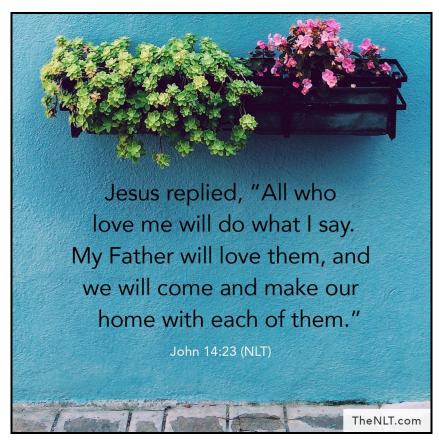
Immanuel Lutheran Church

Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod



The Divine Service I The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2024 10:00am

3000 West Main Street Kalamazoo, MI 49006

PRELUDE

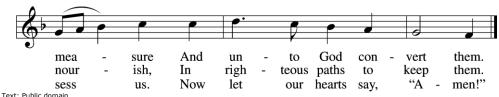
WILL CANFIELD, PIANIST/ORGANIST

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

WELCOME TO IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

*ENTRANCE HYMN





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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.





peace let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

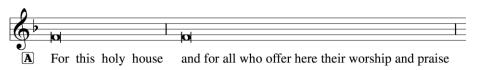


For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,





Lord, have mer - cy.





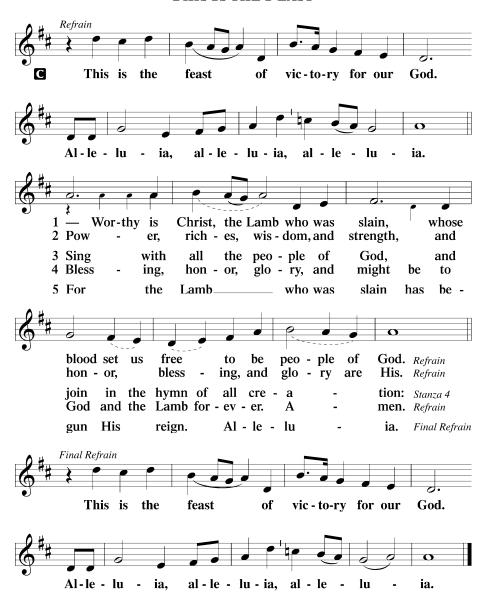




A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra-cious Lord.



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, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God,

now and forever.

Cong: Amen.

FIRST READING

ACTS 10:34-48 (ESV)

Lector:

Then Peter said to them, 'Now I understand that God accepts all people in the same way. God has shown me that this is true. God accepts all people who worship him and who do the right things. It is not important to God which nation a person belongs to. This is the message that God has sent to the people of Israel. He told us the good news about Jesus Christ, who is the Lord of all people. Because of Jesus, we can now come near to God again. You know about the important things that have happened everywhere in Judea. These things began in Galilee after John spoke God's message to the people. He baptized those people who believed in God. You know that God chose Jesus to do special work for him. He gave Jesus his Holy Spirit and helped him to do powerful things. Jesus came from the town of Nazareth. He travelled to many places and he did good things. The Devil had power over some people. But Jesus caused all those people to become well again. He could do those powerful things because God was with him.

We saw everything that Jesus did in Jerusalem and in all Judea. The leaders in Jerusalem fixed Jesus to a cross and they killed him. But then, three days after that, God caused Jesus to become alive again. God caused him to appear to us.

Not all the people saw him. God chose us to be Jesus' apostles and we saw him. Now we are telling people about all these things. We ate and we drank with Jesus after he became alive again. At that time, Jesus said to us, "Go and tell people the message about me. Tell them that God has given me authority to judge all people. I will judge those who are now alive. And I will judge those who have died." Then Peter said, 'All of God's prophets spoke about Jesus as God's Messiah. They said that God would forgive everyone who believes in him. He would forgive them for their sins because of what Jesus, the Messiah, would do.

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit came down on all the people who were listening to his message. The Jewish believers who had come from Joppa with Peter were very surprised. They saw that God had now freely given his Holy Spirit to Gentiles. They heard the new believers speaking in strange languages. They were also praising God.

Then Peter said, 'God has clearly given his Holy Spirit to these people, in the same way that he gave him to us. So we should now baptize them with water. You surely agree that this is the right thing to do.' So Peter told the Jewish believers to baptize the new believers. They spoke the name of Jesus Christ when they baptized them. After that, Cornelius asked Peter to stay with them for a few days.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

Cong: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 98 (ESV)

Lector: Sing a new song to praise the LORD.

Cong: He has done great things.

Lector: He has used his own power and his holy strength

Cong: to win against his enemies.

Lector: The LORD has shown everybody **Cong:** that he has the power to save.

Lector: All the nations of the world

Cong: can see that he does what is right.

Lector: He has kept his promise

Cong: that he made to the people of Israel.

Lector: He has continued to take care of them

Cong: with his faithful love.

Lector: Everyone who lives everywhere on the earth can see

Cong: that God has the power to save people.

Lector: All people on the earth should shout aloud

Cong: to praise the LORD!

Lector: Sing happy songs to praise him!

Cong: Make music on your harps to praise him!

Lector: Make beautiful music!

Cong: Make a happy sound with trumpets and horns!

Lector: Shout aloud to praise the LORD, your king!

Cong: The sea and everything that is in it should shout to praise

the LORD!

Lector: The earth and all those who live in it

Cong: should shout as well!

Lector: The rivers should clap their hands,

Cong: and the mountains should all sing together, to praise the LORD.

Lector: He is coming to judge the earth. He is a fair judge.

Cong: He will judge all the people of the world honestly.

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 5:1-8 (ESV)

Lector:

Everyone who believes that Jesus is God's Messiah has become a child of God. And if we love God, our Father, we will love his other children too. How do we know that we love God's children? We know it when we love God and we do what he tells us to do. Because, if we really love God, we will obey his commands. And those commands are not difficult for us to obey. Because we have become God's children, we can live in a good way. We can refuse to live like people who belong to this world. We are able to win against the wrong ways of this world because we trust Jesus Christ. It is only people who believe that Jesus is the Son of God who can do that. Only they can win against the wrong ways of this world.

Jesus Christ is the man that God sent into the world. John baptized Jesus in water. When Jesus died, his blood poured out. God showed that Jesus is his Son with the water and with the blood. It was not only with the water of Jesus' baptism. It was also with the blood of his death. God's Holy Spirit also shows us that Jesus is God's Son.

The Holy Spirit always says what is true. So there are three things that show us clearly that Jesus came from God. Those things are the Holy Spirit, the water of Jesus' baptism and the blood of his death on the cross. These all show us the same thing, that Jesus came from God.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

Cong: Thanks be to God.





*HOLY GOSPEL

JOHN 15:9-17 (ESV)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the fifteenth chapter.



I have loved you in the same way that the Father has loved me. Continue to live in a way that shows my love. If you obey what I have told you, you will be living in my love. In the same way, I have obeyed what my Father has told me to do. In that way, I live in his love. I want you to be completely happy, in the same way that I myself am happy. That is why I have told you these things.

This is the rule that I give to you: You must love each other, in the same way that I have loved you. A person really loves his friends if he dies so that they can live. Nobody could love anyone more than that. And you are my friends, if you obey my message.

A servant does not know what his master is doing. So I do not call you servants any more. No, I call you my friends. This is because I have told you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me, but I chose you. I chose you to go and to make plenty of fruit. That kind of fruit will continue always. For that reason, the Father will help you with anything that you ask him. If you ask him in my name, he will do it for you. This is what I tell you to do: You must love each other.'

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



SERMON

Cong:

PASTOR VINCENT IOBAL

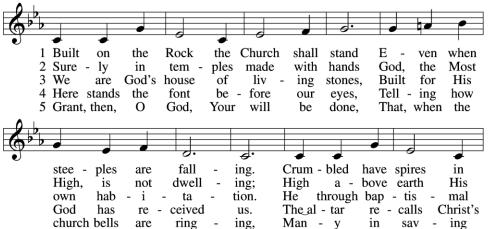
Pastor: The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts

and minds in Christ Jesus.

Cong: Amen.

*HYMN OF THE DAY







*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.

Lector: Heavenly Father, You invite us freely to come and hear Your Word.

Bless and increase our faith, that we may rightly fear You and learn

what You have done for our souls. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong: hear our prayer.

Lector: Lord of all, You make known the good news of peace through our

Savior, Jesus Christ. Bless and direct the work of our missionaries, that in every nation there would be people who fear God, do what is right and, believing in Jesus, receive forgiveness of sins through His

name. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong: hear our prayer.

Lector: Father of love, out of great love for You and for sinners, our Lord

Jesus laid down His life for the world. Increase in us true love for one another, that like our Lord, we may also lay down our lives for

our friends. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong: hear our prayer.

Lector: Almighty Father, You rule this world by Your established

authorities in ways that we do not always understand; yet in the name of Jesus, we may ask You anything freely as friends and sons. Bless our nation's leaders, and cause them to serve wisely for our good. Give earthly peace and justice that is in accord with Your commandments and the order You have revealed. Bring an end to injustice, violence and disdain for Your truth, and let us receive all

good with thanksgiving. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong: hear our prayer.

Lector: Lord God, the Giver of all that is good, grant Your healing and

support to all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity, especially those on our prayer list and those held quietly in our hearts (*pause*.) Give them also the gift of Your grace to accept and bear their crosses with faith in You, that finally they would be prepared to depart this life and receive the gift of eternal life in

Your kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong: hear our prayer.

Lector: Merciful God, at the death of Your Son, You gave the testimony of

Your Spirit in the water and blood that poured from His wounded side. Grant that, having received this testimony in the water of Baptism, we may also receive it in the body and blood of Jesus in the Holy Supper and so overcome the world by our faith in Him.

Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong: hear our prayer.

Pastor:

O Lord, heavenly Father, we gratefully remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Rejoicing in His victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own High Priest. Gather us together 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, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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

GIVE THANKS

IMMANUEL CHOIR

OFFERTORY



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.

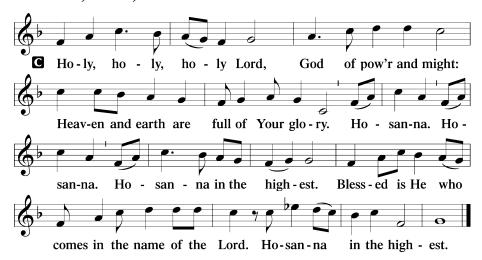
Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God Cong: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

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:

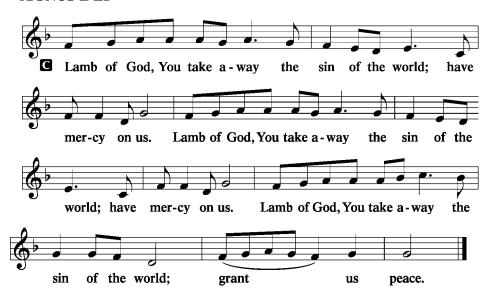
Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the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

*AGNUS DEI

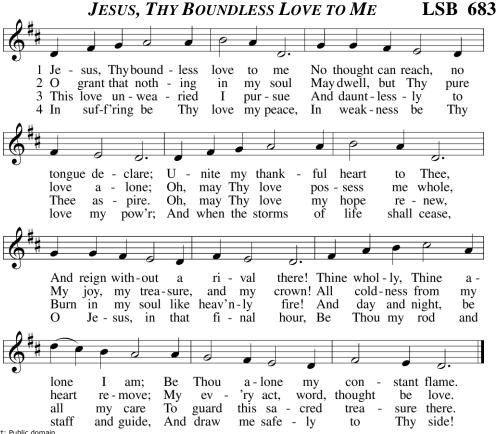


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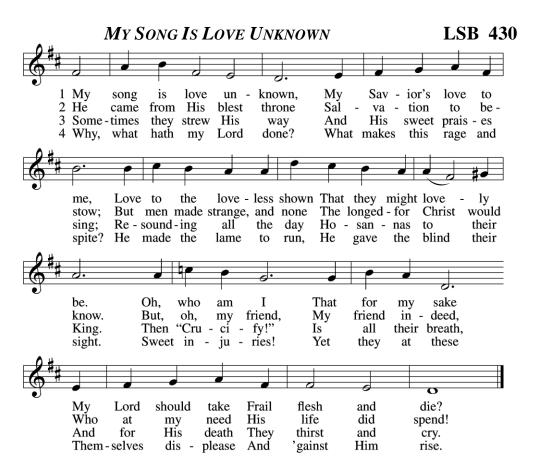
COMMUNION

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COMMUNION HYMNS



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5 They rise and needs will have
My dear Lord made away;
A murderer they save,
The Prince of Life they slay.
Yet cheerful He
To suff'ring goes
That He His foes
From thence might free.

- 6 In life no house, no home
 My Lord on earth might have;
 In death no friendly tomb
 But what a stranger gave.
 What may I say?
 Heav'n was His home
 But mine the tomb
 Wherein He lay.
- 7 Here might I stay and sing,
 No story so divine!
 Never was love, dear King,
 Never was grief like Thine.
 This is my friend,
 In whose sweet praise
 I all my days
 Could gladly spend!

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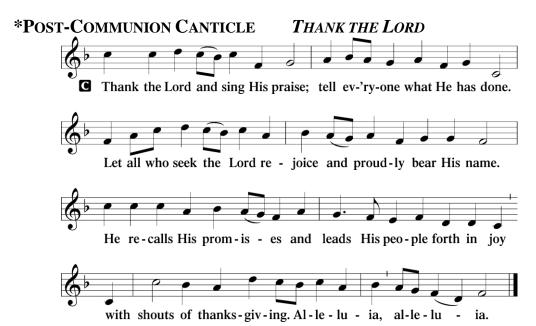
*Post-Communion Collect

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

The Lord bless you and keep you. Pastor:

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

This Sunday's image of the life the risen Christ shares with us is the image of friendship. We are called to serve others as Jesus came to serve; but for John's gospel, the image of servanthood is too hierarchical, too distant, to capture the essence of life with Christ. Friendship captures the love, the joy, the deep mutuality of the relationship into which Christ invites us. The Greeks believed that true friends are willing to die for each other. This is the mutual love of Christian community commanded by Christ and enabled by the Spirit.

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 12:15-4:15p.m to check them out for your viewing.



ILLNESS/SPECIAL NEED:

Mark Westphal has been unable to keep ions (via electrolytes) in his body and has become very faint. He will no longer be receiving nutrition in his feeding tube, but will continue to be kept hydrated and comfortable until such time that he passes, which now is expected to be any day. Please keep his immediate and extended family members in your prayers. The family thanks you!

GRIEF: Larry Baumgart's mother, **Florence Baumgart**, passed away on April 21st.

Ewart J. "EJ" Hart. Jr., beloved jeweler, soccer enthusiast and friend to all, passed away on April 10, 2024. The Plainwell community and many others mourn him deeply.

Marian Brugh's sister-in-law, Mardell Miller, passed away on April 12, 2024 from congestive heart failure.

THANKSGIVING:

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 | Z | | | | |
| Amy Stillwell, sister of Dave Reynolds | Charles and Carol Quandt, Christa Perri's | | | | |
| South on Sure 100 Monage | 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 | | | | |
| 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 | | | | | |

MAY 2024

MAY'S MISSION: KALAMAZOO GOSPEL MINISTRIES

| SUNDAY | Mon | TUES | WED | THURS | Fri | SAT |
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| 5 9:15AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00AM COMMUNION SERVICE @ ILC & ONLINE (REV. IQBAL) 11:30AM CHILDREN'S CHOIR PRACTICE | 6 | 7 5:30PM MARY/MARTHA 7:00PM BAUMGART BIBLE STUDY @ ILC | 8 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal | 9 | 10 | 2:00PM IMMANUEL TEA PARTY (BY MARY/ MARTHA) |
| 9:15AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00AM COMMUNION SERVICE @ ILC & ONLINE (REV. COUCH) 11:30AM CHILDREN'S CHOIR PRACTICE | 13 | 14 6:30AM MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST 7:00PM BAUMGART BIBLE STUDY @ ILC | 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 19 9:15AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00AM COMMUNION SERVICE @ ILC & ONLINE (REV. IQBAL) 11:30AM CHILDREN'S CHOIR PRACTICE | 20 | 7:00PM BAUMGART BIBLE STUDY @ ILC | 6:30PM CHOIR REHEARSAL (LAST ONE FOR THE SUMMER) | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26 9:15AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00AM COMMUNION SERVICE @ ILC & ONLINE (REV. QUARDOKUS) 11:30AM CHILDREN'S CHOIR PRACTICE | 27 | 7:00PM BAUMGART BIBLE STUDY @ ILC | 29 | 30 | 31 | |

Worship Assistants/Serving Schedule Acolyte Altar Usher Lector Worship Coffee Assistant Hour Sunday Patti Wills Phil Roekle Mark Miller Mark Miller 5/5/2024 Maddie AnnMarie & Hernandez & & Andrew Philip Miller Elijah Lawrence Lustila Sunday Cailyn Hecht & Ninah Miller Denny Maryalice 5/12/2024 John Norah Lawrence Patzer & Patti Wills Wagner Reck John Quardokus Phil Roekle Sunday 5/19/2024 Linus Mandrick Kim Sharp Ron John & Beth John & Rory Beck Swinehart Quardokus Mitchell Wagner Sunday Larry 5/26/2024 Eliora Beck & Jane John Hecht Dave Baumgart & Rita Clarke Caviion Beck Schlev Mandrick Craig Anderson Sunday Vivian Phil Roekle John Hecht Bill Stewart Genevieve Miller Amber & 6/2/2024 & Adelaide Westphal & Ron Chuck Jefferies Swinehart Townsend Sunday Maddie Patti Wills Andrew Mark Miller Shelly 6/9/2024 John Hernandez & Wagner Lustila & Andrew Reynolds Elijah Lawrence Lustila Sunday Denny 6/16/2024 Cailvn Hecht & Rita Clarke Ron John Krueger Maryalice Patzer & Norah Lawrence Swinehart Reck John Quardokus Sunday Phil Roekle Helen & Phil Mark Miller Roekle-Linus Mandrick Patti Wills John Hecht 6/23/2024 & John Coffee & Rory Beck Dotty Smith-Wagner Snacks Sunday Larry Eliora Beck & Ninah Miller 6/30/2024 Jane John Baumgart & Jane S.-Caviion Beck Schlev Wagner Craig Coffee Anderson Melanie B--Snacks



Immanuel Tea Party

Mothers, daughters, granddaughters, and friends (including those outside Immanuel):



Join us for a fun-filled afternoon tea on Saturday, May 11, 2024 at 2:00p in the afternoon on the Garden Level!

We will be featuring a selection of teas, sweets and savories to tantalize the taste buds.

Sign up in the narthex!

Hope you can join us!



Sponsored by the Mary Martha Guild Our mission is to be of assistance to our members with any spiritual, social or and/or charitable needs. We'd love your input.



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.

Serving at Immanuel Lutheran Church Today

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