

# Immanuel Lutheran Church and School

# *The Thread*

May 25th, 2025



## 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**

### Contact Us:

#### **Church & School Office**

Office Hours: M–Th: 7:30 am–3:30 pm

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### MEMORY VERSE

SET YOUR MINDS ON  
THINGS THAT ARE ABOVE,  
NOT ON THINGS  
THAT ARE ON EARTH.

COLOSSIANS 3:2



### **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 29 with a Divine Service at 6:30 p.m.

**Sunday School:** Today 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.

**Summer Office Hours:** The Church Office will close at noon on Fridays during the summer. Please plan accordingly if you need to contact Alyssa.

**Office Closed Monday:** The Church Office will be closed on Monday, May 26 for Memorial Day.

**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. If you are able to volunteer, please call the Church Office.

**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, 7:45 a.m.–5 p.m. Please call or text Shelbi at 618-559-2620 with any inquiries or to pass along the name of someone that provides childcare.

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PRESENTS

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An Unforgettable Journey with Jesus

Ages 3+  
must be pottytrained

**JULY 14-18**

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

**1915 Pine St, Murphysboro**  
**Meals from 6:00pm-6:20pm**  
**VBS from 6:30pm-8:00pm**

Monday: spaghetti with meat sauce, salad with ranch, breadstick, fruit  
Tuesday: beef soft taco, rice, queso, black beans  
Wednesday: chicken nuggets, mac-n-cheese, veggies, jell-o  
Thursday: hot dog, chips, pudding  
Friday: pepperoni or cheese pizza, raw veggies with ranch, dessert  
**meals are free for students participating in VBS**

**CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!**

**KALEB LEE BOESTER**  
SON OF KEVIN & CINDY BOESTER  
GRADUATING FROM MURPHYSBORO HIGH SCHOOL WITH HIGH HONORS

**GIBSON FAGER**  
SON OF DARIN & NICOL FAGER  
GRADUATING FROM MURPHYSBORO HIGH SCHOOL

**MADISON STANTON**  
SON OF RONALD & ANGELA STANTON  
GRADUATING FROM MURPHYSBORO HIGH SCHOOL

**LEILA CRAIG**  
GRANDDAUGHTER OF DEAN & NANCY CRAIG  
GRADUATING FROM SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY WITH AN EDUCATION DEGREE

**BRAYDEN CRAIG**  
GRANDSON OF DEAN & NANCY CRAIG  
GRADUATING FROM MURPHYSBORO HIGH SCHOOL

**EVAN CRAIG**  
GRANDSON OF DEAN & NANCY CRAIG  
GRADUATING FROM 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE AT ST. ANDREWS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL ARE VERY PROUD OF ALL OF YOU!  
*May he give you the desires of your heart & make all your plans succeed. Psalm 20:4*



## Thoughts on the Daily Readings:

### Old Testament

The book of Numbers has an unfair reputation as a book of lists and nothing else. In reality, the censuses actually make up a small portion of this book of the Bible. Within these chapters, Israel's time in the wilderness is depicted as one of struggle. Though God provides for them time and time again, Israel rebels against Him over and over. Aaron's sons immediately forego the Lord's instructions for worship and are put to death, Miriam and Aaron question Moses' authority and are punished, and most of the spies express hopelessness in their ability to claim the promised land and doom Israel to wander forty years in the wilderness. The Lord is faithful even when Israel is not (see Romans 3:3), and He reproves him whom He loves (Proverbs 3:12).

### New Testament

The story of the "Prodigal Son" is unique to Luke's Gospel account. The general narrative is well known even to many with little to no biblical knowledge. This has led to "prodigal" often being used simply as an allusion to a person who has left the family rather than its actual meaning of a "wastefully extravagant" individual. This simple story is packed full of beneficial teachings. There's a warning against improper use of wealth, an encouragement to value familial relationships, a picture of God's gracious forgiveness, and a cliff-hanger ending that invites contemplation and personal examination. The brother has a choice—will he forgive as the father did, or continue to hold it against both his brother and his father and refuse to enter the household for the party? This same question may be posed to us. Will we forgive as the Father forgives, or will we hold a grudge?

✠ Pastor Christian

## Prepare for Worship Next Week:

### May 29—The Ascension of Our Lord

Hymn of the Day:

LSB 491 Up through Endless Ranks of Angels

Readings:

2 Kings 2:5–15

Acts 1:1–11

Mark 16:14–20

or Luke 24:44–53

### June 1—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

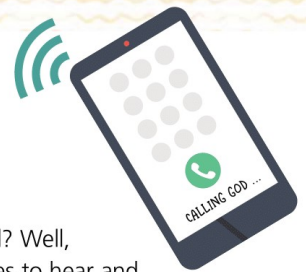
John 15:26–16:4

## Daily Lectionary Readings:

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

Date	Old Testament Reading	New Testament Reading
5/25	Numbers 3:1–16, 39–48 <i>Numbers 4:1–8:4</i>	Luke 14:25–15:10
5/26	Numbers 8:5–26	Luke 15:11–32
5/27	Numbers 9:1–23	Luke 16:1–18
5/28	Numbers 10:11–36	Luke 16:19–31
5/29	Numbers 11:1–23, 31–35	Luke 17:1–19
5/30	Numbers 11:24–29; 12:1–16	Luke 17:20–37
5/31	Numbers 13:1–3, 17–33	Luke 18:1–17

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KIDS IN THE  
DIVINE SERVICE  
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### 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 Cantic. 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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**Comfort, health, recovery:**

† Those in the Armed Forces,  
Law Enforcement, Fire, Emer-  
gency Medical Services, &  
Healthcare

† David Arbeiter

† Ruth Boese

† Leah Carter

† Valerie Draves

† Terry Estel

† Annette Etherton

† Dan Kuenker

† Marilyn Imhoff

† Faye Lee

† Virginia Lewis

† Ron Manwaring

† Nelda Miesner

† James Morber

† Casey Phillips

† Don Porter

† Amanda Reinhardt

† Brenda Todd

† Richard Weber

† Sue Williams

† Carol Zobel

**Expectant Mothers:**

† Emily Newton

† Alyssa Mueller

**Anniversaries:**

† 5-30 Robert Boulton & Cathy  
Hines-Boulton

**Birthdays:**

† 5-26 Jamie Reiman

† 5-27 Annette Etherton

† 5-28 Terry Estel

† 5-30 David Hollmann

† 5-30 Lorrain Williams

† 5-30 Rhonda Ice

† 5-31 Rob Hicks

**Baptismal Anniversaries:**

† 5-25 Chloe Barnett

† 5-26 Madison Jones

† 5-27 Kelly Lattan

† 5-31 Marilyn Imhoff

† 5-31 Heather Karg

**Immanuel Families:**

† Carol Stewart

† Cindy Stoll

† Jeff & Becky Streuter

**Offering Income from last week:**

May 18th, 2025:

Regular Offerings \$ 5,994.00

Loose Plate \$ 48.00

**Total Offerings \$ 6,042.00**

**Attendance:**

May 18th: 89

**Stewardship Thoughts:**

**James 1:22**

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

Martin Luther said this about our faith: “Oh, it is a living, busy, active, mighty thing, this faith. And so it is impossible for it not to do good works incessantly.” The Word of God is not merely to be heard, but to be received and believed, and implemented. James reminds us of this, and he encourages us to examine our lives and come to repentance, where we can see that we are not living out our faith in sincerity.

**Service Participants - This and Next Week**

**Sunday, May 25th, 2025**

**Organist:** Landon Hicks

**Elder:** Mike Clough

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

**Altar Guild:** Paula Wheeler

**Acolyte:** Parker Closson

**Sunday, June 1st, 2025**

**Organist:** Luella McComb

**Elder:** Jeff Streuter & Bryce Mueller

**Ushers:** Bryan Hollmann, Orval Rowe, Josh Proctor,  
Charlie Homan, Henry Phillips & Scott Maloney

**Altar Guild:** Jean Winters

**Acolyte:** Gage Pittman





# 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  
 5-27 Annette Etherton  
 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  
 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

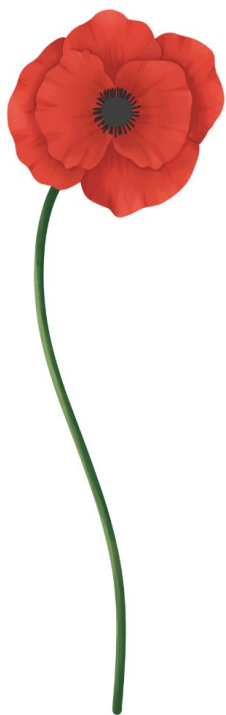
5-4 Jackson Fager  
 5-11 Ryker Gregory  
 5-18 Eli Pittman  
 5-25 Parker Closson



# 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 Boulton & 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 <b>9:00 am Divine Service</b> 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 <b>8:30 am Chapel</b> 10:30 am Bible Study	8	9 Pastor's Day Off	10
11 <b>9:00 am Divine Service</b> 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 <b>8:30 am Closing Chapel</b> 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 <b>9:00 am Divine Service</b> 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 <b>9:00 am Divine Service</b> 10:15 am Bible Study & Sunday School 11:30 am Catechesis	26 Memorial Day - Office Closed	27	28 10:30 am Bible Study	29 <b>6:30 pm Ascension</b> <b>Divine Service</b>	30 Pastor's Day Off	31