amen.*

Benediction

LSB 183

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.*

Closing Hymn

“In Thee Is Gladness”

LSB 818

Sit

Announcements

P Go in peace, and serve the Lord!

C **Thanks be to God!**

Acknowledgments

Divine Service, Setting Two from Lutheran Service Book

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“Variations on GAUDEAMUS PARITER” (“Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain”) – tune by Johann Horn, setting by Jeffrey Blersch.

“Crown Him With Many Crowns” – Setting and Soprano Descant by Walter L. Pelz.

“Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup” – LSB 638

SERVICE INFORMATION

THOSE SERVING IMMANUEL TODAY 5/04/2025

Pastor	Rev. David Casey-Motley
Guest Pastor	Rev. Edward Thayer
Administrative Assistant	Raechl Cannon
Director of Music, Emeritus	Dennis L. Janko, M.M.
Director of Music & Organist	Lynn Short
Director of Hand Bells	Janice Isenberg
Ushers	John Hochmuth, Hugh Smith
Lay Reader	Dicky Wheatley
Assisting Elder	Hugh Smith
Kids Worship	Rene Langwost
Acolyte	Anthony Clark
Sound Operator	David Schmidt
Camera Operator	Janice Isenberg
Tellers	Janice Isenberg, Shelly Kapitan, John Crampton

THOSE SERVING IMMANUEL NEXT SUNDAY 5/11/2025

Ushers	John Hochmuth, Hugh Smith
Lay Reader	Catie Casey-Motley
Assisting Elder	
Kids Worship	Rene Langwost
Acolyte	Shyann Gillis
Sound Operator	David Schmidt
Camera Operator	Jennifer Phillips
Tellers	Karen Lyons, Jennifer Phillips

*The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God in memory of
Bertie Quidas Plutschak by Gail Karge, Glen Plutschak and their families.*

ADMINISTRATION

THE WEEK AHEAD 5/05/2025 – 5/11/2025

Monday – Thursday	Nursery School	8:50 – 11:45 a.m.
	Church Office Open	9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Monday	Board of Elders Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Handbells	6:30 p.m.
	Senior Choir	7:30 p.m.
Saturday	Men's Prayer Breakfast	8:30 a.m.
Sunday	Mother's Day	
	Sunday School	9:15 a.m.
	Worship	10:30 a.m.
	AA Meeting	7:00 p.m.

Be sure to check the church calendar for events happening at Immanuel Lutheran this month. Check with the church office before scheduling meetings or activities so they can be put on the calendar.

STATISTICS April 27, 2025

WORSHIP SERVICE

Attendance: 41

Goal Income Per Week: \$3,802.04

Offering: \$2,481.00

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR MARCH 2025

Goal income per month	\$19,351.17
Actual Offerings	15,706.00
Total Disbursements	<u>-19,378.26</u>
Checking account balance, end of month	\$42,608.08

PRAYER LIST & CONGREGATIONAL MATTERS

SHUT-INS – RETIREMENT FACILITIES – NURSING HOMES: Jimmy Fuchs, Janice Plutschak, Olga McDonald and Margaret Bolyard.

SPECIAL PRAYERS: Jennifer Flanagan, Butch Frase, Linda Frase, Cheryl Hochmuth, Dennis Janko, Nicole James, Maggie Thompson, Brianna Fissel, Tony Krupka, James Cohee, William Frase, Page Murphy, Jeannie Kegeal, Mike Lloyd, Dora Bailey, Brenda Richards, Sharlene Steere, Joe Bartenfelder, Kitty Hefelfinger and Jan Baker.

ACTIVE-DUTY SERVICE PERSONNEL & FIRST-RESPONDERS:

Ryan Andrew, Matthew Harris, Shelby Hochmuth, Michael Jantz Jr., Robbie Phillips, Eric Stacey, Jerry Stivers, Amber Thamert, and Robert Barnett.



BIRTHDAYS

Jessica Marine	5/4
Kelli Schanken	5/5
Ryan Wortz	5/7
Katherine Bowman-Pinder	5/8
Dawn Gencel	5/9
Ella Cannon	5/10
Douglas Frase	5/10



Rev. Edward Thayer,

Thank you so much for worshiping with
Immanuel Lutheran Church today!

ANNOUNCEMENTS



WELCOME VISITORS! Before leaving, please stop in the Narthex to sign the guest book and pick up a gift pack.

We hope to see you again!

Every Sunday: 9:15 AM Sunday school (Children & Adults) & 10:30 AM Worship Service!

ALTAR FLOWERS: Upcoming open dates: 5/18 and all Sundays in June. Please sign up using the altar flower chart in the narthex. The following florists provide flowers for Immanuel and have the ability to deliver to the church prior to Sunday Service:



- Lucy's Flowers – Federalsburg – 410-754-5011
- John's Four Seasons Florist – Federalsburg / Reliance – 410-754-5835
- Vintage Family Farms – Preston – 410-310-6457
- Tammie's Country Florist (Roses & Bows) – Federalsburg / Hurlock – 443-786-8102



MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST: Join us Saturday May 10th at 8:30 AM!

EASTER BREAKFAST THANK YOU: Thank you to everyone who helped and provided food for the Easter Breakfast. It was a wonderful success. "Christ is risen, He has risen indeed. Alleluia!"



LCMS SED CONVENTION: Pastor David & Ruth Thomas will be attending the 40th Convention of the SED May 8 – 9 in Richmond, VA. The 2025 SED Convention theme is Immeasurable Hope.



**MARYLAND
FOOD BANK**
UNTIL HUNGER ENDS.

MARYLAND FOOD BANK – FOOD TRUCK: The MD Food Bank Mobile Market will be at **Bethlehem Wesleyan**, 5330 Bethlehem Rd, Preston, MD on **Thursday May 8th** from **12:00pm – 2:00pm** (or until done).



VBS JUNE 23-26, 2025: We are getting ready for VBS! We will be using CPH program “Epic Australian Adventure”! There will be exciting games, lively music, good food and lasting friendships & memories made! Volunteers and students can register at <https://vbsmate.com/events/ilcprestonmd/30509>.

Ways to help:

Spread the word, bring friends and volunteer!

Volunteers Needed: Kitchen, Registration, Opening/Closing, Bible Exploration, Team Leaders, Crafts, Music, Snack, Recreation, Story Telling, and Decorating.

Contact Rene Langwost (410) 253-8735 today!

ILC MAY NEWSLETTER: Copies of the ILC May Newsletter are available in the narthex.

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