

***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    2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of Easter**

**April 26, 2025 --- 5:30 pm  
Worship with Holy Communion**

**Opening Prayer    ///    Opening Hymn: “Alleluia! Jesus is Risen” 474**

**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:** 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.  
**C:** *Amen.*

**Hymn: “The Strife is O’er, the Battle Done” 464**

**N.T. Lesson:**    *Acts 5: 12-20*    ///    **Epistle Lesson:**    *Revelation 1: 4-18*

**Holy Gospel:**    *John 20: 19-31*

**Hymn:** *“These Things Did Thomas Count as Real”* 472 (tune 461)

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

**Offering brought to the Altar**

**Prayer:** The families of Scholz, Christopher, Renae and Jacob; Schultz, Candy, Daryl and Alex; Schutz, Bart and Lori.

**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:** *“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing”* 475

**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 8:00am, SS 9:15 am, Confirmation Worship 10:15 am  
**TUESDAY:** Confirmation 6 pm  
**THURSDAY:** Bible Study 9:30 am and 6 pm  
**Next SATURDAY:** Confirmation 9:30 am, Worship w/HC 5:30 pm  
**Next SUNDAY:** Worship w/HC 8 am, SS 9:10 am, Worship w/HC 10:15am

**WEEKLY ATTENDANCE:** Maundy Thur: 68 LS: 62; Good Friday: 74; Holy Sat, Apr 19: 52 LS: 36; Sunrise Service Sun, Apr 20: 124 LS 98; 9:30 am: 187 LS 132

**MEMBER PRAYER LIST:** Next Sat and Sun we will be praying for the following: Seay, Janet; Shirley, Dave; and Shirley, David, Stephanie, Madalyn and Molly.

**THANK YOU:**

*My family and I would like to give our thanks to everyone for their generosity in providing our family meal after the funeral. Also, sincerest thanks to Pastor Horstmeyer for being with our family, giving support and prayers to us; and for the beautiful service for Teri. Blessings to all, Dave Shirley*

*I would like to thank everyone for their help with all the funeral meals and support of the families. Pastor*

*I'd like to express my sincere thanks to everyone for the beautiful get well cards, all the prayers and blessings that were offered. Sharmain Baumeyer*

**CEMETERY FLOWERS & DECORATIONS:** As we prepare for mowing season, we ask that you would remove any flower containers or decorations placed on the ground around the cemetery plots that are not fastened to the headstone, as these hinder the mowing crew from effectively maintaining the cemetery. Thank you for helping take care of our cemetery.

**LWML SPRING GET TOGETHER - EVANSVILLE EAST/WEST ZONE:** Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, at Trinity Lutheran Church, Henderson, from 9 am to 1 pm CST. There will be a light breakfast and lunch served. Our speaker will be Emily Rogers, VP-Conventions, for the Indiana District. Please contact Penny Letterman, (C) 812-568-7290, email: [pennylwml@gmail.com](mailto:pennylwml@gmail.com); Ellen Ferguson (H) 812-359-4333, (C) 270-314-8850, email [robeln@att.net](mailto:robeln@att.net); or talk/text Krista Newmaster (C) 812-499-4798.

\*\*\* Bea Sternquist and Carol Grimm, the Co-Chairman for the 2026 Indiana District Convention will also be in attendance. We will need chairman and workers for this event. Think about what you would like to do and let them know that day.



**FISH FRY NEWS: May 9th, 2025.**

**\*\*\*Needed - Turkey Fryers**

**\*\*\*Needed - Rhubarb for pies**

**\*\*\*Bring both to church by Wednesday evening May 7**

**SIGN-UPS:** Sign-ups posted in the lounge. Please sign up for anything and everything you can.

**TICKETS:** Prices will be \$15 for adults and \$5 for kids 4-12.

**FISH FRY SILENT AUCTION CHANGES** This year our silent auction will be live Saturday, May 3 and we will close bids the following Saturday, May 10. It will be posted on our public Facebook Page: [facebook.com/ImmanuelLutheranEvansville](https://facebook.com/ImmanuelLutheranEvansville) **PLEASE NOTE:** *Please have them in by no later than May 1. AND Instead of dropping things in Waves office please place them in the lounge on the table right inside the glass doors.* **Some ideas may include** gift cards, handmade items, toys, lawn items, garden things, flowers/ plants, activities, events, sports accessories, candy, popcorn, cookies, meals, golf, gas, grilling, camping, games, cycling, car wash, auto maintenance, travel, etc. Thank you so much to all who donate, we would not be able to help as many as we do without the generosity of our members.

**ORGANIST NEEDED:** Immanuel is looking for an experienced organist, preferably familiar with Lutheran liturgy and order of service, to play for our 8:00 a.m. worship services. This is a paid position. Members of Immanuel can forward any organist prospects to Warren Korff at 812-550-7662 or [wmkorff@gmail.com](mailto:wmkorff@gmail.com).

**TRINITY LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL** is enrolling for the 2025-2026 school year. We have openings for ages 2-5. Visit [www.trinitylutheranpreschooldarmstadt.com](http://www.trinitylutheranpreschooldarmstadt.com) for more information. Schedule a tour today! Yours in Christ, Breenna Smith

**LWML Indiana District Convention:** Another BIG EVENT is happening at the 4-H Center, June 26-28, 2026, our District Convention. We will need A LOT OF HELP, men and women, with the work leading up to the event. Carol Grimm from St. Paul's is the District Vice President. She will be coming to Immanuel in the near future to talk to all of us.

**MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATIOIN:** 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!

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**SUMMARY OF VOTER’S MEETING HELD ON APRIL 6, 2025**

The Regular Voter’s Meeting was held on April 6, 2025.

Pastor requested we welcome into membership Sandra Brown from Our Saviour. A motion passed to accept into membership Sandra Brown.

The financial report was distributed. A motion passed to approve the financial report as presented.

The technology and volunteer coordinator will attend the next Elder’s meeting with a proposal for the database software. A motion passed giving the Elders the authority to purchase the software they agree is best for our congregation.

The Trustees received an estimate of \$3,250 for a carport and \$9,975 for an extension to the garage for the church van. After discussion by the voters, a motion passed approving \$9,975 for the construction of the extension to the garage.

Pictures of the new lighted sign proposed for the front of the church were distributed. The cost of the sign is \$10,000. After discussion by the voters, a motion passed approving the sign for \$10,000.

Debbie Somers  
Recording Secretary