

Immanuel Lutheran Church and School

The Thread

May 10th, 2026



Lectionary Summary:

Sixth Sunday of Easter (Rogate)

Numbers 21:4–9
1 Timothy 2:1–6
or James 1:22–27
John 16:23–33

The Father Answers Our Prayers Because of Jesus

“Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you” (John 16:23). To pray in Jesus’ name is to pray as one who has been baptized. For it is in the water that He put His name upon you, claiming you as His own, making you a son of God with access to the Father. By His incarnation and crucifixion, our Lord Jesus broke through the barrier of sin which separated us from God, opening a portal to the Father. To pray in Jesus’ name is to pray with faith in Him as the one Mediator between God and men, who gave Himself a ransom for all (1 Tim. 2:1–6). Like Moses in the wilderness, Jesus is our go-between and intercessor before the throne of heaven. He was lifted up for us on the cross that we might be saved and restored to fellowship with the Father (Num. 21:4–9). Looking into this perfect teaching of liberty (James 1:22–27) we pray with boldness and confidence as dear children of God.



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

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MEMORY VERSE

**I AM SURE OF THIS,
that He who began
a good work in
you will bring it to
completion at the day
of JESUS CHRIST.**

PHILIPPIANS 1:6



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:

Ascension Service: We will celebrate the Ascension of Our Lord on Thursday, May 14th at 6:30 p.m.

Pastor's Call: It was announced after the service this past Sunday that Pastor Christian has received a call to serve as pastor of St. John Lutheran Church in Galva, Iowa. Please keep the Christian family in your prayers as Pastor prayerfully considers this call. Also pray for the congregation at St. John's and for our congregation that God would grant clarity and blessings upon all involved and continue to work through His Church for the good of His people.

Bible Trivia: Our annual Bible Trivia competition between ILS students and congregation members will take place on Thursday, May 14th at 1:00 p.m. Come prepared to test your knowledge against the students. This year, the students covered the majority of the books of 2 Samuel, 1 & 2 Kings, Daniel, and the Gospel according to Mark. They've gained a lot of knowledge, but this day of trivia will be focused on the fun of seeing how many obscure details the students and congregation members can recall from these portions of Scripture. Come join us and encourage the students in the lifelong joy of learning from God's Word.

Voters Assembly: Please plan to attend the Voters Assembly on May 18th at 6:30 p.m. We will vote on the budget for 2026–2027 and have several church leadership positions to elect.

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 on 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.

School Announcements:

A huge THANK YOU to PTL for all of the wonderful gifts throughout Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week! Our staff is definitely spoiled and feeling very appreciated after this week. Gifts included but weren't limited to a lemonade bar, fresh baked treats, our favorite snacks and drinks, and personalized hats.

On Friday, the PreK and K-4th graders went on field trips. The PreK classes went to Saluki Gymnastics for a fun morning. The K-4th graders went to Extreme Kids (a gymnastics place in Marion). After getting their energy out, the students went to Downtown Tip to learn how ice cream is made, make their own waffle bowl, and sample ice cream.

The middle school class will be going to Camp Salateeska on Monday for their end of the year field trip. This will be our last week of school. It's amazing how quickly the school year has gone by!

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

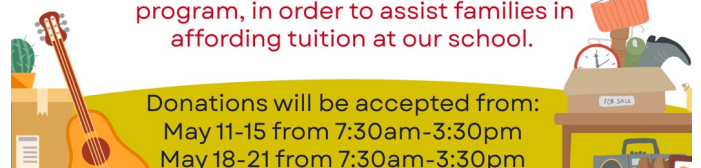
Saturday, May 23 from

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.



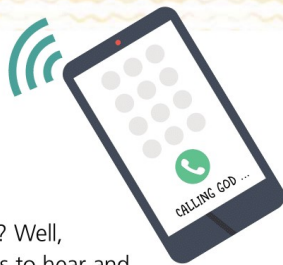
Donations will be accepted from:
May 11-15 from 7:30am-3:30pm
May 18-21 from 7:30am-3:30pm

Stewardship Thoughts:

James 1:22

“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”

The Word of God is not merely to be heard, but to be received and believed. Our faith is implanted and strengthened by the Word of God. As Luther said, “Oh, it is a living, busy, active, mighty thing, this faith. And so it is impossible for it not to do good works incessantly.” James’ epistle encourages us to examine our lives and come to repentance when we are not living out our faith in sincerity.



What is “prayer”?

Have you ever wanted to talk to God? Well, guess what ... you can! God promises to hear and answer us when we pray. Because we want to concentrate on what we are praying and who we are praying to, we may close our eyes, fold our hands and bow our heads so that we are not distracted by the things around us. You don’t have to do all that, though. You can pray anywhere and at anytime.

What should we pray for?

We not only ask God for what we need, but we praise and thank Him for what He has already given us. If you want to, you can pray to God just to talk to him. We pray especially that God would keep us strong in our faith, and that He might bring others to faith too.

Are there different types of prayer?

There are many different types of prayer. Much of our worship is prayers, including the Confession, the Agnus Dei, and the Post-Communion Canticle. You can find prayers for different times and needs on pages 305–18 in *Lutheran Service Book*.



Parents: Direct your child to the different prayers in our worship. (For example The Prayer of the Church) Turn to pages 327 in *Lutheran Service Book*. Read through Luther’s Morning and Evening Prayers. Try using them at home with your children when they wake up in the morning and before they go to bed at night.



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Offering Income from last week:

May 3rd, 2026:

Regular Offerings	\$9,410.00
Loose Plate	\$18,920.00
Total Offerings	\$28,330.00

Attendance:

May 3rd, 2026	96
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Service Participants - This and Next Week

Sunday, May 10th, 2026

Celebrant & Preacher: Rev. Matthew Christian

Organist: Landon Hicks

Elder: Charlie Homan

Ushers: Scott Imhoff, Mike Clough, Steve Williams, Bryan Hollmann, Brett Newton & Anthony Batson

Altar Guild: Paula Wheeler

Acolyte: Ryker Gregory

Sunday, May 17th, 2026

Celebrant & Preacher: Rev. Matthew Christian

Organist: Luella McComb

Elder: Bryan Hollmann

Ushers: Scott Imhoff, Mike Clough, Steve Williams, Bryan Hollmann, Brett Newton & Anthony Batson

Altar Guild: Paula Wheeler

Acolyte: Jackson Fager

Prepare for Worship Next Week

Sunday, May 17th, 2026

Seventh Sunday of Easter (*Exaudi*)

Hymn of the Day:

LSB 539 Christ Is the World’s Redeemer

Readings:

Ezekiel 36:22–28

1 Peter 4:7–14

John 15:26—16:4



Daily Lectionary Readings:

Date	Old Testament Reading	New Testament Reading
5/10	Numbers 3:1–16, 39–48 <i>Numbers 4:1–8:4</i>	Luke 14:25—15:10
5/11	Numbers 8:5–26	Luke 15:11–32
5/12	Numbers 9:1–23	Luke 16:1–18
5/13	Numbers 10:11–36	Luke 16:19–31
5/14	Numbers 11:1–23, 31–35	Luke 17:1–19
5/15	Numbers 11:24–29; 12:1–16	Luke 17:20–37
5/16	Numbers 13:1–3, 17–33	Luke 18:1–17

Short Order of Daily Prayer:

In the name of the Father and of the † Son
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth will declare Your praise.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be forever. Amen.**

*A hymn, canticle, or psalm may be sung or spoken
–The Hymn of the Day from the previous or upcoming
Sunday or a Psalm per day could be used.*

*One or both of the Daily Lectionary Readings
from the table above is read.*

*The appointed Weekly Small Catechism Reading
from the table above may be read.*

Apostles' Creed

Lord's Prayer

*Prayers for others and ourselves
–The Prayer List to the right is a good place to
start. LSB pages 305–318 is helpful as well.*

Luther's Morning or Evening Prayer

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Weekly Small Catechism Readings:

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



Comfort and Health:

† *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:

† 5-17 Gary & Michelle Carter
 † 5-21 Allen & Carol Haake
 † 5-22 Zack & Julie Cason

Birthdays:

† 5-10 Kaleb Boester
 † 5-12 Jared Lawrence
 † 5-13 Don Porter
 † 5-15 Quinn Norris
 † 5-16 Kyler Karg
 † 5-16 Preston Scott

Baptismal Anniversaries:

† 5-11 Kelly Batson
 † 5-12 Blaire Manwaring
 † 5-13 Cindy Gregory
 † 5-14 Jim Winters
 † 5-15 Janet Estel
 † 5-15 Megan Pittman
 † 5-16 Zoey Cox

Immanuel Families:

† Kylie & Jaxson Smith
 † Anthony Spurgeon
 † Carolyn Stankovich



May BIRTHDAYS

- 5-1 Eden Fager
- 5-2 Dorothy Manwaring
- 5-2 Brayden Hollmann
- 5-4 Alyssa Reinhardt
- 5-5 Scott Imhoff
- 5-7 Bryan Cramer
- 5-8 Angie Imhoff
- 5-8 Taylor Graff
- 5-9 Scott Maloney
- 5-9 Mark Graff
- 5-9 Jeffrey Lee
- 5-9 Trey Baskin
- 5-10 Kaleb Boester
- 5-12 Jared Lawrence
- 5-13 Don Porter
- 5-15 Quinn Norris
- 5-16 Kyler Karg
- 5-16 Preston Scott
- 5-18 Bryce Cramer
- 5-19 Marilyn Imhoff
- 5-20 Ina Rothe
- 5-21 Mi'Amore Cheu
- 5-23 Joyce Evans
- 5-23 Francisco Flores
- 5-23 Shannon Rieckenberg
- 5-24 Helen Bisaga
- 5-24 Heather Karg
- 5-26 Jamie Reiman
- 5-28 Terry Estel
- 5-30 David Hollmann
- 5-30 Lorrain Williams
- 5-30 Rhonda Ice
- 5-31 Rob Hicks

Altar Guild

Paula Wheeler

Ushers

Scott Imhoff
 Mike Clough
 Steve Williams
 Bryan Hollmann
 Brett Newton
 Anthony Batson

Acolytes

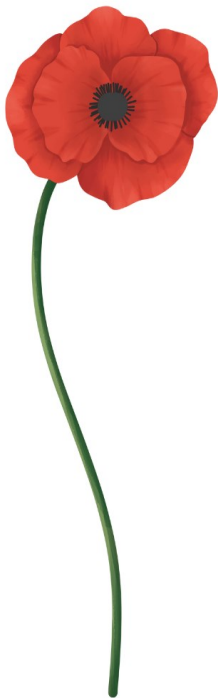
5-3 Eli Pittman
 5-10 Ryker Gregory
 5-17 Jackson Fager
 5-24 Gage Pittman
 5-31 Frankie Flores

Elders

5-3 Mike Clough
 5-10 Charlie Homan
 5-14 Charlie Homan
 5-17 Bryan Hollmann
 5-24 Jeff Steuter
 5-31 Bryan Hollmann

Organists

5-3 Luella McComb
 5-10 Landon Hicks
 5-14 Landon Hicks
 5-17 Luella McComb
 5-24 Landon Hicks
 5-31 Landon Hicks



THOSE WHO HOPE

But those who hope
 in the LORD will
 renew their strength.

They will soar
 like wings on eagles;
 they will run & not
 grow weary, they will
 walk and not faint.

Isaiah 40:31



May ANNIVERSARIES

- 5-17 Gary & Michelle Carter
- 5-21 Allen & Carol Haake
- 5-22 Zack & Julie Cason
- 5-23 Dean & Nancy Craig
- 5-23 Orval & Staci Rowe
- 5-30 Robert & Cathy Hines-Boulton

May 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Pastor's Day Off	2 1:00-4:30 pm Necessary Masculinity Presentation in Marion
3 9:00 am Div. Service 10:15 am Bible Study/ Sunday School 11:30 am Catechesis	4 5:00 pm Men's Group 6:30 pm Elders Mtg.	5 SID Pastors Conference 6:30 pm School Board Mtg.	6 8:30 am Chapel 10:00 am Bible Study	7	8 Pastor's Day Off Pre-K-4th Grade Field Trips	9
10 Mother's Day 9:00 am Div. Service 10:15 am Bible Study/ Sunday School 11:30 am Catechesis	11 6th-8th Grade Field Trip 5:00 pm Men's Group 6:30 pm BOD Mtg	12	13 8:30 am Closing Chapel 8th Grade Graduation following Chapel 10:00 am Bible Study 5:30 pm Pre-K Graduation	14 The Ascension of Our Lord 1:00 pm Bible Trivia 6:30 pm Divine Service	15 Last Day of School PTL Fun Day Pastor's Day Off	16
17 9:00 am Div. Service 10:15 am Bible Study/ Sunday School 11:30 am Catechesis	18 5:00 pm Men's Group 6:30 pm Voters Assembly .	19	20 10:00 am Bible Study	21	22 7am-5pm Rummage Sale Pastor's Day Off	23 8am-12pm Rummage Sale
24 Pentecost 9:00 am Div. Service 10:15 am Bible Study/ Sunday School Relay for Life Donations Due	25 Memorial Day - Office Closed Pastor on Vacation	26 Pastor on Vacation	27 Pastor on Vacation	28 Pastor on Vacation	29 Pastor on Vacation	30 Pastor on Vacation Relay for Life 5K Run 8 a.m.
31 Pastor on Vacation 9:00 am Div. Service 10:15 am Bible Study/ Sunday School						



Greetings Team Immanuel Lutheran 2026

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 into several different activities. Could I please count on support again this year? Our team goal is set at \$5,000. Last year, local volunteers raised over \$60,000 during the event.

Please return the donation to me before May 24th, 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, IL 62966. If you would like to register as a team member or cancer survivor, go to www.relayforlife.org and look for the Murphysboro event. I am listed as Team Captain. There is a place on the website for making donations as well. Look for "Events" and use zip code 62966 or Murphysboro.

Cancer continues to affect thousands of people in our area alone. Money raised through this event stays in our area and is used for outreach services for patients. This summer will mark five years since my diagnosis with breast cancer. I'm thrilled to be 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! Team Immanuel has decades of giving history to this cause.

Use the form below for ordering luminarias and return with your contribution. Each luminary bag sells for \$10 each. Please join US on the following dates to support the American Cancer Society:

- † **Saturday, May 30th at the 5K Run at 11th/Chestnut St. beginning at 8 a.m.**
- † **Thursday, June 11th at Carl Lee Park for the Luminaria Display beginning at 7 p.m.**
- † **Friday, June 5 at Brews Brothers Taproom for the Block Party and Silent Auction at 7 p.m.**

With MUCH love and determination,

Paula Maloney, Event Coordinator and Team Captain

RETURN BY MAY 24th PLEASE and THANKS

LUMINARIA ORDER FORM \$ _____ (Donation)

1. _____	2. _____
3. _____	4. _____
5. _____	6. _____
7. _____	8. _____
9. _____	10. _____