

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 2026

11:30am Modern Divine Service

Immanuel Lutheran Church & School

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Ringing of the Bell

Welcome and Announcements

Greeting of the Saints

Opening Song "All Hail King, Jesus"

The Rite of Holy Baptism

Grayson John Threadgill

P: Dearly beloved, Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." In the last chapter of Mark our Lord promises, "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved." And the apostle Peter has written, "Baptism now saves you."

The Word of God also teaches that we are all conceived and born sinful and are under the power of the devil until Christ claims us as His own. We would be lost forever unless delivered from sin, death, and everlasting condemnation. But the Father of all mercy and grace has sent His Son Jesus Christ, who atoned for the sin of the whole world, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

P: Receive the sign of the holy cross both upon your ✠ forehead and upon your ✠ heart to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.

P: We pray that You would behold Grayson John Threadgill according to Your boundless mercy and bless him with true faith by the Holy Spirit, that through this saving flood all sin in him which has been inherited from Adam and which they themselves have committed since, would be drowned and die.

Grant that he be kept safe and secure in the holy ark of the Christian Church, being separated from the multitude of unbelievers and serving Your name at all times with a fervent spirit and a joyful hope, so that, with all believers in Your promise, he would be declared worthy of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

**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.**

P: The Lord preserve your coming in and your going out from this time forth and even
✠ forevermore

C: **Amen.**

P: Please join with Grayson in answering as the Body of Christ.

P: Do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways?

C: **I do renounce them.**

P: Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

C: **Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son?

C: **Yes, I believe 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.**

P: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

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

P: Grayson John Threadgill, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new
birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you
with His grace to life ✠ everlasting.

C: Amen.

P: Receive this burning light to show that you have received Christ who is the Light
of the world. Live always in the light of Christ, and be ever watchful for His
coming, that you may meet Him with joy and enter with Him into the marriage
feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which shall have no end.

Please stand

Prayer of Blessing

P: Heavenly Father, You sent Your own Son into this world as the child of the virgin
Mary. We thank You for the life of this child entrusted to our care. Help us
remember that we are all Your children and so love and nurture him that he may
attain to the full stature intended for him in Your eternal kingdom, for the sake of
Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

Absolution

P: Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your
children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and
richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our
midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through
Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy,
Lord have mercy unto me.
Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy,
Lord have mercy unto me.
Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison
Kyrie eleison unto me.
Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy,
Lord have mercy unto me.

Glory to God in the highest and peace to His people on earth.
We praise, we bless, we adore You.
We give thanks for Your great glory.
O Lord, God heavenly King, mighty Father
Lord Jesus Christ only begotten Son
You take away the sins of the of the world, receive our prayer.

For You alone are holy You alone are the Lord.
You alone are the most high.
Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit to the Glory of God the Father.

Please be seated

First Reading

Acts 17:16-31

While Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, "What does this babblers wish to say?" Others said, "He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities"—because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection. And they took hold of him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, "May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean." Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new.

So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: "Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription,

'To the unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, that they should seek God, in the hope that they might feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, for

"In him we live and move and have our being";

as even some of your own poets have said,

"For we are indeed his offspring.'

Being then God's offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading

1 Peter 3:13-22

Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, but in your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil.

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the

right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

R: Please stand for the reading of the Gospel.

Alleluia

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P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourteenth chapter.

C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Holy Gospel

John 14:15-21

[Jesus said:] "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

"I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live.

In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Please be seated

Children's Message

Please stand

Song of the Day

"Soon"

Sermon

"Pass It On"

Rev. Dr. Arthur Spomer

Please stand

Prayer of the Church

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: That each Christian, strengthened by the good news of life in Christ, would gladly tell others of the hope that they have, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this congregation and its catechumens, who have received the Spirit of truth in Holy Baptism, that they may not slip into sin and unbelief but always praise God before the world, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For our mothers, that with thanksgiving we may honor them aright as Christ honored and obeyed His mother while here on earth; for all women with child, that God would give them safe delivery; and for all women who long to have children but cannot, that they may find their consolation in Christ and His unfailing love, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For all who serve in our armed forces, especially those now in harm's way. Guard them with Your mighty hand, give them courage in the face of danger, and grant them wisdom to act with justice and compassion. Bring them safely home to their families, and in Your mercy, bring peace to the nations, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For faith to offer prayer, in all seasons of life and through all trials, to the One who attends to our every cry, and especially for Jack, Carole, Dorothea, Carrie Ann, Earl, LaDonna, Rita, and Carol; let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For all who receive Holy Communion today, that they would know Christ who does not leave us as orphans, but strengthens the faith and equips the love of His penitent children with His very body and blood, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: We entrust all these petitions to Your care, loving Father, confident in Your great mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who is worshiped together with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Service of the Sacrament

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

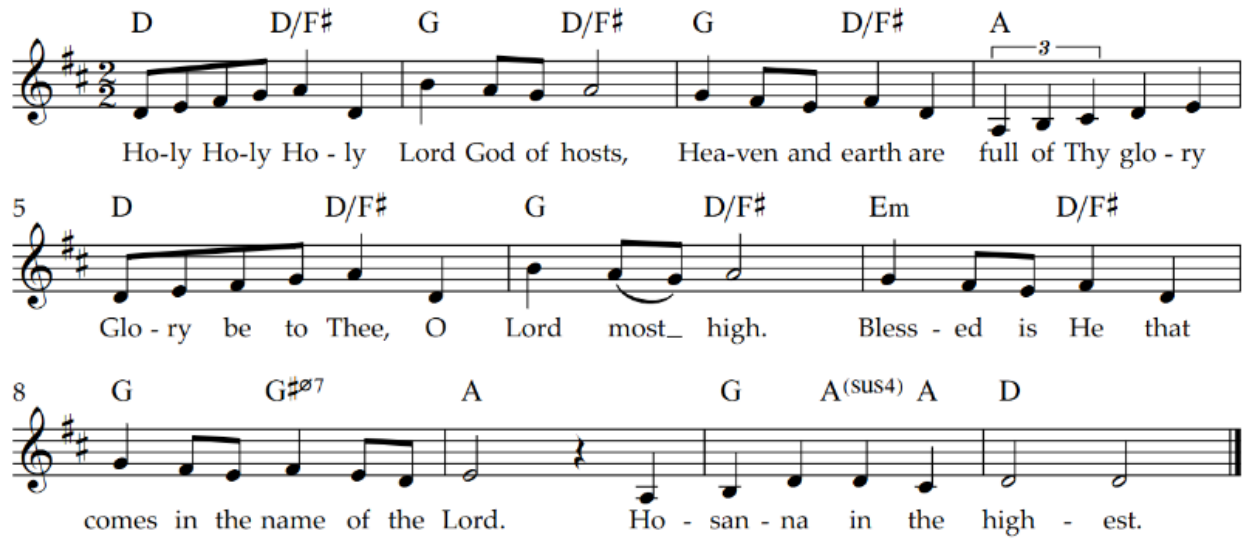
C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

Sanctus

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D D/F# G D/F# G D/F# A

Ho-ly Ho-ly Ho - ly Lord God of hosts, Hea-ven and earth are full of Thy glo - ry

5 D D/F# G D/F# Em D/F#

Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord most_ high. Bless - ed is He that

8 G G#7 A G A(sus4) A D

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Words of Our Lord

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new covenant in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

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

C: Amen.

Agnus Dei

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D F#m/C# G(add2) D/A A

5 D F#m/C# G(add2) D/A A

Lamb of God, Lamb of God, You take a-way the sins of the world

9 D F#m/C# G(add2) D/A A D

Lamb of God Lamb of God Have mer - cy on us. Lamb of

13 G E/G# A A/G F#m Bm

God You take a - way the_ sins of the World. Grant us

17 G D/G A A7 D

Peace_ Oh Grant us peace.

Please be seated

Silent Prayer before Communing

Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Communion Song

“Living Hope”

Please stand

Communion Dismissal

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

C: **Amen.**

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

Closing Song

"Same God"

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Offering will be received as you leave the sanctuary (Please place completed Attendance Register in the offering plate)



This Week's Announcement Flyer – May 10, 2026



Immanuel Welcomes a New Member to the Church!

We thank our most merciful God and Father that He has granted a new birth in Holy Baptism for Grayson John Threadgill, baptized today, Sunday, May 10, 2026, at the 11:30am service. Parents are Ben and Chelsea Threadgill.

Blessed are You, O Lord, our God, who calls us by name and blesses us through the waters of Baptism. Thank You for this glorious gift. Amen.

You Are Invited

Join us as we celebrate our ILCA Seniors at their Graduation Ceremony & Reception.

When: Saturday, May 16th

Time: Ceremony is at 1:00pm, in the sanctuary; Reception following, in the gym.

Graduation Sunday at Immanuel

As we approach graduation (High School & College), we would like to take the time to honor our graduates and pray for them as they prepare for the future and what God has planned for them! This will take place during the 9:00am service on May 17th with a cake reception in the narthex following church.

Please email Carrie Ann if you have a graduate this year at cswaim@icaba.org by Wednesday, May 13!

For Your Calendar – One Worship Service

We will come together for One Worship Service on Sunday, May 31st at 10:00am.

Following service, we will have our potluck in the gym. What kind of potluck would you like to have? BBQ? Mexican food? Grilling? Appetizers? Let us know your preference on the sheet in the narthex today! If you would rather give your input electronically, you can also participate in the poll on our Facebook page.

Praise Band Needs a Drummer

Our praise band is looking for a drummer! If you are interested, or if you have questions or suggestions, please contact Chris Winston.

GriefShare – New Participants are Welcome to Join at any time

If you are grieving a loss, please join us at [GriefShare](#). Offering Hope & Healing after the death of a loved one.

When: Sundays at 10:30am, in Room #122

Topics that are covered: Your grief journey, Sadness & Loneliness, Fear & Anxiety, Anger Regrets, and more.

Please contact Cindy Carr for more information and/or questions:

cjcarr405@gmail.com

Vacation Bible School at Immanuel: June 15-19

Our theme this year is **TROPICAL TREK**, where kids will learn how Jesus came to seek and save the lost (Luke 19:10)! As they traverse fun and exciting places, like a dormant volcano and island caves, they will discover how God finds them and helps them in every challenge they face. VBS is for all children 3 years old - going into the 6th grade!

Invite your family & friends!



Use the QR code to register for VBS!

Stephen Ministry

Are you experiencing a crisis, facing a challenge, or simply going through a tough time? A Stephen Minister can help.

Stephen Ministers are lay congregation members trained to provide one-to-one care to those experiencing a difficult time in life, such as grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness, or relocation.

Stephen Ministers come from all walks of life, but they all share a passion for bringing Christ's love and care to people during a time of need. Since 1975, more than 600,000 people from more than 13,000 congregations and other organizations have been trained as Stephen Ministers.

After being matched with a person experiencing a life crisis, the Stephen Minister meets with that person—privately and confidentially—on a weekly basis to listen, care, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support. The caring relationship lasts as long as the need for care exists.

Please contact the church office or check the box below the prayer request section of the attendance register to learn more about how Stephen Ministry can help you.

Hearing Assistance Available

Stop by the sound booth in the Sanctuary and pick up a device.

Church Attendance & Offering: Sunday, May 3, 2026

9:00am Service attendance: 219

Offering: \$9,908.00

11:30am Service attendance: 73

Online Giving: \$18,690.98

In Our Prayers

Jack deFreese – after being hospitalized last week due to pneumonia, Jack is now recovering at home. He is responding well to the medication and treatments. Continue to pray for his recovery.

LaDonna Griffiths – had surgery on Thursday, May 7th, to repair broken collar bone. Pray for healing and relief of pain.

Carol Feagins – will undergo surgery on Tuesday, May 12th to remove the stomach, due to a large mass. Carol will be in the hospital for 7-10 days. *Lord, guide the hands of those who provide medical care. Please calm Carol's fears and grant her peace through all that is ahead. In Jesus' name. Amen.*

Carole Weygand – tests revealed that the brain tumor is malignant. The course of treatment will be radiation. Carole is currently residing at Franciscan Villa for rehab on her leg. Please pray for encouragement for Carole.

Pastor Braun and family

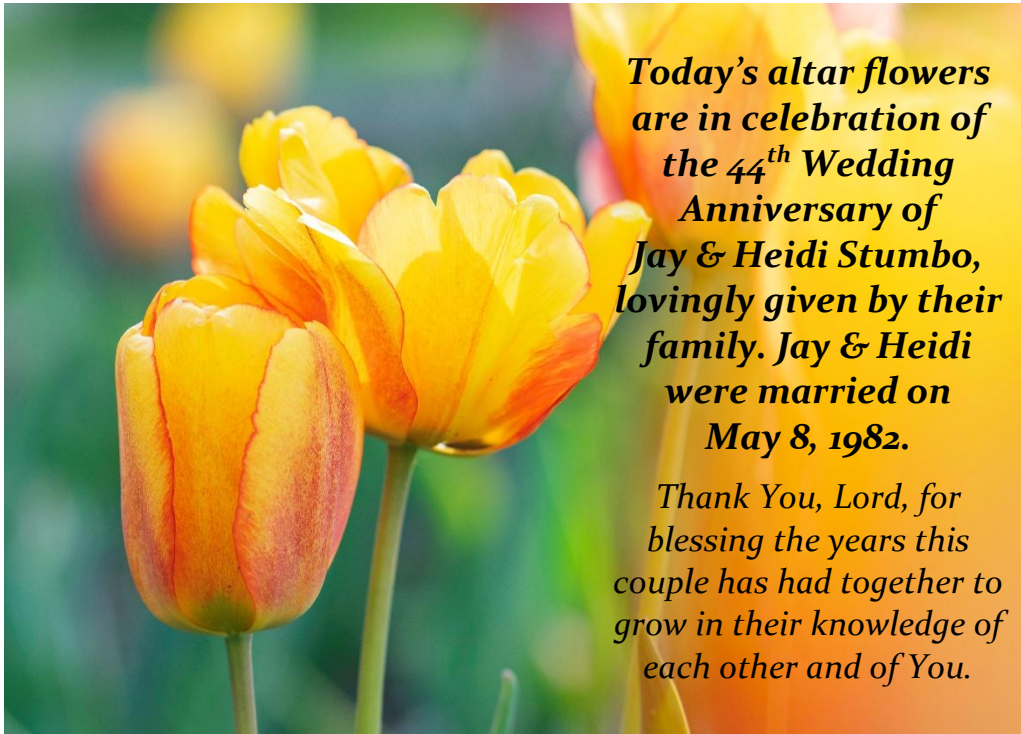
For All Who Serve In Our Armed Forces

Immanuel's Visioning Process – pray for our Elders, Staff, our elected leaders, and for us as a congregation to know God's vision for us and that we will be inspired to pursue it.

Those with Health Concerns – Justin Bundtrock, Matt Hagans, Loretta Herzberger

Those with cancer – Allen Beard, Michelle Craig, Donna D., Jill Duran, Earl Franklin, Mike Hays, Mark Holcomb, Allen Hufford, Holly Johnson, Lyle Johnson, Shirley Kirkpatrick, Merle Kuhlmann, Jackie Oestreich, Gary Siftar, Carrie Ann Swaim, Theresa, Ellen Vester, Lois Wegner, Carole Weygand, Woody Wicker

Missionary work: Rev. Christian and Gudula Tiews serving in the Eurasia Region; Ben Helge serving in the Czech Republic; Josh Lange and family, working with CWF in Shanghai; Bob & Chris Prouty serving in Australia; Rev. Jason and Anna Marie Steffenson will be serving in Italy. Rev. Bryan and Deaconess Keah Payne serving in Shinyanga, Tanzania.



**Today's altar flowers
are in celebration of
the 44th Wedding
Anniversary of
Jay & Heidi Stumbo,
lovingly given by their
family. Jay & Heidi
were married on
May 8, 1982.**

*Thank You, Lord, for
blessing the years this
couple has had together to
grow in their knowledge of
each other and of You.*



Almighty God, thank You for our mothers, through whom You have brought us into this world. Thank You for Christian mothers, whose words and actions build up our own faith in Christ Jesus. Please care for our mothers, just as they have cared for us countless times. Give them energy each day to love, nurture, teach, protect, console, and serve others in numerous ways. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen. [Portals of Prayer 2021](#)

Last weekend, the talents and gifts of Immanuel were in the spotlight through ILCA's production of Oliver, Jr.! God has given these students the gifts of acting, singing, dancing, and performing...and the audiences of both performances were blown away. Thank you to the cast and crew of this year's musical for all of your hard work and dedication!

A huge thank you to **Mrs. Rebecca Winston**, who continuously brings out the best in these kids and pours herself and her heart into bringing these productions to life! The countless hours of brainstorming, preparation, auditions, planning, directing, and so much more do not go unnoticed. You are a blessing to our school and to our kids and we are so thankful you are ours!



More pictures will be posted in the June Newsletter.

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