

## Mission Statement

“We are called to Love, Serve, and Share God’s Word.”

## Vision Statement

- Be a loving presence to those in our lives by opening our hearts to all.
- To serve others by being an example of Christ in all we do
- To share the Word of God through worship, education, community service, and intentional living.

### This Week at Immanuel

Today (17)	9:00am Fellowship Hour 9:15am Sunday School & Confirmation 10:00am Worship Service 11:15am Adult Study Group 3:00pm Cookies for Baccalaureate
Monday (18)	12:00pm Book Group 6:30pm Church Council
Tuesday (19)	9:00am Quilting Group 9:00am God’s Garden @ Cemetery
Wednesday (20)	10:00am Bible Study 4:00pm Praise Team Practice

### Upcoming Events

- May 24 - Pentecost Worship Service
- May 25 - Memorial Day Luncheon
- May 31 - Trinity Sunday
- June 2 - God’s Garden
- June 8 - Bible & Brew
- June 9 - Coffee for Vets
- June 14 - Confirmation with Bishop Julie
- June 15 - Church Council

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### Serving Today

Reader: Michele Radke Communion Assistant: Mike Fusillo  
Counters: Laura Compton & Mike Aksamit  
Greeters: Jim and Marie Combs

### Serving May 24, 2026

Reader: Sharon Aksamit Communion Assistant: Mike Aksamit  
Counters: Joyce Davis & Jim Combs  
Greeters: Jim & Marie Combs

**PRAYER PARTNER LETTERS:** *Please sign the Letter on the Welcome Table* this morning before you leave. Today we are praying for Our Savior Lutheran Church in Saginaw, Michigan.

Please remember these people in your prayers for:

**On-going health concerns:** Jennifer, Zandra, William, Gail, Christian, Sam, Barbara, Linda, Vicki, Jeff, Sandy, Dennis, Lynda, Chris, Pat, Sarah, Nicole, Kathy, Mike, Lisa, Bill, Dan, Dawn, Jim, Marie, Dottie, Ken and the family and friends of Nicole Radke.

### Coffee for Veterans

Will be held at Immanuel on the **2nd Tuesday of each month from 9:00 am - 11:00 am**. This is for all Veterans who have served or those who are still serving. A time to gather, spend time together, share conversation, and enjoy coffee and donuts / rolls. Please come and see what it is all about and share this with others. If you have any questions, please call Jessie (269)650-0026 or the church office at (269)673-3335. Thank you.

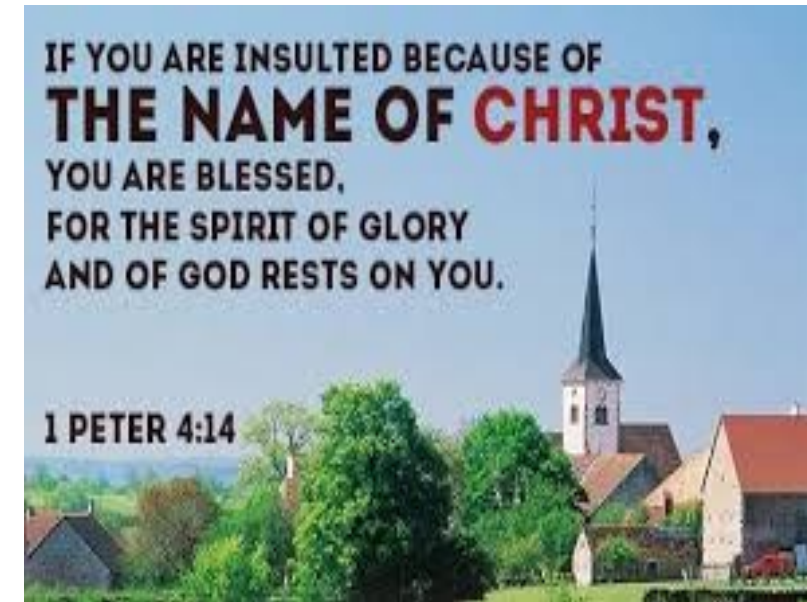
### Our Financial Stewardship

\$2,417.00 (includes online giving)  
Our weekly offering goal: \$1,434.32  
SMART offering goal: \$2,298.35  
Noisy Offering (Previous Month) \$156.92  
Attendance Last Week: 65 Bible Study: 6

### 2026 Church Council

Sandie Horwath, President  
Rick Bierlein, Vice President  
Jacquelyn Burnside Recording Secretary  
Trevor Horwath, Treasurer/Stewardship  
Shelley Busfield, Worship/Music  
Ursala Armourillo, Education  
Mike Acosta, Property  
Sharon Aksamit, Mission/Outreach

# Immanuel Lutheran Church



## Seventh Sunday of Easter May 17, 2026

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**Pastor Chris Laughlin**

## Immanuel Welcomes You!

*We welcome all visitors who worship with us today. If you would like more information about Immanuel, please stop by the welcome Table outside of the sanctuary.*

**COOKIES FOR HS BACCALAUREATE** are to be at the church no later than 3pm today. There is information and a signup sheet on the Round Table.

**BOOK GROUP** will meet tomorrow May 18th at NOON. The date has been changed because of a conflict with our Memorial Day Luncheon. The time has been changed because we will be discussing the books for both April and May this time. They are *The End of Your Life Book Club* by Will Schwalbe and *Theo of Golden* by Allen Levi. Everyone is welcome to join us; especially if you have a book that you would like to share and discuss.

**CHURCH COUNCIL** will meet tomorrow evening May 18th at 6:30pm in the Adult Study room. Anyone is welcome to come and sit in on the meeting.

**GOD'S GARDEN GROUP** plans to meet out at the church cemetery (weather permitting) at 9am on Tuesday May 19th. There are some tree limbs and lawn cleanup chores that we need to accomplish. Please join us if you are able as many hands make the work easier and faster.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL & ADULT STUDY CLASSES** will end for the summer today. Watch the Newsletter and bulletin for when they resume in the Fall. Our thanks for all those who dedicated their time to organize and teach in these classes. You are greatly appreciated!

**MEMORIAL DAY LUNCHEON** will be on Monday May 25th after the ceremony ends downtown (about 11:30am). We need as many as possible to remain after worship next Sunday (May 24th) to help set up the tables and chairs. Please plan now to stay and help if you are able.

**PENTECOST SUNDAY** is next Sunday and the color for the day is red.

*We believe that Holy Communion is Christ's own body and blood, given and shed for us for the forgiveness of sins, as Christ himself promised. We also believe that this is Christ's table, not ours, so we welcome all as Christ welcomed all. Communion comes in two elements, or forms – (1) bread and (2) wine or grape juice. The bread we serve is gluten-free, nut-free, and dairy-free in hopes that our entire community will be able to share the same bread. The wine is in the clear cups or grape juice is in the purple cups; please indicate to the assisting minister which you would like. If you can only receive the sacrament in one element (bread or wine / grape juice), please know that you receive the fullness of Christ in that one element.*

Prelude:  
“Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”

Announcements

### Gathering

\*Thanksgiving for Baptism  
\*Entrance Hymn:  
“Days of Elijah”  
\*Prayer of the Day

### Word

Noisy Offering  
Children's Message  
First Reading  
Psalm  
Second Reading  
\*Gospel  
Sermon:  
\*Hymn of the Day  
“Bind Us Together”

Pastor Chris  
Acts 1:6-14  
Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35  
1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11  
John 17:1-11  
Pastor Chris

\*Affirmation of Faith

\*Prayers of Intercession  
*Each petition ends with*  
“Merciful God”  
*And the congregation responds with*  
“receive our prayer”

Worship Assistant

\*Sharing of the Peace  
Offering  
Offertory  
\*Doxology  
\*Offertory Prayer

Worship Assistant

### Meal

\*The Great Thanksgiving  
\*The Proper Preface  
\*The Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy)  
\*The Verba (Words of Institution)  
\*The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory, are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

The Invitation  
The Distribution  
Communion Song:  
“We Give You Thanks”  
“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”

\*Communion Blessing  
\*Prayer after Holy Communion                      Worship Assistant

### Sending

\*Benediction  
\*Recessional Hymn  
“Shout to the Lord”

\*Dismissal:

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**Readings for Next Sunday**  
**Numbers 11:24-30**  
**Psalm 104:24-34, 35b**  
**Acts 2**