

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

**May 21, 2023**  
**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 17:11*

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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 Three, page 184.

**Sermon:** "Kept in the Name" – John 17:1-11

**Hymns:**

728 - How Firm a Foundation  
587 - I Know My Faith Is Founded  
623 - Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray  
701 - Draw Us to Thee  
664 - Fight the Good Fight (10:15 only)

**Organist:** Jacob Mikkelson

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

**Acolyte/cross bearer:** 8 am: Brielle Staudacher  
10:15 am: Caleb Miller

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

**OUR OFFERING OF WORSHIP**

Sunday May 14: 136

**OUR OFFERING OF MATERIAL GIFTS**

Sunday, May 14: \$ 6,221.88

**OUR OFFERING OF PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING**

**Those known to be hospitalized:** *Mary Timm (St. Mary's)*. 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**

*May 21: David Timm, Jaylen Welti*

*May 22: Wyatt Pretzer, Breckyn Horton-Schumann, Shae O'Reilly*

*May 23: Brent Stoltz, Presley Folkert, Ronald Bartz,  
Brooklyn Staudacher*

*May 24: Taylor Ohm, Nathan Miller*

*May 25: Hayden Miller*

*May 26: Margaret Carothers, Jasmine Liebenow, Eric Bennett*

*May 27: Marilyn Smith, Peggy Ching*

## Pastor has a Call

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Announced on May 14, 2023

**What does this mean?** It means that another congregation (St. Paul Lutheran Church in Ogallala, Nebraska), after prayerful consideration, has decided to ask Pastor Augustine to consider being their pastor.

**Does that mean Pastor must leave?** No. Pastor has a call to serve here at Immanuel which was issued in 2015. Essentially, the Lord has provided two calls which cannot be served at the same time.

**What happens now?** Pastor will prayerfully seek to determine where God would have him serve at this time. This involves looking at the needs of both congregations and trying to determine if any of the gifts God has given him would serve one congregation or the other better at this time. He also considers the other roles God has given him like being a husband, father, and son and how serving in either place would change the relationships those roles involve. He may also visit the congregation in Nebraska to get a better sense of the congregation and community there.

**How long does this take?** There is no set rule for how long a pastor should take to do this. Pastor Augustine hope to announce his decision sometime in mid-June. He has vacation planned already which may extend the time to deliberate this call.

**What happens if Pastor returns the call (says no)?** Pastor would send back the paperwork he received, and St. Paul's would continue to seek a pastor. Pastor Augustine would continue his work here at Immanuel.

**What happens if Pastor accepts the call (says yes)?** Pastor would work with both congregations to determine a date to finish his service at Immanuel and begin serving at St. Paul's. This usually takes a few weeks to two months after the decision.

**What can/should we do?** Pray. A lot. Pray for Pastor and his wife. Pray for both congregations (Immanuel and St. Paul's). Pray for the Lord's will to be done. Pastor welcomes any thoughts you have that you believe would be helpful in considering this call. Call or text him (507-884-7390), email him (pastor@immanuelplainview.org), mail a note (280 4<sup>th</sup> Ave SE, Plainview, 55964), or make an appointment to come in and talk, ask questions, or offer support and encouragement.