

Immanuel Lutheran Church and School

The Thread

June 1st, 2025



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

Contact Us:

Church & School Office

Office Hours: M–Th: 7:30 am–3:30 pm

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MEMORY VERSE

PSALM 56:3

WHEN I AM AFRAID, I PUT MY TRUST IN YOU.



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:

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

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.

Congratulations: We are proud of all of our recent graduates. We are especially honored to have Immanuel represented so well in the High Honors Graduates list at Murphysboro High School's class of 2025. Five of our members graduated with this distinct honor, including two graduates of our school. Good job to all the graduates!

Private Confession: Pastor is always available to schedule a time for Private Confession and Absolution. Martin Luther's Small Catechism assumes that this practice would continue in the Church. He encourages, "before the pastor we should confess only those sins which we know and feel in our hearts" and we "receive the absolution from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven." If you desire to schedule a time for Confession, please contact Pastor Christian or the Church Office.

Confirmation Sunday: We will celebrate Pentecost on June 8 and also rejoice in celebrating the Confirmation of Parker Closson.



Prepare for Worship Next Week:

June 8—The Day of 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



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN
PRESENTS

EPIC Australian Adventure
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

Lutheran Radio:

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www.issuesetc.org

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Thoughts on the Daily Readings:

Old Testament

Korah's rebellion was a pivotal moment for Israel. While the people were often dissatisfied with their wilderness experiences, Korah chafed specifically against the leadership of Moses. Identifying that all of Israel is the holy congregation of the Lord, Korah believed that Moses was wrong to impose his leadership. Korah denied the truth that God had placed Moses in his position as their leader. Moses was God's representative. Rejection of Moses' authority meant rejection of the Lord's authority. This is no different than the teaching of Jesus when He says, "The one who hears you hears Me, and the one who rejects you rejects Me, and the one who rejects Me rejects Him who sent Me" (Luke 10:16). Korah and the other rebellious Israelites received judgment for their stubborn refusal of Moses' authority. God reestablished Aaron as the high priest and his family for service in the tabernacle. There was no doubt that the Lord selected His own leaders to represent Him, and that those leaders deserve the respect of the people due to the authority granted them by the Lord.

New Testament

Jesus' authority was questioned in Luke 20, just as Moses' was. His authority is from heaven, not from man. Having been sent from the Father, Jesus was purposeful in His teachings. As He drew near Jerusalem and His impending death, Jesus' teaching included several important elements looking into His future and the future of Jerusalem. He foretold His death once again to help prepare His disciples. He wept over the holy city that would reject Him, knowing that Jerusalem would face a siege by Roman forces followed by major destruction in AD 70. Beyond the general destruction, Jesus especially foretold the destruction of the temple. Among the imminent danger and the gloomier focus of Jesus' teachings in the time leading up to His death, Jesus' message is still one of hope. Yes, wars and persecution would come, but Christ promised the disciples would endure and gain their lives. This focus on the eternal life in faith is a great comfort for us as well. Though we face any number of difficult times in this life—tragedies on a personal, regional, or national level—we know that Jesus has already overcome the world. His victory is won, and we share in that victory by faith.

✝ 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
6/1	Numbers 14:1–25	Luke 18:18–34
6/2	Numbers 14:26–45 <i>Numbers 15:1–41</i>	Luke 18:35—19:10
6/3	Numbers 16:1–22	Luke 19:11–28
6/4	Numbers 16:23–40	Luke 19:29–48
6/5	Numbers 16:41—17:13 <i>Numbers 18:1—19:22</i>	Luke 20:1–18
6/6	Numbers 20:1–21	Luke 20:19–44
6/7	Numbers 20:22—21:9	Luke 20:45—21:19

KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE



What is the "pulpit"?

You probably noticed that the pastor preaches to the congregation from the same place in the church almost every time. This place is called the pulpit. The word "pulpit" comes from the Latin word "pulpitum," meaning "scaffold."

Do you know what a scaffold is? A scaffold is a platform which is raised high up into the air. If you have ever seen someone washing windows on a building, they were probably standing on a scaffold.

Why do pastors preach from a pulpit?

Before the invention of the microphone, it was sometimes hard to hear what the pastor was saying. By raising the place where the pastor preaches, he could better project his voice for all of the people present to hear the wonderful Gospel. Raising the pulpit above everything else also helps to signify the importance of proclaiming God's pure Word. What a wonderful invention the pulpit is!



Parents: Before or after the service, allow your child to walk up to the pulpit to get a better look. Encourage them to step into the pulpit to get a view of the congregation. Remind them to be reverent in God's holy places. During the service, before the sermon, remind them that the pastor is about to preach God's Word and that the pulpit will help them to see and hear him clearly!





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:

† 6-1 Shawn & Leah MacFarlane
† 6-1 Ronnie & Angela Stanton
† 6-6 Ely & Mikah Stretuer
† 6-7 Steve & Sue Williams

Birthdays:

† 6-1 Cindy Novara
† 6-1 Berkle Rieckenberg
† 6-2 Gretchen Kohlhaas
† 6-2 Logan Taylor
† 6-2 Tommy Stanton
† 6-4 Nathaniel Clendenin
† 6-4 Beth MacFarlane
† 6-4 Kaylee Baskin
† 6-5 Larry Reinhardt
† 6-6 Ronnie Stanton
† 6-7 Teresa Jenkins

Baptismal Anniversaries:

† 6-2 Alberta Reiman
† 6-2 J.D. Reiman
† 6-2 Kaleb Boester
† 6-2 Aubrey Winters
† 6-3 Michelle Cramer
† 6-4 Scott Imhoff
† 6-4 Tonya Walker
† 6-5 Bryan Cramer
† 6-6 Andrew Cramer
† 6-6 Brooks MacFarlane
† 6-7 Michele Baird
† 6-7 Kim James
† 6-7 Greg Vaughn
† 6-7 Trey Baskin
† 6-7 Kaylee Baskin

Immanuel Families:

† Carol Stewart
† Cindy Stoll
† Jeff & Becky Streuter

Offering Income from last week:

May 25th, 2025:

Regular Offerings	\$ 4,000.00
Loose Plate	\$ 1,397.00
Total Offerings	\$ 5,397.00

Restricted Fund:

Disaster Response	\$ 1,200.00
School Memorial	\$ 225.00

Attendance:

May 25th: 81

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.”

Grace is God’s undeserved mercy toward us. And what do we have that is not a gift flowing from God’s grace? He gives all these gifts so that we may use them in service toward one another. Chief among the ways we serve one another is to support the church’s work of bringing more of God’s grace to more of God’s people. That’s what it means to be a steward!

Service Participants - This and Next Week

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

Sunday, June 8th, 2025

Organist: Landon Hicks

Elder: Chuck Closson

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

Altar Guild: Jean Winters

Acolyte: Jackson Fager





June BIRTHDAYS

6-1 Cindy Novara	6-14 Jim Alvey
6-1 Berkleee Rieckenberg	6-17 Nicol Fager
6-2 Gretchen Kohlhaas	6-17 Gary Carter
6-2 Logan Taylor	6-21 Peter Baird
6-2 Tommy Stanton	6-22 Ely Streuter
6-4 Nathaniel Clendenin	6-24 Carl B. Karg
6-4 Beth MacFarlane	6-25 Darin Fager
6-4 Kaylee Baskin	6-25 Kim James
6-5 Larry Reinhardt	6-26 Vickie Hickman
6-6 Ronnie Stanton	6-27 Jim Winters
6-7 Teresa Jenkins	6-27 Hunter Svanda
6-9 Kevin Boester	6-27 Lawson Streuter
6-11 Mike Clough	6-29 Sue Arbeiter
6-12 James Hoppenstedt	6-29 Tom Welten
6-13 Dean Craig	6-30 Jeff Wright
6-13 Tyler Imhoff	
6-14 Maryann Almy	
6-14 Cullen Jarrett	



Altar Guild

Jean Winters

Ushers

Bryan Hollmann

Orval Rowe

Josh Proctor

Scott Maloney

Charlie Homan

Henry Phillips

Acolytes

6-1 Gage Pittman

6-8 Jackson Fager

6-15 Ryker Gregory

6-22 Eli Pittman

6-29 Jackson Fager

Organists

6-1 Luella McComb

6-8 Landon Hicks

6-15 Corey Williams

6-22 Luella McComb

6-29 Landon Hicks

Elders

6-1 Jeff Streuter & Bryce Mueller

6-8 Chuck Closson

6-15 Charlie Homan

6-22 Bryan Hollmann

6-29 Mike Clough



6-1 Shawn & Leah MacFarlane
 6-1 Ronnie & Angela Stanton
 6-6 Ely & Mikah Streuter
 6-7 Steve & Sue Williams
 6-8 James & Amy Hoppenstedt
 6-8 Eric & Linda Clendenin
 6-15 Brian & Veronica Manwaring
 6-16 Kevin & Cindy Boester
 6-17 Kevin & Rhonda Ice
 6-21 Chuck & Susan Closson
 6-22 Anthony & Dana Batson
 6-23 Bryce & Alyssa Mueller
 6-25 Terry & Janet Estel
 6-25 Clyde & Sandra Wills

June 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:00 am Divine Service 10:15 am Bible Study 11:30 am Catechesis	2 6:30 pm Elders Mtg.	3 Pastor at Circuit Winkel 6:30 pm School Board Mtg.	4 10:30 am Bible Study	5	6 Pastor's Day Off	7
8 Pentecost Sunday w/ Confirmation Rite 9:00 am Divine Service 10:15 am Bible Study	9 6:30 pm BOD mtg.	10	11 10:30 am Bible Study	12	13 Pastor's Day Off	14
15 9:00 am Divine Service	16 Pastor on vacation	17 Pastor on vacation	18 Pastor on vacation	19 Pastor on vacation	20 Pastor on vacation	21 Pastor on vacation
22 Pastor on vacation 9:00 am Divine Service 10:15 am Bible Study	23 Pastor on vacation	24 Pastor on vacation	25 Pastor on vacation	26 Pastor on vacation	27 Pastor on vacation	28
29 9:00 am Divine Service 10:15 am Bible Study	30					