

The Thread

April 12th, 2026



Lectionary Summary:

Second Sunday of Easter (Quasimodo Geniti)

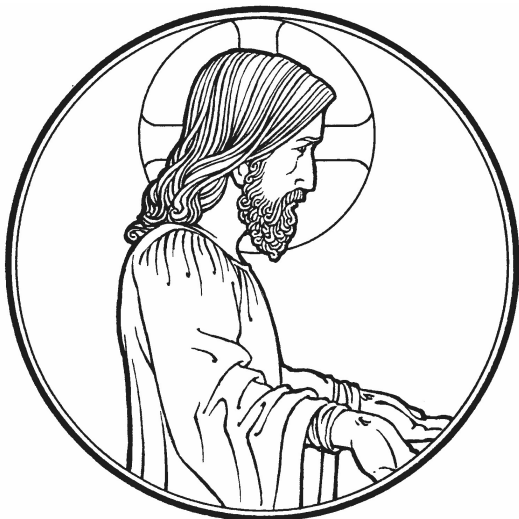
Ezekiel 37:1–14

1 John 5:4–10

John 20:19–31

The Wounds of Christ Give Us Life

“For there are three that testify: the Spirit and the water and the blood” (1 John 5:7). These three point to Christ and flow from Christ. Jesus shows His disciples His hands side, from which blood and water flowed, saying *“Peace be with you.”* He presents the wounds which turn our fear to gladness and which restore us to the Father. Jesus breathes on His disciples and says, *“Receive the Holy Spirit”* (John 20:23). His breath, His words are Spirit and life. They raise up our dry, dead bones and give us new and everlasting life (Ezek. 37:1–14). Christ now gives His ministers to speak His forgiving, Spirit-filled words to the penitent in His stead. Our Lord continues to come to His people, presenting His wounds to us in the Sacraments of water and blood. He bids us to touch His side at His table, to receive His risen body and blood in true faith, that believing we may have life in His name.



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

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MEMORY VERSE

**NOW IN CHRIST JESUS YOU
WHO ONCE WERE FAR OFF
HAVE BEEN BROUGHT NEAR
BY THE BLOOD OF CHRIST.
FOR HE HIMSELF IS OUR PEACE,
WHO HAS MADE US BOTH
ONE AND HAS BROKEN DOWN
IN HIS FLESH THE DIVIDING
WALL OF HOSTILITY.**

EPHESIANS 2:13–14

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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:

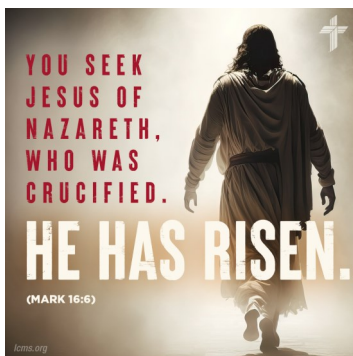
Kroger Community Rewards: If you have a Kroger Card, you can select Immanuel as an organization to receive a percentage of your payment every shopping trip. Contact the Church Office if you would like help setting this up on the Kroger app or website.

Seminary Assistance: Micah Mayes, son of Pastor Ted Mayes, wrote to our congregation to let us know that he will begin seminary courses this June at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne. He asks for our prayers and for help during this time. Although the seminary graciously covers 100% of tuition, living expenses remain the students' responsibility. Housing, food, insurance, and books are ongoing expenses during this time of study. If you would be inclined to provide financial support for Micah, his wife Bethany, and their children Matthias and Lila in these costs, please contact Pastor Christian for the information on how to help. Please keep Micah and his family in your prayers during these exciting and important years.

Men's Group: We are excited to invite the men of Immanuel and of Christ Lutheran Church, Jacob to gather together each week for fellowship and the study of God's Word. We will meet every Monday at 5pm. Whether you are able to come every week or just occasionally, you are more than welcome to attend. We'll gather in at Immanuel this Monday in the corner room at door N-1.

Necessary Masculinity: On Saturday, May 2 Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Marion will host the Rev. Jeffery Hemmer as he presents on "Necessary Masculinity." The world says many things about masculinity, even calling it "toxic." Yet, Holy Scripture says otherwise. What does true masculinity look like? What are the responsibilities that God gives to men? How do we raise our boys to be godly men?

Pastor Hemmer serves Bethany Lutheran Church (Fairview Heights) and is the author of *Man Up: The Quest for Masculinity*. He has presented on this topic throughout the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, and is recognized for his insight on this subject. The presentation will take place 1:00–4:30pm, and is open to men in 6th grade and up. Refreshments will be served.



School Announcements:

Our Kindergarten & 1st grade classroom began the countdown to the end of the school year. For the last 26 days of school, the students have a special activity that corresponds to a letter of the alphabet. This started on Friday with A for Ag in the Classroom. Even though we're down to the last five weeks of school, we have lots of learning opportunities ahead of us!

Save the Date:

- Free Will Offering Rummage Sale: collecting items May 11-15 and 18-21 from 7:30am-3:30pm. Sale will run Friday, May 22 from 7am-5pm and Saturday, May 23 from 8am-12pm. All proceeds will benefit the scholarship fund.
- VBS will be July 20-24. If you know anyone interested in volunteering their time and talents, please reach out to me.

- Veronica Manwaring, Principal



Immanuel Lutheran Church & School

FREE WILL OFFERING RUMMAGE SALE!

Friday, May 22 from
7:00AM - 5:00PM
Saturday, May 23 from
8:00AM-12:00PM

1915 Pine Street
Murphysboro, IL



All proceeds will benefit our scholarship program, in order to assist families in affording tuition at our school.

Donations will be accepted from:
May 11-15 from 7:30am-3:30pm
May 18-21 from 7:30am-3:30pm



Weekly Small Catechism Readings:

The following chart may be used to pray through the entire Small Catechism weekly.

Sunday <i>Before Divine Service</i>	Christian Q & A
Sunday <i>After Divine Service</i>	Table of Duties
Monday	The Ten Commandments
Tuesday	The Creed
Wednesday	The Lord's Prayer
Thursday	The Sacrament of Holy Baptism
Friday	Confession
Saturday	The Sacrament of the Altar

Daily Lectionary Readings:

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

Date	Old Testament Reading	New Testament Reading
4/12	Exodus 20:1–24	Luke 4:1–15
4/13	Exodus 22:20—23:13	Luke 4:16–30
4/14	Exodus 23:14–33	Luke 4:31–44
4/15	Exodus 24:1–18	Luke 5:1–16
4/16	Exodus 25:1–22 <i>Exodus 25:23—30:38</i>	Luke 5:17–39
4/17	Exodus 31:1–18	Luke 6:1–19
4/18	Exodus 32:1–14	Luke 6:20–38



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KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE



Why is Confession so important to a Christian?

Confessing our sins is important! When we confess them, we see just how terribly sinful we are.

We also know that sin brings nothing but eternal death and separation from God. When we confess our sins, not only do we see that we are sinful, but we admit to God that we deserve death and separation from Him forever. We are free to admit all of this to Him because we know that Jesus has already died and paid for all of our sins.

After we have confessed our sins, is there any hope?

After Confession comes Absolution, or, the forgiveness of sins! In Jesus we have the sure and true promise of forgiveness of sins. "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9). Wow! Absolution is *absolutely* wonderful!



Parents: Before the service, read through the confession and explain the words that might be confusing. During the service, help direct your children to the Confession/Absolution as it happens. Remind them that when the Pastor is speaking, it is as if God himself is speaking these words of comfort to us.



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Stewardship Thoughts:

John 20:19

“On 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.’”

Jesus spent a lot of His time telling the disciples to not be afraid. Our fears constantly hem us in and prevent us from following the Lord’s will. But there is no need to fear. Jesus has conquered. No fear can keep us locked up. We have been set free by Jesus to live lives that declare His marvelous deeds.



Comfort, health, recovery:

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

† David Arbeiter

† Sue Beckman

† Leah Carter

† Terry Estel

† Joyce Evans

† Cindy Fager

† Virgil Gramenz

† Marilyn Imhoff

† Virginia Lewis

† Ron Manwaring

† Nelda Miesner

† James Morber

† Arlene Parton

† Casey Phillips

† Henry Phillips Jr.

† Randall Phillips

† Don Porter

† Alberta Reiman

† Amanda Reinhardt

† Ina Rothe

† Randy Stoffel

† Larry Troue

† Richard Weber

† Sue Williams

† Carol Zobel

Expecting Mothers:

† Moriah Christian

Wedding Anniversaries:

† 4-13 Eric & April Hollmann

† 4-16 Chancey & Vickie Hickman

† 4-16 Bruce & Lynn Mueller

Birthdays:

† 4-12 Tony Cramer

† 4-14 Janet Estel

† 4-14 Matthew Proctor

† 4-17 Corey Williams

† 4-17 Moriah Christian

Baptismal Anniversaries:

† 4-13 Gerald Strothmann

† 4-13 Jeff Presutti

† 4-14 Andrew Winters

† 4-14 Emily Beckman

† 4-14 Abby Beckman

† 4-15 Abigail Walker

† 4-17 Robert Boulton

† 4-18 MaryBeth Varner

Immanuel Families:

† Jeff Presutti

† Jacob, Mykell, Maeby, Ashlynn & Jayclynn Presutti

† Patti Proctor

Offering Income from last week:

April 5th, 2026:

Regular Offerings	\$9,124.00
Loose Plate	\$461.00
Lent Offerings	\$60.00
Maundy Thursday	\$10.00
Good Friday	\$555.00
Total Offerings	\$10,210.00

Attendance:

April 2nd (Maundy Thursday)	43
April 3rd (Good Friday)	42
April 4th (Vigil of Easter)	22
April 5th (Easter Day)	166

Service Participants - This and Next Week

Sunday, April 12th, 2026

Celebrant & Preacher: Rev. Matthew Christian

Organist: Corey Williams

Elder: Charlie Homan

Ushers: Forrest Miesner, Bruce Mueller, Craig Mueller, Kent James, Rick Varner & Rob Hicks

Altar Guild: Judy Baird

Acolyte: Jackson Fager

Sunday, April 19th, 2026

Celebrant & Preacher: Rev. Matthew Christian

Organist: Luella McComb

Elder: Bryan Hollmann

Ushers: Forrest Miesner, Bruce Mueller, Craig Mueller, Kent James, Rick Varner & Rob Hicks

Altar Guild: Judy Baird

Acolyte: Gage Pittman

Prepare for Worship Next Week:

April 19

Third Sunday of Easter (*Misericordias Domini*)

Hymn of the Day:

LSB 709 The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Readings:

Ezekiel 34:11–16

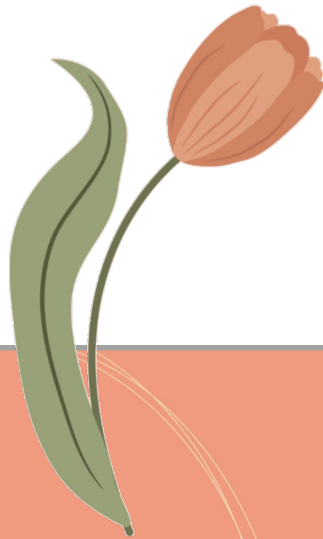
1 Peter 2:21–25

John 10:11–16





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| 4-3 Cindy Fager | 4-17 Moriah Christian |
| 4-3 Brooks MacFarlane | 4-20 Matthew Mayberry |
| 4-4 Carolyn Stankovich | 4-21 Megan Pittman |
| 4-5 Cindy Gregory | 4-21 Jo Troue |
| 4-6 Zack Cason | 4-21 Jaxson Smith |
| 4-6 Mikah Streuter | 4-25 Larry Troue |
| 4-10 Gerald Strothmann | 4-25 Ella Phillips |
| 4-11 Cindy Boester | 4-26 Aubrey Winters |
| 4-11 Shawn MacFarlane | 4-28 Judy Baird |
| 4-11 Sam Heiple | 4-29 Kelly Lattan |
| 4-12 Tony Cramer | |
| 4-14 Janet Estel | |
| 4-14 Matthew Proctor | |
| 4-17 Corey Williams | |



Altar Guild

Judy Baird

Ushers

Forrest Miesner
 Bruce Mueller
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Acolytes

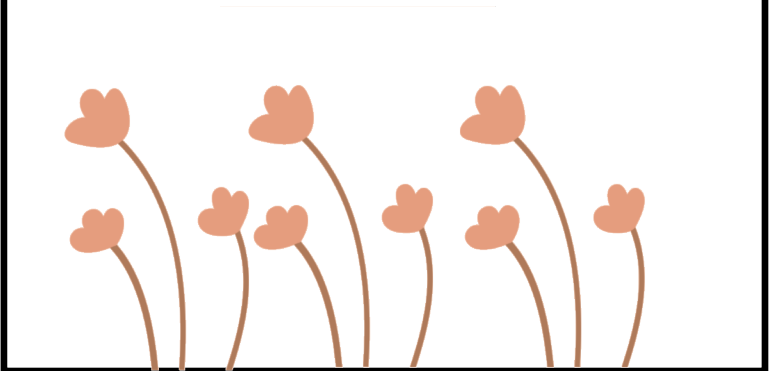
4-5 Ryker Gregory
 4-12 Jackson Fager
 4-19 Gage Pittmann
 4-26 Frankie Flores

Elders

4-2 Jeff Streuter
 4-3 Bryan Hollmann
 4-4 Mike Clough
 4-5 Mike Clough
 4-12 Charlie Homan
 4-19 Bryan Hollmann
 4-26 Mike Clough

Organists

4-2 Luella McComb
 4-3 Luella McComb
 4-4 Landon Hicks
 4-5 Landon Hicks
 4-12 Corey Williams
 4-19 Luella McComb
 4-26 Landon Hicks



- 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 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 8:30 am Chapel	2 Maundy Thursday School Easter Parties 6:30 pm Divine Service	3 Good Friday No School Office Closed 6:30 pm Vespers Service	4 Holy Saturday 6:30 pm Vigil of Easter Divine Service
5 Easter Sunday 7:30-8:30 am Easter Breakfast 9:00 am Divine Service	6 No School - Easter Monday	7 6:30 pm School Board Mtg.	8 8:30 am Chapel 10:00 am Bible Study	9	10 Pastor's Day Off	11
12 9:00 am Div. Service 10:15 am Bible Study/ Sunday School 11:30 am Catechesis	13 5:00 pm Men's Group 6:30 pm Elders Mtg.	14 Pastor at Circuit Winkel	15 8:30 am Chapel 10:00 am Bible Study	16	17 Pastor's Day Off	18
19 9:00 am Div. Service 10:15 am Bible Study/ Sunday School 11:30 am Catechesis	20 5:00 pm Men's Group 6:30 pm BoD Mtg.	21	22 8:30 am Chapel 10:00 am Bible Study	23	24 Pastor's Day Off Noon Dismissal	25
26 9:00 am Div. Service ILS K-8 Students Sing 10:15 am Bible Study/ Sunday School 11:30 am Catechesis	27 5:00 pm Men's Group	28	29 8:30 am Chapel 10:00 am Bible Study	30		