



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 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 18, 2025 ~ 10:30 a.m.

WELCOME TO IMMANUEL!

Psalm 148 calls all creation to praise the Lord. We join with springtime blooms and buds, more hours of sunlight, newborn animals, singing birds and greening landscapes.

Welcome to worship!

WORDS OF PREPARATION

Jesus, you are the stable rock on which I stand, the warm water in which I float peacefully, the fragrant air that energizes my being. In you I rest and am strengthened for faithful living.

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

“Jesus Shall Reign”

Handbell Ensemble

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

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

LSB 803

~ Confession and Absolution ~

LSB 184

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 Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

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

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and 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.

C **Amen.**

~ Service of the Word ~

Introit

Psalm 98:2-6; antiphon: v. 1

P Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things!

His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

C **The LORD has made known his salvation;**

he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

P He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

C **Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;**

break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

P Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,

with the lyre and the sound of melody!

C With trumpets and the sound of the horn
make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!
C Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things!
His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

♪ C *Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

Kyrie LSB 186

♪ C *Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.*

Gloria in Excelsis LSB 187

P Glory be to God on High,
♪ C *and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee.
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.
For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

Salutation and Collect of the Day LSB 189

P The Lord be with you.
♪ C *And with thy spirit.*

P Let us pray.
O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

♪ C *Amen.*

First Reading

Acts 11:1-18

¹Now the apostles and the brothers who were throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. ²So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcision party criticized him, saying, ³“You went to uncircumcised men and ate with them.” ⁴But Peter began and explained it to them in order: ⁵“I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision, something like a great sheet descending, being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to me. ⁶Looking at it closely, I observed animals and beasts of prey and reptiles and birds of the air. ⁷And I heard a voice saying to me, ‘Rise, Peter; kill and eat.’ ⁸But I said, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing common or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ ⁹But the voice answered a second time from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, do not call common.’ ¹⁰This happened three times, and all was drawn up again into heaven. ¹¹And behold, at that very moment three men arrived at the house in which we were, sent to me from Caesarea. ¹²And the Spirit told me to go with them, making no distinction. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. ¹³And he told us how he had seen the angel stand in his house and say, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon who is called Peter; ¹⁴he will declare to you a message by which you will be saved, you and all your household.’ ¹⁵As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them just as on us at the beginning. ¹⁶And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ ¹⁷If then God gave the same gift to them as he gave to us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could stand in God’s way?” ¹⁸When they heard these things they fell silent. And they glorified God, saying, “Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance that leads to life.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

*Please join in singing the psalm as printed below.
The psalm tone will be played twice as an introduction.*

- ♪ C *¹Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the / heavens;**
 praise him / in the heights!
- ²Praise him, all his / angels;**
 praise him, / all his hosts!
- ³Praise him, / sun and moon, **
 praise him, all you / shining stars!
- ⁴Praise him, you highest / heavens, **
 and you waters above the / heavens!
- ⁵Let them praise the name / of the LORD!**
 For he commanded and they were cre- / ated.
- ⁶And he established them forever and / ever;**
 he gave a decree, and it shall not / pass away.
- ⁷Praise the LORD / from the earth, **
 you great sea creatures and / all deeps,
- ⁸fire and hail, / snow and mist, **
 stormy wind fulfill- / ing his word!
- ⁹Mountains and / all hills, **
 fruit trees and all / cedars!
- ¹⁰Beasts and all / livestock, **
 creeping things and / flying birds!
- ¹¹Kings of the earth and all / peoples, **
 princes and all rulers / of the earth!
- ¹²Young men and maidens to- / gether, **
 old men and / children!
- ¹³Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is ex- / alted;**
 his majesty is above earth and / heaven.
- ¹⁴He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for / all his saints, **
 for the people of Israel who are near to him. / Praise the LORD!
- Glory be to the Father and / to the Son**
 and to the Holy / Spirit;
 *as it was in the be- / ginning, **
 is now, and will be forever. / Amen.

Second Reading

Revelation 21:1-7

¹Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. ⁴He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”

⁵And he who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.” ⁶And he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. ⁷The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

LSB 190

♪ C *Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

Holy Gospel

John 16:12-22

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixteenth chapter.

♪ C *Glory be to Thee, O Lord.*

¹²[Jesus said:] “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

¹⁶“A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me.” ¹⁷So some of his disciples said to one another, “What is this that he says to us, ‘A little while, and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see me’; and, ‘because I am going to the Father’?” ¹⁸So they were saying, “What does he mean by ‘a little while’? We do not know what he is talking about.” ¹⁹Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, “Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, ‘A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while and you will see me’? ²⁰Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy.

²¹When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has

delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. ²²So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.”

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

Nicene Creed

LSB 191

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.

Sit

Children's Sermon

Kids Worship

Hymn of the Day

“At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing”

LSB 633

Stanzas 1-4, Organ Interlude, Stanzas 7-8

Sermon

Stand

Offertory

LSB 192

♪ C *Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.*

Sit

Offering

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

Stand

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

LSB 805

♪ C *Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. 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 Lord of heaven and earth, in the glorious resurrection of Your Son, You have given the promise of our own resurrection. As we await the Last Day, calm our hearts and strengthen our faith through our sorrows. Lord, in Your mercy
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P O Lord, You have promised us the gift of the Holy Spirit who makes known to us all truth and keeps us in Your Word. Grant to us, O Lord, faithful pastors who will teach us Your Word and devoted church workers who will serve us in Your name. Bless those preparing for church work vocations, and inspire many to follow Your call. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**

P Heavenly Father, You bless the anguish of childbirth with new life according to Your good and gracious will. Sustain all mothers with child and those with young children. Bless Your Church, the mother of all Your faithful children. Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

P Almighty God, You hold all people accountable for the responsibilities You have given them. Bless our president, our governor, the Congress and legislature, and all judges and magistrates. Guide them to serve according to Your will and for the common good of all. Raise up those with heroic virtue who will defend our liberty. Protect those who defend us in the armed forces, even as You give peace to the nations. Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

P O Alpha and Omega, You pledge to bring all things to their perfect consummation. You will bring heaven to earth and banish sorrow, sin and death. Sustain
[_____ and all] those now in tribulation. By the comfort of Your Holy Word, increase their faith and see them through their trials. Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

P Holy Lord, You have given us both bread for the body and Christ, the bread of life. Prepare us now to receive with faith and thanksgiving His flesh for the life of the world and His blood that cleanses us from all sin. Unite us that we may believe and confess one faith, and bring us to that day when we shall be one people together at the table of our Lord. Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

P O Lord, heavenly Father, we gratefully remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Rejoicing in His victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own High Priest. Gather us together 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, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C **Amen.**

~ Service of the Sacrament ~

Preface

LSB 194

P The Lord be with you.
♪ C *And with thy spirit.*

P Lift up your hearts.
♪ C *We lift them up unto the Lord.*

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.
♪ C *It is meet and right so to do.*

P It is truly meet, 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 195

♪ C *Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.*

Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

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

LSB 197

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."

P 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 197

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

Agnus Dei

LSB 198

♪ C *O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace.
Amen.*

Sit

Distribution

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.
Amen.

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.
Amen.

In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart † in peace.

C **Amen.**

Communion Hymn

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

LSB 770

Communion Hymn

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

LSB 621

Stand

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199

♪ C *Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of
all people,
a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

Thanksgiving

LSB 200

P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
♪ C *and His mercy endureth forever.*

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 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.*

Salutation and Benedicamus

LSB 201

P The Lord be with you.

♪ C *And with thy spirit.*

P Bless we the Lord.

♪ C *Thanks be to God.*

Benediction

LSB 202

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.

♪ C *Amen. Amen. Amen.*

Closing Hymn

“To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray”

LSB 768

Sit

Announcements

P Go in peace, and serve the Lord!

C **Thanks be to God!**

Acknowledgments

Divine Service, Setting Three from Lutheran Service Book

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“Jesus Shall Reign” Tune: DUKE STREET, Handbell arrangement by Sandra Eithun.

“At the Lamb’s High Feast” II: Interlude, Tune: SONNE DER GERECHTIGKEIT,
Setting by Jacob B. Weber.

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus” Tune: CONVERSE by Charles Converse, Setting by Kevin Hildebrand.

SERVICE INFORMATION

THOSE SERVING IMMANUEL TODAY 5/18/2025

Pastor	Rev. David Casey-Motley
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	John Crampton
Assisting Elder	Mark Frase
Kids Worship	Rene Langwost
Acolyte	Mikayla Clark
Sound Operator	Rex Rosebrock
Camera Operator	Shelly Kapitan
Tellers	Dee Lambert, Glen Plutschak, Linda Jefferson

THOSE SERVING IMMANUEL NEXT SUNDAY 5/25/2025

Ushers	John Hochmuth, Hugh Smith
Lay Reader	Janice Isenberg
Assisting Elder	
Kids Worship	Rene Langwost
Acolyte	Coltyn Bowman-Pinder
Sound Operator	Jim Harris
Camera Operator	Ruth Thomas
Tellers	David & Kathy Schmidt, Julie Farnell

*The flowers are on the altar are given to the Glory of God in memory of loved ones
by Mark & Carol Frase.*

ADMINISTRATION

THE WEEK AHEAD 5/19/2025 – 5/25/2025

Monday – Thursday	Nursery School	8:50 – 11:45 a.m.
	Church Office Open	9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Senior Choir	6:45 p.m.
Friday	ILNS Closing Ceremony	6:30 p.m.
Sunday	Sunday School	9:15 a.m.
	Worship Service with Graduates Blessing	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 May 11, 2025

WORSHIP SERVICE

Attendance: 53

Goal Income Per Week: \$3,802.04

Offering: \$1,994.00

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR APRIL 2025

Goal income per month	\$19,351.17
Actual Offerings	14,656.00
Total Disbursements	<u>-21,836.68</u>
Checking account balance, end of month	\$35,625.60

PRAYER LIST & CONGREGATIONAL MATTERS

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

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.



This Week's
MAY
birthdays

BIRTHDAYS

William Hopkins	5/18
Mary Ann Frase	5/19
James Johansen	5/23



Please join us on Sunday

May 25, 2025

10:30 AM for a special

‘Blessing of Our Graduates’

by

Pastor David Casey-Motley
during Worship Service!

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: 6/1, 6/29, 7/6 and 7/13. 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



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!

HANDBELL SEASON ENDS: Today is the last day of the Handbell season. Many thanks to our ringers for their dedication throughout the year! The bell tables and boxes will be packed away after the service, so if you are able to help with lifting and moving for a few minutes, it would be appreciated. Thank you!



ILNS CLOSING CEREMONY: Immanuel Lutheran Nursery School will have their Closing Ceremony this Friday May 23 at 6:30 pm. The ceremony will be held in the sanctuary with refreshments in the Fellowship Hall immediately following. This year's program will have 10 two's and 10 three's being promoted and 7 pre-k students graduating. Blessings to each of these little lambs and their families!

SED Convention 2025 – Richmond, VA – May 8-9

Notes from Ruth Thomas, Lay Delegate in attendance

- President William Harmon was re-elected as President of the SED.
- Registration 339 present on Friday; 128 lay delegates; 121 pastoral delegates
- LCMS President Matthew Harrison attended and asked for prayers for unity in the Church. He will stand one more time for re-election, then stand down. If not elected, he is okay with that. The travel is getting harder.
- Rev. Lloyd Gaines was re-elected as N. Region VP and 1st VP.
- Communion statements are OK to have, but you should always ask visitors to speak to the Pastor.
- Church planting – 70 in process (15 in our District); also 25 more in the European Union. More young families and young men are coming to worship. There are 33 million people now living with the SED.
- Each congregation is encouraged to develop at least one new outreach ministry tailored to the needs of its immediate neighborhood (e.g., after-school programs, community gardens, senior care initiatives).
- The SED is encouraging congregations to create opportunities for youth-oriented service projects.
- Costs are up 40%, but the Synod has 120 million in cash or investments, with 60 million of those funds designated.
- Over 1 million was donated for hurricane relief, and all related grants were fully funded.
- Churches with Pastors are asked to sponsor a vacant church and support its congregation. There are still many vacancies.
- There was lively discussion about whether to support hybrid or online educational opportunities for pastoral candidates. The consensus was that residential programs are best, although Specific Ministry Pastors are taking advantage of the online offerings.
- Recruitment is challenging, and it was resolved to set a goal for each congregation of having at least one person, every three years, commit to and start training in a church work vocation. I asked President Harrison whether the LCMS was doing enough through digital ads and podcasts toward recruitment. He paused and said, No, not enough. He said he would do better to reach younger men through these methods.
- There were multiple Resolutions passed regarding Wellness for church workers. Every congregation is encouraged to establish a Congregational Church Worker Wellness Team. The SED will provide guidance and training. Congregations are also encouraged to participate in completing the SIMPLE Congregational Well-Being Assessment to evaluate and enhance their ministry wellness.
- Congregations are encouraged to establish a formal sabbatical policy with available resources from the SED (not sure whether that means funding or just examples).
- Foundation grants of \$5,000 for church workers will be a future offering.

SERMON NOTES

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