

Third Sunday of Easter

May 4, 2025

Immanuel Lutheran Church & School (LCMS)

“Growing in Faith to Share God’s Grace”

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Rev. Jeff VanOsdol, *Pastor*

Welcome to Immanuel Lutheran Church! “Our Lord is the Lord who serves. Jesus Christ came into the flesh not to *be* served, but *to* serve and to give His life as a ransom for many...Seated now at the Father’s right hand, He graciously serves his Church with the gifts of salvation.” (Introduction to *Lutheran Service Book*) We are also grateful for *your* presence among us today.

Cry Room We love to have children in our Services and Sanctuary! But, if restlessness arises, a quiet Cry Room is available for use by parents with infants and small children. An Usher will be happy to help you find the room, which is accessible from the Narthex.



The Lord’s Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord’s body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the Pastor. A non-alcohol option is available in the center of each tray of individual cups.

Today’s Liturgy: DIVINE SERVICE Setting One (*LUTHERAN SERVICE BOOK* 151-166).
Today’s Hymns: *LSB* 483, 489, 812, 547, 339, 818, 525, 680.

Rev. Jeff VanOsdol, Pastor Rev. Jeff VanOsdol has served as Immanuel’s Pastor since May 2015. He also served as Immanuel’s Pastor from 1998-2008. He lives in Simpsonville with his wife, Jennifer. Pastor VanOsdol can be reached through the church office or by email at pastor@immanuelchurch.com.

Organist Dr. Linda Dzuris is Immanuel’s Organist. Linda is Clemson University’s first carillonneur, performing regularly on the Clemson University Memorial Carillon. She is Chair of the Department of Performing Arts.

Director of Choir & Handbells Mr. Dave Pugh is Immanuel’s Director of Choir & Handbells. Dave is a former Elementary, Middle and High School Orchestra teacher in the Spartanburg District. Currently, he works in the areas of financial advising and real estate.

Please silence all cell phones upon entering the Sanctuary and conclude all conversations when the Organist begins playing pre-Service music. Thank you.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

INTROIT (*Unison*)

Psalm 145:4-7, 9; antiphon: v. 10



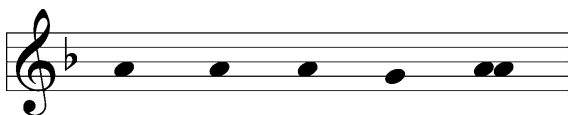
All your works shall give thanks to you, | O LORD,*
and all your saints shall | bless you!
One generation shall commend your works to an- | other,*
and shall declare your | mighty acts.
On the glorious splendor of your | majesty,*
and on your wondrous works, I will | meditate.
They shall speak of the might of your | awesome deeds,*
and I will declare your | greatness.
They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant | goodness*
and shall sing aloud of your | righteousness.
The LORD is | good to all,*
and his mercy is over all that | he has made.
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
All your works shall give thanks to you, | O LORD,*
and all your saints shall | bless you!

KYRIE - THIS IS THE FEAST

LSB 152-155

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

2 Timothy 4:22



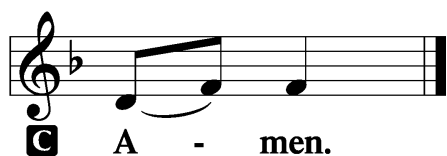
P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

FIRST READING

Acts 9:1-22

The Conversion of Saul

But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. And falling to the ground he heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?” And he said, “Who are you, Lord?” And he said, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.” The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one. Saul rose from the ground, and although his eyes were opened, he saw nothing. So they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. And for three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, “Ananias.” And he said, “Here I am, Lord.” And the Lord said to him, “Rise and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul, for behold, he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.” But Ananias answered, “Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints at

Jerusalem. And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on your name.” But the Lord said to him, “Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel. For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.” So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized; and taking food, he was strengthened.

Saul Proclaims Jesus in Synagogues

For some days he was with the disciples at Damascus. And immediately he proclaimed Jesus in the synagogues, saying, “He is the Son of God.” And all who heard him were amazed and said, “Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem of those who called upon this name? And has he not come here for this purpose, to bring them bound before the chief priests?” But Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Christ.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL (*Unison*) *adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6*



Christ has risen | from the dead.*

[God the Father] has crowned him with glory and | honor.

He has given him dominion over the works | of his hands;*

he has put all things un- | der his feet.

The Scroll and the Lamb

And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. And they sang a new song, saying,

“Worthy are you to take the scroll
and to open its seals,
for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God
from every tribe and language and people and nation,
and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God,
and they shall reign on the earth.”

Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice, “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!” And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, “To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!” And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” and the elders fell down and worshiped.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

John 6:68

C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twenty-first chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

Jesus Appears to Seven Disciples

After this Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he revealed himself in this way. Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together. Simon Peter said to them, “I am going fishing.” They said to him, “We will go with you.” They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, “Children, do you have any fish?” They answered him, “No.” He said to them, “Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some.” So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved therefore said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he was stripped for work, and threw himself into the sea. The other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred yards off.

When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.” So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, 153 of them. And although there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” Now none of the disciples dared ask him, “Who are you?” They knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

NICENE CREED

**☐ I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and
the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and
glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.**

HYMN OF THE DAY

489 Hail Thee, Festival Day

Refrain
All

Easter Hail thee, fes - ti - val day! Blest day to be hal - lowed for - ev - er;

Day when our Lord was raised, Break - ing the king - dom of death. death.

All

Easter 1 All the fair beau - ty of earth From the death of the
3 God the Al - might - y, the Lord, The rul - er of

win - ter a - ris - ing! Ev - 'ry good
earth and the heav - ens, Guard us from

gift of the year Now with its mas - ter re - turns:
harm with - out; Cleanse us from e - vil with - in:

Refrain
All

Easter Hail thee, fes - ti - val day! Blest day to be hal - lowed for - ev - er;

Day when our Lord was raised, Break - ing the king - dom of death.

Choir

Easter 2 Rise from the grave now, O Lord, The au - thor of
 4 Je - sus, the health of the world, Cre - a - tor of
 life and cre - a - tion. Tread - ing the path - way of
 all and re - deem - er, Son of the Fa - ther su -
 death, New life You give to us all:
 preme, On - ly - be - got - ten of God:

Spirit of life and of pow'r,
 Now flow in us, fount of our being,
 Light that enlightens us all,
 Life that in all may abide: Refrain

Praise to the giver of good!
 O Lover and Author of concord,
 Pour out Your balm on our days;
 Order our ways in Your peace: Refrain

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SERMON

The Life We Were Meant to Live

(You are invited to indicate your presence on the Record of Fellowship pad located in each row of seats. Visitors are invited to share contact information. Please pass the pad down each row, noting the names of your neighbors as the pad is passed back to you.)

CONFIRMATION (10:30 AM)

LSB 272-274

*Stephen Alan Baker
Paul Louis Cook
Mason Philip Kannenberg
Kelley Lynn Mastin
Steven John Mastin
Roban Mitchell Preis*

Stand. The Offering is presented.

OFFERTORY

LSB 159-160

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

PRAYER RESPONSE:

- A** Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

(Holy Communion is a confession of the faith that is confessed at this altar. Please review the Communion statement included on page 2 of this Service folder.)

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

PREFACE - AGNUS DEI

LSB 160-163

Sit

CHOIR (8:00 AM)

Crown Him Lord of All

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

812 Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs
547 The Lamb
339 Lift Up Your Heads, You Everlasting Doors
818 In Thee Is Gladness
525 Crown Him with Many Crowns

Stand

THANK THE LORD - BENEDICTION

LSB 164-166

HYMN TO DEPART

680 Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise

EASTER ACCLAMATION

P Christ is risen!
C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
C Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Go, My Children, with My Blessing
Michael Burkhardt

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+ *Confirmed In Christ* +

Stephen Alan Baker

Stephen is a Junior at Greenville Technical Charter High School. He is also employed after school hours and in the summer. Stephen's father, Erick, and grandfather, Sam, are also members of Immanuel. Stephen spent many sessions in individual instruction with Pastor before joining and completing the most recent adult Christian Instruction Class.

“Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will.” (*Hebrews 13:20-21*)

Paul Louis Cook

Paul has lived in the Greenville area around 38 years. He has two daughters. Paul works at the South Carolina Department of Revenue. He enjoys cooking, going to the gym, and spending time with friends and family.

“God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.” (*Psalms 46:1*)

Mason Philip Kannenberg

Mason was born in Newport Beach, California. He is a 2022 graduate of Mauldin High School. He currently works in passenger services at the Greenville-Spartanburg International Airport and likes to play video games in his free time. Mason is brother-in-law and uncle to Kiara Jade Kannenberg and Walker Lee Kannenberg who were baptized in this Service.

“For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.” (*Ephesians 2:8-9*)

Kelley Lynn Mastin & Steven John Mastin

Steve & Kelley Mastin are proud parents to daughters Harper (age 4) and Avery (age 2). They moved to Greenville in 2019 after previously living in Stamford, Connecticut. Steve works as a Product Manager for KINESSO, a marketing technology company, and Kelley is a Teacher's Aide at Immanuel Lutheran School, where both Harper and Avery attend. Before that, Kelley taught first grade for Greenville County Schools. In their free time, Steve enjoys playing golf, Kelley loves to shop for the girls and as a family, they share a passion for cheering on the Clemson Tigers, and loving on their golden retriever, Cody. They are excited to join the Immanuel community and look forward to growing in faith and friendships here!

“For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a future and a hope.” (*Jeremiah 29:11*)

Rohan Mitchell Preis

Rohan is originally from Hopkinton, Massachusetts and moved to Beaufort, South Carolina with his mother upon graduating high school. He attends Furman University, is in his third year, and will graduate in 2026. He is an environmental biology major. Rohan enjoys SCUBA diving, beekeeping, and being outdoors.

“By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.” (*Hebrews 11:3*)

The Priesthood at Prayer

Interceding for the Church, the World, and our Neighbors

**New to the list May 4, 2025*

Members

*Evander Minnick, Taylor Gentile, Ailey Minnick
*Pat Kemppainen, Patrick Danielson, LeOra Fuhler,
Karis Tervo, Audrey Van Beek, John Schnorr
*Pastor-Elect Jonathan Anderson
Barney Albers
Frank Taylor
David Benson
Bill Arnold
Len & Ruth Melsbach
June Hill
Maddi Tervo
Doris Creasi, Linda Emeliantsev,
Christine Hitchcock, Rita Kollmeyer, Pat Lipinski,
Dee Miller, Cathy Moore, Bob Palmiteer,
Judith Ravezanni, Marion Tomlanovich

Youth of the Week
Birthday this week

Called as Missionary to Panama
Hospitalized
Diagnosed with lung cancer
Health concerns
Recuperating at home after back surgery
Health concerns
Parents homebound: health conditions
Diagnosed with POTS
Homebound

Family of Members

Adriana & Family (*stepdaughter of Dave Pugh*)
Sam Flower (*uncle of Belinda Ashley*)
Family of Denise Barrett (*cousin of Belinda Ashley*)
The family of Debbie Davidson (*cousin of Belinda Ashley*)
Anna Pugh (*wife of Dave Pugh*)
Carol (*sister of Pat Lipinski*)
Jim Bryan (*son-in-law of Carol Minehardt*)
Family of Bonnie Overas (*cousin of Shannon Kannenberg*)
Richard Spalding (*brother of Amy Dammers*)
Bill Bechtel (*father of Brian Bechtel*)
Leigh George (*daughter of Dana & Dee Emberton*)
Mia Skalma (*7-yr-old great-granddaughter of Rita Weeks*)
Harrison (*9-month-old grandson of Debbie Hall*)
Greg Gimpel (*son of Melanie Gimpel*)
Jaime Fennell (*niece of Pat Lipinski*)
Kristin Jackson (*daughter of Norm & Nancy Gotsch*)
Cassie Schermbeck (*sister-in-law of Chris & Amy Froiland*)
John Dammers (*brother of Bill Dammers*)
Maggie (*niece of Tom & Mary Spiegel*)
Martin Burgi (*father of Bev Thelen*)

Safe but shaken by Istanbul earthquake
Thank you for prayers
Thank you for prayers
Thank you for prayers
Chronic back pain
Health concerns
Recovering from heart surgery
Death of Bonnie
Inoperable Stage 3 lung cancer
Hospitalized: Health concerns
Healthy birth of Isabelle Lane George
Hospitalized: treated for epilepsy
Viral infection
Rheumatic Fever
Health concerns
Recuperating at home
Recuperating: gallbladder surgery
Inoperable cancer in throat
Prayers for Maggie
Health concerns

Family of Members (continued)

Bruce Hall (*brother of Debbie Hall*) Pray for kidney treatment plan
Roger Pautsch (*cousin of Cinde Phillips*) Health concerns
Alan Fessler (*brother of Matt Fessler*) Hospitalized: Multiple myeloma/kidney disease
Mike Finkler (*brother of Sue Young*) Health concerns
Howard Raasch (*grandfather of Sarah Danielson*) Health concerns
Paul Smith (*nephew of Shari Schroeder*) Brain stem: inoperable cancerous mass
Liz (*sister-in-law of Kirk Tower; breast cancer survivor*) Leukemia
Francie Larimer (*cousin of Robin Nicholson*) Breast cancer
Evgenia (*mother-in-law of Dave Pugh*) Health concerns
Tim Theobald (*brother-in-law of Dave & Linda Fitschen*) Chemotherapy: stage 4 lung cancer
Makayla Albers (*great-granddaughter: Barney & Sue Albers*) Rare cancer of eye
Danyelle Skalma (*daughter of Rita Weeks*) Health concerns
Family of Theresa Hutchins In Ukraine

Friends

*Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison (*Synod President*) St. Louis, MO
Rev Emil & Amy Witschy Relocating to New England
Gale Anthony (*friend of Herrod family*) Serious health concerns
Lynda Allen (*friend of Herrod family*) Surgery complications
Mark Bradley (*friend of Dave Pugh*) Chest pains with unknown cause
Rev. Dr. Michael Bingenheimer Health concerns
(*friend of Rev. Craig & Jennifer Boehlke*)
Gary Nye (*friend of Mark & Cinde Phillips*) Healing from surgery
Ian Witschy (*son of Rev. Emil & Amy Witschy*) Recuperating after surgery
Catherine Spitler (*neighbor of Herrod family*) Fall: 3 fractures in hip
Sharon (*neighbor of Carol Minehardt*) Palliative Care: bone cancer
Jim Rayot (*friend of Carol Minehardt*) Recovering: triple bypass cardiac surgery
Nina & Paul Mix (*friends of Lindemann family*) Rehabilitation for Nina
Pastor Steven Thiel (*friend of Herrod family*) Stage 4 liver cancer
Dave Prevallet (*former member*) Stroke and resulting injury
Steve Spitler (*neighbor of Herrod family*) Health concerns
Barbara Burch (*friend of Young and VanOsdol families*) Breast cancer
Debbie Atchison (*friend of Debbie Hall*) Stage 3 Emphysema
Tyler Grubbs (*friend of Allison Crandall*) Health concerns
Rev. Rudy De Rosa (*friend of Herrod family*) Broken bones from a fall
Karla Grigsby (*friend of Becky Hooper*) Treatment for breast cancer
Zélie Duquette (*friend of Eckert family*) 3 yr. old battling leukemia
Jodie (*friend of Annette Tower*) Hospice Care
Randy Poore (*friend of Donna Alexander & Terry Ray*) Colon cancer
Hal & Amy Kelley (*missionary friends of Rita Weeks*) Serving in Turkey
Doug Eggert (*former member*) Effects of Parkinson's

To help keep the Prayer List current, please notify the office of any changes. Thank you.

Announcements

NEW TO IMMANUEL? WELCOME! Adults who are attending Divine Services at Immanuel join: 1) by Transfer of their membership from other Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod congregations, 2) by Affirmation of the Christian faith (if Confirmed Lutheran but coming from other Christian denominations), or 3) through completion of Christian Instruction (for those never Confirmed in a Lutheran Church). Two times each year (Palm Sunday and Reformation Sunday) we welcome New Members formally in our Services. If you are considering membership at Immanuel, please speak to Pastor VanOsdol at your earliest convenience.

FLOWERS in the Chancel have been placed there to the Glory of God by Rick & Jane Danielson and by Kristal Kempainen in honor of the birthdays of Patrick Danielson & Pat Kempainen.

ETERNAL CANDLE for May has been given by Rick & Jane Danielson.

ADULT BIBLE CLASS This morning, Head Elder Chris Froiland teaches the study: *The Word in Song: Hymn of the Day Studies for Easter*. The hymn studied today is *With High Delight Let Us Unite (LSB 483)*. Join us from 9:15-10:00 AM in the Parish Hall.

HOLY BAPTISM Kiara Jade Kannenberg and her infant son, Walker Lee Kannenberg, are baptized into Christ in this morning's 10:30 AM Divine Service. Kiara is mother of Walker and Bowen and wife of Ethan and also teaches at Big Blue Marble Academy. Walker Lee's Sponsors are Kelsey Martin-Cook and Sebastian Kannenberg. Welcome to God's Family and the Immanuel Family, Kiara and Walker!

~ New This Week ~

JONATHAN ANDERSON, PASTOR-ELECT On Tuesday evening, in a Service held in Kramer Chapel on the campus of Concordia Theological Seminary in Ft. Wayne, Indiana, member Jonathan Anderson received a Call into the Holy Ministry to serve as a Missionary to Panama. Jonathan will be Ordained into the Holy Ministry at Immanuel on Sunday, June 1.

PASTOR ON VACATION Pastor VanOsdol will be out of the office May 8-20. Please welcome Rev. Steve Saxe (retired from Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd) who will serve as Guest Pastor on May 11 and Pastor Herrod who will serve Immanuel on May 18.

SOCIAL MINISTRY In May, we are supporting “Birthright of Greenville”—“Coins for Babies”. Pick up Baby Bottles from the table in Narthex **TODAY**. Return bottles on Sundays, **May 11** (Mother’s Day) or **May 18**.

CALL FOR GRADUATES If you have an Immanuel family member celebrating a high school or college graduation this Spring (or completion of graduate work), please send a note to Jan Taylor (office@immanuelchurch.com) so they can be recognized and remembered in the Prayers on Sunday, **May 25**.

SPECIAL VOTERS’ ASSEMBLY On Sunday, **June 1** at Noon in the Parish Hall there will be a Special Voters’ Assembly, called for the purpose of gaining congregation approval of the Congregational Profile drafted by the Call Committee. The Congregational Profile is available for review this morning. Once ratified, the Congregational Profile will be sent to the District President along the names of those submitted by congregation members and a Call List will be put together for our Associate Pastor position.

MOSES MOUNTAINEERS Next hike is scheduled for Saturday, **May 24**. We will do the Frank Coggins Trail located across the street from the Caesar's Head Visitor's Center on Hwy 276. Meet-up is at our usual Atlanta Bread (Cherrydale) by 8:00 AM. This will be a shorter hike (approximately 2 miles) that will be perfect for beginners, or folks that don't feel quite yet ready for longer excursions. It's also an awesome opportunity to invite friends along to introduce them to the group. For more information, contact Jim Derrick: jasder61@gmail.com.

SOUTH CAROLINA BAROQUE MUSIC FESTIVAL SC Bach presents the South Carolina Baroque Music Festival, **May 16-18** in Greenville. There will be concerts each day at churches and venues around the city, featuring performances by the North Carolina Baroque Orchestra, Echoing Air Ensemble, David Wilson (Violinist), Adam Pajan (Organist), and the SC Bach Choir and soloists. See the hallway bulletin board for more information.

LUTHERAN CENTER FOR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY *Champions for Religious Liberty* work to ensure that people of all faiths can live according to their beliefs. *The Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty* emphasizes the importance of equipping individuals and churches to engage with culture and government from a biblically informed perspective. See <https://lcrifreedom.org/champions> to learn more about becoming a *Champion for Religious Liberty*.

WEEKLY BIBLE READINGS Spend some time in God’s Word with next week’s Readings: Acts 20:17-35; Rev. 7:9-17; John 10:22-30.

~ *Happening This Week* ~

MOTHER'S DAY TEA TODAY, 2:00-4:00 PM.

TUESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY The **Tuesday evening** Bible study (currently studying the *Acts of the Apostles*) meets at 7 PM in the new building Classroom. All are welcome. Last session before a summer recess will be May 13. Call or email Dale Reiter for more information: Dale.Reiter@yahoo.com.

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY Dave Pugh is offering a 9-week session of Dave Ramsey's *Financial Peace University*, **Thursday evenings** at Immanuel. The class began March 6 and runs through **May 8**. Two hours per session. Reach out to Dave at davepugh@mac.com.

YARD SALE Saturday, **May 10**, 8:00 AM-1:00 PM. Sign up sheet for volunteers for Wednesday thru Saturday, May 7-10, will be posted in the Narthex.

~ *Future, Repeat, & Ongoing* ~

GREY HEIRS Thursday, **May 15**, 11:30 AM – Cinco de mayo luncheon at El Jalisco. TODAY LAST DAY to order tickets for Odd Couple on **June 14** at 3 PM at Mill Town Players. (Tickets \$15.50)

ANNUAL ILC&S BASEBALL OUTING Sunday, **June 8** at 3:05 PM.

VBS (TRUE NORTH: Trusting Jesus in a Wild World) We will create a winter wonderland (**June 23-27**) and see if we can convince ourselves that it really isn't 90 degrees outside in the South! The kids will learn about trusting Jesus in a wild world.

PORTALS OF PRAYER for April-June are available for you on the credenza by the front door in the Narthex.

MISSION PROJECT We are collecting canceled stamps (with edges intact) for LWML in Michigan (Livonia) for missions. The stamps can be put in baggies and placed in the box in the Church Office.

MEN'S GOLF Interested in joining a group of men for a round of golf on Monday afternoons? Contact Linn Eckert (leck80msu1@charter.net) for more information.

EMAIL PRAYER CHAIN In addition to our Bulletin prayer list, there is an email prayer chain—a group of 10 pray-ers who pray for specific requests, that are kept confidential. Please contact Pat Schnorr (pls2009@charter.net) for information.

LIBRARY The Library is in one of our Sunday School rooms (the old Fellowship and Braille/Quilting Room). There are 3 sections: *Children/Youth, Religious Resource, Young Adult/Adult*. A notebook is on the shelf to write down for check out; when returning the book, please place it in the basket on the shelf and we will reshelve it for you. For questions or concerns please contact Peter Buttram, Alvine Palotta, or Jane Danielson.

FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR The 2025 Flower Chart is posted in the hallway. Sign up to place flowers in the chancel during Sunday Services to remember a special occasion or to glorify God. Flowers may be picked up after the Sunday 10:30 AM Service. Cost for two vases is \$60. Eternal Candle is \$15 per month.

IS ONLINE GIVING AN OPTION FOR YOU? Visit the “Give” page at immanuellutheranchurch.com/give. Set up your account using your email address and creating a password: then follow the prompts to give offerings on a recurring or one-time basis, to the General Fund or ministry/activity of your choice, as listed on the giving page. For assistance, ask any member of the Stewardship Committee.

WEEKLY EMAIL DIGEST The Immanuel Weekly Email Digest delivers weekly announcements and a calendar of events at your email address and is the most up-to-date form of communication from Immanuel Lutheran Church & School. Email parishadmin@immanuellutheranchurch.com to receive the Digest.

BULLETIN PRINT SCHEDULE The deadline for including items in the Sunday Bulletin, Calendar, Prayer List, or Announcements is **8:30 AM each Thursday**. Please email items to office@immanuellutheranchurch.com. Thank you.

WHO DO I CONTACT?

- **Jan Taylor** (Office):
 - *Bulletin, Newsletter, Prayer Requests, Serving Schedule*
864-297-5815 or office@immanuellutheranchurch.com
- **John Lindemann** (Interim Parish Administrator):
 - *Email Digest, Surveys, Facility Needs, Social Media, Website*
908-334-9044 or parishadmin@immanuellutheranchurch.com
- **Rev. Jeff VanOsdol** (Pastor):
 - *Pastoral Care Needs*
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Activities this week at Immanuel:

Sunday	May 4	8:00 AM	Divine Service-Holy Communion
		9:15 AM	Adult Bible Cass & Sunday School
		10:30 AM	Divine Service-Holy Communion
		12:00 PM	Church Council
		2:00-4:00 PM	Mother's Day Tea
Monday	May 5	9:00 AM	Braille Ministry
Tuesday	May 6	9:15 AM	ILS Chapel
		9:30-12:00	Quilters
Wednesday	May 7	9:15 AM	ILS Chapel
		4:30 PM	Handbells
		5:15 PM	Choir
Thursday	May 8	7:00 PM	Financial Peace University
Saturday	May 10	8:00-1:00	Yard Sale
Sunday	May 11	8:00 AM	Divine Service-Holy Communion
		9:15 AM	Adult Bible Cass & Sunday School
		10:30 AM	Divine Service-Holy Communion
		6:00 PM	No Youth Group ~Mother's Day~

In Response to the Gospel 4-27-25):

Annual Budget	\$551,795	8:00 AM Divine Service	96
Giving to date (3-31-25)	\$164,219	10:30 AM Matins	150
Weekly Average Giving YTD	\$12,632	<i>Christian Education:</i>	
Weekly Needs	\$9,937	Adult Bible Class	15
<i>(Includes Plate and Online giving)</i>		Sunday School/Youth	23
		Staff	10

Serving Today at Immanuel

8:00 AM Service

Elder on Duty – Chris Froiland
 Altar Server – Alex Gentile
 Ushers – Richard Hitchcock, Tom Lewis
 Security Response Team – Rick Danielson
 Organ – Dr. Linda Dzuris

10:30 AM Service

Elder on Duty – Karl Tervo
 Altar Server – Hudson Tervo
 Greeters – Earl May & Melinda Petersen
 Ushers – Terry Tuttrup, Mark Phillips
 Security Response Team – Brock Fitschen
 Organ – Dr. Linda Dzuris
 Counting Team – Rod Braham, Jason Turner