

Immanuel Lutheran Church and School

The Thread

April 19th, 2026



Lectionary Summary:

Third Sunday of Easter (Misericordias Domini)

Ezekiel 34:11–16

1 Peter 2:21–25

John 10:11–16

The Good Shepherd Cares for His Sheep

Our Lord Jesus is the Good Shepherd (John 10:11–16). He is not like the hireling, who cares nothing for the sheep and only for himself, who flees when he sees the wolf coming. Rather, Jesus is the Good Shepherd who seeks out His scattered sheep to deliver them (Ezek. 34:11–16). He gathers them and feeds them in rich pasture. He binds up the broken and strengthens the sick. He lays down His life for wandering and wayward sheep. On the cross, Christ bore in His body the attacks of the predators of sin and death and the devil for you that you might be saved. He now lives to restore your soul in the still waters of baptism, to lead you in the paths of righteousness by the voice of His Gospel, to prepare the table of His holy supper before you, that you may dwell in the house of the Lord forever (Psalm 23). “*For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls*” (1 Peter 2:25).



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

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MEMORY VERSE

JESUS ANSWERED, “The most important [commandment] is, ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. And **YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD** with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ The second is this: ‘**YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.**’ There is no other commandment greater than these.”

MARK 12:29–31



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.

LWML: Our next LWML meeting will be Monday, May 4th at 5pm.

School Announcements:

We're gearing up for the 2nd Annual Tat the Teacher fundraising event. We're selling small tattoos for \$1 each and medium tattoos for \$3 each. Students are allowed to purchase temporary tattoos for certain staff members. The staff members will then come to school on a specific date wearing all their tattoos. The proceeds from this fundraiser will go towards our church and school's Relay for Life team, led by Paula Maloney. If you'd like to purchase any tattoos or make a donation to go to American Cancer Society to help find a cure for cancer, please contact me.

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
4/19	Exodus 32:15–35	Luke 6:39–49
4/20	Exodus 33:1–23	Luke 7:1–17
4/21	Exodus 34:1–28	Luke 7:18–35
4/22	Exodus 34:29—35:21 <i>Exodus 35:22—38:20</i>	Luke 7:36–50
4/23	Exodus 38:21—39:8; Exodus 39:22–23, 27–31	Luke 8:1–21
4/24	Exodus 39:32—40:16	Luke 8:22–39
4/25	Exodus 40:17–38 <i>Leviticus 1:1—7:38</i>	Luke 8:40–56

Celebrate Church Musicians:

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod announced plans for an emphasis on church worker appreciation, highlighting the blessings the church receives through all of its workers. This month, LCMS congregations and schools are invited to observe Director of Parish Music Appreciation on April 26. While we don't have that official position in our congregation, all church musicians support the work of the Holy Ministry — through teaching music in churches and schools, directing volunteer choirs and instrumentalists, assisting with worship planning, and more.

On April 26, or anytime, consider letting your church musician know how much you value his or her contribution to helping you sing God's Word. Pray for your musician, share a word or written note of appreciation, bake his or her favorite treat, or post a social media shareable that highlights his or her service. Find more ideas at thelc.ms/appreciation.

The Rev. Sean Daenzer, who serves as director of Worship for the LCMS said, "Directors of parish music help make sure that the Scriptures that are read and preached echo back from balcony and pew in thanksgiving, praise and confession of Jesus. What they contribute is more than just background music. In songs and hymns and spiritual songs, the Word of Christ dwells richly among the people of God in the Lutheran church, in no small part through their stewardship. Thank your church musician this month for all of his or her devotion to the songs of salvation in your congregation. Let them hear you singing — that's the most rewarding 'thank you!'"

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KIDS IN THE
DIVINE SERVICE
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What is the "altar"?

When you walk into the sanctuary, what is the first thing you notice? Maybe you see the beautiful stained glass windows. Maybe you noticed the candles. Of all the wonderful sights in our sanctuary, one thing probably comes to your attention first: the altar. The altar is the large, table-like object located directly in the center at the front of the building. The word "altar" comes from the Latin word "altare," which means "a place for offering sacrifices."

Why do we have an altar when we don't sacrifice anything on it?

It's kind of scary to think that we might use an altar for sacrifice. We look at the altar through the eyes of the Gospel. On the top of the altar are often carved five crosses — one for each of the five wounds of Christ. They mark this altar as a place where no more blood sacrifices will occur. The only sacrifice needed was made on the cross. The altar is a place where Christ gives out the forgiveness He earned for us through His death and resurrection. Wow, the altar sure is an important place!



Parents: During the service, direct your children's attention to the altar. Point out that during the Divine Service this is where God has promised to come to be with us. After the service, take your children up to the altar to observe. Remind them to be reverent in God's holy place.



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Stewardship Thoughts:

1 Peter 1:18-19

“You were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.”

Christ ransomed us and bought us back from the slavery into which we were born. We do not belong to ourselves, to the devil or to the world. We belong to Jesus. Therefore, we live our lives not in accordance with our own wisdom, but in line with God’s Word.



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:

- † 4-25 Lloyd & Ruth Mueller

Birthdays:

- † 4-20 Matthew Mayberry
- † 4-21 Megan Pittman
- † 4-21 Jaxson Smith
- † 4-25 Larry Troue
- † 4-25 Ella Phillips

Baptismal Anniversaries:

- † 4-21 Jeff Streuter
- † 4-21 Olivia Herring
- † 4-24 Dean Craig

Immanuel Families:

- † Joshua, Tara & Aniya Proctor
- † Matthew Proctor
- † Ruby Pulcher



Offering Income from last week:

April 12th, 2026:

Regular Offerings	\$4,800.00
Loose Plate	\$4,927.00
Lent Offerings	\$4,204.00
Maundy Thursday	\$465.00
Disaster Relief	\$150.00
Kroger Scrip	\$109.77
Total Offerings	\$14,655.77

Attendance:

April 12th, 2026	87
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Service Participants - This and Next Week

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

Sunday, April 26th, 2026

Celebrant & Preacher: Rev. Matthew Christian
Organist: Landon Hicks
Elder: Mike Clough
Ushers: Forrest Miesner, Bruce Mueller, Craig Mueller, Kent James, Rick Varner & Rob Hicks
Altar Guild: Judy Baird
Acolyte: Frankie Flores

Prepare for Worship Next Week:

April 26

Fourth Sunday of Easter (Jubilate)

Hymn of the Day:

LSB 483 With High Delight Let Us Unite

Readings:

Isaiah 40:25-31

or Lamentations 3:22-33

1 Peter 2:11-20

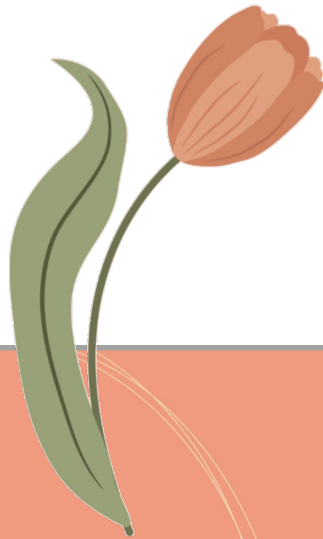
or 1 John 3:1-3

John 16:16-22





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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
 Craig Mueller
 Kent James
 Rick Varner
 Rob Hicks

Acolytes

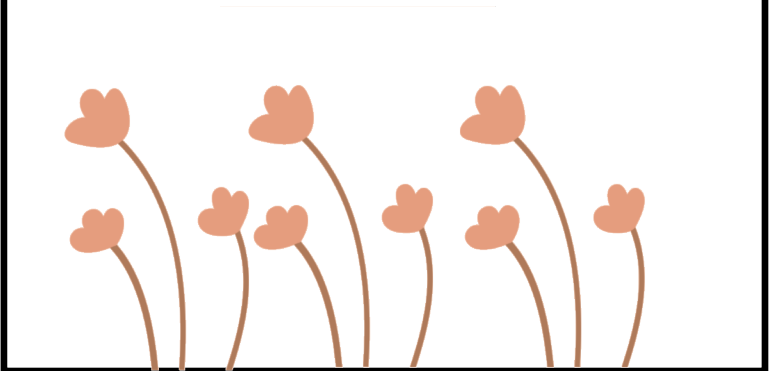
4-5 Ryker Gregory
 4-12 Jackson Fager
 4-19 Gage Pittmann
 4-26 Frankie Flores

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		