

Immanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH ELCA

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Seventh Sunday of Easter

9:30 a.m. Worship Service May 17th, 2026

Welcome! We're glad that you are here, and we hope this service of worship will be a blessing to you. Welcome Packets are available in the entryway

In the ELCA we welcome all believers to receive the Holy Communion. Communion elements for our service include: Pre-packaged wafers (they are also gluten free), individual cup of wine or grape juice.

Restrooms are located through the entryway and to the left (signs are posted).



Assisted Listening: The Hearing Loop system in place for the hearing impaired will allow hearing aids equipped with a telecoil to serve as wireless loudspeakers, delivering sound right inside the ear. By activating a switch on your hearing aid, the sound is transmitted directly to your ears.

MISSION: To inspire members to grow in loving devotion to Jesus Christ, caring concern for one another, welcoming outreach, and loving service to our neighbors.

VISION STATEMENT: Immanuel Lutheran Church will be known for welcoming hospitality, passionate worship, intentional faith development, risk-taking mission and service, and extravagant generosity.

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Evangelical Lutheran Book of Worship Holy Communion Setting 10
May 17th, 2026

GATHERING

PRELUDE

BELLS

SHARING TIME

PASSING THE PEACE

CANDLE LIGHTING (While We Sing the Transition Song)

Transition Song: “God Is Here!” WOV#719

God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer,
May we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share;
Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts
Wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.

**(Please stand as you are able)*

CALL TO WORSHIP

A: In these days between Ascension and Pentecost, we gather with the disciples in the upper room, waiting for the Spirit to transform the church around the world. In today’s gospel Jesus prays for his followers and for their mission in his name. Amid religious, social, and economic divisions, we seek the unity that Jesus had with his Father. Made one in baptism, we go forth to live our faith in the world, eager for the unity that God intends for the whole human family.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P: Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the lamb!

C: Amen.

P: Merciful God, You are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. You lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for the waters that nourish us. Blessed are you.

C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.

P: Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys. We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow. Blessed are you.

C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.

P: Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows. Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace. Blessed are you.
C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.

P: Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever.
C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN "God Is Here" vss 2-4 ELW 526 Red Hymnal

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C: And also with you.

KYRIE

A In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra-cious Lord.

C A - - - - - men

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

**(Please be seated)*

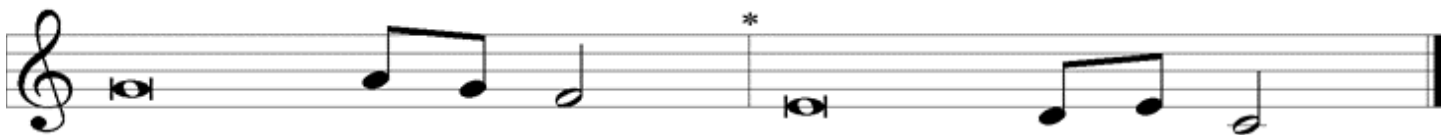
FIRST READING: Acts 1:6-14

⁶ When [the apostles] had come together, they asked [Jesus], “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷ He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” ⁹ When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰ While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹ They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.” ¹² Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day’s journey away. ¹³ When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying: Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴ All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

A: **The Word of the Lord**

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35 (We sing the Psalm)



¹ Let God arise, and let God’s ene- | mies be scattered;
let those who | hate God flee.

² As smoke is driven away, so you should drive | them away;
as the wax melts before the fire, so let the wicked perish at the pres- | ence of God.

³ But let the righteous be glad and rejoice | before God;
let them also be mer- | ry and joyful.

⁴ Sing to God, sing praises to God’s name; exalt the one who | rides the clouds;
I AM is that name, rejoice | before God!

⁵ In your holy habita- | tion, O God,
you are a father to orphans, defend- | er of widows;

⁶ you give the solitary a home and bring forth prisoners | into freedom;
but the rebels shall live in | desert places.

⁷ O God, when you went forth be- | fore your people,
when you marched | through the wilderness,

⁸ the earth quaked, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God, the ¹ God of Sinai,

at the presence of God, the ¹ God of Israel.

⁹ You sent a bountiful ¹ rain, O God;

you restored your inheritance ¹ when it languished.

¹⁰ Your people found their ¹ home in it;

in your goodness, O God, you have made provision ¹ for the poor.

³² Sing to God, O kingdoms ¹ of the earth;

sing praises ¹ to the Lord.

³³ You ride in the heavens, O God, in the ¹ ancient heavens;

you send forth your voice, your ¹ mighty voice.

³⁴ Ascribe pow- ¹ er to God,

whose majesty is over Israel; whose strength is ¹ in the skies.

³⁵ How wonderful you are in your holy places, O ¹ God of Israel,

giving strength and power to your people! ¹ Blessed be God!

SECOND READING: 1Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

¹² Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³ But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴ If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

^{5:6} Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. ⁷ Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. ⁸ Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. ⁹ Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. ¹⁰ And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹ To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

A: The word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God**

(Please stand as you are able)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to John the 17th chapter verses 1 through 11.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: John 17:1-11

¹After Jesus had spoken these words [to his disciples,] he looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. ⁶“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you, ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**(Please be seated)*

SERMON: Pastor Kim Bos

**(Please stand as you are able)*

HYMN OF THE DAY : “Alleluia! Sing to Jesus” ELW 392 vss. 1,2,3 &5 Red Hymnal

P: Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostle’s Creed.

C: **APOSTLES’ CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**(Please be seated)*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Response following each petition:

A: Merciful God,

C: Receive our prayer.

**(Please stand as you are able)*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING FOR OFFERINGS

****LET THE VINEYARDS BE FRUITFUL****



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

A: Let us pray.

Merciful God,

C: accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus,
Amen.

MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

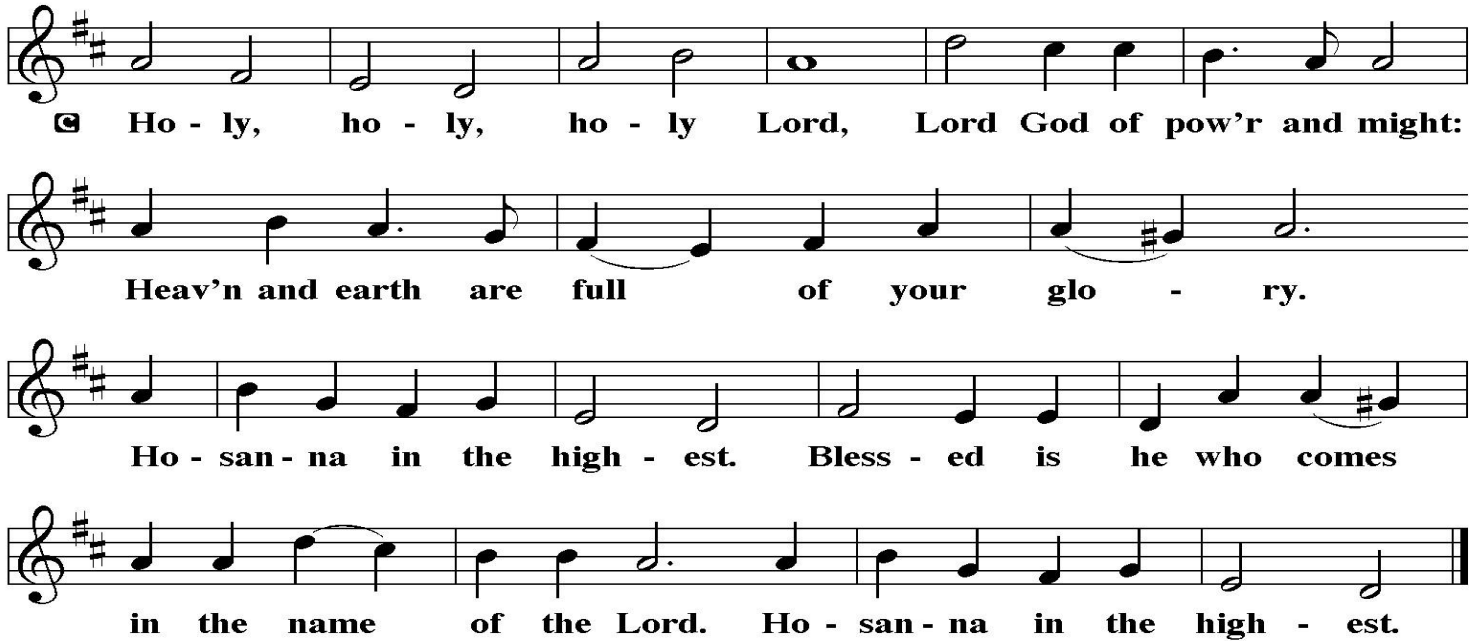
C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

PREFACE:

P: It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and ever-living God. But chiefly we are bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of our Lord; for he is the true Passover Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels

and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY. HOLY. HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:

Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

CONSECRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all. In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take this and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Pour out your Holy Spirit, that by this Holy Communion we may know the unity we share with all your people in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

(Please be seated)

COMMUNION

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LAMB OF GOD



☩ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN: “Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil” (repeat) WOV 713 Blue Hymnal

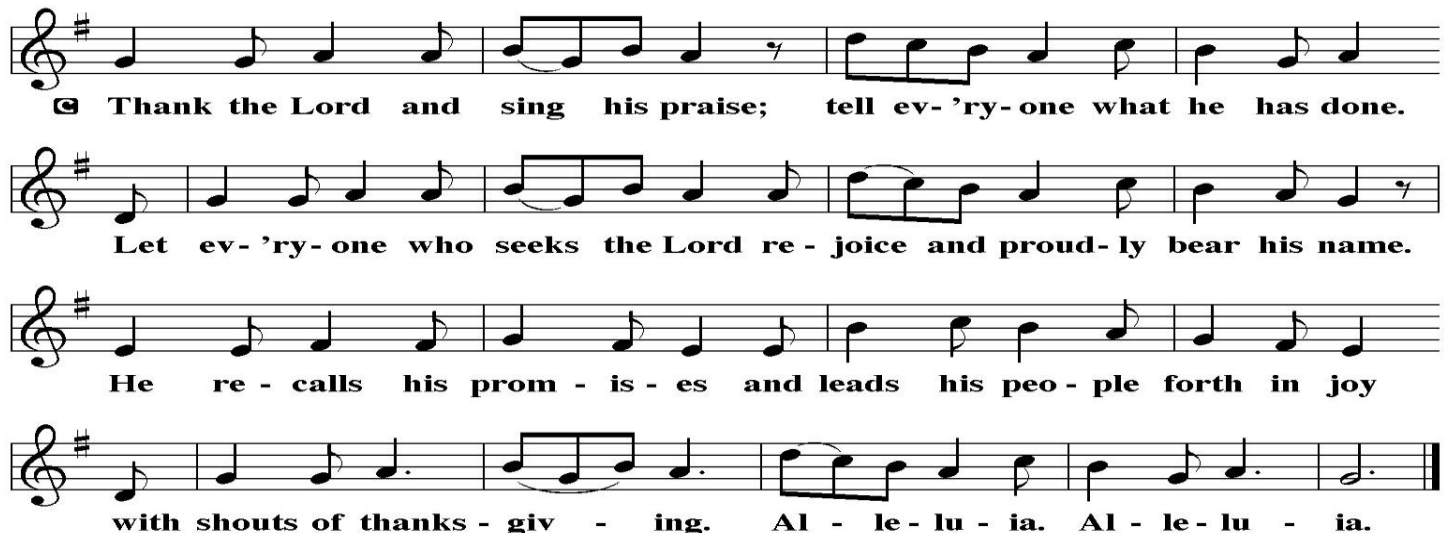
**(Pease stand if you are able)*

COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE “Thank the Lord and Sing His Praise”



☩ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev- 'ry-one what he has done.
Let ev- 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear his name.
He re - calls his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy
with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Let us pray.

A: Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus,

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, ✠ bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN: "Savior, Again to Your Dear Name" ELW 534 vss. 1-4 Red Hymnal

PRAYER

A: Let us pray together Immanuel's Opening Doors prayer.

C: Dear Lord, we thank and praise you for your everlasting love and enduring mercy. Continue to send your holy spirit: To bless us, to watch over us and to guide us in all that we do so that we grow in: Our love for you, our love for each other and our love for those in our community.

Grant us the courage to be bold in opening doors by inviting and welcoming others in our community to God's church. Give us strength: To trust in you and to have faith and hope in your plans for God's church. In Jesus name we pray. Amen

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

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The congregation and ministries of this church rely on your weekly offerings and gifts. We encourage you to continue your tithing to Immanuel. If you have a key, you may stop by & leave them in Cindi's mailbox or slip them under her door. You may also mail them to Immanuel at 726 Fuller Ave. Big Rapids, MI. Thank you to everyone who has been sending in your offerings.

~Stewardship Committee

Please join us for fellowship in the Fellowship Hall following Worship today! (on 3rd Sunday of month, cake will be served for all birthdays celebrated in the month.)

SERVING IN SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

Musician: Janet Mallett
Altar Duty: Carol Zimmerman, Phyllis Cousineau
Presiding Minister: Pastor Kim Bos
Worship Assistant: Linda Greene
Greeter: Phyllis Lindsey
Usher: Linda Obermier
Reader: Carol Wilson-Jungck
Sound Technician: David Scott
A/V Projection Technicians: David Scott

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Birthdays this week - None to report.

Happy Anniversary - None to report.

Altar Flowers - by Bruce & Nancy Spengler, for the Glory of God.

Readings for May 24th (Day of Pentecost):

Acts 2:1-21

Psalms 104:24-34, 35b

1Corinthians 12:3b-13

John 20:19-23

Upcoming In Person meetings:

Christian Education **Sun May 17th at 10:45am**

Office Staff Meeting **Tue May 19th at 10:30am**

Knitting Group **Tue May 19th at Noon**



Helpful Hints from Parish Nurse Phyllis Lindsey -

May 17: May is National Mediterranean Diet Month. Numerous studies have shown that the Mediterranean diet can cause weight loss, help prevent heart attacks, strokes, type 2 diabetes, and pre-mature death. Eat less red meat, salt, and sugars, eat poultry, eggs, cheese, yogurt, fish and seafood 2 or 3 times a week and eat fruits, vegetables, pasta, rice and other grains, potatoes, olive oil, beans, legumes, spices, seeds, and herbs daily. Also—be physically active and mingle with others daily.



The next Movie Matinee is The Hunchback of Notre Dame (1939), featuring Charles Laughton & Maureen O'Hara.



Shepherd's Hooks & Needles now meet on the third Tuesday of the month. The next session is **Tues. May 19th at Noon.**

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Manna Pantry:

May Canned Pasta
June Pork & Beans/Black Beans

Project Starburst:

Spaghetti Sauce
Vegetables - any canned

Grade School

Kleenex, shampoo, toothpaste/brushes, soap, underwear, sweatpants (neutral colors), socks. Sizes for children to fifth grade. Also hats, mittens, scarves, sweatshirts

TUBA BACH SCHEDULE

June 21st Summer Concert - Bruce Forman 4:00pm

The National Memorial Day Concert will be held on the West Lawn of the U.S. Capital on Sunday, May 24th. 2026 at 8:00pm and again at 9:30pm. The evening blends music, storytelling and tribute as it honors the fallen. You can watch it live or stream it on the PBS app.

**A total of 2,544 pounds of donations were received from our Dump N Run effort this year!
A huge thank you goes out to everyone who donated their time and energy to this project!**

The Herrick Scholarship fund deadline is June 30th. The grant is available to any student, including non-traditional students, pursuing an established curricula of his or her choice. Please contact Carol Wilson-Jungck or Linda Obermier for more information.

Immanuel Christian Education

Please plan to attend the meeting during Fellowship on May 17 th , where we will discuss what interests our members education-wise. Phil Keating, Carol Wilson and Linda Greene will provide alternatives available, ask for input, and determine what types of education members would prefer. Please think prayerfully about becoming involved and learning more about various aspects of our Christian faith. We will be including questions regarding scheduling, time, the various education methods, etc. so we hope you will attend. We would like to be able to plan ahead for the next year!

New Members - We have not had a new member class for some time, so if anyone is interested in becoming a member of our church, please contact Phyllis Cousineau or Lee Wolken by June 21. We will then arrange a time to get together and answer your questions and have a brief introduction to the Lutheran faith. After that meeting, we will schedule a worship service to install you as new members.