

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

April 16, 2023
The Second Sunday of Easter



Jesus said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." (John 20:27)

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Rev. J. Philipp Augustine, Pastor

Welcome to Immanuel! We ask everyone to please fill out a white postcard-sized Communication/Communion Card, which has been placed at the entrances. Offerings can be put in the marked grey baskets.

>> **Guests**, please fill out the card with your name and address. Place in the offering basket, hand to an usher or elder, or drop in the basket as you come forward for Holy Communion. If desiring to commune, please visit with the pastor (see Communion statement below) and note your home congregation. We hope you have enjoyed our worship service, and we invite you to join us again soon.

>> **Members**, please fill out the Communion Card to inform the church office of your attendance today and any needed prayers and visits.

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.

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 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.

Busy Bags: Available at the entrance are 'Busy Bags' = activity bags of color crayons/books, for any child. Borrow and use them for the service and return them to their hook for the next time!

Liturgy: Setting One, page 151

Sermon: "The Gift of Peace" – John 20:19-31

Hymns:

487 - Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain

470 (1, 4-8) - O Sons and Daughters of the King

490 - Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won

829 - Christ the Eternal Lord

818 - In Thee Is Gladness

Organist: Debra Eggenberger

Elders/Ushers 8:00 am: Mark Bartsh, Bob Walkes, Leo Larson
10:15 am: Don Luckstein, Brent Wohlers, Andy Barnes

Acolyte/cross bearer: 8:00 am: Brielle Staudacher
10:15 am: Bree Severson

Altar Duty April: Tom & Lisa Hoekstra, Don & Becky Luckstein

OUR OFFERING OF WORSHIP

Maundy Thursday: 77
Good Friday: 76
Easter Sunday: 326

OUR OFFERING OF MATERIAL GIFTS

Maundy Thursday: \$575.00
Good Friday: \$535.00
Easter Sunday: 12,629.00

OUR OFFERING OF PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

Those known to be hospitalized: *No one 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 Kim Zabel (507) 272-6301 or E-mail office@immanuelplainview.org

God's richest blessing on those celebrating birthdays this week

April 16: Donald Schultz, Shirley Hampel

April 17: Kenneth Zarling, Mary Ann Jacob, Shelly Haley, Dawn Austin

April 18: Kevin Tesmer

April 19: Shirley Severson, Merlin Schreiber, Nichole Urban

April 20: Emily Lamprecht, Bonnie Grummons, Marty Haley

April 21: Edwin Jacobs

It's not if you'll need someone
to walk beside you,
it's when you will need someone
to walk beside you.



“Stephen Ministry has helped me become a better listener which is key to any relationship. In order for a care receiver to feel truly accepted and cared for by God, he needs to know his thoughts and concerns are important and of value. I want to be able to share that unconditional love and support that God gives me with others so they may know the “peace that surpasses all understanding.””

Philippians 4:6 shared Carolyn S. Stephen Minister

Did you know that there are members of our congregation that are trained and ready to provide focused, confidential, one-to-one Christian care-to help people experience the healing power of Christ's love?

We are looking for members of our church to join our Stephen Ministry team!
If you have a desire to support others during their time of need, contact one of our Stephen Leaders - Becky Luckstein (534-2236 or 951-1716) or Val Aarsvold (259-3586). We are organizing a class to train Stephen Ministers to do the important work God has called us to do.

