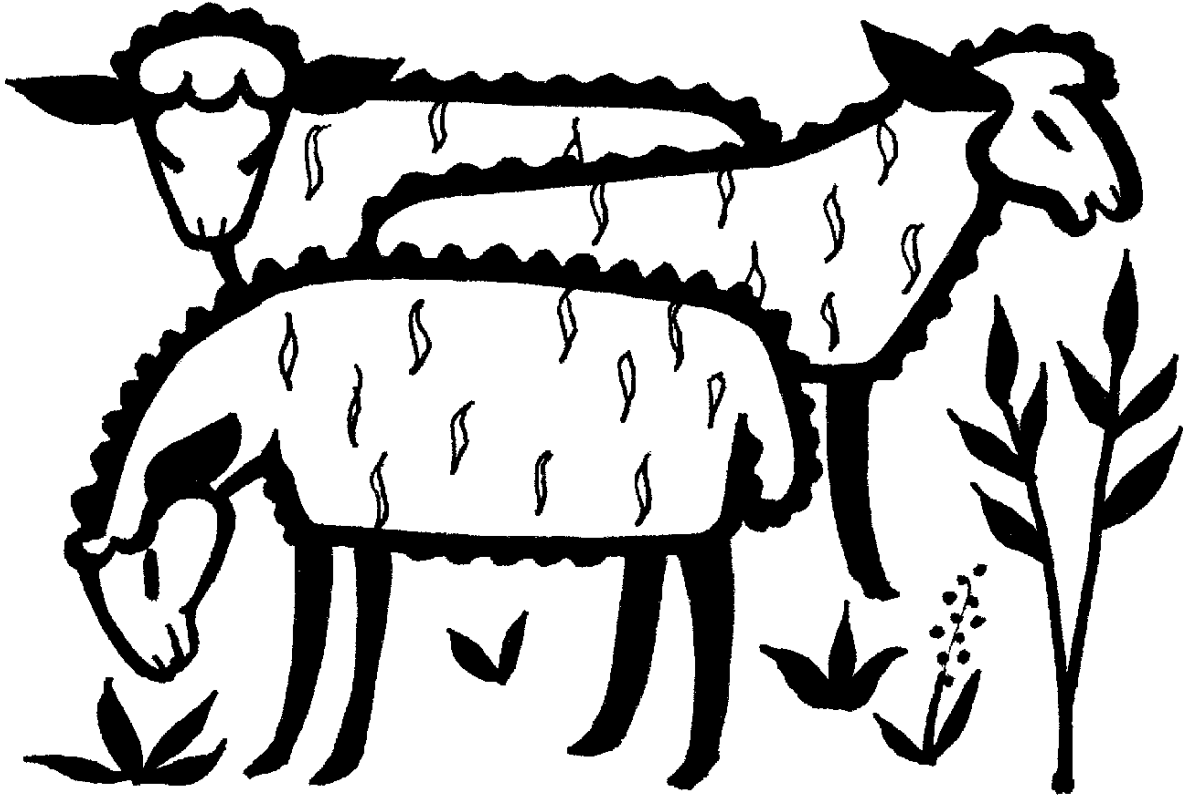


# Fourth Sunday *of* Easter



April 21, 2024

**IMMANUEL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

*A Reconciling in Christ Congregation*

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The People of Immanuel are Ministers of the Church  
The Rev Scott R. Lee, Pastor  
Kathleen Schneider, Director of Music

PRELUDE (*Prayerful time for reflection.*)

^MISSION STATEMENT:

**C: We of Immanuel are claimed, gathered, and sent by God to live Christ's example through worship, education, and service.**

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

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.**

## ^OPENING HYMN

## The Day of Resurrection!



1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,  
 2 Let hearts be purged of e - vil that we may see a - right  
 3 Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful, let earth its song be - gin,  
 4 All praise to God the Fa - ther, all praise to Christ the Son,



the pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the pass - o - ver of God.  
 the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light,  
 the round world keep high tri - umph and all that is there - in.  
 all praise to God the Spir - it, e - ter - nal Three in One!



From death to life e - ter - nal, from sin's do - min - ion free,  
 and lis - t'ning to his ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain,  
 Let all things, seen and un - seen, their notes of glad - ness blend;  
 Let all the ran - somed num - ber fall down be - fore the throne,



our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.  
 his own "All hail!" and hear - ing, may raise the glad re - frain.  
 for Christ the Lord has ris - en, our joy that has no end!  
 and hon - or, pow'r, and glo - ry as - cribe to God a - lone!

Text: John of Damascus, c. 696–c. 754; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.

Music: ELLACOMBE, German melody, 18th cent.; adapt. X. L. Hartig, *Melodien zum Mainzer Gesangbuche*, 1833

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

**C:** And also with you.

## ^KYRIE



Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.



Lord, have mer - cy; have mer - cy, O Lord.

## ^HYMN OF PRAISE

*Refrain*

Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

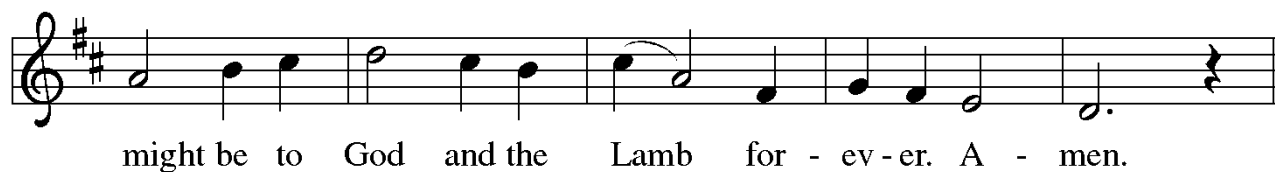
*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



P: The Lord be with you

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray

## ^PRAYER OF THE DAY

**O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## FIRST READING

Acts 4:5-12

*Peter and John had been arrested the previous day because they were proclaiming the news of the resurrection to the people. In today's reading, Peter is filled with the Holy Spirit so that he is able to proclaim salvation in Jesus' name to the religious authorities.*

<sup>5</sup>The next day [the] rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, <sup>6</sup>with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. <sup>7</sup>When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, “By what power or by what name did you do this?” <sup>8</sup>Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, <sup>9</sup>if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, <sup>10</sup>let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. <sup>11</sup>This Jesus is

‘the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;  
it has become the cornerstone.’

<sup>12</sup>There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.”

Word of God, word of Life: **Thanks be to God**

PSALM 23 (*Read responsively*)

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd;  
I shall not be in want.

<sup>2</sup>**The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures  
and leads me beside still waters.**

<sup>3</sup>You restore my soul, O LORD,  
and guide me along right pathways for your name’s sake.

<sup>4</sup>**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall  
fear no evil;**

**for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

<sup>6</sup>**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

## SECOND READING

1 John 3:16-24

*Jesus' death on our behalf is the clearest demonstration of divine love. This is the very love we share with others, not just through our words but especially through our deeds. In sharing such love we fulfill God's commandments.*

<sup>16</sup>We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. <sup>17</sup>How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

<sup>18</sup>Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. <sup>19</sup>And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him <sup>20</sup>whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. <sup>21</sup>Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; <sup>22</sup>and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

<sup>23</sup>And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us.

<sup>24</sup>All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

Word of God, word of life: **Thanks be to God**

^GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

## Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord!

Praise, praise, praise the Lord! Praise God's ho - ly name. Al - le - lu - ia!

The first system of music features a treble clef staff with a melody of eighth and quarter notes, and a bass clef staff with a harmonic accompaniment of chords and moving lines.

Praise, praise, praise the Lord! Praise God's ho - ly name. Al - le - lu - ia!

The second system of music is identical to the first, providing a second vocal part.

Praise God's ho - ly name. Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God's ho - ly name. Al - le - lu - ia!

The third system of music continues the melody and accompaniment, with the lyrics repeating the phrase.

Praise God's ho - ly name. Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God's ho - ly name. Al - le - lu - ia!

The fourth system of music concludes the piece with the same melody and accompaniment as the previous systems.



**^HOLY GOSPEL**

P: The Holy Gospel according to John the 10th Chapter

**C: Glory to you O Lord**

*In language that recalls the twenty-third psalm, Jesus describes himself as the shepherd who cares for his sheep. He is willing to die for them, and he is able to overcome death for them.*

[Jesus said:] <sup>11</sup>“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup>The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. <sup>17</sup>For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ**

SERMON

Pr. Scott Lee

**^HYMN**

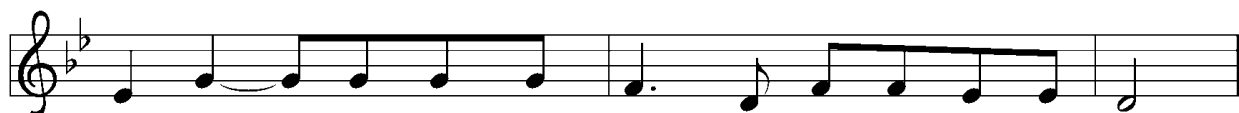
## How Great Thou Art



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe - some won - der con - sid - er  
 2 When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der, I hear the  
 3 But when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing, sent him to  
 4 When Christ shall come, with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion, and take me



all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might-y  
 birds sing sweet-ly in the trees; when I look down from loft - y moun-tain  
 die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross my bur-den glad-ly  
 home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum-ble ad - o -



thun - der, thy pow'r through-out the u - ni - verse dis - played;  
 gran - deur and hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;  
 bear - ing he bled and died to take a - way my sin;  
 ra - tion and there pro - claim, "My God, how great thou art!"

### *Refrain*



Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to thee, how great thou



art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to



thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!

## ^APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.\***

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (*Kneeling as able.*)

**Response: "Your mercy is great."**

## ^PEACE

**P:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C:** **And also with you.**

**P:** Let us share a sign of peace with one another, as you feel comfortable.

## OFFERING

*We join other Christians in joyfully responding to God's goodness, through your personal giving. The ushers will pass the offering plates during this time. For those who don't feel comfortable passing the plates, we ask that you place your offering in the plates located at the front of the*

*nave prior to the service, or after the service, in the plate on the table as you exit into the Hospitality area. Many people give electronically and we thank all growing disciples in advance for their supportive giving.*

## ^OFFERTORY HYMN



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the  
 brim our cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the  
 seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
 Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the  
 prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,  
 and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

## OFFERING PRAYER

God of love, you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table. Receive our lives and the gifts we offer. Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world; for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## +HOLY COMMUNION+

## ^GREAT THANKSGIVING

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** **And also with you.**

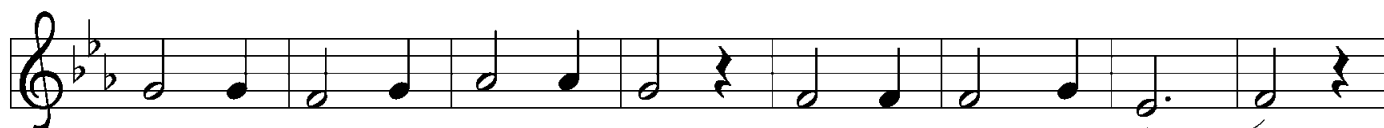
**P:** Lift up your hearts.

**C:** **We lift them up to the Lord.**


**P:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C:** **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

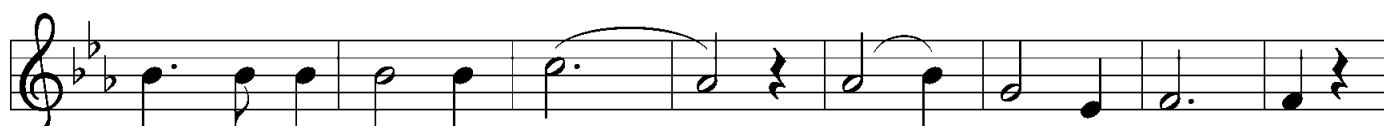
**P:** It is indeed right and salutary.....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,




ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION *In the night he was betrayed.....*

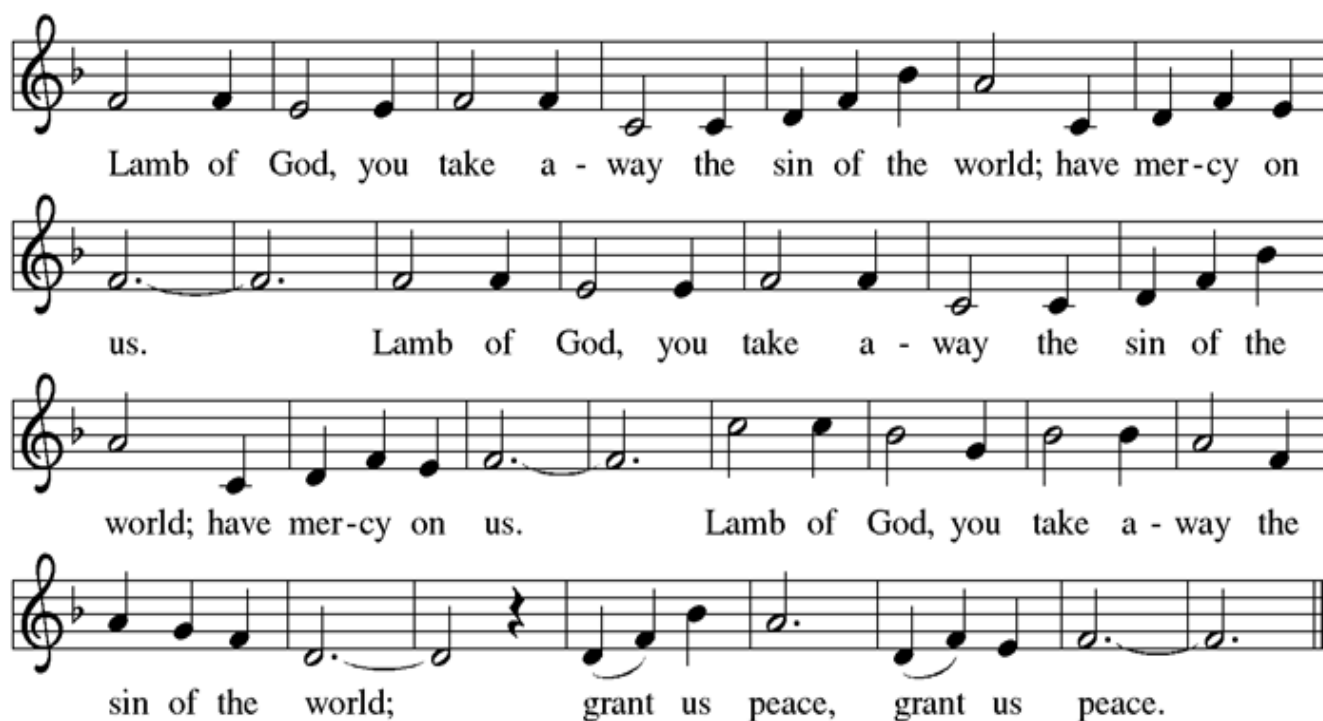
^LORD'S PRAYER (*Spoken*)

**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

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

**C:** Amen



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.

## DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION *(By Intinction)*

*All baptized Christians are welcome to share the bread and wine of **Holy Communion**. After it is placed in your hand, dip your wafer in the wine (silver chalice) or grape juice (ceramic chalice). Sign a communion card from the pew rack and place it in the offering plate.*

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

**C:** Amen

### Great Is Thy Faithfulness

*Refrain*



Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by



morn-ing new mer-cies I see; all I have need-ed thy



hand hath pro-vid-ed; great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me.

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## ^BENEDICTION/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.**

## ^HYMN

Praise Ye the Lord  
*Psalm 150*



Praise ye the Lord, hal - le - lu - jah! Ev - 'ry - bod - y, praise the Lord.



1 Praise God with the sound of the trum - pet;  
2 Praise God with ho - ly cym - bals;  
3 Praise God in the ho - ly tem - ple;  
4 Praise God on top of the moun - tains;



praise God with the lute and the harp;  
praise God with strings and with pipes;  
praise God for al - might - y deeds;  
praise God both day and night;



praise God with the tim - brel and danc - ing;  
praise God with clash - ing cym - bals;  
praise God for those boun - ti - ful mer - cies;  
praise God down in the low val - leys;



Refrain



praise God wher - ev - er you are.  
 praise God with all of your might.  
 for God ful - fills our needs.  
 praise God be - cause it's all right.

## ^DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

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LUTHERANS FOR FULL PARTICIPATION



Norwood, commits to celebrating the love of God with ALL people as we are all made in God's image. Whatever your abilities, gender identity, sexual orientation, relationship status, race, culture, faith tradition or economic circumstance; whatever your past or present – you are welcome to share in God's love and our community.

**Welcome Visitors!** We are very glad you are with us today! It is a privilege to have you share our worship service. Please take a moment to fill out the Visitor Guest Book located at the top of the steps at our Chester Pike entrance. If you have any questions please ask any of the members, we'll be happy to help. Check out [www.immanuelnorwood.org](http://www.immanuelnorwood.org) or our Facebook page. **Thanks for being with us!**



**Supporting IMMANUEL's Mission with Our Generosity.** We have 3 easy & virtual ways for people to donate to IMMANUEL. You will see on our Website and on our Facebook page "links" which you can click and make a secure donation. And here is a **QR code** which you can scan with your smart phone. Thank You for your continued generous support!



We have a monthly **Healing Service**. The service is the **third Saturday of each month** and is a laying on of hands healing service. It goes from **1pm-2pm**. The actual service itself will take about 30 minutes followed with some quiet time if people want to stay and pray



## ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

**Weekly Activities do not reflect building use by outside groups.**

<b>SUNDAY</b>	Education Hour	10:00 AM
	Council Mtg.	12:00 PM
<b>THURSDAY</b>	Bible Study ( <i>Zoom</i> )	7:00 PM
<b>SATURDAY</b>	Cars, Coffee, & Christ ( <i>St. Matthew</i> )	8:30-10:30 AM

	<b>Lector</b>	<b>Worship Assistant</b>	<b>Greeters</b>
<b>Apr. 21</b>	V. Slotterback	J. Kintsche	J. Crane
<b>Apr. 28</b>		K. McClellan	J. Crane
<b>May 5</b>	V. Slotterback		C. Kelly
<b>May 12</b>			J. Morrison



Finance  
Update

**February Income - \$10,133**

**February Expenses - \$8,985**

**Immanuel's 135<sup>th</sup> Memory Cross Project Extended!** We are doing something as part of our 135<sup>th</sup> celebration to capture your memories in a lasting way, a Memory Cross! We started this at the 135<sup>th</sup> anniversary luncheon. **We will continue to collect your sticks until May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024.** On the Hospitality table there is a plastic container of 6" multicolor craft sticks and a "Sharpie". Please take a few minutes on Sunday to write down your own special memories. *Even if you already did some please feel free to add more!* Just place yours in the basket where we are collecting the craft sticks. Thank you! Karl McClellan

Our sincere **"Thank you" to everyone who has been using our "OIL"** envelopes to give extra! They are found on the BRIGHT GREEN display in the Hospitality area (just write your envelope number on it). If you have not already joined the effort you can start at any time! Thank you from your Resource Committee and your Church Council

### **Spring Fundraiser ~ "RaiseRight/Script Gift Cards"**

Looking for gifts for a special occasion? Or maybe treating yourself to a dinner out. Make it easy with gift cards and help Immanuel also. Immanuel is selling gift cards for just about every store you may want. Immanuel will get a percentage back from sales. Forms are available on the table in the hospitality area or call the office and we will email you the form. Fill out form, make out your check payable to Immanuel Lutheran Church and hand in to Jeanne Warner or the office. Orders will be sent in for purchase on May 5th and June 9th. Please allow 10 days to receive the gift cards. Don't see a store you need, you can go on-line at [www.raiseright.com](http://www.raiseright.com) and see if it is available and add to your list or ask Jeanne W. and she will check. Thanks for all your support!

**Growing season is upon us.** Can you help to keep the church grounds mowed & trimmed? For more details about what is involved, and how you might be able to help, please see Fred Warner, Chairperson for the Property Committee.



**Order Your Geraniums for Pentecost!** We will be ordering geraniums to adorn our Altar area on Pentecost Sunday. If you would like to place a plant (s) in the Sanctuary, we will be taking orders **April 14th through Sunday, May 5th**. Please use the envelope provided by the Altar Guild members for the completion of your order and include the **number of plants, payment, and dedication** for the bulletin in your envelope. **The price per plant this year will be \$4.00.**



We are planning our first Cars, Coffee, & Christ event for 2024 on **Saturday April 27<sup>th</sup>** from 8:30 to 10:30 am at St. Matthew, 160 Fairview Road, Woodlyn.. We hope you might come out and join us!! Please see Karl McClellan ([krmcfamily@aol.com](mailto:krmcfamily@aol.com)) with any suggestions/questions you may have.

It's that time of year again - preparing for VBS 2024. We will have a meeting on Sunday, May 5 after service. If you are interested in helping in any way, please stay for meeting. If you cannot stay, please let Jeanne Warner know that you are interested in helping. VBS will be August 12-16 9am-11:30am. Thanks for all your help to make VBS a success.

