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Immanuel's Calendar This Week

Today - 9:00 a.m. Worship Service with Communion  
10:00 a.m. Senior Recognition Reception/Church Council Meeting  
No Sunday School

Monday – 6:00 p.m. Kitchen Remodel Meeting

Tuesday – 1:00 p.m. Quilting

Sunday – 9:00 a.m. Worship Service with Communion  
No Fellowship Hour

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Today	Next Sunday
PowerPoint/Acolyte: Madelyn Gueningsman	Hayden Emkes
Lay Reader: Kathy Fritz	Annette Rosen
Ushers: Alan Refsland, Kathy Fritz	Isaac Gosseling
Communion Server: Joyce Klaassen, Alan Refsland, Annette Rosen	Alan Refsland
Altar Guild: Michele Shubert	Judy Gosseling
Coffee Servers: Brenda and Paul Tuve	No Coffee

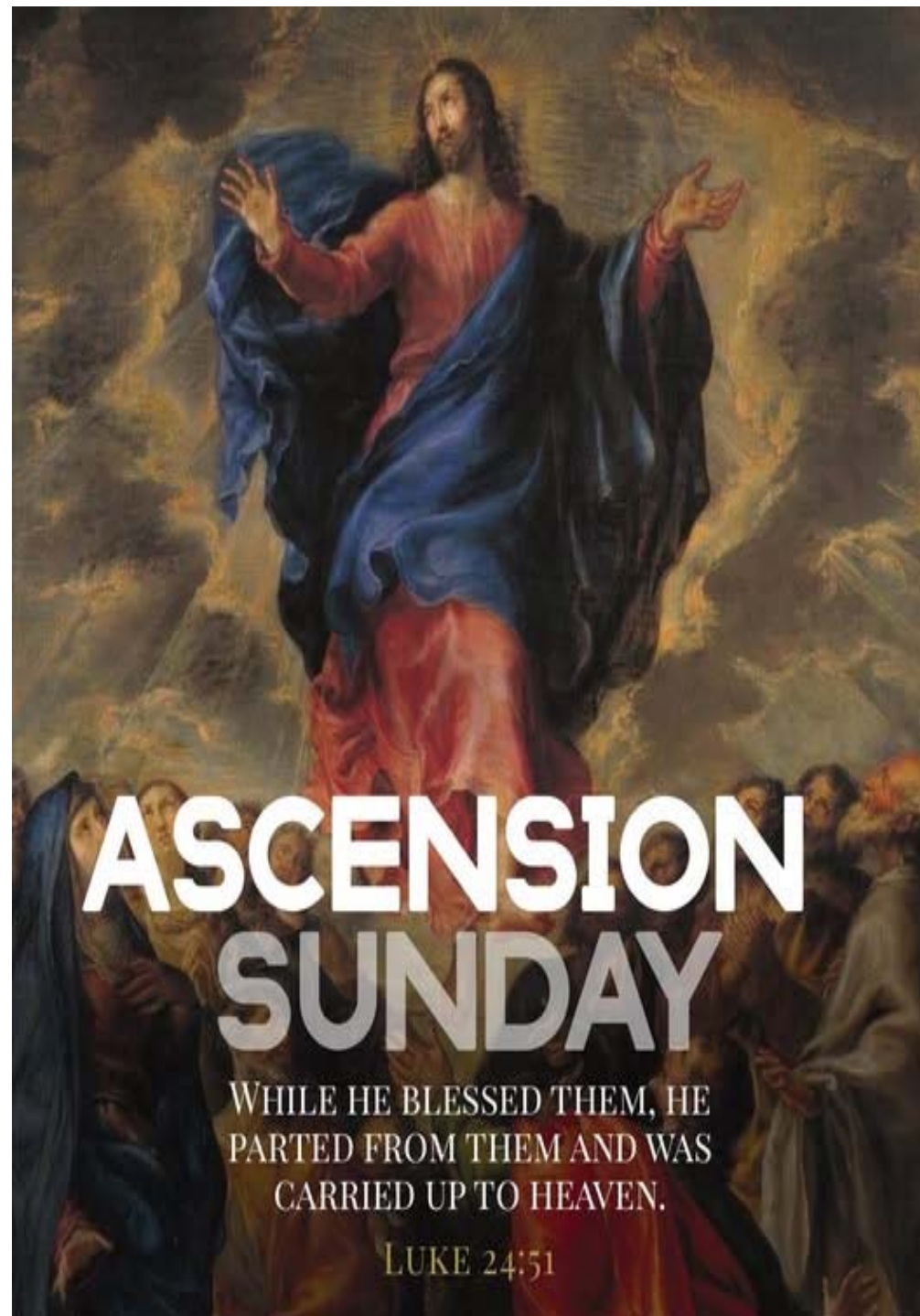
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Worship Services are now broadcast over FM radio 93.9, and AM 1460 or view the livestream of the service at Immanuel Lutheran's Facebook page.

For Upcoming Events, Happenings, and Weekly Updates – Please check Immanuel's Facebook page. All events, times and changes for Immanuel will be posted there.

**Reminder: If you would like Pastor Joel to visit you or your family member, you need to let him, or the church office know. We are always available for you in bad times, good times, and anxious times. Please call 320-847-2138 or 952-807-3330 (Pastor Joel's cell phone number).**

**Offering Plates and Mission Globes** – will be passed during the worship service. The silver plates are for the general fund and the globes are for missions.



MAY 17, 2026

THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS SCREEN

HYMN: ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME! #634 / SCREEN

GREETING PG. 138 / SCREEN

KYRIE PG. 138 / SCREEN

THIS IS THE FEAST PG. 140 / SCREEN

PRAYER OF THE DAY INSERT / SCREEN

CHILDRENS' SERMON

FIRST READING: ACTS 1:1-11 INSERT / SCREEN

PSALM 47 INSERT / SCREEN

SECOND READING: EPHESIANS 1:15-23 INSERT / SCREEN

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: PG. 142 / SCREEN

GOSPEL: LUKE 24:44-53 INSERT / SCREEN

SERMON

HYMN & OFFERING: ALLELUIA! SING TO JESUS #392 / SCREEN

OFFERTORY PRAYER SCREEN

GRADUATE RECOGNITION

NICENE CREED PG. 104 SCREEN

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION SCREEN

WORDS OF INSTITUTION & LORD'S PRAYER PG. 145 / SCREEN

COMMUNION: Gluten free wafers available; inner ring is grape juice

HYMN: BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR #838 / SCREEN

HYMN: JESUS SHALL REIGN #434 / SCREEN

POST COMMUNION PRAYER SCREEN

BLESSING

HYMN: CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS #855 / SCREEN

DISMISSAL: SCREEN

**The Radio Broadcast** – is in honor of Ken and Jan Beyerl's Wedding Anniversary, given by Ken and Jan Beyerl. Happy Anniversary!

**ALL ARE WELCOME AT THE LORD'S TABLE!** If you are unable to come forward and would like to receive Communion, please let an usher know.

**Quilting** – meets on Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m.

**Church Council Meeting** – is today. We will meet in the Fireside Room, after the Worship Service.

**Clara City Ambulance Serving Root Beer Floats and having a Coloring Contest** – on **Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>** from 3:00-6:00 p.m., at the ambulance garage. If your child is interested in the coloring contest, please pick up a coloring sheet in the back of the sanctuary.

**Coffee for Gals** – The Immanuel ladies will be meeting on **Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup>** from 2:00-3:30 p.m., in the Fireside Room. All women of Immanuel are invited. Come for laughter, fellowship and of course, lunch! We will continue to meet thru October.

**Kitchen Remodel Meeting** – is on Monday, May 18, at 6:00 p.m. If you have any suggestions or input for the remodel, please feel free to attend the meeting.

*Today We Recognize Our Graduating Seniors! – Congratulations to Breanna Dirksen, Sam Miller and Peyton Schlagel! As you step into this next chapter, remember to trust in the Lord with all your heart, as Proverbs 3:5 says, "and let His love guide your path. Your faith is your foundation for a purposeful life; let your light shine and walk confidently knowing God is with you wherever you go" Please keep these graduates in your prayers as they start a new journey in their lives! A reception will be held in the Fellowship Hall following the service. Everyone is welcome!*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Almighty God, **your blessed Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things. Mercifully give us faith to trust that, as he promised, he abides with us on earth to the end of time, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## FIRST READING: ACTS 1:1-11

<sup>1</sup>In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning <sup>2</sup>until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. <sup>3</sup>After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

<sup>4</sup>While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. “This,” he said, “is what you have heard from me; <sup>5</sup>for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

<sup>6</sup>So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” <sup>7</sup>He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>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.”

<sup>9</sup>When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup>While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. <sup>11</sup>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.”

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 47

<sup>1</sup>Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy.

**<sup>2</sup>For the LORD, the Most High, is awesome, a great king over all the earth.**

<sup>3</sup>He subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet.

**<sup>4</sup>He chose our heritage for us, the pride of Jacob whom he loves.**

<sup>5</sup>God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

**<sup>6</sup>Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises.**

<sup>7</sup>For God is the king of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm.

**<sup>8</sup>God is king over the nations; God sits on his holy throne.**

<sup>9</sup>The princes of the peoples gather as the people of the God of Abraham.

**For the shields of the earth belong to God; he is highly exalted.**

## SECOND READING: EPHESIANS 1:15-23

<sup>15</sup>I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason <sup>16</sup>I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. <sup>17</sup>I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, <sup>18</sup>so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, <sup>19</sup>and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power.

<sup>20</sup>God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup>far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. <sup>22</sup>And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, <sup>23</sup>which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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## GOSPEL: LUKE 24:44-53

The holy gospel according to St. Luke the twenty-fourth chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>44</sup>[Jesus said to the eleven and those with them,] “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup>And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

<sup>50</sup>Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. <sup>51</sup>While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. <sup>52</sup>And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; <sup>53</sup>and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**