

# THE IMMANUEL HERALD

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## JUNE 2025

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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/UCqkp9bt5FmMFDmfW0QNpIUw/videos>

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

### June 1

**Acts 1:1–11**

**Psalm 47**

**Ephesians 1:15–23**

**Luke 24:44–53**

### The Ascension of Our Lord (Observed)

Jesus ascends into heaven.

God has ascended amid shouts of joy.

God appointed Him as head over everything for the church.

“You are witnesses of these things.”

*Jesus promises to release the power of the Holy Spirit that will sustain the church as she magnifies the name of Christ, in all wisdom, knowledge, and enlightenment. Today, the church honors Jesus’ ascent into the heavenly realms. In His absence from us, we shall be comforted and sustained by the Spirit of God. In our waiting for Christ’s return, we boldly proclaim repentance and the forgiveness of sins to all nations.*

### June 8

**Genesis 11:1–9**

**Psalm 143**

**Acts 2:1–21**

**John 14:23–31**

### The Day of Pentecost

The Tower of Babel

“I meditate on all that You have done.”

The apostles receive the Holy Spirit on Pentecost.

“The Helper, the Holy Spirit, . . . will teach you all things.”

*The Scriptures this day witness the remarkable releasing of the Holy Spirit. The mighty works of God are declared in countless languages. Fire blazes mysteriously above the disciples’ heads. Outrageous confusion, mayhem, and chaos pave the way for global mission, ministry, and confession. The Holy Spirit teaches all things, equipping preachers to preach and people to listen. He is the Divine Helper, instilling within the church an unrelenting confession of Jesus and His deeds of mercy and redemption.*

### June 15

**Proverbs 8:1–4, 22–31**

**Psalm 8**

**Acts 2:14a, 22–36**

**John 8:48–59**

### The Holy Trinity

“I was set up . . . before the beginning of the earth.”

“How majestic is Your name in all the earth.”

God made Jesus both Lord and Christ.

“Before Abraham was, I am.”

*The Lord alone possesses all eternal wisdom even before the acts of creation. The words of Proverbs confirm Jesus’ active presence before the incarnation. Then Peter exclaims that this very same Jesus—crucified and killed—could never be bound by death. Everything about Christ is forever: His Word, His truth, His salvation, His immutable relationship with God the Father. As believers, we hold steadfast to everything about Christ, knowing that He alone knows the Father, keeps His Word, and conquers death.*

**June 22****Isaiah 65:1–9****Psalms 3****Galatians 3:23–4:7****Luke 8:26–39****Second Sunday after Pentecost**

“I will bring forth offspring from Jacob.”

“I cried aloud to the Lord, and He answered me.”

“You are no longer a slave, but a son.”

Jesus heals a demon-possessed man.

*Arrogant Israel has a horrid disdain for God’s will. They behave like heathens, but God safeguards them from annihilation with the promise of Jesus through the lineage of Jacob. We, too, are heirs of this promise, clothed with Christ through the waters of Holy Baptism. The tomb is now powerless. Sin and death yield to Christ’s Gospel proclamation. In this very Word, Jesus binds together shattered lives, disarms sin with forgiveness, heals with mercy. All this He does for us!*

**June 29****1 Kings 19:9b–21****Psalms 16****Galatians 5:1, 13–25****Luke 9:51–62****Third Sunday after Pentecost**

Elisha becomes Elijah’s attendant.

“In Your presence there is fullness of joy.”

Serve one another in love.

Some reject Jesus; others follow Him.

*Rebellious generations reject the prophets! Why do these servants of the Lord not simply languish and give up? God’s whisper repeatedly urges Elijah to continue prophesying. Jesus, the ultimate Prophet, tirelessly strives to prophesy divine judgment, justice, and grace. He dares not camouflage the cost of true discipleship. Rejection is sure to season the life of faithful people. Yet we have an encourager. The Holy Spirit curbs the behaviors of our flesh and enables us to persevere with His good gifts.*

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## Ministry Notes

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**Summer Sermon Series 2025**

The Summer Sermon Series (June, July, and August) will continue with our stained glass windows. We will look at our north and south aisle windows and the great west windows over the next 3 months. This June we will examine:

**June 1st** No window. Ascension Sunday**June 8th** They Were Filled with the Holy Spirit. Pentecost Sunday**June 15th** For Unto Us a Child is Born.**June 22nd** The Lord has Risen Indeed.**June 27th** One Nation Under God. Friendship Sunday and prayer service for our nation.

Our House of Prayer devotional books will be available for use during the service so that participants may see the windows depicted. Volunteers are also sought to bring coffee and doughnuts on a rotating basis.

**Immanuel Cemetery Services**

Immanuel will have its summer cemetery services at our Grindon Ave cemetery. The services will begin at 8 AM. We will follow the same sermon schedule as the 10 AM services. These services will meet outside weather permitting. Please bring your own chair. None of these services will celebrate Holy Communion.

**ZOOM Summer Bible Class**

Plan to enjoy the air conditioning of your own home as we study God’s Word together over the ZOOM conference service. Pastor is looking at either Tuesday or Thursday evenings beginning at 7 PM. Suggestions for the course of study are welcomed. Some ideas are a section of our Sunday Adult Bible Class: Jesus through Middle Eastern Eyes, The Book of Judges, topical subjects chosen by the class, and Law and Gospel by CFW Walther. If you are interested, please indicate the evening, frequency of class meetings, and topic to pastor. Pastor plans to launch the class the week of June 15th .



## **IN HIS IMAGE: CHRISTIAN SEXUALITY ACCORDING TO GOD**

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The cost is free and lunch will be provided. Registration is required but very simple. email your name, church and phone number to [berealutheran2999@gmail.com](mailto:berealutheran2999@gmail.com). If you have any questions, please call Calvary at 410-426-4307.

### **Lay Readers:**

**June 1,** Gary Stratemeyer

**June 8,** Carolyn Henn

**June 15,** Mark Smith

**June 22,** Rick Kruelle

**June 29,** Roland Obedekah

### **Altar Guild:**

**June 1,** Elaine Schwab

**June 8,** Elaine Schwab/Rita Alcarese

**June 15,** Carolyn Henn/Joan Goeller

**June 22,** Carolyn Henn/Joan Goeller

**June 29, No communion**

### **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:**

- Dennis Klingenberg, a friend of Rick Kruelle, for healing after bypass heart surgery
- David Smith, brother-in-law of Mary Ruble, who is in the hospital
- Friends and family of Veronica Hylton – Chris Davis, Robert Hylton, Agnes, Joy and family
- Muriel Hopkins, who fractured her arm
- Lisa Lewis, daughter of June Dennis
- 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:**

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| 1  | Christopher Brown   |
| 2  | Phillip Libby   |
| 5  | Felicia Bokey<br>Gorpu Bokey<br>Grace Bokey<br>Muriel Hopkins |
| 7  | Roland Obedekah   |
| 11 | Deborah Theodores<br>Nyeinpu Woah-Tee                         |
| 14 | Albert Lietzau V<br>Fred Senger                               |
| 19 | Jonathan Pickering  |
| 20 | Natalie Huhra   |
| 23 | Erin Heemann<br>David Pfitzinger                              |
| 30 | Mary Ruble  |

### **Anniversaries:**

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| 7  | Roland & Kormassas Obedekah |
| 8  | Steve and Gwen Heeman       |
| 10 | Prince and Facia BellePu    |
| 20 | Howard and Dorothy Wolff    |

## June 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 8 am Cemetery service 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship & Holy Communion 11:30 am Voters Assembly 12 pm Eritrean	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 8 am Flea market 10 am Wings/G Boys
<b>8</b> 8 am Cemetery Service 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship & Holy Communion 11 am Adult Bible Study 12 pm Eritrean	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Noon Adut Bible study  6:30 LRIA BoD	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 8 am Charm City Chess
<b>15</b> 8 am Cemetery service 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship & Holy Communion 11 am Adult Bible study 12 pm Eritrean	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 6 pm Finance 7 pm LRIA Gen'l	<b>18</b> 6 pm Council meeting	<b>19 Juneteenth</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 12 pm Eritrean event
<b>22</b> 8 am Cemetery service 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship & Holy Communion 11 am Adult Bible study 12 pm Eritrean	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>  Noon Adult Bible Study	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 11 am AA Group
<b>29 Friendship Sunday</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>

# The Baltimore Bulletin Insert

June 2025

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

Pray for  
the  
churches  
and  
ministries  
seen in  
The  
Baltimore  
Bulletin  
Insert!

## FREE FLEA MARKET

*Our Saviour, Ednor Gardens*

June 14, 9a - 12 noon, rain or shine (inside). Outreach to the community. Each person attending receives 10 tickets which can be redeemed for items.

**BALTIMORE AREA SERVANT EVENT 2025** *St. Paul, Catonsville*  
August 3-9, Sign-Up Deadline: June 15. Join us as we partner with Recovery Avery, LCMS Disaster Response, in North Carolina to assist Hurricane Helene victims with rebuilding. To sign up: <https://tinyurl.com/52kvpemb> or contact Roy and Heather Krakat 443.768.2483.

## COMPASSION PLACE WAREHOUSE EVENT

Sat., June 7, 8a-12noon Furniture, housewares, toys, small appliances, ladders, building material and much more. No delivery, all transactions final. Questions: 410.636.0123 Location: 601 Hammonds Ln., 21225

## DATE NIGHT: MARRIAGE IN 3D

*Faith Lutheran Eldersburg*

June 6, 7:30-9p, Date dessert, and devotion, Cost \$10 per couple, Child care: \$5 per family

Register: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090B4BABAB22A0F49-56589979-marriage#/>

## The VBS List:

### Week of June 23-27

*Martini Lutheran Church, Baltimore, 9a-12noon*  
3yrs. - 6<sup>th</sup> grade

Theme: *Epic Australian Adventure*

Register: [MartiniLutheran.org](http://MartiniLutheran.org) or 410.752.7817

*Faith Lutheran, Eldersburg, 9a - 12noon*

Theme: *True North*

Register: <https://vbspro.events/p/faithlutheran2005>

*St. Paul, Catonsville, 9a-12noon*

3yrs. old - 5<sup>th</sup> grade Register: [stpaulcatonsville.org](http://stpaulcatonsville.org)

If YOUR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL didn't make this edition, send us your VBS dates, times, themes, and age group for the next edition of the Baltimore Bulletin insert.



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## NEWS FROM TWO WORKS SUPPORTED BY THE WYNEKEN PROJECT.

### Call accepted; Iglesia Luterana Nazaret looks to greet new Pastor.

Thanks to partnership of Circuit and Southeastern District, a Divine Call was received — and accepted — by the Rev. Walterson Junior Siewart Lang, of Paraguay, to be Pastor of the Highlandtown congregation. Preparations of the property, and for the immigration process, have been spearheaded by recent Circuit Visitor Rev. Foelber and others. St. James is the calling church.

We would love to see a full house of happy worshipers from area Congregations at Pastor Siewart's installation.

Please 1) Pray! 2) Give at [WynekenProject.org](http://WynekenProject.org), and 3) Plan to be at Installation worship (check next month's insert for date).

### Lutheran Braille Workers encourages Blind Literature Production Center in Baltimore

Imagine the fellowship of Christians gathering weekly to produce quality large print Bibles and devotional materials for those who are sighted but legally blind.

Write [PastorElliottBalto@gmail.com](mailto:PastorElliottBalto@gmail.com) to inquire how you may be of help in beginning this much-needed work.

This insert only happens because your church submits items.

A service of The Wyneken Project, appreciating the fellowship we share.

Submit your event to [Secretary@MartiniLutheran.org](mailto:Secretary@MartiniLutheran.org)

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