

# Immanuel Lutheran Church and School

# *The Thread*



Fourth Sunday of Easter (*Jubilate*) ~ April 21st, 2024

## Lectionary Summary:

### Fourth Sunday of Easter (*Jubilate*)

Isaiah 40:25–31

or Lamentations 3:22–33

1 Peter 2:11–20

or 1 John 3:1–3

John 16:16–22

### **Those Who Wait on the Lord Shall Rejoice**

The people of God are pilgrims and sojourners in this world, looking ahead to a destination yet to come (1 Peter 2:11–20). Though we are now children of God, the fullness of what we shall be has not yet been revealed (1 John 3:1–3). We are those who wait on the Lord. *“The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him”* (Lam. 3:25). Jesus tells us that the wait is just a little while. *“A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me”* (John 16:16). Though you must experience sorrow for a time, though you must live as strangers in a world that is at enmity with Christ, yet your sorrow will be turned to joy when He returns. *“But they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength”* (Is. 40:31). The little while of weeping shall be replaced with an eternity of rejoicing in the presence of Christ the crucified and risen Savior. *“And no one will take your joy from you”* (John 16:22).



**Sunday Divine Service - 9:00 am**  
**Sunday Bible Study - 10:15 am**

### Contact Us:

#### **Church & School Office**

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### MEMORY VERSE

**Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.**

**JOHN 14:27**

### **Live Broadcast**

If you are unable to join us for church today, don't miss the opportunity to listen to our service live this morning at 9:00 a.m. on 103.9 FM WXAN. The radio broadcast re-airs on Sunday evenings at 9:00 p.m. You can also view the livestream or recording on our YouTube channel.

## Church Announcements:

**Adult Bible Study Snack:** Here is a schedule of who will be providing snacks in upcoming weeks.

April 21st: *Helen Bisaga & Alice Svanda*

**Hymn Sing:** We will have a hymn sing on April 28 in place of the Bible Study hour. Plan to stay after the Divine Service to celebrate God's great gift of music and hymnody within the Church.

**Midweek Bible Study:** Join our study of God's Word on Wednesdays 6:30–7:30 p.m. as we explore the distinct offerings of each Gospel account.

**May Voters Assembly:** There are several positions for leadership within the congregation that will be filled this coming May at our Voters Assembly. If you are interested in serving the congregation in some capacity, please talk to Jim Zobel to discuss positions that might be right for you.

**Rummage Sale:** If anyone would like to volunteer their time and/or organizational talents to setting up or running the rummage sale, please contact Veronica Manwaring at 618-201-6168. We will have a few days to begin setting up (May 28-30) and two days to run the sale (May 31 and June 1). Many hands make for light work! Any and all assistance would be greatly appreciated.

**VBS:** Veronica Manwaring and Michele Carter are heading up VBS this summer at Immanuel. We will be celebrating our Savior with the program, "Jesus Gives Us Joy." VBS will run the week of June 24-28. We'll begin with a meal at 5:30 p.m. with VBS from 6:30–8:00 p.m. If you are interested in volunteering your time and talents to VBS, please contact Veronica at 618-201-6168.

We are still seeking a couple Thrivent action cards to assist in paying for the supplies and free meals we'll be offering the children attending VBS.

## A Note from Pastor:

### A Reason to Rejoice

Moriah and I are excited to share the good news that we are expecting the birth of our next child this October. Please keep Moriah and the baby in your prayers throughout the coming months as we eagerly await the arrival. As Jesus said, there is joy when a human being has been born into the world. During this season of the joy of our Lord's Resurrection, we rejoice in the further joy of God's rich blessings today and in the months to come.

✝ Pastor Christian



## School Announcements:

Mrs. Pavloff's kindergarten class set their butterflies free this past week. The students had been watching the caterpillars grow, create their chrysalis, and then hatch as butterflies. The students enjoyed seeing this transformation and the ability to set them free.

### Thrivent Cards Needed:

We are seeking at least one (maybe two) Thrivent action cards to be used for the meals during VBS. If you are able to get us one of these cards, please contact the office and let us know. We would greatly appreciate the support!

~ *Veronica Manwaring, Principal*



**Immanuel Lutheran's**  
**RUMMAGE**  
**SALE**

FRIDAY, MAY 31st from 8am-6pm  
SATURDAY, JUNE 1st from 8am-12pm

Immanuel Lutheran Gymnasium  
1915 Pine St, Murphsboro

**FREE WILL OFFERINGS**

Accepting donations of items from May 20-24 and  
May 28-30 from 7:30am-3:30pm

Please call our office at 618-684-3012 to  
arrange a donation drop off outside of these hours





IMMANUEL LUTHERAN  
PRESENTS



# CELEBRATE the Savior

Jesus Gives Us Joy

Ages 3+  
must be  
pottytrained



JUNE  
24-28

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

1915 Pine St, Murphysboro

Meals from 5:30pm-6:15pm

VBS from 6:30pm-8:00pm

Monday: spaghetti with meat sauce, salad with ranch, breadstick, fruit  
Tuesday: beef soft taco, rice, queso, black beans  
Wednesday: chicken nuggets, mac-n-cheese, veggies, jell-o  
Thursday: hot dog, chips, pudding  
Friday: pepperoni or cheese pizza, raw veggies with ranch, dessert  
meals are free for students participating in VBS



Issues, Etc.

Talk Radio for the  
Thinking Christian

[www.issuesetc.org](http://www.issuesetc.org)

## Prepare for Worship Next Week:

28 April

Fifth Sunday of Easter (*Cantate*)

Hymn of the Day:

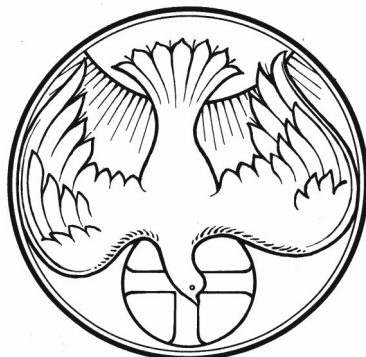
LSB 556 Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice

Readings:

Isaiah 12:1-6

James 1:16-21

John 16:5-15



## Daily Lectionary Readings:

Join in the congregation's daily devotional life with this week's readings.

Date	Old Testament Reading	New Testament Reading
4/21	Leviticus 8:1-13, 30-36	Luke 9:1-17
4/22	Leviticus 9:1-24	Luke 9:18-36
4/23	Leviticus 10:1-20 <i>Leviticus 11:1-15:33</i>	Luke 9:37-62
4/24	Leviticus 16:1-24	Luke 10:1-22
4/25	Leviticus 17:1-16	Luke 10:23-42
4/26	Leviticus 18:1-7, 20-19:8	Luke 11:1-13
4/27	Leviticus 19:9-18, 26-37	Luke 11:14-36

KIDS IN THE  
DIVINE SERVICE

### What does "worship" really mean?

Most people use the word "worship" to mean something we do to honor God. Because of this misunderstanding, many people believe that a church service is what we do for God. The word "worship" comes from the root words "worth" and "ship." These two words describe God rather than the ones praising Him. These words describe a God who is *worthy* of being honored and adored because of His love for us. God gives us His love through His Word and Sacraments. Worship is not something we do, but rather something that God does for us!



### What makes the Divine Service so important?

The Divine Service is not about what we are doing for God, but who God is and what He does for us in the ways He has promised: His Word and Sacraments. That's why Lutherans call it *Divine Service*. God is serving us! What a wonderful God we have!



**Parents:** The Divine Service is like listening to one long reading from the Bible. Everything in the Divine Service has been given to us through God's Word. Explain this to your children, reminding them that it is God's Word that delivers God's salvation to us!



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Service Participants - This and Next Week

**Sunday, April 21st, 2024**

**Organist:** Luella McComb

**Elder:** Bryan Hollmann

**Ushers:** Forrest Miesner, Bruce Mueller, Craig Mueller, Kent James, Brad Jarrett, Steven Draves

**Altar Guild:** Sue Williams

**Acolyte:** Gage Pittman

**Greeters:** Susan Beckman & Girls

**Sunday, April 28th, 2024**

**Organist:** Landon Hicks

**Elder:** Mike Clough

**Ushers:** Forrest Miesner, Bruce Mueller, Craig Mueller, Kent James, Brad Jarrett, Steven Draves

**Altar Guild:** Sue Williams

**Acolyte:** Emily Beckman

**Greeters:** Loraine Cramer

Offering Income from last week:

April 7th, 2024:

Regular Offerings \$ 4,725.00

Loose Plate \$ 241.00

**Total Offerings** \$ 4,966.00

Restricted Fund:

LCMS Foundation: \$ 2,500.00

Attendance:

**April 14th, 2024** 128



Let us pray at all times in the Spirit with boldness and confidence — making supplication for all the saints (Ephesians 6:18).

✠ Pastor Christian

**Comfort, health, recovery:**

† *Those in the Armed Forces, Law Enforcement, Fire, Emergency Medical Services, & Healthcare*

- † David Arbeiter
- † June Ashman
- † Leah Carter
- † Ben Dallas
- † Tina Doaen
- † Paul Estel
- † Annette Etherton
- † David Gregory
- † Beth Hicks
- † Mary Ann Hicks
- † Marilyn Imhoff
- † Virginia Lewis
- † Dorothy Manwaring
- † Ron Manwaring
- † Bonnie McMillan
- † Nelda Miesner
- † Wilma Nelson
- † Don Porter
- † Jeff Presutti
- † Ruby Pulcher
- † Amanda Reinhardt
- † Wes Stoffel
- † Becky Streuter
- † Richard Weber
- † Sue Williams
- † Beth Zobel
- † Carol Zobel
- † Jim Zobel
- † The family of Doris Williams as they mourn her death

**Anniversaries:**

- † 4-25 Lloyd & Ruth Mueller
- † 4-28 Rick & Mary Beth Varner
- † 4-29 Brian & Julie Marik

**Immanuel Families:**

- † Quinn Norris
- † Len & Cindy Novara
- † Gloria Perry
- † Henry, Jeri & Ella Phillips

**Birthdays:**

- † 4-21 Megan Pittman
- † 4-21 Jo Troue
- † 4-21 Jaxson Smith
- † 4-25 Larry Troue
- † 4-25 Ella Phillips
- † 4-26 Aubrey Winters
- † 4-28 Judy Baird
- † 4-29 Kelly Lattan

**Baptismal Anniversaries:**

- † 4-21 Jeff Streuter
- † 4-21 Olivia Herring
- † 4-24 Dean Craig
- † 4-28 Gary Strothmann
- † 4-29 Kimberly McRoberts
- † 4-30 Cindy Boester
- † 4-30 Calvyn Karg







# April BIRTHDAYS!

4-3 Cindy Fager  
4-3 Jenna Draves  
4-3 Brooks MacFarlane  
4-4 Carolyn Stankovich  
4-5 Cindy Gregory  
4-6 Zack Cason  
4-6 Mikah Streuter  
4-10 Gerald Strothmann  
4-11 Cindy Boester  
4-11 Shawn MacFarlane  
4-11 Sam Heiple  
4-12 Tony Cramer  
4-14 Janet Estel  
4-14 Matthew Proctor

4-17 Corey Williams  
4-17 Moriah Christian  
4-20 Matthew Mayberry  
4-21 Megan Pittman  
4-21 Jo Troue  
4-21 Jaxson Smith  
4-25 Larry Troue  
4-25 Ella Phillips  
4-26 Aubrey Winters  
4-28 Judy Baird  
4-29 Kelly Lattan

## Organists

4-7 Landon Hicks  
4-14 Corey Williams  
4-21 Luella McComb  
4-28 Landon Hicks

## Elders

4-7 Jeff Streuter  
4-14 Brian Manwaring  
4-21 Bryan Hollmann  
4-28 Mike Clough

## Altar Guild

Sue Williams

## Ushers

Forrest Miesner  
Bruce Mueller  
Craig Mueller  
Steven Draves  
Kent James  
Brad Jarrett

## Acolytes

4-7 Charity Behm  
4-14 Abby Beckman  
4-21 Gage Pittman  
4-28 Emily Beckman



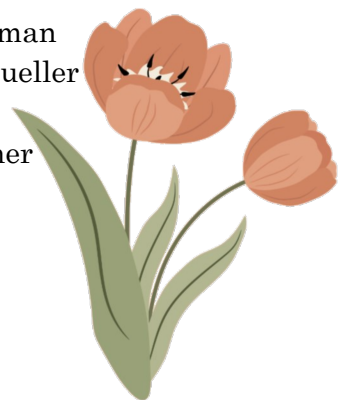
# April ANNIVERSARIES!



THE LORD WILL GUIDE YOU  
ALWAYS YOU WILL BE LIKE A  
*well watered spring*  
WHOSE WATERS NEVER FAIL.

ISAIAH 58:11

4-5 Irv & Rose Cartwright  
4-5 Jason & Jessica Svanda  
4-13 Eric & April Hollmann  
4-16 Chancey & Vickie Hickman  
4-16 Bruce & Laura Lynn Mueller  
4-25 Lloyd & Ruth Mueller  
4-28 Rick & Mary Beth Varner  
4-29 Brian & Julie Marik



# APRIL 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Spring Break - No School 6:30 pm Elders Mtg.	2 Spring Break - No School 6:30 pm School Board Mtg.	3 Spring Break - No School 6:30 pm Bible Study	4 Spring Break - No School	5 Spring Break - No School Pastor's Day Off	6
7 9:00 am Divine Service Rev. Peter Glock preaching 10:15 am Bible Study	8 Spring Break - No School The Solar Eclipse	9 Pastor out of town for Circuit Winkel	10 8:30 am Chapel 6:30 pm Bible Study	11	12 Pastor at Faith of our Fathers Conference	13 Pastor at Faith of our Fathers Conference
14 9:00 am Divine Service (3-8 Students Sing) 10:15 am Bible Study 11:30 am Catechesis	15	16	17 8:30 am Chapel 6:30 pm Bible Study	18	19 Pastor's Day Off	20
21 9:00 am Divine Service 10:15 am Bible Study 11:30 am Catechesis	22 6:30 pm School Stewardship Mtg.	23 6:30 pm Board of Directors Mtg.	24 8:30 am Chapel 6:30 pm Bible Study	25	26 Pastor's Day Off	27
28 9:00 am Divine Service 10:15 am Hymn Sing 11:30 am Catechesis	29	30				





## Greetings Team Immanuel Lutheran

It's that time of the year again for pulling together and supporting the Relay for Life of Jackson County/Murphysboro to benefit the American Cancer Society. This year, the event is broken up into several different activities. Could I please count on support again this year? Our team goal is set at \$5,000. Last year, volunteers raised over \$60,000 during the event.

Please return the donation to me before May 15<sup>th</sup> if possible. Checks should be payable to: American Cancer Society. Please return the payment to my church mailbox or deliver it to my office (Jackson County Abstract), or mail to me at: P.O. Box 713, Murphysboro. If you would like to register as a team member or cancer survivor, go to: [www.relayforlife.org](http://www.relayforlife.org) and look for the Murphysboro event. I am listed as Team Captain.

Cancer continues to affect thousands of people in our area alone. Money raised through this event stays in this area and is used for outreach services for patients. This May will mark two years since my diagnosis with breast cancer. I'm thrilled to become a survivor! As a proud supporter and volunteer with ACS since the 1980s, your participation has never been MORE important to me. As a group, we really make a difference!

Use the form below for ordering luminara and return with your contribution. Each luminary bag sells for \$10 each. Join US at the 5K May 20<sup>th</sup> and for the luminaria display and celebration June 2 at the courthouse square.

With MUCH love and determination,

Paula Maloney, Event Coordinator and Team Captain.

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LUMINARIA ORDER FORM    \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Donation)

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