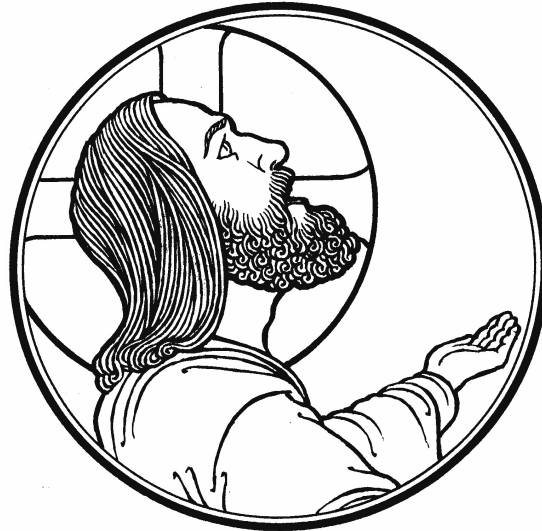


Welcome to
Immanuel Lutheran Church
A Congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

May 16, 2021
The Seventh Sunday of Easter



“Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one.”
(John 17:11b)

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“So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love” (1 Cor. 13:13). In God’s gift of marriage, we see that God unites hearts and lives for a lifelong commitment, sharing the joy of God’s love and forgiveness in Jesus Christ. Today’s bulletin is given to the glory of God by the family of Frank & Elaine Folkert in honor of their 65th wedding anniversary. They were married at Immanuel on May 18, 1956. They now reside together in room 306 at Green Prairie Rehabilitation Center. Congratulations and Praise God from whom all blessings flow! Altar flowers in dedication of the special day from Donna, Lee and Adam Peterson.

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 One, page 151

Sermon: “IN – Not OF – the World” from John 17:11b-19

Hymns: 821 - Alleluia! Sing to Jesus (1–3)

644 - The Church’s One Foundation (1–4)

651 - I Love Your Kingdom, Lord

Organist: Barb Lutringer

Elders/Ushers: 8:00 am: Bob Walkes & Jim Larson, Don Schultz

10:00 am: Brent Wohlers & Don Luckstein, Ryan Lamprecht

Altar Duty May: Leo & Barb Larson, Sarah Dohrn

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, May 9: 128

OUR OFFERING OF MATERIAL GIFTS:

Sunday, May 9: \$7,205.00

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

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

May 16: Cassandra Byler

May 17: Sarah Irish, Diane Schulz

May 18: Carter Hall

May 19: Michael Melvin

May 20: Brian Bartsh, Alissa Dohrn, Gage Gernes

May 21: David Timm, Jaylen Welti

May 22: Shae O'Reilly, Wyatt Pretzer



**STEPHEN
MINISTRY**

Spring is here and with it all the busyness of planting, cleaning, getting ready for the end of school, graduations, weddings, and so much more. We may look forward to summer as being a relaxing, enjoyable time. But hurts, struggles, crises, and problems don't take a vacation. Many times, our difficulties seem even worse during the summer because everyone else seems to be enjoying life while you are feeling down. If you are experiencing a difficult time—emotionally, spiritually, or relationally—you don't have to suffer alone. Our Stephen Ministers are trained caregivers, ready to listen, care for and encourage you, pray with and for you, and provide one-to-one Christian care to help you through whatever it is that you are facing. Men are matched with male Stephen Ministers, and women are matched with female Stephen Ministers. It's free. It's confidential. And it will make a difference in your life! To find out more about Stephen Ministry for you or someone you know, talk with one of our Stephen Ministry Leaders: Becky Luckstein (534-2236 or 951-1716) or Pastor Augustine (884-7390).

Life Quote for Sunday, May 16: "Christ Jesus has risen from the dead, my friend, and everything is different. It changes everything: the whole course of human events, the whole meaning of history, the whole present, and the whole future. Christ has risen, and that changes everything." *Rev. Dr. Oswald Hoffman, The Lutheran Hour*

Life Thought in the Church Year for May 16 – Easter VII: Jesus' solution to human suffering is not to end life but to accompany it (John 17:15). Christians resist assisted suicide because we have the privilege of carrying a neighbor's cross instead of letting it crush him or her. In this way our Lord makes us one as He and the Father are one (John 17:11). And we receive nothing less than the fullness of His joy (John 17:13)! *From Lutherans for Life*