

Immanuel Lutheran Church and School

The Thread

May 11th, 2025



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

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***And they said,
“Believe in the Lord Jesus,
and you will be saved, you
and your household.”***

ACTS 16:31

MEMORY VERSE



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:

Bible Study:

Sundays @ 10:15am *Concordia's Bible History*

Wednesdays @ 10:30am *The Lutheran Confessions*

Sunday School: May 25th will be the last day of Sunday School for this school year. Adult Bible study will continue through the summer, and children are more than welcome to attend along with their parents.

May Voters Assembly: This will be held on Monday, May 19th at 6:30pm. We will primarily be discussing the 2025-2026 budget.

2025 Graduates: If you have a student graduating this year and would like to include them in the thread, please call the office and give us the graduates name and what school they will be graduating from by Monday, May 12th 2025.

Looking for Childcare: Shelbi (Beisner) Camden is looking for a full-time babysitter for her 8-month-old little girl. Hours would be Monday–Friday, 7:45am–5pm. Please call or text Shelbi at 618-559-2620 with any inquiries or to pass along the name of someone that provides childcare.

Congregational Baby Shower: Brett and Emily Newton are expecting a little boy in June. The entire congregation is invited to gather on May 18th, 2:00-4:00pm for a party to celebrate this gift of God. If you would like to give a gift, the family would appreciate Walmart, Amazon, or Target gift cards.

2025 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 19–22) and two days to run the sale (May 23–24). Many hands make for light work! Any and all assistance would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you: The family of Lynda Homan would like to thank the members of Immanuel for all the love, thoughts, prayers, and food that you have gave to us during our time of grief. It was so much appreciated. Yours in Christ.

School Announcements:

Thank you to all those who purchased raffle tickets for PTL's t-shirt quilt raffle. Our grand total that we made was \$1,540.00! Congratulations to Emily Miller the winner of the quilt. Emily is currently a teacher's aide here at Immanuel and next year will be one of our Pre-K instructional leaders.

The 5th-8th graders enjoyed their field trip to the Ark Encounter and Creation Museum last week. The 2nd-3rd graders went bowling for their end of the year field trip last week as well. The PreK-1st graders went to the Discovery Playhouse in Cape Girardeau on Friday as their end of the year field trip.

VBS Save the Date: Immanuel Lutheran Church's VBS will take place the week of July 14-18. We are looking for members to volunteer their time and talents to this event. Ms. Julie will serve dinner at 6pm. Opening chapel will begin at 6:30pm, followed by station rotations, and closing chapel ending by 8pm. If you are able to volunteer, please call the office.

Veronica Manwaring, Principal

Prepare for Worship Next Week:

May 18

Fifth Sunday of Easter (*Cantate*)

Hymn of the Day:

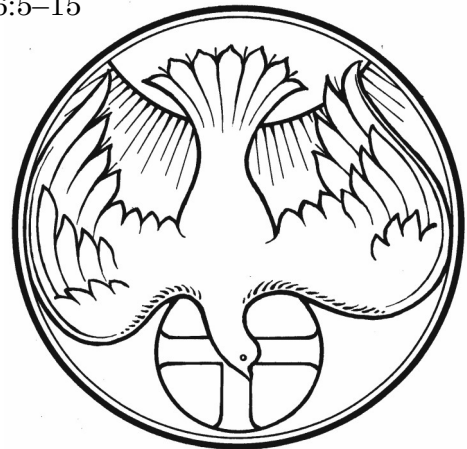
LSB 556 Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice

Readings:

Isaiah 12:1–6

James 1:16–21

John 16:5–15



Thoughts on the Daily Readings:

Old Testament

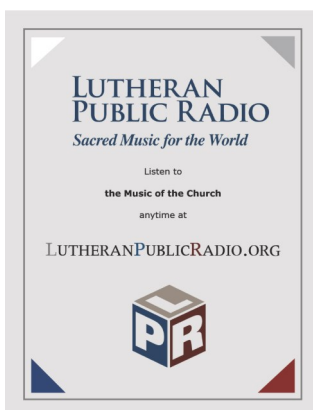
Leviticus is often viewed as only a book of Law. Even more unfortunate, many Christians think that because the Old Testament Law is no longer binding for those who are free in Christ, they ignore the rich content of the Old Testament. Leviticus, in reality, is full of Gospel, and it has a lot of beautiful things to teach Christians today. The Day of Atonement is one example. The sins of the people are placed on the head of a goat that is then sent out of the camp to die in the wilderness. Christ is our “scapegoat” who bears our sins upon Himself. The other goat involved in the Day of Atonement ritual also prefigures Christ. He is the one who was slain—the One Whose blood was shed and grants us access to the Holy Place in the presence of our Lord.

New Testament

This week, we read about Jesus sending out the Twelve Apostles as well as the seventy-two to prepare His way. It's a fitting time of year to hear these passages as both of our seminaries have recently held their Call Day services and announced where their candidates for ordination will be going upon graduation. The Lord provides for His Church now as He did then. The harvest is certainly plentiful, and yet the laborers have always been few. We pray that the Lord would continue to raise up faithful men to serve His people and for faithful congregations who will support their pastor and respect the authority with which he is sent.

Almighty and gracious God, You have commanded us to pray that You would send forth laborers into Your harvest. Of Your infinite mercy give us true teachers and ministers of Your Word who truly fulfill Your command and preach nothing contrary to Your holy Word. Grant that we, being warned, instructed, nurtured, comforted, and strengthened by Your holy Word, may do those things which are well pleasing to You and profitable for our salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

✝ Pastor Christian



Daily Lectionary Readings:

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

Date	Old Testament Reading	New Testament Reading
5/11	Leviticus 8:1–13, 30–36	Luke 9:1–17
5/12	Leviticus 9:1–24	Luke 9:18–36
5/13	Leviticus 10:1–20 <i>Leviticus 11:1—15:33</i>	Luke 9:37–62
5/14	Leviticus 16:1–24	Luke 10:1–22
5/15	Leviticus 17:1–16	Luke 10:23–42
5/16	Leviticus 18:1–7, 20—19:8	Luke 11:1–13
5/17	Leviticus 19:9–18, 26–37	Luke 11:14–36

KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

What is a “catechism”?

A catechism (pronounced KAT-eh-kizm) is a book of instruction usually written in question and answer form. The word “catechism” comes from the Greek word *katekhein*, which means “to instruct.” A catechism teaches the basics of the Christian faith.

Why do we need catechisms?

While visiting local churches, Martin Luther found many pastors and their church members were unaware of the true teachings of the Bible. Because of this, the people were living immoral lives. Martin Luther wrote the catechisms to instruct people in the basics of the Christian faith, that they might know Christ and His forgiveness and live accordingly. We still use Luther's Large and Small Catechisms so that we never forget those things that are necessary for faith in Christ.

Parents: Consider these words from Luther: “I, too, am a theologian who has attained a fairly good practical knowledge and experience of Holy Scriptures through various dangers. But I do not so glory in this gift as not to join my children daily in prayerfully reciting the Catechism. ... For God gave the Word that we should impress it on ourselves. ... Without this practice our souls become rusty, as it were, and we lose ourselves” (Plass, Ewald M., *What Luther Says* vol. 1 [St. Louis: Concordia, 1986], 125–26).





Comfort, health, recovery:

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

† David Arbeiter	† Nelda Miesner
† Ruth Boese	† James Morber
† Leah Carter	† Wilma Nelson
† Valerie Draves	† Casey Phillips
† Terry Estel	† Jeff Presutti
† Annette Etherton	† Don Porter
† Dan Kuenker	† Amanda Reinhardt
† Marilyn Imhoff	† Brenda Todd
† Faye Lee	† Richard Weber
† Virginia Lewis	† Sue Williams
† Ron Manwaring	† Carol Zobel

Expectant Mothers:

† Emily Newton
† Alyssa Mueller

Birthdays:

† 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
† Brandon, Rose, Summer & Braden Spradling
† Anthony Spurgeon



Offering Income from last week:

May 4th., 2025:

Regular Offerings	\$ 6,709.00
Loose Plate	\$ 145.00
Total Offerings	\$ 6,854.00

Attendance:

May 4th: 99

Stewardship Thoughts:

1 Peter 2:11

“Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul.”

Passions of the flesh—that means the things our flesh desires. One way to sum up all the “passions of the flesh” is to call them greed: the desire to have more things to bring us comfort and peace of mind. But that shows us the real problem with greed. It wages war against our soul, and it urges us to place our trust in the things of this world and not in God. But St. Peter reminds us that we are sojourners and exiles. We belong to the kingdom of God. We have been purchased by the blood of Christ and belong to Him. That knowledge frees us from greed, and it frees us for generosity.

Service Participants - This and Next Week

Sunday, May 11th, 2025

Organist: Landon Hicks

Elder: Bryan Hollmann

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

Altar Guild: Paula Wheeler

Acolyte: Ryker Gregory

Sunday, May 18th, 2025

Organist: Luella McComb

Elder: Charlie Homan

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

Altar Guild: Paula Wheeler

Acolyte: Eli Pittman



May

BIRTHDAYS

5-1 Eden Fager	5-18 Bryce Cramer
5-2 Dorothy Manwaring	5-19 Marilyn Imhoff
5-2 Brayden Hollmann	5-20 Ina Rothe
5-4 Alyssa Reinhardt	5-21 Mi'Amore Cheu
5-5 Scott Imhoff	5-23 Joyce Evans
5-7 Bryan Cramer	5-23 Francisco Flores
5-8 Angie Imhoff	5-23 Shannon Rieckenberg
5-8 Taylor Graff	5-24 Helen Bisaga
5-9 Scott Maloney	5-24 Heather Karg
5-9 Mark Graff	5-26 Jamie Reiman
5-9 Jeffrey Lee	5-27 Annette Etherton
5-9 Trey Baskin	5-28 Terry Estel
5-10 Kaleb Boester	5-30 David Hollmann
5-12 Jared Lawrence	5-30 Lorrain Williams
5-13 Don Porter	5-30 Rhonda Ice
5-15 Quinn Norris	5-31 Rob Hicks
5-16 Kyler Karg	
5-16 Preston Scott	

Altar Guild

Paula Wheeler

Ushers

Scott Imhoff

Mike Clough

Steve Williams

Anthony Batson

Bryan Hollmann

Organists

5-4 Corey Williams

5-11 Landon Hicks

5-18 Luella McComb

5-25 Landon Hicks

5-29 Corey Williams

Elders

5-4 Jeff Streuter

5-11 Bryan Hollmann

5-18 Charlie Homan

5-25 Mike Clough

5-29 Bryce Mueller

Acolytes

5-4 Jackson Fager

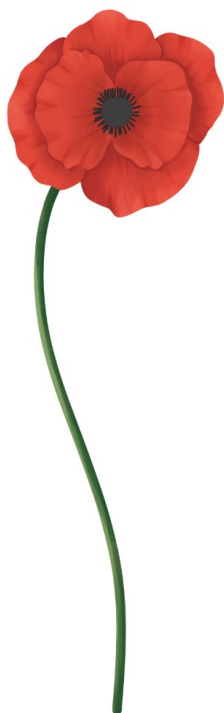
5-11 Ryker Gregory

5-18 Eli Pittman

5-25 Parker Closson



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



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 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Pastor's Day Off	3 11:00 am LWML Coffee Cake Sale
4 9:00 am Divine Service 10:15 am Bible Study & Sunday School 11:30 am Catechesis	5 6:30 pm Elders Mtg.	6 Pastor at SID Pastors Conference 6:30 pm School Board Mtg.	7 8:30 am Chapel 10:30 am Bible Study	8	9 Pastor's Day Off	10
11 9:00 am Divine Service 10:15 am Bible Study & Sunday School 11:30 am Catechesis	12 First Day to drop off Rummage Sale items 6:00 pm PTL mtg. 6:30 pm BOD mtg.	13 5:00 pm LWML Mtg.	14 8:30 am Closing Chapel 8th Grade Graduation following chapel 10:30 am Bible Study	15 5:30 pm Pre K Graduation	16 Pastor's Day Off Last Day of School PTL Fun Day	17
18 9:00 am Divine Service 10:15 am Bible Study & Sunday School 11:30 am Catechesis 2:00-4:00 pm Newton Baby Shower	19 6:30 pm Voters Assembly	20	21 10:30 am Bible Study	22 Last Day to drop off Rummage Sale items	23 Pastor's Day Off 8:00 am-6:00 pm Rummage Sale	24 8:00 am-12:00 pm Rummage Sale
25 9:00 am Divine Service 10:15 am Bible Study & Sunday School 11:30 am Catechesis	26 Memorial Day - Office Closed	27	28 10:30 am Bible Study	29 6:30 pm Ascension Divine Service	30 Pastor's Day Off	31



RELAY FOR LIFE OF JACKSON COUNTY- MURPHYSBORO

Wednesday, May 21st

7:00 p.m. Luminaria Ceremony

**Carl Lee Park
1850 W. Walnut Street
Murphysboro, IL**

To purchase a luminaria bag
or for more information call:

📞 Paula Maloney 618-684-3311
🌐 www.relayforlife.org/murphysboroil

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

KIDS' SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School lessons are taught by Mrs.
Michele Carter

SUNDAYS FROM 10:15AM-11:15AM
CAFETERIA IN CHURCH BASEMENT

All children are welcome!



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Immanuel Lutheran's RUMMAGE SALE

FRIDAY, MAY 23rd from 8am-6pm
SATURDAY, MAY 24th from 8am-12pm

**Immanuel Lutheran Gymnasium
1915 Pine St, Murphysboro**

FREE WILL OFFERINGS

Accepting donations of items from May 12-16 and
May 19-22 from 7:30am-3:30pm

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





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, local volunteers raised over \$70,000 during the event.

Please return the donation to me before May 15th, 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.

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 four 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:

- † Wednesday, May 21st at Carl Lee Park for the Luminaria Display beginning at 7 p.m.
- † Saturday, May 31 at the 5K Run at 11th/Chestnut St. beginning at 8 a.m.
- † Friday, June 6 at Brews Brothers Taproom for the Block Party and Silent Auction beginning at 7 p.m.

With MUCH love and determination,

Paula Maloney, Event Coordinator and Team Captain

RETURN BY MAY 15th PLEASE

LUMINARIA ORDER FORM \$ _____ (Donation)

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