

***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 4th Saturday of Easter**

**Church Phone: 812-867-5088 — April 27, 2024--- 5:30 pm**

**Worship with Holy Communion**

**Opening Prayer /// Opening Hymn: “Crown Him with Many Crown” 525**

**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: And my mouth will declare Your praise.</b>
P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me;	<b>C: Make haste to help me, O Lord.</b>
P: The Lord has risen from the dead.	<b>C: He has risen indeed!!!</b>
P: Christ was raised from the dead	<b>C: His victory over death is complete</b>
P: Christ was delivered for our offenses	<b>C: And raised again for our justification</b>
P: In that He lives	<b>C: He lives unto God.</b>
P: This is the day the Lord has made	<b>C: We will rejoice and be glad in it.</b>

**Psalmody: Psalm 150**

P: Praise the Lord. **C: Praise God in His sanctuary; praise Him in His mighty heavens.**  
P: Praise Him for His acts of power; **C: Praise Him for His surpassing greatness.**  
P: Praise Him with the sounding of the trumpet, **C: Praise Him with the harp and lyre,**  
P: Praise Him with tambourine and dancing, **C: Praise Him with the strings and flute,**  
P: Praise Him with the clash of cymbals, **C: Praise Him with resounding cymbals.**  
P: Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. **C: 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:** O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

**Hymn: “How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds” 524**

**N.T. Lesson: Acts 8: 26-40**      **///**      **Epistle Lesson: 1 John 4:1-11**

**Holy Gospel: John 15: 1-8**      **///**      **Hymn: “I Am Jesus’ Little Lamb” 740**

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

**Offering brought to the Altar**

**Prayers:** The families of Wells, Charlie and Debbie; Welte, Bryan, Michelle, Cash and Josslyn; and Welte, David and Ann.

**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:** “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” 686

**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  
**SUNDAY:** Worship 8 am, SS 9:10 am, Confirmation - Worship 10:15am  
**TUESDAY:** NO Confirmation 6 pm  
**THURSDAY:** Bible Study 9:30 am and 6 pm  
**Next SATURDAY:** NO Confirmation, Worship w/HC 5:30  
**Next SUNDAY:** Worship w/HC 8 am, SS 9:10 am, Worship w/HC 10:15am

**WEEKLY ATTENDANCE:** Sat, Apr 20: 48, LS:39; Sun, Apr 21: 8 am: 59 LS: 38;  
10:15 am: 79 LS: 57

**MEMBER PRAYER LIST:** Next Sat and Sun we will be praying for the following Welte, Mark, Katie, Kade and Clay; Welte, Mike and Darlene; and Whitehead, Mark and Karen.

**THANK YOU:** *Many Thanks to the entire Immanuel family for all the prayers, well-wishes, and cards during our recent surgeries, treatments, and medical challenges. God is so good to provide us with the support and encouragement we have been blessed with by all of you and by Pastor Horstmeyer! Thank you for walking through this with us!*

*"Walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love." Ephesians 4:1,2*

In Christian Love, Darlene and Mark Moog <+><

*Dear Immanuel members, I want to thank the Card Committee and let them know what a great blessing they have sent me. I just took the Easter greeting cards off my closet doors; had to read them again – only 4<sup>th</sup> time since receiving them. I thank God every night for such a God send we have at our church. Jane Gibson*

**CHURCH FOOD BANK:** I want to express my thanks to those who have graciously donated to our Pantry, it has been appreciated and used. We could use once again: canned fruit, cereal, toilet paper, rice noodle or pasta meals in bags, peanut butter and jelly, macaroni and cheese, raisins, pudding, and dish and laundry soaps. If you can help, thank you!



## FISH FRY NEWS:

We are beginning to collect items for the Chinese Auction. Suggestions for items are Gift Cards, Baskets, Candles / Displays, Hair/Makeup items, Toys/Games, Baby things, Car Supplies, Flowers, Books, Pictures, Frames, Blankets / Quilts, Purses/Luggage, Precious Moments/Figurines, DVD/CD's, etc, etc, etc... Please bring your donation in by May 9th<sup>th</sup>. Items may be left in the Church Office. Thanks for your help!!!

**SIGN-UP SHEETS** ARE POSTED IN THE LOUNGE FOR CHAIRS, CO-CHAIRS AND HELPERS FOR ALL THE COMMITTEES OF THE FISH FRY.

### **COMMUNITY**

**LUTHERANS FOR HABITAT:** In 1993 Lutherans for Habitat sponsored and helped build its first house for the Cynthia B Family.

In 2024, we are in the process of building the 33<sup>rd</sup> Lutherans for Habitat house for Kirsten T at 606 Covert Ave. Kirsten will be the first homeowner in her family. Kirsten has cerebral palsy, which has presented some challenges in her life. However, she remains determined and continues to work hard to achieve her dream of homeownership. She is required to have 300 hours of sweat equity and she currently has over 400 hours.

The next opportunity to volunteer at Kirsten's house will be May 4 & May 11. The volunteer activity will be painting the inside of the house. We need 12 – 15 volunteers. Please contact Brock Stone, with Habitat, at 812-423-5623 x233 to volunteer.

The dedication / ribbon cutting for Kirsten's house should happen sometime between late June and early July.

**THE LUTHERAN CEMETERY BOARD** would like to invite you to celebrate Memorial Day with us. Rev. Robert Schneider of St. Paul's Lutheran Church will lead us in a service on Monday, May 27, 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. We look forward to seeing you on May 27!