

# THE IMMANUEL HERALD

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**DIVINE SERVICE AT IMMANUEL:** In addition to the in-person services, all Services are live streamed also. The live stream is available at the following Youtube link:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqkp9bt5FmMFDmfW0QNplUw/videos>

**DIVINE SERVICE AT IMMANUEL AT 10:00 a.m.**

**April 6**

**Isaiah 43:16–21**

**Psalm 126**

**Philippians 3:(4b–7) 8–14**

**Luke 20:9–20**

**Fifth Sunday in Lent**

God is making a way for His chosen people.

“The Lord has done great things for us.”

“I press on toward the goal.”

“The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.”

*Remembering and conveying truth is vital! Paul recounts his impressive Jewish credentials and yet confesses the truth—they are but rubbish. Through Isaiah, the Lord reminds us of the exodus—God’s divine action of destruction and rescue. Jesus addresses the Pharisees with divine truths embedded in a parable. God owns the vineyard tended by corrupt religious leaders; the servants are the rejected prophets, and the beloved Son is Jesus. These are divine truths—by God’s design, Jesus’ destruction is imminent, but resurrection is forever.*

**April 13**

**John 12:12–19**

**Deuteronomy 32:36–39**

**Psalm 118:19–29**

**or Psalm 31:9–16**

**Philippians 2:5–11**

**Luke 22:1–23:56**

**or Luke 23:1–56**

**or John 12:20–43**

**Palm Sunday**

Palm Sunday procession

“I kill and I make alive.”

“Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.”

“Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am in distress.”

“He . . . [became] obedient to the point of death.”

The betrayal and crucifixion

*This week, the church will confess that the Lord intentionally wounds and kills, heals and makes alive. All this He does for sinners! Jesus parades into frenzied Jerusalem, knowing the impending doom. Wounds will be inflicted upon Jesus. Blood will seep, drip, spill from His scalp, hands, feet, and side. The hailed King of the Jews will die amidst the taunting jeers, “Crucify Him! Crucify Him!” The Lord wounds and kills His beloved Son for our healing and resurrection.*

**April 17**

**Jeremiah 31:31–34**

**Psalm 116:12–19**

**Hebrews 10:15–25**

**Luke 22:7–20**

**Holy (Maundy) Thursday**

“I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel.”

“I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.”

“Since we have a great priest . . . let us draw near.”

Institution of the Lord’s Supper

*God's covenant of grace is immutable. Despite relentless, insurgent sinful rebellion, God will not give up on His people! His counsels shall reign in believing hearts and minds, and lawless deeds will be remembered no more. This declaration compels us to gather in holy places—where there shall be the body and blood of Jesus. This day the church again remembers, confesses, and believes God's immutable covenant with the words, "This cup . . . poured out for you is the new covenant in My blood."*

**April 18**

**Isaiah 52:13–53:12**

**Psalm 22**

**or Psalm 31**

**Hebrews 4:14–16; 5:7–9**

**John 18:1–19:42**

**or John 19:17–30**

**Good Friday**

"Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows."

"My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?"

"Into Your hand I commit my spirit."

"We have a great high priest."

The crucifixion of our Lord Jesus Christ

*Crucifixion is cruel. Christ mercifully bears its weight and consequences; having been ridiculed, slandered, and marred, the wounded Son of God is lifted up on the cross, despised and rejected by men. He remains obedient to His Father's will despite intense pain, cries, and tears. This is where Jesus wages war for the church against sin, death, and Satan. We are stunned by such cruelty, and yet humbly confess our very need for Christ's suffering and death.*

**April 20**

**Job 19:23–27**

**Psalm 118:15–29**

**1 Corinthians 15:51–57**

**John 20:1–18**

**Easter Sunrise**

"I know that my Redeemer lives."

"This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it."

"O death, where is your victory?"

Mary Magdalene meets the risen Lord.

*Trumpets blast on this day of resurrection. Immortality crushes mortality. Jesus swallows death, disarming its sting. The church victorious is covered by Jesus' decisive victory over death, hell, and sin! In decaying skin, languishing flesh, and temporal bodies, we now jubilantly sing with Job, "I know that my Redeemer lives." We witness Mary reveling in the empty tomb, wondering at the mysteriously abandoned linen cloths, and in a stunning conversation with Jesus. Today, resurrection is the Lord's triumph for Job, Paul, Mary, and us!*

**April 20**

**Isaiah 65:17–25**

**Psalm 16**

**1 Corinthians 15:19–26**

**Luke 24:1–12**

**Easter Day**

"Behold, I create new heavens and a new earth."

You will not abandon me to the grave, nor let Your Holy One see decay.

"Christ . . . the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep"

The women visit the tomb.

*Putrid death mutes joy and gladness. And yet the sound of weeping and the cry of distress will be no more in the wake of resurrection. Christ is alive. Death is destroyed. There is no stench of death at the morning tomb, no need for embalming spices, but only bold confession. "He is not here, but has risen." Stymied and uncertain, Peter inspects an empty tomb. Where death no longer reigns, exceeding marvel, comfort, and joy flourish.*

**April 27**

**Acts 5:12–20 (21–32)**

**Psalm 148**

**Revelation 1:4–18**

**John 20:19–31**

**Second Sunday of Easter**

"We are witnesses to these things."

"Praise the name of the Lord."

"I am the first and the last."

Jesus appears to the disciples and to Thomas.

*In the aftermath of the resurrection, Jesus impacts, equips, and authorizes the effective ministry of the apostles. Having received Jesus' word of peace, disciples believe, confess, and preach the name of the risen Christ, healing disease and casting out demons in His holy name. The entire counsels of God proceed only from the Alpha and Omega, whose suffering, death, resurrection, ascension, and judgment define the confessions and proclamation that establish truth in His holy church.*

## Ministry Notes

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### CHURCH CALENDAR

**March 12-April 9**, 12:10 pm, Lent Service with soup lunch

**April 13**, Palm Sunday

**April 17**, 12:10 pm and 7 pm, Maundy Thursday service

**April 18**, 12:10 pm and 7 pm, Good Friday Service

**April 20**, 8 am, Easter Sunrise Service  
10 am, Divine Service,  
11:15 am, Easter Egg Hunt

**Board of Lay Ministry meeting, Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup> after worship**

### OTHER EVENTS

**April 5**, 9 am to 1 pm, Flea market

#### Lay Readers:

**April 6**, Gerhard Ehlerding

**April 13**, Rick Kruelle

**April 20**, Mark Smith

**April 27**, Sandy Collins

### CHURCH FLOWERS

If you would like a special arrangement, the procedure is to call Denise Waicker at (443) 981-0019 or [Denisewaicker@mac.com](mailto:Denisewaicker@mac.com). Denise needs to know the date you select and the statement you want to include so that she can order the flowers for that Sunday. The cost depends on your selection. Pay by cash or check (make payable to *Denise Waicker*) and give to Denise Waicker in person or mail checks via the postal service.

### PRAYER REQUESTS:

-Jeffrey Goeller, who is ill

-Anthony Summers, who is ill

-Dottie Friant, recovering from flu

- Rosemarie Wilson, the daughter of Filleseta James, for return of strength in her left leg

-For peace in Ukraine, Israel, Gaza, and Russia

-Bonnie and Joe Castrilli as she cares for her husband who has dementia

-Joseph Woah-tee missing, and whereabouts unknown

#### Birthdays:

3 Bruce Greensfelder

Yassah Kemezee

5 Christopher Minetree

14 Benjamin Pfitzinger

15 Tonia Momo

18 Ellen Noel

19 Joan Goeller

Jeanne Pfitzinger

21 Elaine Mueller

Katelyn Griffin

22 Catherine Belz

Gwen Heemann

Moni Tenabe

23 Timothy Bardzik

27 Jormoh BellePu

Julie Goeller

#### Anniversaries:

6 Manix & Yassah Paye

11 Richard & Sharon Kruelle

14 Janet and Patrick McGovern

14 Edward and Muriel Hopkins

19 Ray and Nina Ward

## April 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 12:10 pm Midweek Lent service 6 <i>Special Council meeting</i>	3  7 pm Choir	4	5 9 am Flea market
6 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship & Holy Communion 11 am Bible class 11 am Board of Lay Ministry meeting 12 pm Eritrean	7	8	9 12:10 pm Midweek Lent service 1 pm Bible study  6:30 <i>LRIA BoD</i>	10  7 pm Choir	11	12 Rain date Flea market  11 am Wings/G Boys
13 <b>Palm Sunday</b> 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship & Holy Communion 12 pm Eritrean	14	15  7 pm <i>LRIA General</i>	16	17 <b>Holy Thursday</b> <b>12:10 pm and 7 pm</b>	18 <b>Good Friday</b> <b>12:10 pm and 7 pm</b>	19  10:30 am Wings/G Boys
20 <b>Easter Sunday</b> 8 am Easter Sunrise, <i>Cemetery</i> 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship & Holy Communion 11 Easter Egg Hunt 12 pm Eritrean	21 OFFICE CLOSED	22	23  1 pm Bible Study	24  7pm Choir	25	26
27 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship & Holy Communion 11 am Bible class 12 pm Eritrean	28	29	30  6 pm <i>Council meeting</i>	1  7 pm Choir	2	3  10:30 Wings/G Boys

# The Baltimore Bulletin Insert

**April 2025**

*Events of area LCMS churches, entities, and Recognized Service Organizations  
Deadline for May edition: April 20<sup>th</sup>*

## **CIRCUIT 3 TRE ORE WORSHIP**

12 noon – 3:00 p.m. *Bethlehem Lutheran Church*, 4815 Hamilton, Ave., 21206, Pastors and churches of the Circuit gather for hymns and preaching on the seven last words of Christ from the cross. Worshipers come or go between any of the words, as they are able. All are welcome from all circuits! Light luncheon fare will be served all afternoon. Schedule is as follows:

Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do,  
Rev. Thurman Frey

Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise,"  
Rev. Phil Joseph, Martini

"Woman, behold your son... Behold your mother,"  
Rev. Tom Foelber

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"  
Rev. Eric Bednash, St. James

"I thirst,"  
Rev. Doug Meilander

"It is finished,"  
Rev. Steve Funck

"Father, into your hands I commend my spirit"  
Rev. Charles McClean, Our Saviour

## **MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES**

Wednesdays, April 2-9

12:00 (lunch after) Galilee, Pasadena, St. Paul, Annapolis

12:10 (soup lunch) Immanuel, Baltimore

7:00 (Soup before) Bethlehem, Baltimore, Faith, Eldersburg, Galilee,  
Pasadena, St. Paul, Annapolis

7:00 Martini, Baltimore, Redeemer, Irvington

7:30 (soup 6:30) Our Saviour, Ednor Gardens

## **HOLY WEEK SERVICES**

### **MAUNDY THURSDAY**

12:00 Galilee, Pasadena; Immanuel, Baltimore, Redeemer, Irvington

7:00p Faith, Eldersburg; Galilee, Pasadena; Immanuel, Baltimore;  
Martini, Baltimore; Redeemer, Irvington; St. Paul, Annapolis;

7:30 Our Saviour, Ednor Gardens

### **GOOD FRIDAY**

12:00 *Tre Ore* worship, Bethlehem (see above) noon - 3p

12:00 Galilee, Pasadena; Redeemer, Irvington;  
Immanuel, Baltimore

7:00 Faith, Eldersburg; Galilee, Pasadena; Immanuel,  
Baltimore; Martini, Baltimore; Redeemer,  
Irvington; St. Paul, Annapolis;

7:30 Our Saviour, Ednor Gardens

### **EASTER VIGIL**

7p St. Paul Catonsville 7:30p Our Saviour, Ednor  
Gardens

### **SUNRISE SERVICES**

6:30a Galilee, Pasadena 8:00a Immanuel, Baltimore

### **FAITH AND FAMILY HOME SCHOOL CONNECTION**

*Faith, Eldersburg*

Wed., March 26, 2-4p, Meet up to connect home school families with elementary ages children through Christian fellowship, art and music exploration and collaboration. Monthly event.

Go to: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090B4BABAB22A0F49-55629967-faith#/> to sign up.

### **FLEA MARKET**

*Immanuel, Baltimore*

April 5, 9a-1p

### **RESTAURANT FUND RAISER**

*Orphan Grain Train, Millersville*

Tues., April, 8, Ellie's Place, 8421 Veterans Hwy. Dine in/take out for lunch or dinner.

### **ST. MARK'S CONFERENCE**

*Our Saviour, Ednor Gardens*

April 28-29, More information at [oursaviourbaltimore.org](http://oursaviourbaltimore.org).

### **LWML SPRING RALLY BALTIMORE ZONE**

*St. Paul, Catonsville*

Save the Date, April 26. More information to come.

### **MUSIC AND PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR NEEDED**

*Galilee Lutheran, Pasadena*

Both are salaries positions, dependent upon experience and education of individual. contact [office@glcpasadena.org](mailto:office@glcpasadena.org)

### **LUTHERAN MISSION SOCIETY**

Children's and Larger men's clothes needed, bring to the  
601 Hammond Lane, 21225

Check out our new Prayer Calendar! Pray for Compassion Place every day a: [www.CompassionPlace.org/prayer-calendar](http://www.CompassionPlace.org/prayer-calendar)

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*For locations of churches see [LCMS.org](http://LCMS.org) > Locators & Directories*

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