

WELCOME VISITORS

We're glad you're here. If this is your first visit, please sign our Guest Book by the front door. To ensure pastoral care, we also invite you to fill out an attendance slip each time you are with us. **Large print copies of the hymns** are available. Please ask an usher if you desire a copy. **Restrooms** are in the basement in the southeast (back/left) corner.

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If you are not a member of the LCMS, please introduce yourself to our pastor or an Elder before the service so that they might hear your faith before we share Communion with you. If you wish to participate without taking communion, please feel free to come forward and cross your arms across your chest to receive a blessing from the pastor during communion.

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SPECIAL PRAYERS

Please keep the following people in your prayers this week.

Tim Guido, Pat Hart, Brooks Kats, Beverly Myhre, Larry Nardoni, Susan Paul, Caroline Pfeifer, Judy Slavik, Carolyn Stadt, Joy Sutor, and Calvin Yoder

O Lord, Heavenly Father, please watch over those we pray for, extending to each of them your healing hand. We ask this and all things through Your Son, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Immanuel Schedule Week of May 5

Sunday (05-05)	8:00 am	Divine Service [at ILC]
	9:30 am	Bible Study [at SP]
	10:30 am	Divine Service [at SP]
Monday (05-06)	10:00 am	Men's Bible Study [at SP]
	6:30 pm	Dual Parish Committee (ILC)
Thursday (05-09)	7:00 pm	Women's Bible Study [at SP]
Sunday (05-12)	8:00 am	Divine Service [at ILC]
	9:30 am	Bible Study [at SP]
	10:30 am	Divine Service [at SP]

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## PENTECOST READERS NEEDED

In celebration of Pentecost on Sunday May 19, we are looking for some volunteers to read or recite John 3:16 (*"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."*), but in different languages. If you are interested, we have a sign-up sheet on the Narthex Bulletin Board. Simply sign-up for one of the languages listed, or even for one that is not listed (write the language and your name).

***[This Is Going To Be An Interesting Service !!]***

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## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER + IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

If ye keep my commandments,  
ye shall abide in my love;  
even as I have kept my Father's commandments,  
and abide in his love.

**John 15:10**



God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**MAY 5, 2024 A.D.**

Hymns For Divine Service: *Lutheran Service Book*  
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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY:** Immanuel and St. Paul's will be combining forces and creating a combined Church Directory for our congregations. One section for Immanuel and one section for St. Paul's, all in one book.

It will be produced for us by Cathedral Directories for FREE! Anyone interested in placing an advertisement for their business, or a personal message in support of our new directory can contact the church office (by email at [ilcsteger.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:ilcsteger.secretary@gmail.com) ), or directly contact Jake Allport at 248-545-4330 (or email at [jallport@cathedraldirectories.com](mailto:jallport@cathedraldirectories.com) ). A business card can also be used in creating a new ad. Sometimes members aren't aware of other members business, but would love to support them. Advertisers do not need to be members of our church.

To ensure everyone's information is correct, please review your details in our last directory, or if you wish to now include mobile numbers or email, please contact the office (email at [ilcsteger.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:ilcsteger.secretary@gmail.com) preferred) or provide your updated info and preferences on the back of your attendance card. No information will be shared with 3rd parties. Please submit all updates by May 5. If you have any questions, please contact Paul Sengstock.

**50 YEAR ANNIVERSARY:** Larry and Mary will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on June 1. Everyone is invited to join them, June 1 from 1:30-4:30pm at Trinity Lutheran Church (1393 Elizabeth St, Crete). Please see the Flyer on the Narthex Bulletin Board.

**MEMBER FAMILY VISITS:** To help Pr. Wendt Wendt get to know all of our members, he is asking to meet with each family to sit down and talk with him. Please reach out to him directly to coordinate a date and time. He would like to complete these meetings as soon as possible.

**MICRO-PANTRY:** If you're able, please consider donating non-perishable food items to our Micro-Pantry for those in need. Please consider your own tastes when purchasing items for the food pantry. Donated items can be brought into church on Sunday, left inside the pantry itself, or left at the church office door. We greatly appreciate the donated items as do those in need who use the pantry.

**PHIL'S FRIENDS UPDATE:** Thank you to everyone who helped on Saturday, April 13, with the SHINE Event and colored the Cards of Hope for Phil's Friends that will be inserted into every CARE package they send.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS [Cont.]

**DUAL PARISH COMMITTEE:** Attention Dual Parish Committee members. Our next meeting of the Dual Parish Committee is scheduled for tomorrow, Monday May 6 @ 6:30pm. It will be held here at Immanuel in the church basement.

**TRUSTEES MEETING RESCHEDULED:** The Trustees meeting originally scheduled for tomorrow (May 6) at 10am has been rescheduled next week (May 13 at 10am).

**ATTENDANCE CARDS:** Whether you are a visitor or regular attendee, we appreciate everyone filling out an Attendance Card. The Synod requires us to report various statistics every year (especially attendance), and it is important that we are able to provide our statistics as accurate as possible. Thank You !!

**ST. PAUL'S CARILLON:** The St. Paul's Carillon (newsletter) for May is now available in the Narthex. Please feel free to pick up a copy.

**GRETA'S FIRST COMMUNION:** Rebekah wanted to share with us that Greta Meissner's First Communion / Confirmation will be Sunday, May 26 at 10:00am at Holy Cross Lutheran Church (Kansas City, MO). There will be a light reception following the Service, with a meal later at the house. Please RSVP to Rebekah at 708-414-0108.

**WELCOME:** Today we welcome Ron Emery as our organist and thank him for joining us and assisting with our Divine Service today.

### SERVING THIS MONTH:

Elders / Ushers: Marty Boudreau / Tom Metzger  
Altar Guild: Lois Genova, Barbara Coy, and Becky Mann

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** Donated to the glory of God

**CHANCEL CANDLES:** Donated by Paul Sengstock for the month of May in loving memory of parents, Werner and Mildred Sengstock.

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STEWARDSHIP SENTENCE: 1 John 5:3 – “For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome.”
God's commandments are not burdensome, but that's only true for Christians precisely because we know that we are not saved by our keeping of the Law. We are saved by grace. Therefore, we are set free by grace to walk in newness of life, to grow in faithfulness, and rejoice in the Law of the Lord, loving God and our neighbor by keeping His commandments.

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Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2024

Introit **Psalm 66:1–2, 8–9, 20; antiphon: v. 16**

P Come and hear, all you who | fear God,*
and I will tell what he has done | for my soul.

C **Shout for joy to God, | all the earth; *
sing the glory of his name; give to
him | glorious praise!**

P Bless our God, O | peoples; *
let the sound of his | praise be heard,

C **who has kept our soul among the | living *
and has not let our | feet slip.**

P Blessed | be God,*
because he has not rejected my prayer or removed
his steadfast | love from me!

C **Glory be to the Father and | to the Son *
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning, *
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

P Come and hear, all you who | fear God,*

C **and I will tell what he has done | for my soul.**

Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

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P 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.

C **Amen.**

First Reading**Acts 10:34–48**

³⁴Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), ³⁷you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

⁴⁴While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. ⁴⁵And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. ⁴⁶For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, ⁴⁷“Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” ⁴⁸And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 John 5:1–8

¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. ⁴For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. ⁵Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

⁶This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth.

⁷For there are three that testify: ⁸the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

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C Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

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John 15:9–17

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.

C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

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⁹[Jesus said:] “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

¹²“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³Greater love has no one than this, that someone lays down his life for his friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. ¹⁷These things I command you, so that you will love one another.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

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