

***Praise Be to our God, the Father Almighty, Christ Has Risen! He has Risen  
Indeed!!! His Victory is complete. We live in the life He has given.***

**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday of Easter**

**Church Phone: 812- 867-5088 — May 17, 2025 --- 5:30 pm  
Worship with Holy Communion**

**Opening Prayer /// Opening Hymn:** *“Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice”* 556 vs. 1,5,7,8

**Invocation:** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C:** *Amen.*

P: O Lord, open my lips.	<b>C:</b> <i>And my mouth will declare Your praise.</i>
P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me;	<b>C:</b> <i>Make haste to help me, O Lord.</i>
P: The Lord has risen from the dead.	<b>C:</b> <i>He has risen indeed!!!</i>
P: Christ was raised from the dead	<b>C:</b> <i>His victory over death is complete</i>
P: Christ was delivered for our offenses	<b>C:</b> <i>And raised again for our justification</i>
P: In that He lives	<b>C:</b> <i>He lives unto God.</i>
P: This is the day the Lord has made	<b>C:</b> <i>We will rejoice and be glad in it.</i>

**Psalmody:** *Psalm 148*

P: Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the heights above. **C:** *Praise Him, all His heavenly hosts.*

P: Praise Him, sun and moon, praise Him, all you shining stars. **C:** *Praise Him, you highest heavens and you waters above the skies.*

P: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for He commanded and they were created. **C:** *He set them in place forever and ever; He gave a decree that will never pass away.*

P: Praise the Lord from the earth, you great sea creatures and all ocean depths, lightning and hail, snow and clouds, stormy winds that do His bidding, **C:** *You mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars, wild animals and all cattle, small creatures and flying birds, kings of the earth and all nations, you princes and all rulers on earth, young men and maidens, old men and children.*

P: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for His name alone is exalted; His splendor is above the earth and the heavens. **C:** *He has raised up for His people a horn, the praise of all His saints, of Israel, the people close to His heart. Praise the Lord.*

**All:** *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

**Collect:** O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C:** *Amen.*

**Hymn:** *“Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”* 528 vs. 1,3,6,7

**N.T. Lesson:** Acts 11: 1-18     ///     **Epistle Lesson:** Revelation 21: 2-7

**Holy Gospel:** John 16: 12-22   ///   **Hymn:** “Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good” 819 vs. 1,3,5

**Children’s Sermon**   ///   **Sermon**   ///   **Confession of Faith:** Nicene Creed (back of hymnal)

**Offering brought to the Altar**

**Prayers:** The families of Snow, Jeff and Debbie; Snow, Amanda, Amelia and Audrey; and Snyder, Cindy.

**Lord’s Prayer** (Back of Hymnal)

**Confession of Sins**

**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, our Lord, have mercy upon us. Forgive 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.*

**Absolution:** Upon this your confession, I by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**Admonition to Communicants:** I exhort you in Christ, that you give attention to the Testament of Christ in true faith, and above all take to heart the Words with which Christ presents His body and blood to us for forgiveness. That you take note of, and give thanks for, the boundless love that He showed us when He saved us from the wrath of God, sin, death, and hell by His blood; and that you then externally receive the bread and wine, that is, His body and blood, as a guarantee and pledge. Let us then in His name, according to His command, and with His own Words administer and receive His Sacrament.

**Blessing of Elements**   ///   **Distribution**

**Hymn:** “At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing” 633 vs. 1-4

**Closing Collect:** *Heavenly Father, You grant us Your Spirit to open our eyes and enlighten our minds to serve You and fellow believers; lead us by Your Spirit to enable us to witness of Your love, live according to Your will, bring Your Word of life to others, rejoice in the goodness You have showered upon us, and reflect Your love in how we reach out to others; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.*

**Benediction**

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**Kirk Horstmeyer, Pastor**  
**Karen Whitehead, Organist**

**WHAT THE SCRIPTURES TEACH CONCERNING THE LORD'S SUPPER**

In I Corinthians 11 the Holy Spirit led Paul to write, "This is my body" and "This cup is the new covenant in my blood" to explain the spiritual truth of the Supper: Christ is truly present in His body and blood in the bread and wine. This is a mystery, a Heavenly gift; one we can only understand in faith. Paul further says, "Therefore whoever eats the bread and drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord" and, "let a man examine himself...for he who eats and drinks, eats and drinks judgment to himself if he does not judge the body rightly." There is no doubt from our Lord's Word, we are receiving His body and blood. The Father offers us forgiveness, unity of faith, strengthening of faith, etc.; it is never our right, we approach His altar only by His invitation. If you are visiting we ask that you please speak with the Pastor before receiving the Lord's Supper. We strive to lovingly carry out our responsibility to ensure the supper remains a blessing for all, never a curse. May His richest blessing be upon you all.

**THIS WEEK**

**TONIGHT:** Worship w/HC 5:30 pm  
**SUNDAY:** Worship w/HC 8 am, SS 9:10 am, Worship w/HC 10:15 am  
**THURSDAY:** Bible Study 9:30 am and 6 pm  
**Next SATURDAY:** Worship w/HC 5:30 pm  
**Next SUNDAY:** Worship 8 am, SS 9:10 am, Worship 10:15 am

**WEEKLY ATTENDANCE:** Sat, May 10: 46 LS: 40; Sun, May 11: 8 am: 67; 10:15 am: 47

**MEMBER PRAYER LIST:** Next Sat and Sun we will be praying for the following families of Somers, Brandon, Kayla, Evelyn, Ainsley, Ave and Olivia; Somers, Mark and Debbie; and Soulsby, Rex.



**LEAH VANDERGRIFF'S COOKBOOKS – NOW AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE:** Proceeds going to her Memorial Scholarship. Cost is \$25.00 per book. Please contact Steven Vandergriff by text (812)454-8116 or see him at church. This is a LIMITED PRINTING so don't wait.

**SENIOR GAME FRIDAY:** Our next game day is Friday, May 30<sup>th</sup> from 12:30-3:30 pm. Have questions or want to join? Call Linda Taylor for information 812-459-6302

**MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION:** The Lutheran Cemetery Board would like to invite you to celebrate Memorial Day with us. Rev. Case Farney of St. Paul's Lutheran Church will lead us in a service on Monday, May 26, at 11 a.m. at the Cemetery. Refreshments will be served in the Cemetery office following the service to offer an opportunity for fellowship and to answer any questions you may have. The Cemetery is located at 1305 North St. Joseph Avenue in Evansville. We look forward to seeing you on May 26!

# **SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS**

## **SUMMER FUN CELEBRATION & VBS KICK-OFF**

Sunday, June 1st – During Sunday School  
Kona Ice – Games – Snacks – Crafts

Sunday School resumes on Rally Day – August 17<sup>th</sup>

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## **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

### **TRUE NORTH**

*Trusting Jesus in a Wild World*

Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup> -Wednesday, June 4<sup>th</sup>

6-8 pm

Meal served nightly at 5:15 pm