

# Immanuel Lutheran Church and School

# *The Thread*



May 24th, 2026

## Lectionary Summary:

### THE DAY OF PENTECOST

Genesis 11:1–9

Acts 2:1–21

John 14:23–31

### *The Holy Spirit Gives Peace*

Following the flood, Noah's descendants failed to spread out and fill the earth as God had spoken. Rather, they exalted themselves; with "one language and the same words" (Gen. 11:1) they spoke proudly and arrogantly. The Lord humbled them by confusing "the language of all the earth," dividing and dispersing the people (Gen. 11:9). That dispersal was reversed on Pentecost Day (the fiftieth day of Easter), when God caused the one Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ to be preached in a multitude of languages. "At this sound the multitude came together" (Acts 2:6), for the preaching of Christ is the primary work of the Holy Spirit, whereby He gathers people from all nations into one Church. The Holy Spirit teaches and brings to our remembrance the words of Jesus, which are the words of the Father who sent Him. These words bestow forgiveness and peace to those who keep and hold on to them in love for Jesus. "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid." (John 14:27).



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

### Contact Us:

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### MEMORY VERSE

**Put on then, as  
God's chosen ones,  
holy and beloved,  
compassionate  
hearts, kindness,  
humility, meekness,  
and patience.**

COLOSSIANS 3:12



### **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 will announce his decision regarding the call to serve as pastor of St. John Lutheran Church in Galva, Iowa during announcements today.

**Thank You:** I would like to take a moment to give thanks & recognition to all involved in the budget resolution. Especially the school board and everyone who sacrificed with the understanding what problems we are facing. Together with God's help we will endure and grow. Thanks again.

– Tom Morgan, Congregational President

**Congregation Leadership Positions:** We are still looking for individuals willing to fill the positions of Vice President and Director of Outreach. If you feel like you might be able to fill either of these positions and would like to learn more about them, please contact Jeff Streuter.

**LCMS Foundation:** LCMS Foundation is an organization created by the LCMS to provide Christian estate planning services to LCMS members. During our Bible study hour on June 7, Immanuel will welcome Scott Radden, representative for LCMS Foundation, to present on the opportunities available for investment services and gift planning. Even if you already have a plan in place or are not ready to establish a gift plan at this time, please join us to learn about the good work that LCMS Foundation is doing within our church body and the ways we can be good stewards of the gifts God has given us.

**Visit from the District President:** Please save the date of July 12 for a special visit from Rev. Heath Curtis, the President of the Southern Illinois District of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod as he joins us for the Divine Service and gives a special presentation during the Bible study hour.

**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.

**Updated Contact for Virginia Lewis:** We would like to share an update that one of our beloved members has recently had a change of address. As the oldest member of our congregation, she holds a very special place in our hearts. If you would like to brighten her day, we encourage you to consider sending her a card, note, or small token of encouragement. I'm sure it would mean so much to her to hear from her church family. For her updated address, please contact the church office.

**Vacation Bible School:** VBS will be July 20–24. If you know anyone interested in volunteering their time and talents, please reach out to Veronica Manwaring.



The poster features a large blue cross icon on the left and a green silhouette of a church on the right. The text is centered and reads: 'VBS July 20-24' in large blue and green letters. Below this, it says 'A Fun & Faith-Filled Experience for Children' in a smaller font. The church name 'IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH' is in orange, with the address '1915 Pine St, Murphysboro' below it. A section titled 'WHAT TO EXPECT:' lists three items: 'Free meal for children from 6:00pm-6:20pm', 'VBS from 6:30pm-8:00pm', and 'Performance on Friday evening at 7:30pm'. At the bottom, there is an illustration of a man with a beard reading a book to a group of children, with a church building in the background. A blue banner at the bottom of the illustration says 'Children 3+ (must be pottytrained)'.

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**July 20–24**

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## Lutheran Radio:



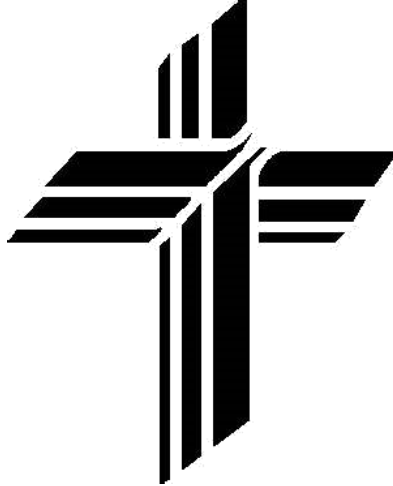
**KFUO Radio** is the broadcast voice of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Christ for you anytime, anywhere. Find programs on demand at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) and the KFUO Radio app.

# Stewardship Thoughts:

Acts 2:1

**“When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place.”**

Pentecost is the Old Testament harvest festival, taking place around the time when the wheat and oats are ready to be brought in. Of course, this was an image and foreshadowing of the great harvest of humankind that God means to carry out through the preaching of His Word. God gives the seed, and God brings about the harvest. From first to last, in things temporal and things eternal, we stand only by His grace.



## Offering Income from last week:

May 17th, 2026:

Regular Offerings	\$ 3,650.00
Loose Plate	\$ 85.00
<b>Total Offerings</b>	<b>\$ 3,735.00</b>

Attendance:

May 17th, 2026	90
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## Service Participants - This and Next Week

**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

**Sunday, May 31st, 2026**

**Celebrant & Preacher:** Rev. Tim Schnare

**Organist:** Landon Hicks

**Elder:** Bryan Hollmann

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

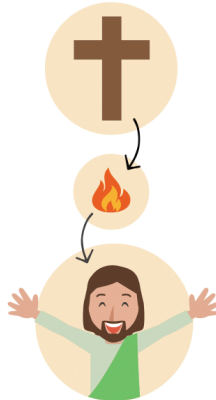
**Altar Guild:** Paula Wheeler

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## KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

### What is “Pentecost”?

The word “Pentecost” (pronounced PEN-tuh-kost) comes from the Greek word *pentekostos* which means “fiftieth.” Exactly 50 days after Jesus rose from the dead, the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples in the form of flames of fire.



### Why is Pentecost so important?

When Jesus died, the disciples were sad because they thought that their friend and Lord was gone forever. But Jesus rose again! Forty days after His resurrection, Jesus did finally ascend into heaven leaving the disciples below. However, before Jesus actually died, rose again and ascended into heaven, He made a promise to His disciples that He would send the Holy Spirit to them. He said that the Holy Spirit would come and guide them “into all the truth” (John 16:13). Jesus doesn’t leave us alone to fend for ourselves. Jesus is here with us, and the Holy Spirit guides and leads the Church into the truth of the wonderful Gospel! We celebrate and remember this at Pentecost.

#### Parents:

At home, read the story of Pentecost in Acts 2 to your children. Remind them that the Holy Spirit comes to us through the Word and Sacraments just as our Lord has promised. Encourage them to thank God for the gift of His Holy Spirit in their lives.



## Prepare for Worship Next Week

**Sunday, May 31st, 2026**

**Holy Trinity**

**Hymn of the Day:**

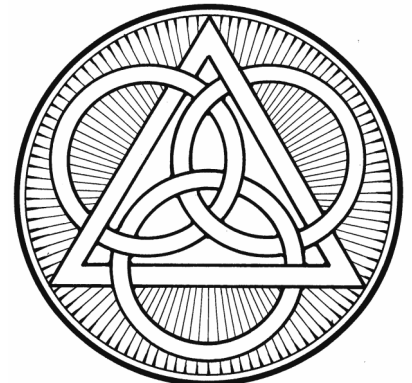
LSB 498 Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest

**Readings:**

Isaiah 6:1–7

Romans 11:33–36

John 3:1–15



## Daily Lectionary Readings:

Date	Old Testament Reading	New Testament Reading
5/24	Numbers 21:10–35	Luke 21:20–38
5/25	Numbers 22:1–20	Luke 22:1–23
5/26	Numbers 22:21—23:3	Luke 22:24–46
5/27	Numbers 23:4–28	Luke 22:47–71
5/28	Numbers 24:1–25	Luke 23:1–25
5/29	Numbers 27:12–23	Luke 23:26–56
5/30	Numbers 32:1–6, 16–27	Luke 24:1–27

## 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:

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

† 5-30 Robert & Cathy Hines-Boulton

### **Birthdays:**

† 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

### **Baptismal Anniversaries:**

† 5-24 Carol Stewart  
 † 5-24 Addyson Reinhardt  
 † 5-25 Chloe Barnett  
 † 5-26 Madison Jones  
 † 5-27 Kelly Lattan  
 † 5-31 Marilyn Imhoff  
 † 5-31 Heather Karg

### **Immanuel Families:**

† Will, Molly, Nolan & Martin Stephens  
 † Carol Stewart  
 † Cindy Stoll



# 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
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## Altar Guild

Paula Wheeler

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## Acolytes

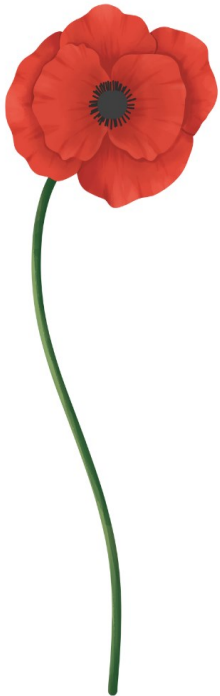
5-3 Eli Pittman  
 5-10 Ryker Gregory  
 5-17 Jackson Fager  
 5-24 Gage Pittman  
 5-31 Frankie Flores

## 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 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 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						



## 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](http://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 11<sup>th</sup>/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 24<sup>th</sup> PLEASE and THANKS

LUMINARIA ORDER FORM \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Donation)

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