

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.

May 4

Acts 9:1–22

Psalm 30

Revelation 5:(1–7) 8–14

John 21:1–14 (15–19)

Third Sunday of Easter

The conversion of Saul

“You have turned . . . my mourning into dancing.”

“Worthy is the Lamb who was slain.”

Jesus appears to the disciples as they fish.

Jesus summons followers, leaders, rebels, and all creatures to confess the name of the Lord. Paul’s murderous persecution of Christians becomes passionate Gospel preaching. Living creatures of heaven and earth heap praise upon the Lamb of God. Disciples witness Jesus’ miraculous intervention in Word and deed. So it is with the church. We are forgiven; we are fed; we witness Jesus’ miracles; and we are called to believe the preaching of His most precious Gospel.

May 11

Acts 20:17–35

Psalm 23

Revelation 7:9–17

John 10:22–30

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Keep watch over the flock.

“The Lord is my shepherd.”

“The Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd.”

“My sheep hear My voice.”

“Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.” Christ alone secures salvation for believing Jews and Gentiles. He temporally and eternally anchors those persecuted for believing, asserting, and preaching divine truths. In the midst of strife, sin, disease, and death, God shepherds His people into eternity. As His sheepish people, we listen to His voice. So also we receive the living waters of Holy Baptism where He asserts His claim on us forever.

May 18

Acts 11:1–18

Psalm 148

Revelation 21:1–7

John 16:12–22

or John 13:31–35

Fifth Sunday of Easter

“Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance that leads to life.”

“Praise the Lord.”

“I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem.”

When the Spirit comes, He will guide you into all truth.

Love one another.

In Christ, all things are made new. Gentiles once spurned from the promises of God are baptized and made recipients of forgiveness and eternal life. They are no longer alien to God. Former things, antiquated caste systems, are null and void. New things are imminent. The resurrection of Jesus deprives mourning, crying, and dying of their power. The unleashing of the Holy Spirit changes lingering sorrow into joy, ensuring the newness of all things in heaven and on earth.

<u>May 25</u>	<u>Sixth Sunday of Easter</u>
Acts 16:9–15	Paul travels to Macedonia and meets Lydia.
Psalm 67	“Let all the peoples praise You.”
Revelation 21:9–14, 21–27	The glory of the new Jerusalem
John 16:23–33	“I am leaving the world and going to the Father.”
or John 5:1–9	Jesus heals the paralyzed man at Bethesda.

Scripture reveals God’s answers, vision, and intervention. What seems perplexing is professed by faith, not by reason, yet couched in mystery and not always palpable. We cannot intellectually understand how Baptism begets faith, yet we believe. We cannot comprehend the incomparable beauty of heaven, yet we see. We yearn to approach the heavenly Father, unencumbered by the weight of sin and confusion! Jesus provides clarity in His mercy, sufficient to instill within us true repentance, sincere faith, and compassionate service.

<u>May 29</u>	<u>The Ascension of Our Lord</u>
Acts 1:1–11	Jesus ascends into heaven.
Psalm 47	God has ascended amid shouts of joy.
Ephesians 1:15–23	God appointed Him as head over everything for the church.
Luke 24:44–53	“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.

Ministry Notes

Spring Voters Assembly

The Spring Voters Assembly has been scheduled for Sunday, June 1 immediately following the 10 AM worship service. The agenda will include Church Council elections and a report from Johnathan Ward of LCEF Real Estate Solutions. Real Estate Solutions is a relatively new service offered by the Lutheran Church Extension Fund. This service is intended to help LCMS congregations identify opportunities where they might use vacant building space or unused land in a way that would provide a new source of revenue for the church. The goal for Immanuel is to sustain the current ministry while also providing resources for a new ministry. Mr. Ward’s report will detail recent activities and our progress toward this goal.

In addition, there will be elections for the Church Council and reports from the pastor, the treasurer, and from other groups. Please plan to attend this important meeting.

Support for Staff Salary Increases

With the financial challenges that we have faced for a number of years now, most of our recent budgets have not included a salary increase for any of our workers. In order to express our gratitude and support to our excellent staff, based on approval by the Voters Assembly at its January 2025 meeting, a 2.5% cost of living increase is included in the 2025 budget. This approval was under the condition

that the amount necessary to fund the increase (a total of about \$3,500) would be raised from members of the congregation through a special gift for this purpose.

Please prayerfully consider donating, as you are able, to this worthy cause. You may place your gift in the offering plate or mail it to the church office and identify it as for “2025 cost of living increases”.

Easter Trumpets

We were unable to have the trumpeters this year as Muriel Hopkins fractured her arm, and we had to cancel. For those who donated to make it possible, we will keep account of your donation and use it toward next year’s Easter celebration.

Concordia Prep School
Spring 2025 Community Events
 Happy Hour
 May 15th, 5:30 – 7:00 pm
 Bridges Media Center

Lutheran Mission Society in need of clothing – children, all sizes and men’s larger sizes.
 Please bring to Compassion Place HQ, 601 Hammonds Lane.

Wednesday Lunch Bible Class. Will be meeting the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays following Midweek Lent Service and the soup lunch. Next class is Wednesday, May 14th at about 12:00 pm.

Lay Readers:

May 4, Mary Ruble
May 11, June Dennis
May 18, Mark Smith
May 25, Carolyn Henn

CHURCH FLOWERS

If you would like a special arrangement, the procedure is to call Denise Waicker at (443) 981-0019 or 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:

- Teagan Rose Neukam, who was baptized on April 24, 2022
- Lucille Pearl Rosiak, who was baptized on April 9, 2016
- 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:

5 Grant Huhra
Yetunde Tenabe
8 Veronica Hylton
10 Antonia Clarke
12 Kormassas Obedekah
Denise Waicker
14 Katherine Weidner
17 Jerry Ruble
21 Elizabeth Lassahn
23 Sadayah Momo
25 Lenny Harper
26 Dorothy Friant
30 Raymond Ward

Anniversaries:

7 Elizabeth and Courtney Nobbs
15 David and Jeanne Pfitzinger

17 Charles and Susan Libby
20 Johnson and Aminata Momo
24 Timothy and Sue Bardzik

May 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 10:30 am Wings/G Boys
4 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship & Holy Communion 11 am Adult Bible study 12 pm Eritrean	5	6	7	8	9	10 11 am Wings/G Boys
11 <i>Mothers' Day</i> 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship & Holy Communion 11 am Adult Bible study 12 pm Eritrean	12	13	14 Noon Bible study and Lunch 6:30 pm LRIA BoD	15	16	17 11 am Wings/G Boys
18 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship & Holy Communion 11 am Adult Bible study 12 pm Eritrean	19	20 6 pm Finance Comm. 7 pm LRIA Gen'l	21	22	23	24
25 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship & Holy Communion 11 am Adult Bible study 12 pm Eritrean	26	27	28 Noon Bible study and lunch	29	30 6:30 pm CPS Affirmation Service	31
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The Baltimore Bulletin Insert

May 2025

*Events of area LCMS churches, entities, and Recognized Service Organizations
Deadline for June edition: May 20th*

ASCENSION DAY SERVICES

Wednesday, May 28, 7:00p, Divine Service, Redeemer, Irvington

Thursday, May 29, 5:30p, St. James Overlea

Thursday, May 29, 7:30p, Divine Service, *Our Saviour, Ednor Gardens*

LWML BALTIMORE ZONE SPRING RALLY

Saturday, April 26, 8:30-11:00a, St. Paul, Catonsville, \$5.00 reg. at the door. Ingathering: travel size toiletries. RSVP to Carolyn Louden 410.707.0615 or grammie_ahdad@comcast.net.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Faith Lutheran, Eldersburg

Thurs., May 1, 10a-1p for anyone wishing to stop in and spend time praying for our nation and Government leaders. A short service will be held at 11:30a.

MATHER'S DAY BRUNCH

Faith Lutheran, Eldersburg

May 10, 9:30-11:30a. Contact the church office 410.795.8082.

SPRING FAIR

Holy Cross Preschool, Towson

Sat., May 10, 10a-1p, Exciting games, creative crafts, delicious foods, and thrilling silent auction. 8516 Loch Raven Blvd.

FREE FLEA MARKET

Our Saviour, Ednor Gardens

Sat., May 10, 9a-12 noon, and every second Saturday of the month thru September. Each person that attends will receive 10 tickets which they can redeem for 10 items. 3301 The Alameda.

RESTAURANT FUNDRAISER

Orphan Grain Train, MD Branch

Wednesday, May 28, 5 - 9 pm. Music and food! Cafe Mezzonotte, 760 Ritchie Hwy, Severna Park. Enjoy a night out.

BEREA LUTHERAN, BALTIMORE, HAPPENINGS...

Temple Rock – Mondays, 2:30p Dancercise – Line dancing to gospel music, in person or zoom.

Game Night - Friday, May 30, 7-9p. Come enjoy fellowship, board games, and refreshments.

Zoom link and email: berealutheran2999@gmail.com

EVANGELISM BREAKFAST

Resurrection, Brooklyn Park

Save the Date! Evangelism Breakfast 3 will be held on Saturday, July 12, 9am at Resurrection Lutheran, Brooklyn Park. Details to follow.

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 For locations of churches
see LCMS.org > Locators & Directories