

**Welcome to**  
**Immanuel Lutheran Church**  
*A Congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod*

**April 18, 2021**  
**The Third Sunday of Easter**



***“Here I Stand”***

*The 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Luther’s Confession at the Diet of Worms  
on April 18, 1521*

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Rev. J. Philipp Augustine, Pastor

**Welcome to Immanuel!** We ask all members and guests to please check in with the attendance person as you wait to be seated in the church. We hope you are blessed by God's grace in the worship service. Members, please inform the church office of needed prayers and visits.

**Liturgy:** Setting Four

**Sermon:** "Here I Stand" from Acts 3:11-21

**Hymns:** 483 - With High Delight Let Us Unite (1-2)  
587 - I Know My Faith Is Founded  
655 - Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

**Organist:** Barb Lutringer

**Elders/Ushers:** 8:00 am: Robert Lamprecht & Don Luckstein  
Ken Zarling  
10:00 am: Bob Walkes & Eugene Schnell  
Butch Mussell

**Altar Duty April:** Don & Cindy Lien, Jean Wingert

**Busy Bags:** Will be available once COVID19 concerns are past.

### **Our Mission**

Immanuel Lutheran Church exists to spread the Gospel in its truth and purity through Word and Sacraments in accordance with the Confession of The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod. Immanuel Lutheran School exists to share the Gospel, so children become disciples of Jesus.

### **Holy Communion Statement**

The Lord's Supper is celebrated in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may proclaim His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive this sacrament, are asked to first speak with the pastor.

*For our communicants: gluten-free host is available along with grape juice in the center of the individual cups for those who have allergies or sensitivities to those respective elements. Please request it as you approach the pastor or the elder.*

**OUR OFFERING OF WORSHIP:**

Sunday, April 11: 101

**OUR OFFERING OF MATERIAL GIFTS:**

Sunday, April 11: \$ 6,480.00

**OUR OFFERING OF PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING**

**Those known to be hospitalized** – The office is unaware of anyone hospitalized at this time. For any prayer requests wanted on the Congregational Prayer Chain, or in public worship services, call the church office (534-3700) or Barb Larson (251-2138) or E-mail [office@immanuelplainview.org](mailto:office@immanuelplainview.org)

**God's richest blessing on those celebrating birthdays this week:**

*April 18: Bruce Ginkel, Kevin Tesmer*

*April 19: Nichole Urban, Shirley Severson, Merlin Schreiber*

*April 21: Lisa Bartz, Emily Lamprecht, Bonnie Grummons*

*April 22: Edwin Jacobs*

April 23: Pam Arguto, Kayden Kasten  
April 24: Scott Schulz, Anastasia Krusmark



**STEPHEN  
MINISTRY**

For those who have suffered a loss or who are going through a difficult time, Easter can be a time of painful loneliness and emptiness. If you are smiling on the outside but full of pain on the inside, and the joy of Easter seems far away, help is available. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to provide confidential, one-to-one Christian care. They will listen, care, encourage, and pray with and for you. Stephen Ministers have been specially trained to meet your emotional and spiritual needs; male Stephen Ministers are always matched with men, and female Stephen Ministers are matched with women. If you or someone you know is hurting, find out more about Stephen Ministry by talking with one of our Stephen Leaders: Becky Luckstein (534-2236 or 951-1716) or Pastor Augustine (884-7390). Our Stephen Ministers are there to care!



## “HERE I STAND”

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### **Luther’s Answer at the Diet of Worms:**

It could have all ended the evening of April 18, 1521. The sun was beginning to set on the city of Worms. The heat was stifling in the packed room of the bishop’s palace where emperor, electors and German princes all waited with anticipation to hear the answer Martin Luther would bring. Would Luther recant? Would he retract what he had written and said against abuses in the church and against papal tyranny? Most of all, would he give up on the Gospel he had preached and taught, giving comfort and certainty to consciences in Christ?

“Martin, answer clearly and without any double-talk: Do you or do you not recant your books and the errors in them?” If Luther were to recant and admit that he was wrong, all would be well before the emperor and the Roman Catholic Church. On the other hand, if he did not recant, his own life would be at risk. He could be burned as a heretic.

This was it: recant or stand firm. With beads of sweat on his face, Luther responded:

**“Unless I am convinced by the testimony of the Scriptures or by clear reason (for I do not trust either in the pope or in councils alone, since it is well known that they have often erred and contradicted themselves), I am bound by the Scriptures I have quoted and my conscience is captive to the Word of God. I cannot and I will not retract anything, since it is neither safe**

**nor right to go against conscience. I cannot do otherwise, here I stand, may God help me, Amen” (LW 32:112–13).**

At this bold confession, the room erupted in noise. Some rejoiced; some demanded fire! Yet, in the midst of such commotion, the truth of Jesus Christ rang forth. The gates of Hades had not prevailed over the confession of the Gospel. The proclamation of justification by grace through faith on account of Christ’s work alone did not bend to spiritual tyranny.

### **500 Years Later:**

Today, we stand in the footsteps of Martin Luther 500 years later. We stand boldly, proclaiming the One who has called us out of darkness into His marvelous light. We stand boldly, renouncing the devil and all his works and all his ways. We stand, by the grace of God, steadfast and ready to suffer all rather than fall away. We do not stand on Luther, but we will gladly stand with him, firm on the testimony of the Holy Scriptures to confess the saving Gospel of Christ, our Good Shepherd, who died and rose, in whose name is forgiveness of sins for all people. Here we stand; we can do no other. God help us. Amen.

**Find more at [lcms.org/here-i-stand-sunday](http://lcms.org/here-i-stand-sunday), including giving opportunities for providing a thank offering.**