

The Fifth Sunday of Easter & Confirmation

Sunday, May 3, 2026



Confirmation
Celebration

Immanuel Lutheran Church

SEBEWAING, MICHIGAN



The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

*Faithful to God's Word -
We receive, celebrate and share Jesus Christ.*

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Sunday Worship

9:00 am

with

LIVESTREAM –

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and RADIO – 103.7 FM

Monday Worship

6:30 pm



A Stephen
Ministry Congregation

Easter

May 3, 2026

WHO SHOULD COMMUNE HERE

...In the Sacrament of the Altar we receive, as Christ says, His true body and His true blood for the forgiveness of our sins. Those who come to the Lord's Supper at this altar, are those who: 1 Repent of their sins, and earnestly seek to live according to God's will. 2 Trust the Word of Christ that His body and blood are truly present and received here for forgiveness. 3 Confess the faith of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, as a member of this congregation or of another LCMS congregation. If you have questions about our communion practice, please speak to the pastor or an elder.

Romans 15:13

...May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

PRAYER TIME AT THE MUSEUM

...In observance of the National Day of Prayer, Thursday, May 7, the Luckhard Museum will be having a "Prayer Time at the Museum" from 12-1pm, 3-4pm and 7-8pm that day. You are invited to stop by during these hours for individual and/or group prayers. Prayer materials and devotional aids will be available. Philippians 4:6 states "in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made to God."

THANK YOU

...so much to my church family for your prayers, kindness and encouragement during my recent back surgery. I am especially grateful to Pastor Boyer for communion and praying with me, and Pastor & Jean Kuhl for their visit. – Lois Dressler

GRADUATE SUNDAY

...Sunday, May 17 will be the day we honor our 2026 High School and 8th grade graduates here at Immanuel! There will be a reception in the great room beginning at 8:15am. Please have your students meet here before the beginning of service to put on their gowns and caps and be ready to walk into church as a group.

175TH COMMITTEE

...You may purchase a T-shirt or sweatshirt in the Great Room on Sundays and Monday evenings, or from the office during the week. There's a large selection of colors and sizes. Stop by the display and have a look. This is a fund-raiser for the Committee's work. We appreciate everybody who has either given a monetary donation or purchased a shirt. The actual anniversary date is February 16, 2027.

IN OUR PRAYERS

+ All the students professing the Rite of Confirmation this year, especially **Trevor Lee Brink, Addison Lynn Kelly, Madison Lynn Reithel, and Mya Lynn Sweetman**, who profess their faith in front of us today. May God bless them all and continue to help hold them in their walk with God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit throughout their lives.

+ SPECIAL NEEDS

...Lois Dressler, Scott Adams, Lorraine Morey, Kevin Weeks, John Volz, Cassie (Molina) Kerinuk, Loretta Tope, Marlene Faber, Warren Beers, Joan Walz, Gil & Joy Sprague, Nancy Pommerenke, Gary Volz, Nelda Gnagey, Chuck Dutcher, LoAnn Rieman, Ernie Sbresney III, Sue McGathy, Jim Simmet, Barb Nitz, Collin Nitz, Frank Gunsell, Ian Faist, Wayne Morris, Karen Swartzendruber, Stephen Sprague, Scott Smith, Brenda Chambers, Rick Chambers, Christine Brown, and Hank & Sandy Brandt.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

...Sunday, April 26, 2026; 9:00 – 175; Monday, 6:30 – 44

LISTEN TO THE LUTHERAN HOUR

...every Sunday morning on WLEW 1340AM at 11:10, WMIC AM 660 at 10:05 or WSAM AM 1340 at 8:30. Today's Lutheran Hour message is "Planning Is Everything" with Lutheran Hour speaker Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Offer up your plans to God in prayer and see what God does with them. Let your plans become prayers that lead you to praise. (Psalm 146:3-4)

School News

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

...Track season started off with the team running at Valley Lutheran. The A team took 1st place while the B team took 2nd place. What an amazing start to the season. Every Saturday this team will compete at Valley Lutheran. We look forward to watching them. Go Knights!

...Congratulations to four of our Eighth Graders on their Confirmation today at Immanuel. God's richest blessings to Trevor Brink, Addison Kelly, Madison Reithel, and Mya Sweetman as they take this next step in their faith journey!

...Christ the King will compete in Field Day this Friday! This annual tradition is a fun event that brings the whole school together. Parents are welcome to attend and cheer on the students. K-8 students will eat lunch together and the games will begin around noon.

...CTK Lunch Program: Are you interested in being a part of our Adopt Our Salad Bar for a Day program, but aren't sure what to do next? Pick up a brochure at the back of our church.



Our Lord's Business this Week

May 3 – May 10

SUNDAY: 8:15 AM Confirmation Reception
 9:00 AM **WORSHIP/Communion** & Confirmation
 10:15 AM Sunday School & Bible Study

MONDAY: 5:00 PM Finance
 6:30 PM **WORSHIP/Communion**

TUESDAY: 9:00 AM Quilt tying
 10:30 AM Devotions at Bay View Gardens

WEDNESDAY: 7:30 AM Men's Bible Study at Lamplighter
 8:05 AM Chapel
 9:30 AM Adult Bible Class
 4:30 PM Evangelism Meeting

THURSDAY: 12:00 PM Bulletin Deadline

NEXT SUNDAY: 7:15 AM Elders Meeting
 8:15 AM Confirmation Reception
 9:00 AM **WORSHIP/Communion**
 10:15 AM Sunday School & Bible Study
 7:30 PM Youth Board Meeting

SERVING NEXT WEEK (MAY 10)

Elders: 9:00-Roger Bloomfield & Ryan Kuhl
Acolytes: 9:00-MyKenlie Jacobs & Addison Pommerenke
Crucifer: 9:00-Reed Werschky
Greeters: 9:00-Ed & Lori Kemp
Scrip: 9:00-Candice Reithel
Ushers: 9:00-GROUP 3: Tom Sting, Floyd Winchell, Ryan Kuhl, Emersynn Kuhl, Gerald Gross, David Dufty, Austin Dufty

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9:00 am

Divine Service 1

Announcements

Hymn – *Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest*

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Divine Service 3

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Invocation, Confession and Absolution

Introit

Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song,
his praise in the assembly of the godly!
I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up
and have not let my foes rejoice over me.
O Lord my God, I cried to you for help,
and you have healed me.
O Lord, you have brought up my soul from Sheol;
you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.
Sing praises to the Lord, O you his saints,
and give thanks to his holy name.
For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime.
Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song,
his praise in the assembly of the godly!

Kyrie

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Salutation and 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 Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The First Reading – *Acts 6:1-9, 7:2a, 51-60*

The Gradual

Christ has risen from the dead.

[God the Father] has crowned him with glory and honor.

He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;
he has put all things under his feet.

The Epistle – *1 Peter 2:2-10*

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The Gospel – *John 14:1-4*

Hymn – *I Know That My Redeemer Lives*

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Offertory

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Service of the Sacrament

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

The Words of Our Lord

Agnus Dei



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Go Ye Into the World - *Christ's Messengers*

O Jesus, I Have Promised - *Adoration Choir*

Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord

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The Church's One Foundation

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Thank the Lord

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Post-Communion Collect

Benediction

Closing Hymn – *Christ Is Our Cornerstone*

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Acts 6:1-9, 7:2a, 51-60

Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. ²And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. ³Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. ⁴But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." ⁵And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. ⁶These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them.

⁷And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith. ⁸And Stephen, full of grace and power, was doing great wonders and signs among the people. ⁹Then some of those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called), and of the Cyrenians, and of the Alexandrians, and of those from Cilicia and Asia, rose up and disputed with Stephen. . . .

²And Stephen said: "Brothers and fathers, hear me. . . .

⁵¹You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you. ⁵²Which of the prophets did not your fathers persecute? And they killed those who announced beforehand the coming of the Righteous One, whom you have now betrayed and murdered, ⁵³you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it."

⁵⁴Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth at

him. ⁵⁵But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶And he said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God." ⁵⁷But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. ⁵⁸Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." ⁶⁰And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

1 Peter 2:2-10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation— ³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, ⁵you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For it stands in Scripture:

"Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

⁷So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone," ⁸and "A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

John 14:1-14

[Jesus said:] “Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ²In my Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to where I am going.” ⁵Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

⁸Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.” ⁹Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still

do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

¹²“Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. ¹³Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.”

PREACHER: Rev Michael Boyer

ELDERS: Roger Bloomfield & Ryan Kuhl

ORGANIST: Barbara Bleck

ACOLYTES: Kenzie & Brady Armbruster

CRUCIFER: Gatlin Bumhoffer

GREETERS: Scott & Jill Millerwise

SCRIP: Sandy Irion

USHERS: GROUP 2: Mark Bauer, Dale Truemner, Alicia Truemner, Tucker Truemner, Evan Konecny, Easton Konecny, Garrett Adam, Mark Adam, Cole Finkbeiner, Cody Finkbeiner, Caden Finkbeiner, Adam Masut

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2026 Immanuel Confirmands



Benjamin William Bowman

Birthdate: July 25, 2011

Baptism Date: September 18, 2011

Parents: Brent & Shannon (Marion) Bowman

Verse: *Matthew 6:33 But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.*

Trevor Lee Brink

Birthdate: November 14, 2011

Baptism Date: December 11, 2011

Parents: Kyle & Yvette (Healy) Brink

Verse: *Ephesians 2:8-9 For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.*

Samuel Raymond Hofmeister

Birthdate: November 26, 2011

Baptism Date: January 22, 2012

Parents: Brian & Tara Hofmeister

Verse: *John 8:12 Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."*

Addison Lynn Kelly

Birthdate: December 27, 2011

Baptism Date: February 26, 2012

Parents: Eric & Angela (Holland) Kelly

Verse: *Psalms 23:1 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.*

Madison Lynn Reithel

Birthdate: March 20, 2012

Baptism Date: May 6, 2012

Parents: Mark & Candice (Koroleski) Reithel

Verse: *John 14:1 Jesus said, "Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me."*

Oscar Nathaniel Schulz

Birthdate: June 17, 2012

Baptism Date: September 23, 2012

Parents: Nathan & Whitney (Brown) Schulz

Verse: *Revelation 2:10 Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.*

Mya Lynn Sweetman

Birthdate: August 27, 2012

Baptism Date: October 7, 2012

Parents: Dan & Lori (Reithel) Sweetman

Verse: *Psalms 55:22 Cast your burden on the Lord, and he will sustain you; he will never permit the righteous to be moved.*



**Our Congregation at Prayer
Daily Scripture and Prayer
To be Used in the Home
Getting Ready for Easter 6 A
Immanuel Lutheran Church**

Theme for Sunday: Jesus sends the Spirit of truth to us, through Baptism, giving us assurance of all He has done.

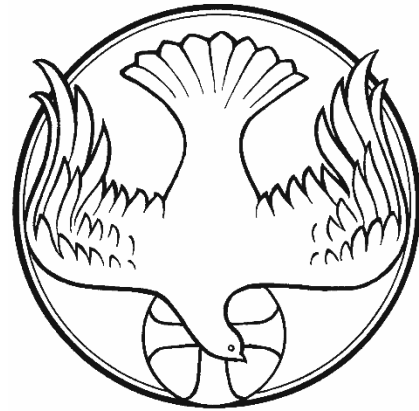
The following short order may be used for devotions at home during the week or Daily Prayer for individuals and families may be used in the hymnal (LSB page 294 and following).

Invocation

In the Name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Introit *Psalm 119.89-93, ant Psalm 119.105*

Your word is a lamp to my feet
And a light to my path.
Forever, O LORD, your word
Is firmly fixed in the heavens.
Your faithfulness endures to all generations;
You have established the earth, and it stands fast.
By your appointment they stand this day,
For all things are your servants.
If your law had not been my delight,
I would have perished in my afflictions.
I will never forget your precepts,
For by them you have given me life.
**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
And to the Holy Spirit;
As it was in the beginning,
Is now, and will be forever. Amen.**
Your word is a lamp to my feet
And a light to my path.



Collect

O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Gradual *Adapt. Matthew 28.7, Hebrews 2.7, Psalm 8.6*

Christ has risen from the dead.
[God the Father] has crowned him with glory and honor,
He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;
He has put all things under his feet.

The Psalm for Easter 6 A may be read (Psalm 66.8-20) or those printed below.

Daily Psalms	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Morning	93	97	98	99	47	96	92
Evening	136; 117	124; 115	66; 116	8; 118	68; 113	50; 138	23; 114

Readings for next Sunday (see below) or these daily readings may be used

Sunday	Leviticus 20.1-16, 22-27	Luke 11.37-54
Monday	Leviticus 21.1-24	Luke 12.1-12
Tuesday	Leviticus 23.1-22	Luke 12.13-34
Wednesday	Leviticus 23.23-44	Luke 12.35-53
Thursday	Leviticus 24.1-23 (25.1-55)	Luke 12.54-13.17
Friday	Leviticus 26.1-20	Luke 13.18-35
Saturday	Lev 26.21-33, 39-44 (Num 1.1-2.34)	Luke 14.1-24

Talk About Next Sunday's First Reading: Acts 17.16-31

Why would the people in Athens be so curious about Paul's God?

What does Paul tell the people of Athens about the true God?

How has God given assurance to all through Jesus?

Talk About Next Sunday's Epistle Reading: 1 Peter 3.13-22

What should Christians be prepared to do?

Why did Christ suffer?

How is Paul able to jump from talking about Noah to talking about Baptism?

Talk About Next Sunday's Gospel Reading: John 14.15-21

What will we do if we love Jesus?

Who will Jesus send?

How is Jesus manifested to us?

Catechism Selection (this may be read, recited, or spoken responsively)

Holy Baptism - Fourth

What does such baptizing with water indicate?

It indicates that the Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.

Where is this written?

St. Paul writes in Romans, chapter six: "We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life." (Romans 6:4)

Confession

What is Confession?

Confession has two parts. First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.