



Welcome to Immanuel

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 18th 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.

We thank those who serve today in worship:

Presiding Minister & Preacher:	Reader:
Pastor Ryan	Twyla Walter
Assisting Minister:	Ushers:
Dennis Ruopp	Alan & Carol Boyce and Ed & Tammy Eaton
Communion Assistant:	Greeter:
Adele Tarlton	Loretta Fox
Acolyte:	Altar Guild:
Maine Oakes	Margaret Lagas and Lee Hieb
Organist/ Minister of Music:	Audio & Visual:
Oyeniran Oyedeji	(a) Joel Wardenburg (v) Zach Booth
Cantor:	
T.J. Keller	

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

Vocalist:
Deanne Schultz,

Violin:
Alex Bond

Trumpet:
T. J. Keller

Altar Flowers today are given...

Eternal Lights this month are given...

Office Lights this month are given...

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.



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

Immanuel Welcomes You to Worship with us Today!

Notes for your time in worship...

We are glad that you have chosen to be in the Lord’s house today and pray that God will bless you in this time of worship.

The words, “*Stand*,” and “*Sit*,” are for those who are able.

If you are a guest, we ask that you please complete a green Visitor Card, found in the card rack on the back of the pews, and place it in the offering plate.

**We are delighted that you’re here
and hope to see you again!**

this week @Immanuel...

- **Sun. May 18th**
9:00am Worship
10:30am Christian Education
for Kids & Adults
12pm ILS Track Meet @Immaculate
4pm Confirmation Class
- **Wed. May 21st**
6:00am Men’s Mornings @Elmer’s
8:30am School Chapel
all are welcome!
- **Thurs. May 22nd**
6:30pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal
7:30pm Parish Choir Rehearsal
- **Fri. May 23rd**
ILS No School
- **Sat. May 24th**
9am Spiritual Care Meeting

we pray for...

- Immanuel Lutheran School
Mrs. Venuti & Mrs.
Lindley’s Pre-Schoolers
Lily, Evelyn, Parker,
Solomon, Maria, Abigail,
Eleanor, Arthur, Daxton,
Adrian, Rose, Ryan,
Kayden, Noah, Gabriellie
- 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 5:1 6-18

Prelude

“III. Communion: Let Us Break Bread”

Charles Callahan

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome

Mission Moment- Immanuel Quilters

Choral Introit

“Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing”

Gordon Young

ILC Parish Choir

Stand

Opening Hymn

Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia

LSB 466

✠ 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 ✠

Kyrie *(Lord, Have Mercy)*

LSB 168

[A] In peace let us pray to the Lord.

[C] Lord, have mer - cy.

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

[C] 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.

[C] 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.

[C] Lord, have mer - cy.

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

[C] 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.

[C] 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.

Salutation and Collect (Prayer) of the Day

LSB 172

- P

The Lord be with you.
- C

And also with you.
- P

Let us pray.
- C

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. Amen.

Sit

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.

Psalmody

Praise the Lord, All the Earth

PSALM 148

Adapted by DONALD BUSAROW

DONALD BUSAROW

Refrain



Hal - le - lu - jah! Praise the Lord, all the earth;
praise him a - bove, ye heav'ns. Hal - le - lu - jah!

CHOIR
Praise him, angels of his;
praise him, all his host!
Praise him, sun and moon;
praise him, shining stars.
Praise him, heaven of heavens,
and ye waters above the heavens.

REFRAIN

CHOIR
Let them praise the name of the Lord;
for he commanded and they were created.
He made them stand fast forever and ever;
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.

REFRAIN

CHOIR
Praise the Lord, all the earth,
sea monsters, depths of the ocean,
fire and hail, snow and fog,
tempestuous wind, doing his will;
mountains and hills, fruit trees and cedars;
wild beasts and cattle, creeping things and birds;
kings of the earth and princes and rulers;
young men and maidens, old and young together.
Praise the Lord, all the earth.

REFRAIN

CHOIR
Let them praise the name of the Lord,
for his name only is exalted, his splendor is over earth and heav'n.
He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his loyal servants,
the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Hallelujah!

REFRAIN

Epistle

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.”

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

Stand
Alleluia and Verse

Romans 6:9; John 14:23

Ⓒ Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

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

Ⓒ Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Cantor Sings
*If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will | love him, **
and we will come to him and make our home with him.

Ⓒ Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

John 16:12–22

- Ⓟ The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixteenth chapter.
- Ⓒ **Glory to You, 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.”

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

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
Hymn of the Day At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing LSB 633
stz. 3 women | stz. 4 men | stz. 5 choir

Sermon

Offertory Anthem "How Lovely, Lord, How Lovely" *Arlo D. Duba, arr. Hal H. Hopson*
ILC Parish Choir | Alex Bond Violin

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

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...evermore praising You and singing:

Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy) LSB 178

C 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

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

LSB 179

P 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

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

—Peace—
BE WITH YOU—

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: Alcohol free juice options are available
please indicate to the pastor in the center of each of the
if you need one of these. individual cup communion trays.

Communion Anthem

“The Holy City” F.E. Weatherly/Stephen Adams
Deanne Schultz, Soprano

Communion Hymn

The Gifts Christ Freely Gives LSB 602

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.

Thank the Lord

LSB 181

Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done. Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord rejoice and proud-ly bear His name. He re-calls His promises and leads His people forth in joy with shouts of thanks - giving. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

Post-Communion Collect

LSB 183

- 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.
- Amen.

Benediction

LSB 183

- 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.
- Amen.

Closing Hymn

In Thee Is Gladness

LSB 818

- Christ is risen!
- He is risen indeed, Alleluia!

Postlude

"In Thee Is Gladness" arr. Ralph C. Schultz

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We Invite You Back to Worship with us
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



Immanuel Lutheran School is currently looking for a someone to join our amazing staff! Immanuel is looking for a pre-school aide for five days a week from 8am- 3pm.

Immanuel's pre-school aide shall model Christian values in their personal relationship with Jesus Christ, be committed to a Christ-centered education, and an active member of a Christian church.

They will have, at a minimum, a high school education. They will be able to work in a team environment, and be able to contribute to a positive engaging learning environment.

If this sounds like you reach out to us today by calling the school office at 203-748-7823 or by emailing us at principal@immanueldanbury.org.

If this sounds like someone you know, please feel free to pass this information on to them, we appreciate the referral and look forward to meeting them.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN'S QUILTING GROUP

Immanuel has had a long history of a quilting ministry. Our Ladies Aid (early 1900's-1980s) had a group that met weekly to sew quilts for Lutheran World Relief. The quilts were machine sewn and hand quilted. The group was restarted by Bev Cleveland about 2007.

After Bev moved away the group reorganized in Jeri Surovy's home. The current group began with four ladies who from October through December in 2010 made 21 quilts. The quilts are machine sewn and tied with crochet thread.

The quilt group currently has 19 members who quilt on Wednesdays from 9-noon. Most of the quilts that have been made have gone to Lutheran World Relief. During National Lutheran Schools week students from the school and the quilters assembled 5 quilts that were donated to a local veterans group.

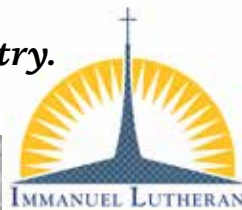
Thank you Immanuel for your support of this ministry.

Quilts have also been donated to the area Orphan Grain Train organization. Two very special groups that the quilters gift to are anyone who is baptized here at Immanuel and our graduating high school seniors. Since 2010 the group has made 1672 quilts, including these that are displayed today in church.

This group enjoys this ministry very much. They are using talents that are God given. They have created a community that supports one another in the ups and downs of their lives.

Thank you Immanuel for supporting this ministry over the years. Over the summer there will be packets of fabric to sew into quilt tops with directions included. The packets will be in the white closet at the back of church.

If you are interested in this ministry or have any questions please contact Jeri at jbsurovy@gmail.com



SPOTLIGHT ON 4TH/5TH GRADES



In the 4th/5th grades, a love of reading has truly taken root! Students have explored a wide variety of texts such as: read-alouds, picture books, graphic novels, etc. Reading has been one of the shining highlights of our year, and what better way to celebrate it than with a fun and creative project?

* To showcase their enthusiasm for reading, students designed their very own cereal box, each one inspired by a book they've read. These imaginative creations brought stories to life in a whole new way! From "Wings of Fire" and "The Descendants" to "Coraline," and "Diary of a Wimpy Kid," each cereal box reflected the themes, characters, and adventures found in these beloved books.

The fun didn't stop there! Students practiced their public speaking skills by presenting their cereal boxes to classmates. Their goal? To convince others to read the books and help earn a spot for them in our classroom library. They also crafted persuasive commercials to "sell" their cereals and wrote creative award speeches explaining why their cereal (and the book behind it) deserved recognition.

* At the end of the project, awards were given for Outstanding Achievement and Best in Advertising. It was a wonderful way to blend literacy, creativity, and communication skills into one unforgettable activity. Be sure to check out our cereal box creations. They are as unique and engaging as the students who made them!

Mrs. Smith





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