

Encounters of the Resurrected Christ

Thomas

Welcome to Immanuel

Second Sunday of Easter

April 27th 2025

9:00am

Preparing for the Lord’s Supper (Holy Communion)

All who receive the Lord’s Supper at this church—members and guests alike—are encouraged to use the following questions as a guide to self-examination in preparation for Holy Communion:

† “Am I a baptized child of the Heavenly Father?”

Acts 2:38-39. Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to Himself.”

† “Do I intend, with the Lord’s help, to amend my sinful life?”

Galatians 5:22-25. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.

† “Have I confessed and repented of my sins?”

Matthew 3:2. “Repent, for the kingdom of

heaven is at hand.”

† “Do I trust that Jesus Christ alone is my Savior from sin?”

1 John 1:7. But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

† “Do I believe that in this Blessed Sacrament (Holy Communion) I am receiving the actual body and blood of Christ, under the bread and wine, for the forgiveness of my sins?”

Matthew 26:26-28. Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, “Take, eat; this is My body.” And He took a cup, and when He had given thanks He gave it to them, saying, “Drink of it, all of you, for this is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.”

If, in good conscience, you are unable to affirm the above questions, we invite you to come forward for a blessing. Simply cross your arms in front of you and the pastor or lay minister will offer a blessing to you.

Office Lights this month are given...

Eternal Lights this month are given...

Altar Flowers today are given...
In Honor of the birthday of
Julie Yapoujian & Janice Brennan
by their parents



We thank those who serve today in worship:

Presiding Minister & Preacher:	Reader:
Pastor Ryan	Pam Steeves
Assisting Minister:	Ushers:
Dennis Ruopp	Tom & Nancy Schulz, Andy Ruopp, and Lori Hancock
Communion Assistant:	Greeters:
Deb Hollrah	Tary & Adele Tarlton
Acolytes:	Altar Guild:
Maine Oakes	Bill Hunt and Nancy Schulz
Organist/Minister of Music:	Audio & Visual:
Oyeniran Oyedeji	(a) Doug Igoe (v) Chris Igoe
Cantor:	
Michael Roehl	

We thank those who serve today through the ministry of music:

Vocalists:
Meg Bond, Lori Woodruff, T.J. Keller, and Deanne Schultz
Guitar:
Diane Wardenburg
Cajon:
Simon Bacher



Offerings are given as a response of all God’s gifts given to us.

As a member of Immanuel, we are called to support the mission and ministry of ILCS. If you are a guest or visitor this day, please know that there is no expectation for you to give.

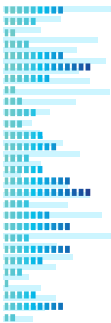
We do invite you to fill out the visitor card and place it in the offering plate so that we can share with you all the ministries of Immanuel.

“Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.” —2 Corinthians 9:7-8

From Your AudioVisual Team...

Our worship today will be livestreamed for those members and friends that are unable to join us in person. By entering the Sanctuary, you give permission to Immanuel Lutheran Church and School to film or photograph you, and any minor children under the age of 18, and use your likeness on our social media channels and website.

If you would like to limit your time on camera please sit towards the back of the Sanctuary or off to either side. If you have any concerns, please speak with one of the ushers before or after service today.



Prelude*"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"**arr. Albert Beck***Chiming of the Hour****Welcome****Ministry Moment** | *LWML Carol Sanger**Stand***Opening Hymn**

Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven

LSB 477

✠ **Confession & Forgiveness** ✠*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.***[P]** Christ is risen!**[C]** **He is risen indeed, Alleluia!****[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** *sung by cantor**Psalm 105:1–5, 8; antiphon: 1 Peter 2:2–3*Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk,
that by it you may grow up to sal- | vation—*

if indeed you have tasted that the | Lord is good.

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call up- | on his name;*

make known his deeds among the | peoples!

Sing to him, sing prais- | es to him;*

tell of all his | wondrous works!

Glory in his | holy name;*

let the hearts of those who seek the | LORD rejoice!

Seek the LORD | and his strength;*

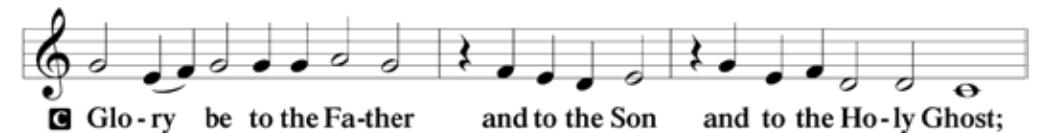
seek his presence con- | tinually!

Remember the wondrous works that | he has done,*

his miracles, and the judgments he | uttered.

He remembers his covenant for- | ever,*

the word that he commanded, for a thousand gener- | ations.

Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk,
that by it you may grow up to sal- | vation—*

if indeed you have tasted that the | Lord is good.

Kyrie *(Lord, Have Mercy)*

LSB 168

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.

G Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-va-tion let us pray to the Lord.

G Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,

and for the uni-ty of all let us pray to the Lord.

G Lord, have mer - cy.

A For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise

let us pray to the Lord.

G Lord, have mer - cy.

A Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord.

G A - men.

Hymn of Praise

This Is the Feast

LSB 171

A This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

G Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,

whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.

Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength and

hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are His.

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le -

lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of

God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to

God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.


This is the feast of vic - to-ry for our God,

for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun His reign.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.
C Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord’s resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Sit

First Reading

Acts 5:12–20

¹²Now many signs and wonders were regularly done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon’s Portico. ¹³None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high esteem. ¹⁴And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, ¹⁵so that they even carried out the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mats, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. ¹⁶The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed.

¹⁷But the high priest rose up, and all who were with him (that is, the party of the Sadducees), and filled with jealousy ¹⁸they arrested the apostles and put them in the public prison. ¹⁹But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, ²⁰“Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life.”

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

*Christ has risen | from the dead.**
[God the Father] has crowned him with glory and | honor.
*He has given him dominion over the works | of his hands;**
he has put all things un- | der his feet.

Epistle

Revelation 1:4–18

⁴John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood ⁶and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. ⁷Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.

⁸“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”

⁹I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. ¹⁰I was in the Spirit on the Lord’s day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet ¹¹saying, “Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea.”

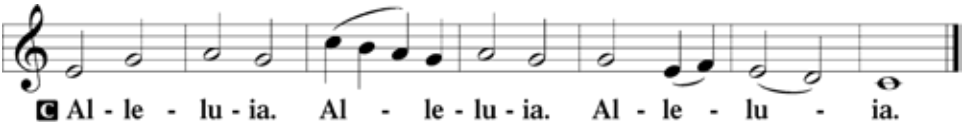
¹²Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, ¹³and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest. ¹⁴The hairs of his head were white like wool, as white as snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, ¹⁵his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters. ¹⁶In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength.

¹⁷When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, “Fear not, I am the first and the last, ¹⁸and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.

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

Stand
Alleluia and Verse

Romans 6:9; John 20:29b



Cantor Sings
*We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never | die again;**
death no longer has dominion | over him.



Cantor Sings
*Blessed are those who | have not seen **
and yet | have believed.



Holy Gospel John 20:19–31

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



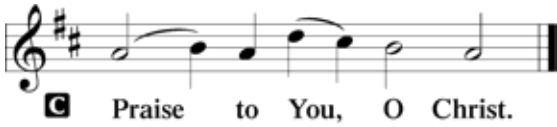
¹⁹On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” ²²And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld.”

²⁴Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.”

²⁶Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.” ²⁸Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Apostles' Creed

C 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.**

Sit

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day

O Sons and Daughters of the King LSB 470 stzs. 1, 4-8
stz. 4 Women | stz. 5 Cantor | stz. 6 Men

Sermon

Offertory Hymn

These Things Did Thomas Count as Real LSB 472

Stand

Prayers of the Church

P Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

Sharing of the Peace

The people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, “Peace be with you,” as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

(*Matt.* 5:22–24; *Eph.* 4:1–3).

LSB 175

✠ Service of the Sacrament ✠

Preface

LSB 177

S The Lord be with you.

A And al-so with you.

T Lift up your hearts.

B We lift them to the Lord.

S Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

A It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that... evermore praising You and singing:

Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy)

LSB 178

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of
pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is He who comes in the name
of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

LSB 179

Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
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 179

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed... This do, as often as
you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

Pax Domini (The Peace of the Lord)

LSB 180

The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.
A - men.

Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)

LSB 180

Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of
God, You take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.

Sit

Communion

Gluten-free options are available:
please indicate to the pastor
if you need one of these.

Alcohol free juice options are available
in the center of each of the
individual cup communion trays.

Communion Song

Christ Is Risen, He Is Risen Indeed

CCLI Song #6399205

1. How can it be, the One who died,
Has born our sin through sacrifice,
To conquer every sting of death?
Sing, sing hallelujah.

2. For joy awakes as dawning light
When Christ's disciples lift their eyes.
Alive He stands, their Friend and King;
Christ, Christ He is risen.
3. Where doubt and darkness once had been,
They saw Him and their hearts believed.
But blessed are those who have not seen
Yet, sing hallelujah.

4. Once bound by fear now bold in faith,
They preached the truth and power of grace
And pouring out their lives they gained
Life, life everlasting.
5. The power that raised Him from the grave
Now works in us to powerfully save.
He frees our hearts to live His grace;
Go tell of His goodness.

Refrain:
Christ is risen, He is risen indeed!
Oh, sing hallelujah.
Join the chorus, sing with the redeemed
Christ is risen, He is risen indeed.

Refrain
Refrain Twice

Communion Song

Resurrection Hymn

CCLI Song #4108797

1. See, what a morning, gloriously bright,
With the dawning of hope in Jerusalem;
Folded the grave-clothes, tomb filled with light,
As the angels announce, "Christ is risen!"
See God's salvation plan, wrought in love,
borne in pain, paid in sacrifice,
Fulfilled in Christ, the man, for He lives:
Christ is risen from the dead!

2. See Mary weeping, "Where is He laid?"
As in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb;
Hears a voice speaking, calling her name;
It's the Master, the Lord raised to life again!
The voice that spans the years,
Speaking life, stirring hope, bringing peace to us,
Will sound till He appears,
for He lives: Christ is risen from the dead!
3. One with the Father, Ancient of Days,
Through the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty,
Honor and blessing, glory and praise
To the King crowned with pow'r and authority!
And we are raised with Him,
death is dead, love has won, Christ has conquered;
And we shall reign with Him,
for He lives: Christ is risen from the dead!

Ending:
And we are raised with Him,
Death is dead, love has won,
Christ has conquered;
And we shall reign with Him, for He lives:
Christ is risen from the dead!

Stand

Dismissal

- 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.

Nunc Dimittis (Song of Simeon)

LSB 182

Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been ful -

filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have pre -

pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re -

veal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it;

as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

A 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.



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.



Closing Hymn

The Strife Is O’er, the Battle Done

LSB 464

P Christ is risen!
C He is risen indeed, Alleluia!

Postlude

The Strife Is O’er

arr. Carl Simone

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this week...

- **Sun. April. 27th**
9:00am Worship
10:30am Christian Education
for Kids & Adults
4pm Confirmation Class
- **Wed. April 30th**
6:00am Men’s
Mornings @Elmer’s
8:30am School Chapel
all are welcome!
- **Thurs. May 1st**
6:30pm Handbell Choir
Rehearsal
7:30pm Parish Choir
Rehearsal
- **Fri. May 2nd**
3pm Girl Scouts



we pray for...

- Immanuel Lutheran School
Mrs. MacDougall’s
Kindergartners
Henry, Jacob, Glory,
Antonio, Hannah, Stella,
Aster, Kaden, Jaxton

coming up...

- **ILS Track Meets**
Sunday May 18th 12pm
- **LWML Spring Rally**
May 4th 2pm
- **Tri-District Conference**
May 12th - 14th
- **Immanuel Family
Game Nights**
May 17th 6:30pm
June 21st 6:30pm
- **Regular
Congregational Meeting**
Sunday May 18th 10:30am
- **Accension Service**
May 29th 7pm
- **Immanuel Family Tag Sale**
June 6th & 7th
- **District Convention**
June 12th - 14th
- **Vacation Bible School**
July 14th - 18th

- Kelly Adams
- AnnMarie Maher
- Chris Benson
- Joyce Russotti

*Rejoice always, pray continually, give
thanks in all circumstances; for this is
God’s will for you in Christ Jesus*

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18



Ascension Service

Please set aside, *Thursday evening, May 29th at 7:00pm* for a worship service that recognizes and celebrates the Ascension of our Lord.

Do you have a graduating Senior?



It's that time of year again! The quilters have a special gift for Immanuel's graduating high school seniors.

If you have a graduating high school senior please leave their name and a contact number (parents) with the church office. churchoffice@immanueldanbury.org



Immanuel's Annual Tag Sale is Coming!

The tag sale is coming the weekend of June 6th and 7th.

Get rid of your quality, gently used, items all for a great cause!

Proceeds benefit Immanuel Lutheran School & Women's Service Organization Mission Projects.

Keep an eye out for more updates, including drop off times for donations.

-ILCS Tag Sale Crew



Immanuel Lutheran School

ILS Kindergarten class is coming alive!...

Amazing things are happening in kindergarten this month!

As part of our Living Things Unit, the children have learned about the 4 things that all living things need to survive: water, sun, food, and air.

We have been busy scientists observing our butterfly and ladybug larvae as they are growing right before our eyes. As of Friday, both the butterfly and ladybug larvae are about to enter the 3rd stage, which is the pupa or chrysalis. We cannot wait for them to emerge!

The children have learned all about their 4 stage life cycles. They are also comparing what is similar and different about each of these insects' life cycles. It is thrilling to see the children as they watch this amazing metamorphosis, and we observe this miraculous transformation firsthand.



In addition to all that excitement, we are also about to plant grass seeds and observe that life cycle as the seed coat opens and the roots grow down, and the stems grow upward! We cannot wait for the grass to grow so tall that we can give it a "haircut"!

The most miraculous growth that has taken place this year is that of the children. I have watched them bloom and grow throughout this wonderful school year. I thank God each day that I have had the opportunity to be a part of their Kindergarten year. I have watched the children grow socially and emotionally, as well as academically.

We have come together every day to pray, play and learn! What a gift it is to teach young minds!

Respectfully submitted,
Diane MacDougall
ILS Kindergarten



Thursday Bible Study

This Spring Pastor will be starting a Thursday Bible Study. Keep an eye out for more details.

Post Easter Sermon Series

Jesus has risen and many people encounter the Resurrected Christ. These encounters change their lives.

Join Immanuel as we look at people's lives 'After Easter' and explore how our lives are changed as well.

VBS 2025

Vacation Bible School is coming **July 14th- 18th!**

Get ready for an Epic Australian Adventure and join us this July. Look for more details coming soon about volunteers and signing up.



Regular Congregational Meeting

Sunday, May 18th.

Immanuel's regular congregational meeting will be held, after Worship, 10:30am.

**Mark Your
Calendars**



KOINONIA LWML SPRING RALLY



Sunday, May 4th

2:00 PM

**IMMANUEL DANBURY
FAMILY LIFE CENTER**

**WOMEN'S CONTRIBUTIONS TO
THE LUTHERAN SERVICE BOOK**

Presentation by Rev. Gregory Wismar

Did you know that many women are represented in the Lutheran Service Book? Rev. Wismar will share this information in a fascinating presentation.

Also, information will be provided on the Lutheran Service Builder.

We Invite You to Join us for Worship

Sunday mornings at 9:00 am

Then Stay for...

Sunday School

PreK- 6th grade

Adult Bible Study

in the Family Life Center

at 10:30am



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