

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

"God With Us"



Second Sunday of Easter

April 12th, 2026

*To God be glory for 148 years of His grace at Immanuel and
76 years of proclaiming Jesus on our radio broadcast.*

*Prelude**Ringing of the Bell**Welcome*

Confession and Absolution

Hymn of Invocation LSB #465 *Now All the Fault of Heaven Resounds*

Please stand for the last stanza if you are able.

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **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.**

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 105:1-5, 8; antiphon: 1 Peter 2:2-3

Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation

if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon His name;

make known His deeds among the peoples!

Sing to Him, sing praises to Him;

tell of all His wondrous works!

Glory in His holy name;

let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

Seek the LORD and His strength;

seek His presence continually!

Remember the wondrous works that He has done,

His miracles, and the judgments He uttered.

He remembers His covenant forever,

the word that He commanded, for a thousand generations.

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.

Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation—

if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Kyrie

LSB 168

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

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



C Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of
 God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:
 Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.
 This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,
 for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun His reign.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

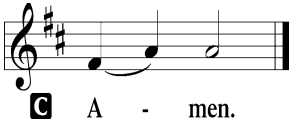
P The Lord be with you.

C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation

that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Please be seated.

First Reading

Acts 5:29–42

²⁹But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than men. ³⁰The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging Him on a tree. ³¹God exalted Him at His right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³²And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey Him.”

³³When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them. ³⁴But a Pharisee in the council named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law held in honor by all the people, stood up and gave orders to put the men outside for a little while. ³⁵And he said to them, “Men of Israel, take care what you are about to do with these men. ³⁶For before these days Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody, and a number of men, about four hundred, joined him. He was killed, and all who followed him were dispersed and came to nothing. ³⁷After him Judas the Galilean rose up in the days of the census and drew away some of the people after him. He too perished, and all who followed him were scattered. ³⁸So in the present case I tell you, keep away from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or this undertaking is of man, it will fail; ³⁹but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You might even be found opposing God!” So they took his advice, ⁴⁰and when they had called in the apostles, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. ⁴¹Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name. ⁴²And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1st Peter 1:3–9

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to His great mercy, He has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴to an inheritance that is

Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see in His hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into His side, I will never believe.”

²⁶Eight days later, His disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷Then He said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see My hands; and put out your hand, and place it in My side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.” ²⁸Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen Me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Hymn LSB #605

Father Welcomes

Children's Message

given by Courtney Gieselman

Hymn of the Day LSB #472 *These Things Did Thomas Count as Real*

Sermon: "Unless...I Will Never Believe; No Less Than...My Lord and My God"

Text: John 20:24-29

Please stand if you are able.

Apostles' Creed

(found inside the back cover of the hymnal)

Prayer of the Church

Please be seated.

Offering

Please stand if you are able.

Offertory

LSB 176



C What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - e-fits to



me? I will of-fer the sac-ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will



call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-



va-tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my



vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo - ple, in the



courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je-ru - sa - lem.

Lord's Prayer

(found inside the back cover of the hymnal)

Benediction

LSB 183

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



C A - men.

Hymn to Depart LSB #548

Thanks to Thee, O Christ Victorious

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The Lord's Week April 12th

Sun. 9:00 am Divine Service on KMMO AM 1300
10:15 am BC/SS

Please pick up your lily plants today!

Mon. 10:00 am Finance Board
3:15-5:00 pm Pastor Nebel in the office

Tues. 5:30 pm Board of Missions
6:00 pm Board of Properties

Wed. 10:00 am Women's Bible Study –“Leaning on Jesus”
3:15-5:00 pm Pastor Nebel in the office
6:00 p.m. Confirmation Examination in church basement

Thurs. 1:00 pm Orphan Grain Train

Sun. 9:00 am Holy Communion Service on KMMO AM 1300
Confirmation Sunday
10:15 am BCSS



Our radio broadcast is sponsored this morning by Lois Gieseke in memory of her daughter, Lana Scott. May the Lord bless the sweet memories of Lana (on this 8th passing of her death) for her family. Thank you, Lois, for honoring your daughter by sharing the works of our Lord.

Save Sunday May 3. That is the date of Pastor Engwall's installation service at 4:00 pm.

News from Board of Ed: Save the dates!

April 25: Fish Fry- Dine-in and drive thru;

July 26-30 VBS

TODAY

Trash bags will be ready for pick up on April 12th. Please meet Courtney in the basement to pick up your bags and pay if you have not already done so.

Fried Fish Dinner at Concordia Senior Center, April 12th from 11 am- 12:30 pm.

Immanuel Board of Ed Fish Fry Fundraiser, Sat. April 25th; 5:00 pm-?. Cost- \$15 (all-you-can-eat); children 4-10 years- \$6; under 4 are free. Dinner includes hush puppies, coleslaw, baked bean, potato salad and dessert. Drive thru available. Please enter the alley off of Locust Street (watch for signs).

Our own Walk/Run & Vendor Fair is Saturday, May 30th. Vendors needed by April 30th. Registration 8am 5K at 8:30 am. Vendor Fair 9 am-1 pm. To register contact the church or email ssimmanuellutheran@gmail.com.

Check out the bulletin board for details on these events:

April 10-Jerrode Marsh Piano Concert is 7:00 pm at Trinity Lutheran Church-Cole Camp. A free-will offering for Trinity School of Music.

April 22-25th-Saint Paul SOS annual Spring Rummage Sale at Weis Gym Annex.

May 23rd Kids Market Day — Vendors & Shoppers Welcome! May 23rd at St. Paul's Gym Vendors register by May 1st.

June-SPLHS Summer Sports Camps-dates vary by camp

June 7-11th Concordia Music Conservatory offers a Kinderchor Camp.

The Board of Properties is asking for monetary pledges towards the handicapped parking project. Approximate cost is \$20,000. For details or to make a pledge please talk to Dave Gieselman at 660-815-7470 or any member of the Property Board.

The Board of Missions is asking *where this quarter's Congregational Quarterly Donation of \$500 from the Board of Mission should be designated. All suggestions should be given to a member of the Board of Missions.*

Heit's Point Lutheran Ministries and Summer Camp

FRIEND'S DAY is April 26 from 2-6 pm. This is a great opportunity for you to come and see what Heit's Point looks like these days - play some "get to know you" games - enjoy a Bible study - sing hymns played on the new grand piano - hear about our programs - savor a delicious meal - take a tour - go for a boat ride or walk the prayer trail - SHARE the camp with your friends! This is a wonderful way to share with others what is happening at Heit's Point! Please RSVP the week before to info@heitspointlutheran.org or call 660-668-2363. (\$10 donation for the meal suggested.) **Family Fishing Weekend is May 1-3!** Join us for time on the lake and in God's Word together as a family - or come as a father/child get away - or just grab some friends! We'll have time in God's Word as well as singing, great meals and lots of FISHING! There will be prizes for the biggest fish caught and the most fish caught! Go to HeitsPointLutheran.org for more info or to register. It's a great time to sign up for SUMMER CAMP! We have Art Camp, All Camp, Family Camp #1, Caving Week, Discovery Week, Basketball Week, Immanuel's Board of Missions has designated funds for campers. Please contact them if interested in a camp at Heit's Point.

PRAYER

Members of Immanuel: Ron Baker, Roy Hemme, Evelyn Kincaid, Nolan Kirby, Lindsey Shockley & Ryan Sims.

Family and Friends of Immanuel: Bryce Alkire, Zachary Brockman, Brandy Clevenger, Avery England, Jeff Fuehring, Debby Greer, Rev. Dr. R. Lee Hagan, Gail Foster Horman, Randy and Laurie Johnson, Kelly Krause, David Maas, Danny Merrick, Inez Navarro, Mary Lou Ramos, Kathy Shockley, Elliot Smith, Rev. Walt Snyder.

At-home and Nursing Home Residents:

- Norma Gieseke and Walter Howard (at home)
- Millie Dohrman (The Arbors Memory Care Assisted Living)
- Dolores Fischer & Dorothy Krause (The Living Center)
- Carol Thurman (Life Care Center of Carrollton)
- Phyllis Bredehoeft (Primrose Retirement Community, Sedalia)

Mission Workers: Rev. Peter & Kristie Kolb (Thailand); Rev. David & Valerie Federwitz (LBT West Africa Regional Director)

Military & First Responders: MaKenna Eckhoff, Drake Batye, Ethan Sims

Ministry Move: Rev. John and Teffie Engwall and the members of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Aiken, South Carolina

For favorable weather for farming and safety in the fields.

The Marshall Philharmonic Orchestra will present its season finale on **Sunday, April 19, at 2:30 p.m.** in the Harold L. Lickey Auditorium at Bueker Middle School, under the direction of Kevin L. Lines, conductor. The concert features violinist Renan Leme. The Marshall High School Orchestra will perform. The concert is underwritten by Community Bank of Marshall and Exchange Bank.

Those Serving Us in Worship Today

- Musician**.....Ron Baker
- Acolyte**.....Cayden Geiselman
- Radio and Sound:**.....Steve Vickrey, Ron Meyer, Pete Melies
- Video:**.....Marsha Tyler, Andrea Renken, Dana Melies, & others
- Ushers**.....Allan Koch, Jon Cook, Jerry Reid, Jay Vogelsmeier
- Pastor**.....Pastor Mark Nebel
- Church Secretary**.....Judy Teufel

Rev. Mark Nebel is our Vacancy Pastor. You may contact him at 618-237-5802 or by email at mnebel@splhs.org.

Whether you are a lifelong member or visiting for the first time, we are honored to have you here this morning. Please feel free to contact the office regarding questions of membership or of a spiritual or personal matter. *You may contact the office at: 660-335-4141.*

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May the Peace of Christ dwell in you!

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