

Lent

Sunday, April 6, 2025



Immanuel Lutheran Church

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The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

*Faithful to God's Word -
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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

Lent

April 6, 2025

Matthew 20:28

...the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

...Sunday, April 13 – Palm Sunday 9am worship; Thursday, April 17 – Maundy Thursday 6:30pm worship; Friday, April 18 – Good Friday 1:30pm and 6:30pm worship; Sunday, April 20 – Easter 6:00am, 8:00am and 10:30am worship. Communion with all services except Good Friday.

HOLY LAND CHRISTIANS

...Dear Brothers and Sisters, I come from the Holy Land, where many Christian families face economic hardships. To support them, I am offering handcrafted olive wood items from Bethlehem. These sacred pieces not only connect us to the land of Christ but also help sustain Christian families in their homeland. Your support and prayers make a real difference. I will be at Immanuel on Sunday, April 13. We accept all types of payments: cash, card, and check. Thank you, and God bless you!

FLOWERS ON THE REREDOS

...were given by Mary Martha Guild in celebration of their 75th Birthday!

SPECIAL VOTERS MEETING

...TODAY after church, before Bible Class, will be a special Voter's meeting with one item on the agenda: to nominate a lay delegate to attend the district convention with Pastor Boyer.

OWLS

...This past Sunday's bulletin (30th) stated how the planning committee would like to have more of our members in assisted living and nursing homes (Bay City, Essexville, Sebewaing, Pigeon, Caro, & Bad Axe) be visited each month. To accomplish this, additional church members would have to set aside about three hours, the day of the visit, and meet at church to car pool to the scheduled assisted living or nursing home. Something to keep in mind: our resident members TRULY enjoy the visits!!!

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND

...the Michigan Lutheran Laymen's League District Convention on Saturday, April 26 at Faith Lutheran Church in Grand Blanc. There is also an Opening Worship Service on Friday, April 25 at 7pm. Check out the LLL poster on the bulletin board next to the church office for more information!

IN OUR PRAYERS

+ **Sawyer Lynn Mowery**, who is being baptized this morning. Sawyer is the daughter of Gweneth Hahn and Hunter Mowery, born March 13, 2025. Her sponsors are Rocky Hahn and Kayla Davis.

+ SPECIAL NEEDS

...John Volz, Cassie (Molina) Kerinuk, Loretta Tope, Marlene Faber, Warren Beers, Joan Walz, Gil & Joy Sprague, Nancy Pommerenke, Gary Volz, Nelda Gnagey, Chuck Dutcher, Emily Smith, LoAnn Rieman, Ernie Sbresney III, Sue McGathy, Jim & Shirley Simmet, Barb Nitz, Collin Nitz, Frank Gunsell, Randy Forbing, Ian Faist, Wayne Morris, Karen Swartzendruber, Stephen Sprague, Scott Smith, Brenda Chambers, Rick Chambers and Pastor Hagenow.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

...Sunday, March 30, 2025; 9:00 – 142; Monday, 6:30 – 46; Wednesday, 6:30 – 50

LISTEN TO THE LUTHERAN HOUR

...every Sunday morning on WLEW 1340AM at 11:10, WMIC AM 600 at 10:05 or SWAM AM 1340 at 8:30. Today's Lutheran Hour message is "Better Than I Deserve!" with guest speaker Rev Keith Haberstock. Jesus didn't deserve to die on a cross, but He died and rose again in order to give us better than we deserve. (John 12:1-11)

ONLINE GIVING IS AVAILABLE

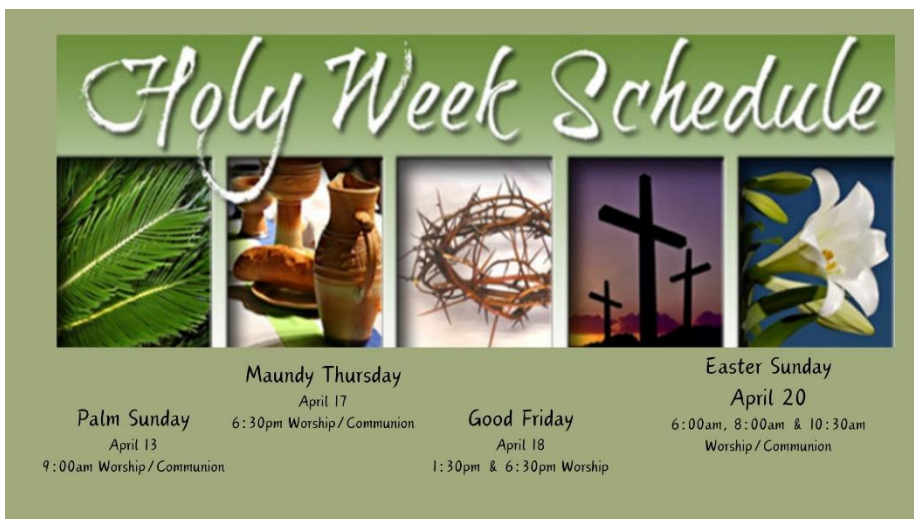
...through the Vanco app! Scan the QR code to Immanuel's site and click on "My Vanco" to designate your giving. Reach out to a member of the Stewardship Board with questions. Your time, talents, and treasures are a gift to our congregation!








School News

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

...We hope everyone had a wonderful spring break! School resumes Monday, April 7.



Holy Week Schedule

				
Palm Sunday April 13 9:00am Worship / Communion	Maundy Thursday April 17 6:30pm Worship / Communion	Good Friday April 18 1:30pm & 6:30pm Worship	Easter Sunday April 20 6:00am, 8:00am & 10:30am Worship / Communion	

Our Lord's Business this Week

April 6 – April 13

SUNDAY:	8:30 AM	Music and Fellowship in the Great Room
	9:00 AM	WORSHIP/Communion
	10:15 AM	Sunday School & Bible Study
MONDAY:	5:00 PM	Finance
	5:00 PM	Glory Ringers
	6:30 PM	WORSHIP/Communion
TUESDAY:	9:00 AM	Quilters
	5:00 PM	Confirmation pictures
	6:00 PM	Public School Confirmation Class
	6:00 PM	Christ's Messengers
	7:00 PM	Adoration Choir
WEDNESDAY:	7:00 AM	Men's Bible Study at Lamplighter
	5:00 PM	Meager Meal – Beef Stroganoff by CTK 6 th grade
	6:30 PM	WORSHIP – Group 1 ushers
THURSDAY:	12:00 PM	Bulletin Deadline
	4:00 PM	Mary Martha Guild
NEXT SUNDAY:	8:00 AM	Enriching Lutheran Fellowship Breakfast
	8:30 AM	Music and Fellowship in the Great Room
	9:00 AM	WORSHIP/Communion
	9:00 AM	CTK K-2 sing at St Paul
	10:15 AM	Sunday School & Bible Study
	10:30 AM	Glory Ringers
	7:30 PM	Youth Board

SERVING NEXT WEEK (APRIL 13)

Acolytes: 9:00-Kinsley Miles & Kenzie Armbruster

Greeters: 9:00-Kristi Eurich & Sarah Kemp

Scrip: 9:00-JoAnna Matthews

Ushers: 9:00-GROUP 2: Don Jahr, Mark Bauer, Dale Truemner, Tucker Truemner, Evan Konecny, Garrett Adam, Mark Adam, Cole Finkbeiner, Cody Finkbeiner, Caden Finkbeiner, Adam Maust

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Sebewaing

Fifth Sunday in Lent

April 6, 2025

9:00 am

Divine Service 3

Announcements

Hymn – *Lamb of God, Pure and Holy*

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Baptism of Sawyer Lynn Mowery

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Invocation, Confession and Absolution

Introit

Salvation belongs to the LORD;
your blessing be on your people!
But you, O LORD, are a shield about me,
my glory, and the lifter of my head.
I cried aloud to the LORD,
and he answered me from his holy hill.
I lay down and slept;
I woke again, for the LORD sustained me.
I will not be afraid of many thousands of people
who have set themselves against me all around.

**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.**

Salvation belongs to the LORD;
your blessing be on your people!

Kyrie

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Salutation and Collect

Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; 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 – *Isaiah 43:16-21*

My Savior Jesus – Christ’s Messengers

The Gradual

[O come, let us fix our eyes on] Jesus,
the founder and perfecter of our faith,
who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame,
and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

The Epistle – *Philippians 3.4b-14*

The Gospel – *Luke 20:9-20*

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Hymn – *My Song Is Love Unknown* LSB 430

Sermon

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Offering

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Preface

Sanctus

The Lord’s Prayer

The Words of Our Lord

Agnus Dei



Distribution Hymns

Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness LSB 563

In the Cross of Christ I Glory – Peter Boyer, trumpet

The Church’s One Foundation LSB 644

Upon the Cross Extended – Peter Boyer, trumpet

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Thanksgiving

Salutation

Benediction

Closing Hymn – *Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed* LSB 437

Isaiah 43:16-21

Thus says the LORD,
who makes a way in the sea,
a path in the mighty waters,
¹⁷who brings forth chariot and horse,
army and warrior;
they lie down, they cannot rise,
they are extinguished, quenched like a
wick:
¹⁸“Remember not the former things,
nor consider the things of old.
¹⁹Behold, I am doing a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive
it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.
²⁰The wild beasts will honor me,
the jackals and the ostriches,
for I give water in the wilderness,
rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people,
²¹the people whom I formed for myself
that they might declare my praise.”

Philippians 3.4b-14

If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness, under the law blameless. ⁷But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— ¹⁰that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹that

by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹²Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Luke 20:9-20

[Jesus] began to tell the people this parable: “A man planted a vineyard and let it out to tenants and went into another country for a long while. ¹⁰When the time came, he sent a servant to the tenants, so that they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. ¹¹And he sent another servant. But they also beat and treated him shamefully, and sent him away empty-handed. ¹²And he sent yet a third. This one also they wounded and cast out. ¹³Then the owner of the vineyard said, ‘What shall I do? I will send my beloved son; perhaps they will respect him.’ ¹⁴But when the tenants saw him, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Let us kill him, so that the inheritance may be ours.’ ¹⁵And they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? ¹⁶He will come and destroy those tenants and give the vineyard to others.” When they heard this, they said, “Surely not!” ¹⁷But he looked directly at them and said, “What then is this that is written:

‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone?’

¹⁸Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.”

¹⁹The scribes and the chief priests sought to lay hands on him at that very hour, for they perceived that he had told this parable against

them, but they feared the people. ²⁰So they watched him and sent spies, who pretended to be sincere, that they might catch him in something he said, so as to deliver him up to the authority and jurisdiction of the governor.

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Who Should Commune?

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 a member of another LCMS congregation. If you have questions about our communion practice, please speak to the pastor or an elder.



Our Congregation at Prayer
Daily Scripture and Prayer
To be Used in the Home
Getting Ready for Palm Sunday C
Immanuel Lutheran Church

Theme for Sunday: The expected King comes! He comes to defeat sin and undo the might of the devil through His death on the cross. Rejoice in the humiliation of Jesus!

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 24.7-10; antiphon Psalm 118.26

Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the LORD!

We bless you from the house of the LORD.

Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory?

The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!

Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory?

The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory!

Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the LORD!

We bless you from the house of the LORD.



Gradual

Heb 9.12a, c, 15a; Ps 111.9a

[Christ] entered once for all into the holy places, by means of his own blood,
thus securing an eternal redemption.

Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant,

so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance.

He sent redemption to his people;

he has commanded his covenant forever.

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Psalm for Palm Sunday C may be read (Psalm 118.19-29) or those printed below.

Daily Psalms	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Morning	84	119.73-80	34	5	38	22	43
Evening	42; 32	121; 6	25; 91	27; 51	126; 102	107; 130	31; 143

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

April 6	Exodus 1.1-22	Mark 14.12-31
April 7	Exodus 2.1-22	Mark 14.32-52
April 8	Exodus 2.23-3.22	Mark 14.53-72
April 9	Exodus 4.1-18	Mark 15.1-15
April 10	Exodus 4.19-31	Mark 15.16-32
April 11	Exodus 5.1-6.1	Mark 15.33-47
April 12	Exodus 7.1-25	Mark 16.1-20

Talk About Next Sunday's Old Testament Reading: Zechariah 9.9-12

What King does Zechariah is coming?

What is the blood of the covenant?

How would the prisoners be returned and double restored?

Talk About Next Sunday's Epistle Reading: Philippians 2.5-11

Paul speaks very clearly of the humiliation of Jesus and His exaltation.

How was Jesus humbled? Why would Jesus do this?

How was Jesus exalted?

When will every tongue confess that Jesus is Lord?

Talk About Next Sunday's Gospel Reading: Luke 19.28-40

How does this text fulfill Zechariah 9 (the Old Testament reading)?

How does this text explain what Paul talks about in Philippians 2 (the epistle reading) as Jesus is humiliated?

What did the crowd expect Jesus to do in Jerusalem?

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

The Apostles' Creed Continued

The Second Article

Redemption

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

What does this mean?

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.

This is most certainly true.