

Immanuel Lutheran Church and School

The Thread

May 17th, 2026



Lectionary Summary:

Seventh Sunday of Easter (*Exaudi*)

Ezekiel 36:22–28

1 Peter 4:7–14

John 15:26–16:4

The Spirit of Truth Bears Witness to Jesus

The Spirit of Truth bears witness to Jesus, who is the truth. But the world does not receive the truth. It loves its own and hates those who are of the truth. Just as Jesus was scorned, so is His Church. “*The hour is coming when whoever kills you will think he is offering service to God*” (John 16:2). Yet it is by Jesus’ suffering and death that we are saved. Therefore we rejoice to share in His sufferings, that we may also share in His resurrection glory (1 Pet. 4:7–14). Through the ministry of the Spirit of Truth, we are cleansed from the deceit of our idols and given a new heart and a new spirit, the heart and Spirit of Christ (Ezek. 36:22–28). He now works in us fervent, self-giving love for one another, love which covers a multitude of sins, “*that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen*” (1 Pet. 4:11).



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

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MEMORY VERSE

*To all who did
receive Him,
who believed
in His name,
He gave the
right to become
**CHILDREN
OF GOD.***

JOHN 1:12



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:

Pastor's Call: 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 deliberates between the calls to St. John and to Immanuel. 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.

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.



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FREE WILL OFFERING RUMMAGE SALE!

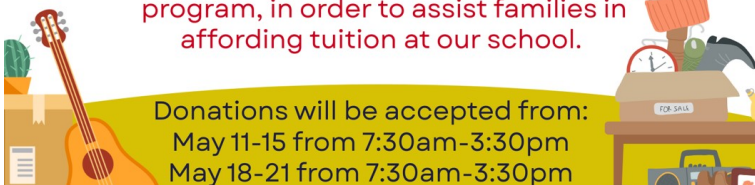
Friday, May 22 from
7:00AM - 5:00PM
Saturday, May 23 from
8:00AM-12:00PM

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



School Announcements:

Congratulations to our Excellent Eagle Award recipients for trustworthiness: Alexis Smith, Cadence Brooks, Kobie Reiman, Teagan Stewart, Ben Wade, Emma Baker, Amara Little, and Jillian Tanner.

A special congratulations to the following students for receiving the awards below:

- American Legion Award: Emily Beckman and Makayla Harrison
- Edwin Arbeiter Memorial Award: Jillian Tanner and Gage Pittman
- Chase Weber Award: Eli Pittman

Finally, congratulations to our 8th grade graduating class: Emily Beckman, Makayla Harrison, and Jillian Tanner. Makayla and Jillian have been at ILS since preschool. Emily joined them in 1st grade. These ladies will be greatly missed as they have been shining examples of Christian behavior. We know they will do great things in high school and beyond!

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

Lutheran Radio:

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Emily Beckman



Good morning, everyone. I would like to thank God for allowing all of you to be here on this special day to watch us graduate. I am also very grateful for God giving me the opportunity to thank all of the teachers that have taught me love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Also, Ms. Julie, I can't forget about you. Thank you for being the best cook that Immanuel has ever had. I will definitely miss your cooking. I would also like to thank Pastor Christian for teaching us religion in an understanding way.

Last but not least, I would like to take the time to thank my mom. There aren't even enough words to express my gratitude for all that my mom has done for me. She has been by my side every single day, especially during my time here at Immanuel. I am very grateful to have a mother who is willing to provide and do anything for me. In closing, I would like to thank God for giving me such a wonderful mom. I love you mom.

Makayla Harrison



Good morning, everyone. It is an honor to be here today. Not only to graduate alongside some of my closest friends, but to express my gratitude to all who have been there for me since I first walked through the doors of Immanuel Lutheran School. While there are so many people here who deserve so much praise and thanks, I would like to start off by giving all of the glory to God. He has granted me many amazing opportunities in this life, such as attending this school and being mentored by all of the amazing people here.

While every single person at this school has greatly influenced me in some way, I cannot forget to mention the two amazing individuals who have been influencing me since the day I was born, and those are my parents. My mom is the kindest, most caring lady you will ever meet. She exemplifies her devotion to God through her unwavering generosity. She has given me many things that I will forever be grateful for. My dad is a truly exceptional but humble servant of the Lord. He is steadfast in his faith, no matter the circumstance, which never ceases to inspire me. When God brought these two out-

standing individuals together, He knew that they would be the greatest parents anyone could ever have. My mom and dad have always provided me with everything I need. Their hard work and dedication has afforded me with an outstanding education here at Immanuel. Thank you guys for raising me, inspiring me, and helping me become who I am today. I love you both.

Jillian Tanner



Good morning, everyone. I'd like to thank our teachers for preparing us for high school, which I assume is exactly like middle school but with harder math and people who can actually drive. But looking back, this school has been more than just a place to learn—it has been a place where I've grown up. From my first days here to now, I've learned lessons that will stick with me wherever I go. I've learned about friendship, responsibility, faith, and so much more—like how in a school this small, students don't just learn... the older students take on responsibilities to assist in cleaning, organizing, setting good examples, and leading the younger students. This is what turned this school from somewhere we attended into a place we were truly part of.

I've also learned that even though we all might be going our separate ways very soon, there will always be one thing that holds us together – our faith. That means that no matter where we go or what we do— even if I don't see some of y'all again in this life— I know we will all be together again one day... in Heaven.

I want to take this opportunity to thank my parents and family for sending me to this school where I've learned these valuable lessons. I know that it costs a lot of money and time, and I appreciate these sacrifices. Thank you for helping me grow, for cheering me on, and for always being there for me. I will carry your love and lessons with me forever. Thank you.

Stewardship Thoughts:

1 Peter 4:10

“As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace.”

God’s grace is His undeserved mercy toward us. What do we have that is not a gift flowing from God’s grace? He means for us to use all these gifts in service of our neighbor. The chief way we serve one another is by supporting the church’s work: bringing more of God’s grace to more of God’s people. That’s what it means to be a steward!



Offering Income from last week:

May 10th, 2026:

Regular Offerings	\$5,460.00
Loose Plate	\$136.00
Total Offerings	\$5,596.00

Attendance:

May 10th, 2026	89
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Service Participants - This and Next Week

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

Sunday, May 24th, 2026

Celebrant & Preacher: Rev. Matthew Christian

Organist: Landon Hicks

Elder: Jeff Streuter

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

Altar Guild: Paula Wheeler

Acolyte: Gage Pittman

Prepare for Worship Next Week

Sunday, May 24th, 2026

Pentecost

Hymn of the Day:

LSB 497 Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord

Readings:

Genesis 11:1–9

Acts 2:1–21

John 14:23–31

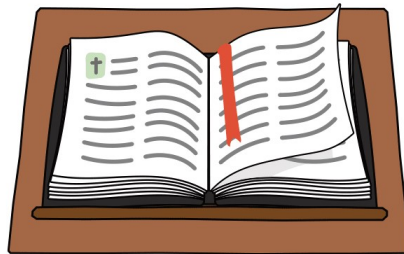


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**KIDS IN THE
DIVINE SERVICE**
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What is the “lectern”?

When the Lord calls us together for worship, He feeds us with His wonderful Word and Sacraments. In most churches, **the Bible**

sits on a stand called a “lectern.” The word “lectern” comes from the Latin word “lectio,” which means “reading.”



Why is the Bible read from a lectern?

For thousands of years, God’s living Word has been read to His people. When this Word is read to us, we remember that God continues to deliver His promise of salvation to us through faithful preaching and teaching. With the help of the lectern, our church Bible is in a great place for reading to all of God’s people!



Parents: Before or after the service, allow your child to walk up to the lectern in order to get a better look. Allow them to look at the church Bible. Remind them to be reverent in God’s holy places. During the service, before the readings, remind them that they are about to hear God’s Word, and the lectern holds the Bible that they will hear God’s wonderful promises from!



Daily Lectionary Readings:

Date	Old Testament Reading	New Testament Reading
5/17	Numbers 14:1–25	Luke 18:18–34
5/18	Numbers 14:26–45 <i>Numbers 15:1–41</i>	Luke 18:35—19:10
5/19	Numbers 16:1–22	Luke 19:11–28
5/20	Numbers 16:23–40	Luke 19:29–48
5/21	Numbers 16:41—17:13 <i>Numbers 18:1—19:22</i>	Luke 20:1–18
5/22	Numbers 20:1–21	Luke 20:19–44
5/23	Numbers 20:22—21:9	Luke 20:45—21:19

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:

† 5-21 Allen & Carol Haake
 † 5-22 Zack & Julie Cason
 † 5-23 Dean & Nancy Craig
 † 5-23 Orval & Staci Rowe

Birthdays:

† 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

Baptismal Anniversaries:

† 5-18 Scott Maloney
 † 5-18 Carrol VanOver
 † 5-20 Tony Cramer
 † 5-20 Eric Hollmann
 † 5-21 Julie Cason

Immanuel Families:

† Ronnie, Angela, Ashley,
 Madison & Thomas Stanton
 † Jordan, Sara, Kesler & Roy
 Stanton



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

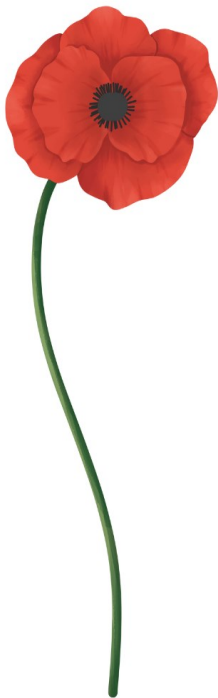
5-3 Eli Pittman
 5-10 Ryker Gregory
 5-17 Jackson Fager
 5-24 Gage Pittman
 5-31 Frankie Flores

Elders

5-3 Mike Clough
 5-10 Charlie Homan
 5-14 Charlie Homan
 5-17 Bryan Hollmann
 5-24 Jeff Streuter
 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	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. _____