

# IMMANUEL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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*Our mission as disciples of Jesus,  
is to commit ourselves to making Christ known through  
worship, service, outreach, learning, and loving one another*



**Sunday, May 16, 2021**

Ascension of Our Lord

\*10:45am Outdoor  
Worship Service  
held at Thomas Tree Farm

## WORSHIP SPONSOR

This week's service is sponsored  
to the Glory of God

and

in honor of Kinsley Lynn Spires, born May 7, 2021  
by her great-great grandmother, Linda Black

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Worship Services at Immanuel:**
  - **Saturday Zoom service 5 PM**
  - **Sunday Zoom service 9 AM** followed by **Dwelling in the Word Bible study**
  - **Outdoor Worship with Communion resumes Sun, May 16 at 10:45am at Thomas Tree Farm**
  
- **Upcoming Events:**
  - **Stephen Ministers:** Monday 4pm Oak Tree Room
  - **Bible Study:** Tuesday 3 PM on Zoom
  - **Confirmation Class:** Wednesday 7 PM
  - **Next Youth Activity:** Friday, June 11 at 6pm. Ice Cream Social under the oak tree.
  - **Food Distribution:** Tues & Sat, 10 – 12  
*Needed:* Cash Donations for milk  
and clean plastic grocery bags.  
*Not Needed:* Egg cartons
  
- **Stephen Ministry News**
  - **Immanuel is a Stephen Ministry congregation** with trained volunteers providing spiritual care and support for those who are struggling.
  - Let us know if you would like to learn about becoming a Stephen Minister, or to recommend someone in need of a Stephen Minister.
  - Our Stephen Ministry Leader is Connie Dattilio.

- **May Mission Offering: *Immanuel VBS***
  - Donations are collected for the entire month.
  - Use purple Special Offering envelopes or clearly note the designation.
  - Make checks payable to Immanuel Church.
  - When giving online, select **Mission Offering** from the drop-down list.



This year's VBS dates are July 11-15, Sun - Thur (*after the July 4 holiday weekend*). We are planning a mostly outdoor in-person COVID-safe VBS this year.

Our theme is ***"TREASURED:  
Discovering You're Priceless to God."***

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The mission offering will be used for VBS curriculum and supplies. This is our biggest annual neighborhood outreach to children and families. Your offerings will help make it a success. *Thank you for your generous support!*

- **PICTORIAL DIRECTORY PHOTOGRAPHY DATES**
  - On Monday, Sept. 20 & Tuesday, Sept. 21, from 2– 8:30pm a photographer will be at Immanuel from *RE:Member Church Directories* to take your picture in a COVID-safe setting following all public health protocols.

Mark your calendars and watch for more information. Coordinator: Debbie Mace

## PRAYER CONCERNS

Family of Shirley Norman  
Family of Janet Patterson  
Ardice Holbrook  
Brenda Murray  
Dave & Darlene Barnhart  
Joe Cornell  
Bri Murphy  
Amanda Yingling  
Bruce Klinedinst  
Alice Warehime  
Bill & Delores Whitehead  
Jeremy Birnie  
Frank Sentous

Dolly Ruby  
Brenda Murray  
Craig Schenning  
Ron & Ryan Whitehead  
Betty Miller  
Steve Yelton  
Mike Day  
Pam Mullins  
Pam Miller  
Jeff Dell  
Gary Eppley

**PRELUDE** ELW #857 *Lord, I Lift Your Name on High*  
***Lord I lift Your name on high***  
***Lord I love to sing Your praises***  
***I'm so glad You're in my life***  
***I'm so glad You came to save us***

*Chorus*

***You came from heaven to earth***  
***To show the way***  
***From the earth to the cross***  
***My debt to pay***  
***From the cross to the grave***  
***From the grave to the sky***  
***Lord I lift Your name on high***

## THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ,  
let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We thank you, risen Christ,  
for these waters where you make us new,  
leading us from death to life, from tears to joy.

We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us  
in the grace-filled waters of rebirth,  
like rains to our thirsting earth,  
like streams that revive our souls,  
like cups of cool water shared with strangers.

Breathe your peace on your church  
when we hide in fear.

Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness.

Send us companions on our journey  
as we share your life.

Make us one, risen Christ. Cleanse our hearts.  
Shower us with life.

To you be given all praise, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **GATHERING HYMN** ELW #392 vs 1,2

*Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*

**1 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;  
His the scepter, his the throne;  
Alleluia! his the triumph,  
His the victory alone.  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion  
Thunder like a mighty flood:  
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation  
Has redeemed us by his blood."**

**2 Alleluia! Not as orphans  
Are we left in sorrow now;  
Alleluia! he is near us;  
Faith believes, nor questions how.  
Though the cloud from sight received him  
When the forty days were o'er,  
Shall our hearts forget his promise:  
"I am with you evermore"?**

**Text: William C. Dix, 1837-1898, alt.  
Music: HYFRYDOL., Rowland H. Prichard, 1811-1887**

## **GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray... Almighty God,  
your only Son was taken into the heavens and  
in your presence intercedes for us.

Receive us and our prayers for all the world,  
and in the end bring everything into your glory,  
through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## FIRST READING: ACTS 1:1-11

*Before he is lifted into heaven, Jesus promises that the missionary work of the disciples will spread out from Jerusalem to all the world, and that the disciples will be accompanied and empowered by the Holy Spirit. His words provide an outline of the book of Acts.*

[Luke writes:] In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM: PSALM 47

Clap your hands, all you peoples;  
shout to God with a joyful sound.

**For the LORD Most High is to be feared:**

**a great king over all the earth,**  
who subdues the peoples under us,  
and the nations under our feet;  
**who chooses our inheritance for us,**  
**the pride of Jacob, whom God loves.**



God has gone up with a shout,  
the LORD with the sound of the ram's horn.

**Sing praises to God, sing praises;  
sing praises to our king, sing praises.**

For God is king of all the earth;  
sing praises with a song.

**God reigns over the nations;  
God is enthroned on high.**

The nobles of the peoples have gathered  
as the people of the God of Abraham.

The rulers of the earth belong to God,  
who is highly exalted.

## SECOND READING: EPHESIANS 1:15-23

*The risen and exalted Christ reigns over the entire universe. The author of Ephesians prays that we are given the wisdom to know the power of the risen Christ and the empowering hope that the knowledge of this inheritance provides.*

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us

who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL: LUKE 24:44-53

The holy gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*On the day of his ascension, Jesus leaves his disciples with a commission, a blessing, and a promise of the Holy Spirit.*

[Jesus said to the eleven and those with them,] “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God. The gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## YOUNG PEOPLE'S MESSAGE

### SERMON

### HYMN OF THE DAY

*Hymn of the Day ELW #669 vs 1,2,5*  
*Rise Up, O Saints of God*

**<sup>1</sup> Rise up, O saints of God!**  
**From vain ambitions turn;**  
**Christ rose triumphant that your hearts**  
**with nobler zeal might burn.**

**<sup>2</sup> Speak out, O saints of God!**  
**Despair engulfs earth's frame;**  
**as heirs of God's baptismal grace,**  
**the word of hope proclaim.**

**<sup>5</sup> Commit your hearts to seek**  
**the paths which Christ has trod;**  
**and, quickened by the Spirit's pow'r,**  
**rise up, O saints of God!**

## **NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
of one being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven;  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary  
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified  
under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son  
he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic  
and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one Baptism  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
we bring our prayers before God who promises  
to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

*A brief silence.*

You call the whole church on earth  
to worship and bless you.  
Empower your church to bear joyful witness  
to your love made known in Jesus Christ.  
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You have fashioned a habitat for all your creatures  
and you fill the earth with your glory.

Give rain where it is needed  
and rescue those inundated by floods.  
Mend what we have torn in the fabric of creation  
and replenish and nourish your world.  
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

In the majesty of your love,  
you rule the world with justice and mercy.  
Give those in authority the spirit of your love,  
so that all who are hungry and poor  
receive food and resources,  
and all people flourish and live in peace.  
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You heal those who are sick  
and bind up the brokenhearted.  
Attend to the cares and needs of all who are hurting  
and hopeless in our congregation,  
community, workplaces, schools and families,  
including those on our prayer list  
and those we name in your presence now...  
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You have gathered us in this congregation,  
enlightened our hearts, and given us a share  
of the immeasurable greatness of your power.  
Help us love one another,  
be reconciled where we are divided,  
and share the riches of your grace

with our neighbors.  
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

In raising Christ from the dead,  
you put your great power to work in the world.  
Raise us and all who have died in the faith with Christ.  
We remember saints in our lives and in our community,  
including our loved ones who rest in you...  
Thank you for their gifts among us.  
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

In the hope of new life in Christ,  
we raise our prayers to you,  
trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**And also with you.**



## OFFERING

Your offerings are especially needed during this time of crisis. You may mail your offering to the church office or give online through our church website

[www.immanuellutheranccmd.org](http://www.immanuellutheranccmd.org)

or the Tithe.ly app at <https://tithe.ly/give>

Thank you for helping us pursue God's mission together!

## OFFERING SONG *ELW* #686 vs 1

*We Give Thee but Thine Own*

**1 We give thee but thine own,  
whate'er the gift may be;  
all that we have is thine alone,  
a trust, O Lord, from thee.**

*Text: William W. How, 1823-1897, alt.  
Music: L. Mason and G. Webb, Cantic Lauda, 1850 Public Domain*

## OFFERING PRAYER

**Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth.  
Day by day you shower us with blessings.  
As you have raised us to new life in Christ,  
give us glad and generous hearts,  
ready to praise you  
and to respond to those in need,  
through Jesus Christ,  
our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy, living, and loving God,  
we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth.  
We bless you for bringing Noah and his family  
through the waters of the flood,  
for freeing your people Israel  
from the bonds of slavery,  
and for sending your Son to be our Redeemer.



We give you thanks for Jesus who, living among us,  
healed the sick, fed the hungry,  
and with a love stronger than death,  
gave his life for others.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people  
for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore,  
his life-giving death and glorious resurrection,  
we await your promised life for all this dying world.  
Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup:  
carry us in your arms from death to life,  
that we may live as your chosen ones,  
clothed in the righteousness of Christ.  
Through him all glory and honor is yours,  
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,  
in your holy Church, both now and forever. **Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The risen Christ invites us to this table.  
Come, eat and be satisfied.

## COMMUNION SONG *Lamb of God*



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ  
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.  
**Amen.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Wellspring of joy, through this meal  
you have put gladness in our hearts.  
Satisfy the hunger still around us,  
and send us as joyful witnesses,  
that your love may bring joy  
to the hearts of all people,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## BLESSING

May our glorious God grant you  
a spirit of wisdom to know and to love  
the risen Lord Jesus.  
The God of life,  
Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN ELW #825 vs 1,2

### *You Servants of God*

**1 You servants of God,  
Your Master proclaim,  
And publish abroad  
His wonderful name;  
The name, all-victorious,  
Of Jesus extol;  
His kingdom is glorious  
And rules over all!**

**2 Ascended on high,  
Almighty to save,  
Yet still he is nigh,  
His presence we have.  
The great congregation  
His triumph shall sing,  
Ascribing salvation  
To Jesus, our king!**

*Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.  
Music: attr. Johann Michael Haydn, 1737-1806  
Public Domain*

## SENDING

We are God's family on a journey of love with Jesus,  
rich in history and tradition yet open to the Spirit,

- welcoming all in worship and learning,
- growing in faith as the Spirit leads us,

- reaching out with our neighbors to serve those in need,
  - sharing with others God’s all-embracing love.
- We invite you to walk with us on this journey.

**Let us go in peace and make Christ known through worship, service, outreach, learning, and loving one another. Amen! Thanks be to God!**

## POSTLUDE

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