

WELCOME VISITORS

We're glad you're here. If this is your first visit, please sign our Guest Book by the front door. To ensure pastoral care, we also invite you to fill out an attendance slip each time you are with us. **Large print copies of the hymns** are available. Please ask an usher if you desire a copy. **Restrooms** are in the basement in the southeast (back/left) corner.

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If you are not a member of the LCMS, please introduce yourself to our pastor or an Elder before the service so that they might hear your faith before we share Communion with you. If you wish to participate without taking communion, please feel free to come forward and cross your arms across your chest to receive a blessing from the pastor during communion.

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SPECIAL PRAYERS

Please keep the following people in your prayers this week.

Tim Guido, Pat Hart, Brooks Kats, Beverly Myhre, Larry Nardoni, Susan Paul, Caroline Pfeifer, Judy Slavik, Carolyn Stadt, Pat Stewart, Joy Sutor, and Calvin Yoder

O Lord, Heavenly Father, please watch over those we pray for, extending to each of them your healing hand. We ask this and all things through Your Son, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Immanuel Schedule Week of May 12

Sunday (05-12)	8:00 am	Divine Service [at ILC]
	9:30 am	Bible Study [at SP]
	10:30 am	Divine Service [at SP]
Monday (05-13)	10:00 am	Men's Bible Study [at SP]
Thursday (05-16)	7:00 pm	Women's Bible Study [at SP]
Sunday (05-19)	8:00 am	Divine Service [at ILC]
	9:30 am	Bible Study [at SP]
	10:30 am	Divine Service [at SP]

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## NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY

As we have been announcing for several weeks now, Immanuel and St. Paul's will be combining forces and creating a combined Church Directory for our congregations. **Publication is to begin in June, so we need to have any and all changes of address, phone, or email ASAP. Please submit any changes to Paul this week.** You can either write the changed information on the back of your attendance card, or send an email to [ilcsteger.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:ilcsteger.secretary@gmail.com).

Finally, unless you've indicated to us previously that you want phone numbers, cell numbers, or email addresses private, they will appear in our directory. Having said that, this information is for our members and St. Paul's members only. No one's details will be shared with any 3rd parties or marketing companies; it remains private among our members only. If you have any questions, please contact Paul Sengstock.

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## SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER + IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH



O God the King of Glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Savior Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

### MAY 12, 2024 A.D.

Hymns For Divine Service: *Lutheran Service Book*  
834, 497, 501, 500, 913 – DS Setting 1, Pg. 151

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WELCOME VISITORS:** We would like to extend a special welcome to all visitors, whether this is your first visit or you've been here before. If you are interested in receiving Holy Communion today, please speak to our pastor or one of our Elders before the service. Also, please fill out an attendance card (located next to the Hymnals on the back of each pew). We hope you enjoy your visit as we all share the Word of our Lord together.

**ATTENDANCE CARDS:** Whether you are a visitor or regular attendee, we appreciate everyone filling out an Attendance Card. The Synod requires us to report various statistics every year (especially attendance), and it is important that we are able to provide our statistics as accurate as possible. Thank You !!

**SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY:** Our current Sunday morning Bible Study is from a book, "GOD OPENS DOORS!" Please join us as we discover that the book of Acts is much more than a history of the growth of the early church, but is just as relevant today as it was when Dr. Luke was inspired by the Holy Spirit to write it in the latter part of the first century.

**SEEKING 2024 GRADUATES:** Do you have a family member or close friend that is graduating? We are seeking all graduates, pre-school thru college who will be noted at our June 2nd service. Please let the office know their name (correct spelling please) and what grade from which they are graduating. Please email the office at [ilcsteger.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:ilcsteger.secretary@gmail.com) with their details We look forward to recognizing their accomplishments.

**GRETA'S FIRST COMMUNION:** Rebekah wanted to share with us that Greta Meissner's First Communion / Confirmation will be Sunday, May 26 at 10:00am at Holy Cross Lutheran Church (Kansas City, MO). There will be a light reception following the Service, with a meal later at the house. Please RSVP to Rebekah at 708-414-0108.

**WELCOME:** Today we welcome Ron Emery as our organist and thank him for joining us and assisting with our Divine Service today.

### **SERVING THIS MONTH:**

Elders / Ushers: Marty Boudreau / Tom Metzger  
Altar Guild: Lois Genova, Barbara Coy, and Becky Mann

## ANNOUNCEMENTS [Cont.]

**50 YEAR ANNIVERSARY:** Larry and Mary will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on June 1. Everyone is invited to join them, June 1 from 1:30-4:30pm at Trinity Lutheran Church (1393 Elizabeth St, Crete). Please see the Flyer on the Narthex Bulletin Board.

**SENIOR SAINTS EVENT:** The Senior Saints will be visiting the Matteson Historical Society, 813 School Avenue, Matteson, IL, on Tuesday, May 21st, from 11 - 12. We will leave St. Paul's church parking lot at 10:30. Lunch and fellowship afterwards at Culver's, 20716 S. Cicero Avenue, Matteson. **BRING A FRIEND!!** Sign-up in St. Paul's Narthex after church or after Bible Study, Sunday 5/12 and 5/19, or call Virginia Ehrich at 219 669-1883 or Gloria Graham-Smith at 708 855-3311.

**PEACE LUTHERAN INVITATION:** Peace Lutheran in Beecher is celebrating their one year anniversary on May 19 at 2pm at their Beecher campus (540 Oak Park Ave., Beecher). NID 1 st Vice-President Rev. Cory Estby will be the guest preacher, and the Illiana High School Choir will be performing. Light refreshments will be served following the service. Everyone is invited to join them for this day of prayer, praise, preaching, and fellowship.

**DID YOU KNOW?:** Did you like Pastor's sermon? Or maybe you missed it this week. Did you know that you can request a printed copy of the sermon notes for you to keep and refer to? Just contact our office (email [ilcsteger.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:ilcsteger.secretary@gmail.com) is preferred) and we will send it to you. We also post the audio of all sermons on our website so you can listen to it too. Audio sermons are available online for four weeks. Enjoy !!

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** Donated to the glory of God

**CHANCEL CANDLES:** Donated by Paul Sengstock for the month of May in loving memory of parents, Werner and Mildred Sengstock.

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STEWARDSHIP SENTENCE: 1 John 5:12 – "Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life." Jesus is the foundation, the bedrock, the beginning and the end. To have Him is to have it all. In Him we have life. And we are called to live in Him, to live this new life He has given us, to grow up into His image. This is a struggle in this sinful world! But His grace is sufficient as He refreshes us through Word and Sacrament.

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Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 12, 2024

Introit **Psalm 27:1a, 4–5, 10, 14; antiphon: v. 7**

P Hear, O Lord , when I | cry aloud; *

be gracious to me and | answer me!

C **The Lord is my light and my sal- | vation; ***
whom | shall I fear?

P One thing have I asked of the Lord , that will I
seek | after: *

that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days
of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord
and to inquire in his | temple.

C **For he will hide me in his shelter in the**
day of | trouble; *

he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;
he will lift me high up- | on a rock.

P For my father and my mother have for- | saken me, *
but the Lord will | take me in.

C **Wait | for the Lord ; ***

be strong, and let your heart take courage;
wait | for the Lord !

C **Glory be to the Father and | to the Son ***
and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning, *
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

P Hear, O Lord , when I | cry aloud; *

C **be gracious to me and | answer me!**

Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

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P Let us pray.

O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

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First Reading

Acts 1:12–26

¹² Then [the apostles] returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. ¹³And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. ¹⁴All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers. ¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, ¹⁶"Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. ¹⁷For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." ¹⁸(Now this man bought a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. ¹⁹And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) ²⁰"For it is written in the Book of Psalms, "May his camp become desolate, and let there be no one to dwell in it"; and

“Let another take his office.’

²¹So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us,

²²beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection.” ²³And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴And they prayed and said, “You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” ²⁶And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 John 5:9–15

⁹If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son. ¹⁰Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son. ¹¹And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹²Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

¹³I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God that you may know that you have eternal life.

¹⁴And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. ¹⁵And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

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C Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel



John 17:11b–19

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John,
the seventeenth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

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[Jesus said:] “Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. ¹² While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³ But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. ¹⁴ I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁵ I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. ¹⁶ They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁷ Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸ As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹ And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

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