

Immanuel Lutheran Church and School

The Thread



April 6th, 2025

Lectionary Summary:

Fifth Sunday in Lent (*Judica*)

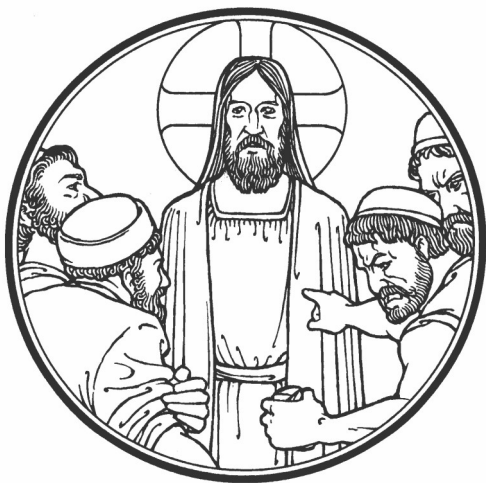
Genesis 22:1–14

Hebrews 9:11–15

John 8:42–59

Jesus Is Our Redemption

In the temple Jesus said, “*If anyone keeps my word, he will never see death*” (John 8:51). For Jesus came to taste death for us—to drink the cup of suffering to the dregs in order that we might be released from its power. Clinging to His life-giving words, we are delivered from death’s sting and its eternal judgment. Christ is our High Priest, who entered the Most Holy Place and with His own blood obtained everlasting redemption for His people (Heb. 9:11–15). He is the One who was before Abraham was, and yet is his descendant. He is the promised Son who carries the wood up the mountain for the sacrifice, who is bound and laid upon the altar of the cross. He is the ram who is offered in our place, who is willingly caught in the thicket of our sin, and who wears the crown of thorns upon His head (Gen. 22:1–14). Though Jesus is dishonored by the sons of the devil, He is vindicated by the Father through the cross.



Sunday Divine Service - 9:00 am
Sunday Bible Study - 10:15 am

Contact Us:

Church & School Office

Office Hours: M–F: 7:30 am–3:30 pm
(618) 684-3012
secretary@immanuelmurphy.com

Pastor Matthew J. Christian

Office: (618) 684-3012 ext. 103
Cell: (260) 446-7953 call or text
pastor@immanuelmurphy.com

MEMORY VERSE

BUT FAR BE IT FROM ME TO BOAST

**EXCEPT IN THE CROSS OF
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,
BY WHICH THE WORLD
HAS BEEN CRUCIFIED TO ME,
AND I TO THE WORLD.**

GALATIANS 6:14



lcms.org

Live Broadcast

If you are unable to join us for church today, don't miss the opportunity to listen to our service live this morning at 9:00 a.m. on 103.9 FM WXAN. The radio broadcast re-airs on Sunday evenings at 9:00 p.m. You can also view the livestream or recording on our YouTube channel.

Church Announcements:

Easter Lily Memorial Donations: Memorial Donations for Easter Lily's will be collected in the church office in the amount of \$15.00 or more. Please have your donation turned in by Friday, April 11th to the church office. Thank you.

Bible Study Opportunities:

Sundays @ 10:15 a.m. *Concordia's Bible History*

Wednesdays @ 10:30 a.m. *The Lutheran Confessions*

Lenten Midweek Service: We have one midweek service left this Lenten season. Join us this Wednesday for a meal at 5:30 p.m. and service at 6:30 p.m.

Holy Week and Easter Schedule:

4/13

Palm Sunday Divine Service: 9:00 a.m.

4/17

Maundy Thursday Divine Service: 6:30 p.m.

4/18

Good Friday Tenebrae Vespers: 6:30 p.m.

4/19

Easter Vigil Divine Service: 6:30 p.m.

4/20

Easter Breakfast: 7:30–8:30 a.m.

Easter Sunday Divine Service: 9:00 a.m.

Prepare for Worship Next Week:

April 13

Palm Sunday

Hymn of the Day:

LSB 442 All Glory, Laud, and Honor

LSB 438 A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth

Readings:

Matthew 21:1–9 (Palm Sunday Procession)

Zechariah 9:9–12

Philippians 2:5–11

Matthew 26:1–27:66



School Announcements:

IMs. Julie pranked us for lunch on April Fools' Day. The menu was fish tacos, fruit, juice, and a cupcake with white frosting. She actually made a tortilla with goldfish, a meatloaf "cupcake" with mashed potato "frosting," corn, and Jell-O in a cup with a straw. The students enjoyed these shenanigans.

Thank you to those who purchased from the Luna's Moonsicles fundraiser. I believe the sale was a success! Once the orders are in, I'll be in touch to deliver them.

Veronica Manwaring, Principal

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

KIDS' SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School lessons are taught by Mrs. Michele Carter

SUNDAYS FROM 10:15AM-11:15AM
CAFETERIA IN CHURCH BASEMENT

All children are welcome!

Thoughts on the Daily Readings:

Old Testament

Like Joseph whose life was threatened and who was in slavery, Moses was among those slave boys threatened with death in the Nile River. Moses, however, is brought up out of the water and given new life. Raised in the royal household of Egypt, but knowing his Hebrew heritage, Moses is well positioned to be a highly educated leader for Israel. The name of God, *YHWH*, is related to the Hebrew for "I AM." This divine name of God appears throughout the Old Testament, most often appearing in English translations as the all-capitalized "LORD." This name was already used by the patriarchs in Genesis, but God says in Exodus 6:3 that He did not make Himself known to them by the name *YHWH*. By this, God likely means that His divine name is most explicitly associated with the deliverance of His people from slavery in Egypt. Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob may very well have used this name, but they did so without the knowledge of how God would save Israel from the might of Egypt for the sake of their freedom to worship God as they ought.

New Testament

As Holy Week approaches, reading Mark's Gospel account helps to focus us upon the truth of Christ's suffering and death in our place. Each Gospel presents this truth with a unique focus, and we praise the Holy Spirit for giving these faithful men of God the very Word of God to record for us. Mark, Church history tells us, recorded his Gospel account from the testimony of Peter. How tragic to read of Peter's denial of Christ with this in mind. Imagine Peter confessing to Mark and others how he denied Jesus in that moment and then "broke down and wept" (Mark 14:72). We read Mark's account daily, we hear Matthew's account on Palm Sunday, we hear John's account on Good Friday, and we read Luke's account following Easter. Praise God for these opportunities to meditate upon the Passion of our Lord. † Pastor Christian

Stewardship Thoughts:

Genesis 22:2

"He said, 'Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.'"

It's hard for us to even fathom a faith as strong as Abraham's — he follows the Lord's Word even when it seems impossibly hard. But he does so because he knows that the Lord only means to bless. What happened here to Abraham should be an encouragement for us: trust the Lord and keep His Word.

Daily Lectionary Readings:

Join in the congregation's daily devotional life with this week's readings.

Date	Old Testament Reading	New Testament Reading
4/6	Exodus 1:1–22	Mark 14:12–31
4/7	Exodus 2:1–22	Mark 14:32–52
4/8	Exodus 2:23—3:22	Mark 14:53–72
4/9	Exodus 4:1–18	Mark 15:1–15
4/10	Exodus 4:19–31	Mark 15:16–32
4/11	Exodus 5:1—6:1	Mark 15:33–47
4/12	Exodus 7:1–25	Mark 16:1–20

+ + +
**KIDS IN THE
 DIVINE SERVICE**
 + + +

Why do we have a week called "Holy Week"?

Why would we refer to a week as being holy? The word "holy" means that it is from God. That's why we call the Bible "holy." It isn't just any book. It is God's living Word given to us for our salvation! The same goes for Holy Week. This is "God's Week." This is the week in the Church Year when Jesus actually paid for our sins and won our salvation!

Which days are in Holy Week?

There are particular days during Holy Week that are extra special. During Holy Week we celebrate **Palm Sunday**, when Jesus went to Jerusalem and people celebrated His arrival; **Maunder Thursday**, when Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper; **Good Friday**, when Jesus died on the cross; and **Holy Saturday**, when we await His resurrection on Easter Sunday!



Parents:

During worship, help your children to look for other things in the church that are considered holy (i.e. God's Word, the Sacraments, etc.). Ask them: "How does God use these things to give us His forgiveness?"



Service Participants - This and Next Week

Sunday, April 6th, 2025

Organist: Corey Williams

Elder: Bryan Hollmann

Ushers: Forrest Miesner, Bruce Mueller, Craig Mueller, Kent James, Rick Varner, Steven Draves

Altar Guild: Judy Baird

Acolyte: Ryker Gregory

Sunday, April 13th, 2025

Organist: Corey Williams

Elder: Jeff Streuter

Ushers: Forrest Miesner, Bruce Mueller, Craig Mueller, Kent James, Rick Varner, Steven Draves

Altar Guild: Judy Baird

Acolyte: Eli Pittman

Offering Income from last week:

March 30th, 2025:

Regular Offerings \$ 3,035.00

Loose Plate \$ 2012.00

Lenten Offerings \$ 887.00

Total Offerings \$ 5,934.00

Restricted Fund:

Kroger \$ 194.41

J. Gilbert Scholarship \$ 250.00

Attendance:

March 26th: 39

March 30th: 81



Anniversaries:

No anniversaries this week

Birthdays:

† 4-10 Gerald Strothmann

† 4-11 Cindy Boester

† 4-11 Shawn MacFarlane

† 4-11 Sam Heiple

† 4-12 Tony Cramer

Baptismal Anniversaries:

† 4-6 Ray Miesner

† 4-6 Sue Williams

† 4-6 Sadie Middendorf

† 4-7 Larry Troue

† 4-7 Michelle Reames

† 4-8 Ryker Gregory

† 4-10 Charles James

Expectant Mothers:

† Bethany Campbell

† Emily Newton

Immanuel Families:

† Don Porter

† Jeff Presutti

† Patti Proctor



Comfort, health, recovery:

† *Those in the Armed Forces, Law Enforcement, Fire, Emergency Medical Services, & Healthcare*

† David Arbeiter

† Wilma Nelson

† Ruth Boese

† Casey Phillips

† Loraine Cramer

† Jeff Presutti

† Valerie Draves

† Don Porter

† Terry Estel

† Amanda Reinhardt

† Annette Etherton

† Becky Streuter

† Marilyn Imhoff

† Alice Svanda

† Faye Lee

† Brenda Todd

† Virginia Lewis

† Richard Weber

† Ron Manwaring

† Sue Williams

† Nelda Miesner

† Carol Zobel



- | | |
|------------------------|-----------------------|
| 4-3 Cindy Fager | 4-17 Corey Williams |
| 4-3 Brooks MacFarlane | 4-17 Moriah Christian |
| 4-4 Carolyn Stankovich | 4-20 Matthew Mayberry |
| 4-4 Nancy Wright | 4-21 Megan Pittman |
| 4-5 Cindy Gregory | 4-21 Jo Troue |
| 4-6 Zack Cason | 4-21 Jaxson Smith |
| 4-6 Mikah Streuter | 4-25 Larry Troue |
| 4-10 Gerald Strothmann | 4-25 Ella Phillips |
| 4-11 Cindy Boester | 4-26 Aubrey Winters |
| 4-11 Shawn MacFarlane | 4-28 Judy Baird |
| 4-11 Sam Heiple | 4-29 Kelly Lattan |
| 4-12 Tony Cramer | |
| 4-14 Janet Estel | |
| 4-14 Matthew Proctor | |

Altar Guild

Judy Baird

Ushers

Forrest Miesner
 Bruce Mueller
 Craig Mueller
 Kent James
 Rick Varner
 Steven Draves

Organists

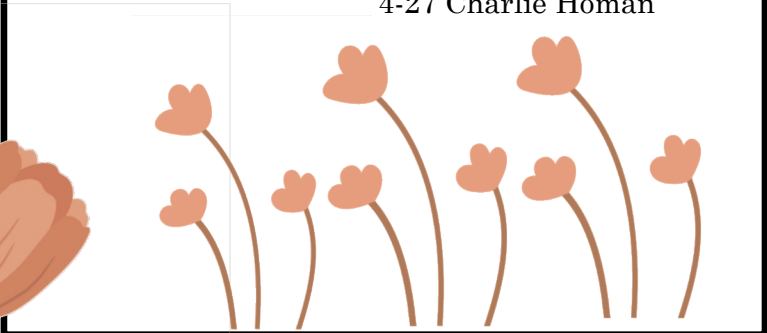
4-6 Corey Williams
 4-13 Corey Williams
 4-17 Luella McComb
 4-18 Luella McComb
 4-19 Landon Hicks
 4-20 Landon Hicks
 4-27 Landon Hicks

Elders

4-6 Bryan Hollmann
 4-13 Jeff Streuter
 4-17 Mike Clough
 4-18 TBD
 4-19 TBD
 4-20 Jeff Streuter
 4-27 Charlie Homan

Acolytes

4-6 Ryker Gregory
 4-13 Eli Pittman
 4-20 Parker Closson
 4-27 Gage Pittman



- 4-5 Irv & Rose Cartwright
 4-5 Jason & Jessica Svanda
 4-13 Eric & April Hollmann
 4-16 Chancey & Vickie Hickman
 4-16 Bruce & Laura Lynn Mueller
 4-25 Lloyd & Ruth Mueller
 4-28 Rick & Mary Beth Varner
 4-29 Brian & Julie Marik



April 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Pastor at Winkel 7 pm School Board Mtg.	2 8:30 am Chapel 10:30 am Bible Study 5:30 pm Lenten Meal 6:30 pm Lenten Vespers	3	4 Pastor's Day Off	5
6 9:00 am Divine Service 10:15 am Bible Study & Sunday School 11:30 am Catechesis	7 6:30 pm Elders Mtg.	8	9 8:30 am Chapel 10:30 am Bible Study 5:30 pm Lenten Meal 6:30 pm Lenten Vespers	10	11 Pastor's Day Off Easter Lilly Donations due	12
13 Palm Sunday 9:00 am Divine Service 10:15 am Bible Study & Sunday School 11:30 am Catechesis	14 6 pm PTL mtg.	15	16 8:30 am Chapel 10:30 am Bible Study	17 Maundy Thursday School Easter Parties 6:30 pm Divine Service	18 Good Friday No School Office Closed 6:30 pm Vespers Service	19 Holy Saturday 6:30 pm Vigil of Easter Divine Service
20 Easter Sunday 7:30-8:30 am Easter Breakfast 9:00 am Divine Service	21 Easter Monday No School Office Closed	22 6:30 pm BoD mtg.	3 8:30 am Chapel 10:30 am Bible Study	24	25 Pastor's Day Off Noon Dismissal	26
27 9:00 am Divine Service ILS 2-8 Students Sing 10:15 am Bible Study & Sunday School 11:30 am Catechesis	28	29	30 8:30 am Chapel 10:30 am Bible Study			