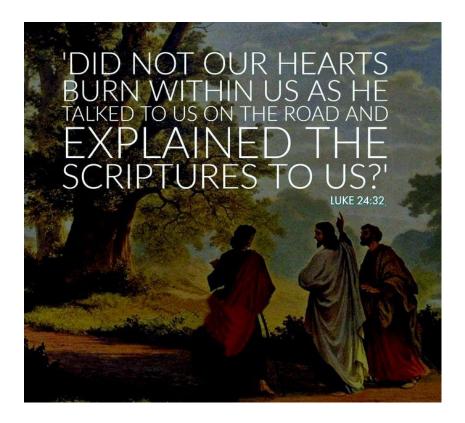
# Immanuel Lutheran Church Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod



## The Divine Service I The Third Sunday of Easter April 14, 2024 10:00am

3000 West Main Street Kalamazoo, MI 49006

#### PRELUDE

The congregation will stand for sections beginning with an asterisk.\*

#### Welcome to Immanuel Lutheran Church!

#### \*ENTRANCE HYMN WITH HIGH DELIGHT LET US UNITE **LSB 483** 1 With high de-light Let us u - nite In songs of great 2 True God, He first From death has burst in - to life. Forth prais-es ring; Give thanks, and bring 3 Let To Christ our Lord 0 Ye ju - bi - la tion. pure in heart, All bear vour part, His en - e - my Doth van-quished lie; all sub-du ing. -His hon-or speed By ad - o - ra tion. word and deed 0 Sing Je - sus Christ, tion. То our sal - va \_ set us His death has been death's un-do "And yours shall ing. То ev - 'ry land, ev - 'ry na \_ tion. So shall His free For - ev - er, He Is ris'n and sends To all earth's O'er death and grave," Saith be Like vic - to - ry He, who love Give us a - bove, From mis - er - y And death set σ ends Good news save ev - 'rv tion. to na gave His life for us, life re - new ing. free. All joy and full con - so - la tion. Text: © 1969 Concordia Publishing House. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110002591

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#### \*INVOCATION

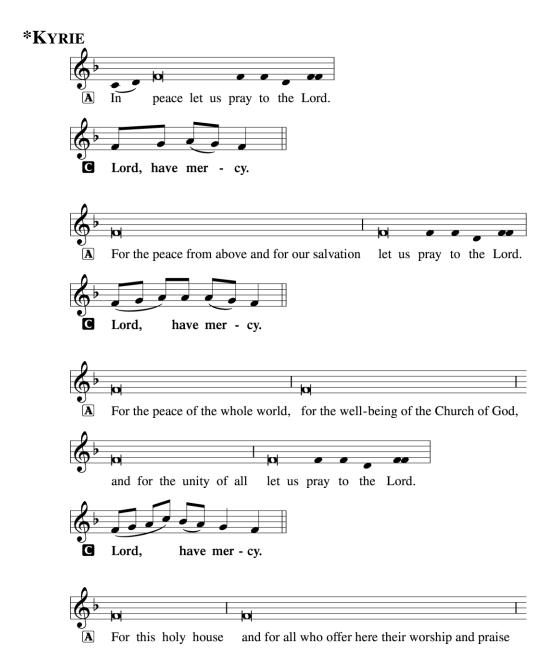
*Pastor:* In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

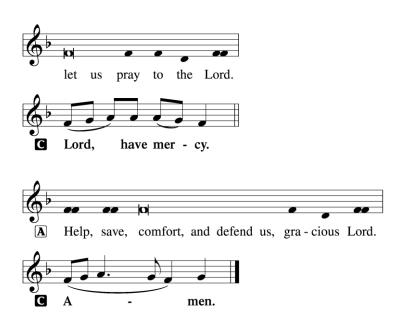
Cong: Amen.

- *Pastor:* If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- Cong: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

#### \*CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- *Pastor:* Let us then confess our sins in the presence of God and one another. *(Silence)*
- Cong: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.
- Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the +→ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- Cong: Amen.





#### This Is the Feast



### **SERVICE OF THE WORD**

#### \*SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Pastor:* The Lord be with you.

Cong: And also with you.

- Pastor:Let us pray.O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the<br/>fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril<br/>of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through<br/>Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy<br/>Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- Cong: Amen.

### FIRST READING

### ACTS 3:11-21 (ESV)

While he clung to Peter and John, all the people, utterly astounded, Lector: ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's. And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant<sup>[a]</sup> Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And his name—by faith in his name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all.

> "And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled.

Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

Cong: Thanks be to God.

#### PSALM **PSALM 4 (ESV)** Lector: Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness! You have given me relief when I was in distress. Cong: Lector: Be gracious to me and hear my prayer! Cong: O men, how long shall my honor be turned into shame? How long will you love vain words and seek after lies? Lector: Cong: But know that the LORD has set apart the godly for himself; the LORD hears when I call to him. Lector: Cong: Be angry, and do not sin; Lector: ponder in your own hearts on your beds, and be silent. Cong: Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the LORD. Lector: There are many who say, "Who will show us some good? Lift up the light of your face upon us, O LORD!" Cong: Lector: You have put more joy in my heart than they have when their grain and wine abound. Cong: Lector: In peace I will both lie down and sleep; for you alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety. Cong: Cong: 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.

### SECOND READING

### 1 JOHN 3:1-7 (ESV)

Lector: See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

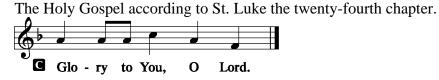
#### Cong: Thanks be to God.



#### **\*HOLY GOSPEL**

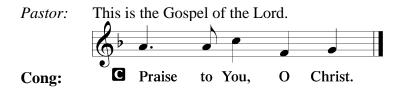
LUKE 24:36-49 (ESV)

Pastor:



As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you!" But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate before them.

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

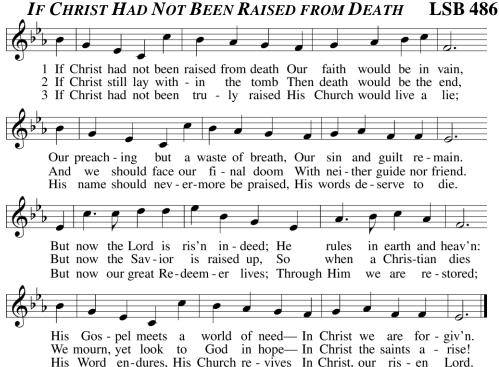


#### **SERMON**

*Pastor:* The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Cong: Amen.

### \*HYMN OF THE DAY



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### \*APOSTLES' CREED

Cong: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

> And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life + everlasting. Amen.

#### **\*PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Lector: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Lord God, in Your presence we find fullness of joy, and by Your right hand, Christ Jesus, You win and deliver peace forevermore. In the midst of this world's sins and sorrows, give us peace in the knowledge of His salvation and confident hope in the resurrection of the dead. Lord, in Your mercy,

#### Cong: hear our prayer.

- Lector: Heavenly Father, by the incarnation of Your Son and the reconciliation of His cross, You have made us Your children and gathered us into Your Holy Church. Sustain the preaching of Your Holy Word and its message of repentance for the forgiveness of sins in Jesus' name among us and all the nations of the world. Lord, in Your mercy,
- Cong: hear our prayer.

Lector: Give peace, Lord, to our homes and enliven them by Christ's resurrected life. Let the forgiveness of sins reign among husbands and wives, parents and children. Assure those who live alone that they, too, are Your children, upheld by Your right hand. Lord, in Your mercy,

#### Cong: hear our prayer.

Lector: Almighty God, preserve our nation and its leaders, especially our president and our governor. Preserve order and decency in this fallen world by their hands and restrain the sins and deceptions of the lawless, that we may practice righteousness while awaiting the eternal peace promised in Christ's wounds alone. Lord, in Your mercy,

#### Cong: hear our prayer.

Lector: God of all comfort, You have compassion on those who are afflicted. Remember and have mercy upon those on our prayer list and those held in our hearts (*pause*) and all those in need of Your healing and deliverance. Lord, in Your mercy,

#### Cong: hear our prayer.

- Lector: Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by Your Son's crucifixion all sins have been blotted out. Send us now the blessed refreshment of His bodily presence in the Sacrament of the Altar, and make us fit partakers in repentance for the forgiveness of our sins. Lord, in Your mercy,
- Cong: hear our prayer.
- *Pastor:* Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- Cong: Amen.

### \*PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
Cong: And also with you.
Please greet one another with a gesture of peace, using these or similar words: Peace be with you.

### OFFERING

### OFFERTORY COME, YOU FAITHFUL, RAISE THE STRAIN DUET BY JUDIE ECKERT & ALICIA BOHREN



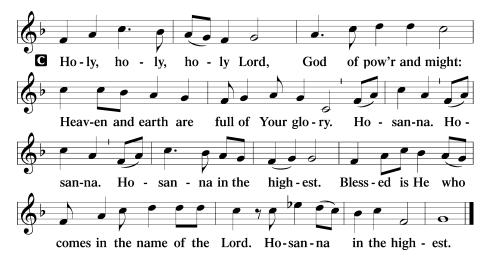
We ask our guests to review our understanding and practice of communion on the back page of this worship folder.

### SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

### \*PREFACE

- *Pastor:* The Lord be with you.
- Cong: And also with you.
- *Pastor:* Lift up your hearts.Cong: We lift them unto the Lord.
- *Pastor:* Let us give thanks to the Lord, our GodCong: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- *Pastor:* It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### \*SANCTUS ~ HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



### **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

*Pastor:* Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Cong: Amen.

### \*THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

#### Cong: Amen. Come Lord Jesus.

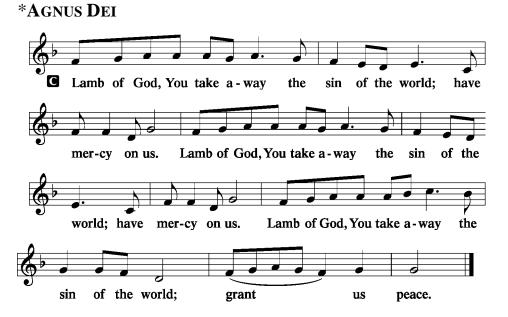
*Pastor:* O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

### \*LORD'S PRAYER

Cong: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

### \*PAX DOMINI

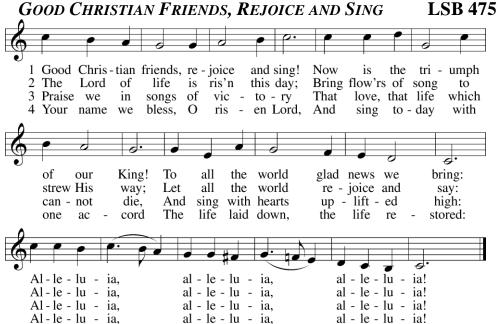
*Pastor:* The peace of the Lord be with you always.Cong: Amen.



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Communion
{Intentional time of quiet meditation}

#### **COMMUNION HYMNS**



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LORD JESUS CHRIST, LIFE-GIVING BREAD **LSB 625** 1 Lord Je - sus Christ, life - giv - ing bread, May Ι in grace 2 To pas-tures green, Lord, safe - ly guide, То rest - ful wa -30 bread of heav'n, my soul's de - light, For full and free 4 I mer - it fa - vor. Lord. do not Mv weight of sin You. Let with fed, pos sess me ho - ly food be ters lead me; Your ta - ble well for pro - vide, me re mis sion Ι come with prayer be - fore Your sight break In guilt - y heart's dis - cord, would me: all my hun - ger Ι ad dress You. well In Pre pare me Your wound - ed hand now feed me. Though wea - ry, sin tri tion. righ-teous-ness, In sor - row and con -Your Lord, do for -0 sake me. In my dis - tress not 0 for You, O Lord, And, hum-bly by my prayer im - plored, ful, sick, and weak, Ref - uge in You a lone I seek, Lord, cov - er That Ī re-ceive You wor - thi - ly, me com-forts me gra-cious - ly, this That You re-ceive me 0 0 6 0 Give me Your grace and mer cy. share Your To cup of heal ing. As - sured of Your full don. par 0 Christ, my Lord of mer cy! \_ Text and tune: Public domain



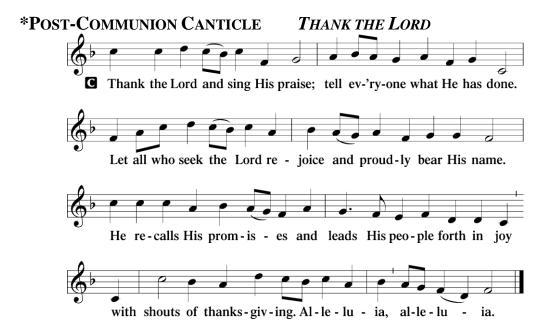
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### **\*POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

*Pastor:* Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Cong: Amen.



#### **\*BENEDICTION**

Pastor:The Lord bless you and keep you.The Lord make His face to shine on you and be gracious to you.The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

Cong: Amen.

### POSTLUDE

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### FOOD FOR THOUGHT

The gospel for the third Sunday of Easter is always one in which the risen Christ shares food with the disciples, meals that are the Easter template for the meal we share each Sunday. In today's gospel Jesus both shares the disciples' food and shows them the meaning of his suffering, death, and resurrection through the scriptures, the two main elements of our Sunday worship.

**To Note:** The call committee has received a packet of information from our Michigan District office on potential pastors for Immanuel. We will have two copies of the packet available to members to examine while on the church premises. In order to preserve confidentiality, the packets are required to stay on our premises and will not be allowed to be removed from the building. They will be held in the church office and Ailene will be available on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 12:00-4:00p.m to check them out for your viewing.



#### ILLNESS/SPECIAL NEED:

Annie Hecht's grandmother, **Marilyn Borgeson**, suffered a stroke last week. She is confused and not herself.

Ailene Buchtrup's sister, Liz "Cookie" Hendrixson, is on life-support and struggling to stay alive at the U of M Hospital in Ann Arbor.

A friend of Alexandria Lustila recently had back surgery and coincidently lost her husband unexpectedly on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Prayers for her friend's body and soul are requested.

After 5 attempts to place a feeding tube in **Mark Westphal**, the Milwaukee doctors have decided that it is no longer a viable option. Mark is being kept alive by intravenous feeding. He is very thin now. He and wife Miranda have made the decision to have him go home to Sturgeon Bay but keep the intravenous feeding going for a while. Miranda is learning how to administer and care for the nutrition line. Mark's brother, Chris, and mother, Vivian, will drive to Sturgeon Bay to visit Mark. Chris will drive back alone while Vivian plans to stay a few weeks. It will be very hard for them to see Mark in his deteriorated condition and all ask for prayer and strength at this time.

### **GRIEF:**

**<u>THANKSGIVING</u>**: Esther Cleason and daughter, Joanne, would like to thank everyone for the many prayers, cards, and the abundance of food they received over the past few weeks. It has truly been a blessing to have such a wonderful church family.

**HOMEBOUND:** Marian Brugh, Marlys Olson, Ellen Plano, Jan Wilson, Beverly Fisher, John Curtiss, Vince Marshall, & Jerome Dirst

### IMMANUEL PRAYER LIST

#### LONG TERM CONCERNS

| Rose Maxum, requested by Chuck and  | Susan & Gregory Fritz, Stephanie Beck's parents   |  |  |  |  |  |
|---|---|--|--|--|--|--|
| Amber Townsend  |   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Amy Stillwell, sister of Dave Reynolds  | Charles and Carol Quandt, Christa Perri's         |  |  |  |  |  |
|   | parents   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Beverly Fisher, Susan Wagner's mother   | Lucille and Lawrence Fritz, requested by          |  |  |  |  |  |
|   | Jonathan Fritz                                    |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bob Perri, brother of Phil Perri  | Craig Rennhack, requested by Bob & Maryalice Reck |  |  |  |  |  |
| John Blasko, requested by Elizabeth Blasko  | Mindy Mitchell, sister of Shelly Reynolds         |  |  |  |  |  |
| Kyle Reinbold Family, requested by Kyle's   | James Leo Brown, requested by Shelly and Dave     |  |  |  |  |  |
| sister, Sonya DeVary  | Reynolds  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Karen McDougall, requested by Sue Steuer  | Jim Sabo, friend of Susan Steuer                  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Katie VerKow, former member of  | Kim M., Emilie H., Sydney B., all friends of Kim  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Immanuel, requested by Phil Roekle  | Sharp   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Vicki Dilley, requested by Christa & Phil   | Suzie Brink, Christie Sidwell's mother and Bill   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Perri   | Brink, her brother                                |  |  |  |  |  |
| Joanne Cleason, Esther Cleason's daughter   | Melissa, friend of Dotty Smith and daughter Laura |  |  |  |  |  |
| Marie Winberg, godmother of Bill Bennett  | Hannah Bayer, 4 y.o., requested by her father     |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lisa and David Wentzel, Sue Steuer's  | Jerry and Sandi McKenzie, friends of Dotty        |  |  |  |  |  |
| cousins   | Smith   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ware Washam, requested by Brian Long  | Sandy Hale, requested by Stephen Presdorf         |  |  |  |  |  |
| Caroline Barkow   | Jeri Noneman                                      |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mark Westphal   | Jason, son-in-law of Sue & Craig Anderson         |  |  |  |  |  |
| Gene Jennings   | John Hecht's mother, Kay Hecht                    |  |  |  |  |  |
| Loren Gerber, Sue Anderson's father   | Cherri Mitchell, friend of Ted & Rita Clarke      |  |  |  |  |  |
| Alice Schley, Jane Schley's granddaughter   | Charlie Miller, Marian Brugh's brother            |  |  |  |  |  |
| Toni—Jane Schley's cousin   | Fran Rodammer, former ILC member                  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sharon S., requested by Dotty Smith   | Karen Petersen, daughter of Cathy & Tom Mollet    |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ruth Krueger  | Jason Nichols, requested by Justin Beck           |  |  |  |  |  |
| Deb, friend of Sue Steuer   | Marilyn Borgeson, Annie Hecht's grandmother       |  |  |  |  |  |
| Liz "Cookie" Hendrixson, Ailene's   | Mardell Miller, Marian Brugh's sister-in-law      |  |  |  |  |  |
| Buchtrup's sister   |   |  |  |  |  |  |
| All Crossroads Prison Ministry students from all congregations around the country.      |   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Immanuel members: Gail Stewart, Dolly Bryan, Cathy Mollet, Shelly Reynolds, Tina Lauer, |   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Vince Marshall, Jerome Dirst & John Miller  |   |  |  |  |  |  |

# **CHURCH CALENDAR**

### **APRIL'S MISSION: ALTERNATIVES OF KALAMAZOO** & THE EDISON INITIATIVE

| SUNDAY  | Mon | TUES                                       | WED                       | THURS | Fri | SAT |
|---|-----|--|---------------------------|-------|-----|-----|
| 14<br>9:15am Sunday<br>School   | 15  | 16   | 17                        | 18    | 19  | 20  |
| 10:00am Communion<br>Service @ ILC &<br>online (Rev. Phil<br>Quardokus)                               |     |  | 6:30pm Choir              |       |     |     |
| 11:30am<br>Children's Choir<br>Practice   |     |  | REHEARSAL                 |       |     |     |
| 21<br>9:15am Sunday<br>School   | 22  | 23   | 24                        | 25    | 26  | 27  |
| 10:00am Communion<br>Service @ ILC &<br>online (Rev. Mark<br>Couch)                                   |     | 7:00pm<br>Baumgart                         | 6:30pm Choir<br>Rehearsal |       |     |     |
| 11:30am<br>Children's Choir<br>Practice   |     | BIBLE STUDY<br>@ ILC                       |                           |       |     |     |
| 28<br>9:15am Sunday<br>School   | 29  | 30   | MAY 1                     | 2     | 3   | 4   |
| 10:00am Communion<br>Service @ ILC &<br>online (Rev. Dale<br>Kleimola)<br>11:30am<br>Children's Choir |     | 7:00pm<br>Baumgart<br>Bible Study<br>@ ILC | 6:30pm Choir<br>Rehearsal |       |     |     |
| PRACTICE  |     |  |                           |       |     |     |

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|---------------------|---|--------------------|------------------|-------------------|--|---|
|                     | Acolyte                                     | Altar              | Usher            | Lector            | Worship<br>Assistant                     | Coffee<br>Hour                                |
| Sunday<br>4/14/2024 | Linus Mandrick<br>& Rory Beck               | Patti Wills        | John<br>Wagner   | John Hecht        | Phil Roekle<br>&<br>John<br>Wagner       | Jane S.—<br>(coffee)<br>Melanie B<br>(snacks) |
| Sunday<br>4/21/2024 | Eliora Beck &<br>Caviion Beck               | Amber<br>Townsend  | Ron<br>Swinehart | Andrew<br>Lustila | Larry<br>Baumgart &<br>Craig<br>Anderson | Shelly<br>Reynolds                            |
| Sunday<br>4/28/2024 | Genevieve Miller<br>& Adelaide<br>Jefferies | Sally<br>Crawford  | John Hecht       | John<br>Krueger   | Bill Stewart<br>& Ron<br>Swinehart       | Maryalice<br>Reck                             |
| Sunday<br>5/5/2024  | Maddie<br>Hernandez &<br>Elijah Lawrence    | Patti Wills        | Phil Roekle      | Mark Miller       | Mark Miller<br>& Andrew<br>Lustila       | AnnMarie &<br>Philip Miller                   |
| Sunday<br>5/12/2024 | Cailyn Hecht &<br>Norah Lawrence            | Patti Wills        | John<br>Wagner   | Ninah Miller      | Denny<br>Patzer &<br>John<br>Quardokus   | Sue & John<br>Wagner                          |
| Sunday<br>5/19/2024 | Linus Mandrick<br>& Rory Beck               | Kim Sharp          | Ron<br>Swinehart | John<br>Quardokus | Phil Roekle<br>&<br>John<br>Wagner       | Beth<br>Mitchell                              |
| Sunday<br>5/26/2024 | Eliora Beck &<br>Caviion Beck               | Jane<br>Schley     | John Hecht       | Dave<br>Mandrick  | Larry<br>Baumgart &<br>Craig<br>Anderson | Rita Clarke                                   |
| Sunday<br>6/2/2024  | Genevieve Miller<br>& Adelaide<br>Jefferies | Vivian<br>Westphal | Phil Roekle      | John Hecht        | Bill Stewart<br>& Ron<br>Swinehart       | Amber &<br>Chuck<br>Townsend                  |
| Sunday<br>6/9/2024  | Maddie<br>Hernandez &<br>Elijah Lawrence    | Patti Wills        | John<br>Wagner   | Andrew<br>Lustila | Mark Miller<br>& Andrew<br>Lustila       | Shelly<br>Reynolds                            |



## THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

### Our Belief and Practice

Our congregation believes that Holy Communion is a gift of Christ to His Church. Out of loving concern for the communicants and our understanding of the Holy Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions, we request that those who commune here:

- 1. Be Baptized Christians.
- 2. Are mature enough to examine themselves, recognizing their sin and their need for God's grace. (1 *Corinthians* 11:28)
- 3. Believe that in Holy Communion they receive Christ's body and blood in, with, and under the bread and wine for the gracious remission of their sins. (*Matthew* 26:26-28)
- 3. Do so without giving offense to others. (i.e., Willing to forgive and be reconciled) (*Matthew* 18:15-17)

Guests of the congregation, who are instructed in Luther's Small Catechism, are welcome to receive Holy Communion. All others are asked to speak with Pastor Sidwell regarding the sacrament. Non-communing children may join their parents. Communicants may choose from the Common Cup or individual cups. Individuals with concerns should make an appointment with Pastor Sidwell to discuss appropriate alternatives.

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