



He Lives!

Behold, I am
alive
for evermore.

REVELATION 1:18



ATTENDANCE CARDS We invite all our worshipers, both members and guests, to fill out an attendance card from the pew rack in front of you and place it in the offering plate. Also, use the “Tell Us” cards to communicate to your congregational leaders whatever you want them to know. **You can also register on our app! Fill out the “Connect Card” located on the home page.**

WORSHIP AIDS If you have difficulty reading the print in the bulletin, there are large print bulletins available on the table by the side door of the church. Do you have difficulty hearing the spoken word? Aids for hearing are also available on the same table. Ask an usher to help you if you need assistance.

CELL PHONES Check in on social media using #immanuelriverside before silencing your cell phones.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER In this morning's service, we celebrate Holy Communion. If you wish to commune at the altar, our ushers will come and invite you forward, row by row, when the time comes. As Lutheran Christians, we believe that this sacrament is more than just a memorial meal. We believe in Christ's real presence in, under, and through the bread and the wine for the forgiveness of sins. If you are a baptized Christian, and this is what you believe and desire, we invite you to join us in this most sacred meal! If this is not your confession, or you are not sure what you believe about the Lord's Supper, we are thankful that you are worshiping with us but ask that you please refrain from taking communion today. Our pastoral staff would be happy to follow up with you about participating in Holy Communion in the future.

FOR OUR LITTLE ONES For parents who have children under four years of age, we have a staffed nursery to assist you. If you have an infant, please feel free to use our Cry Room where you can still see and listen to the worship service.

NURSERY CARE The nursery is now OPEN for childcare during worship. Your children (6 weeks old - 5 years old) will be cared for by our trained staff for any or all of the service. You will need to read the Nursery Parent Information sheet and fill out a questionnaire before dropping off your children. Please see the Nursery Coordinator if you have any questions.

EASTER SUNRISE VIGIL

April 5, 2026

6:30 a.m.

The people gather in the courtyard.

GOOD MORNING AND WELCOME! Welcome to the Lord's House on this Most Holy Morning. What began on Holy Thursday, and continued through Good Friday and Holy Saturday, now culminates in the initial celebration of the resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ, from the dead.

In the ancient church, the Vigil of Easter was the most important Service of the Church Year. Christians would gather after sunset on Holy Saturday and hold vigil ("keep watch") throughout the night, praying, listening to readings of Holy Scripture, and singing psalms and hymns, culminating in the celebration of the resurrection of Christ at dawn. In fact, new Christians who were learning about the faith would be baptized during this vigil service. Our Service today will not be nearly as elaborate or lengthy, but will be based upon the themes of that ancient Service.

The Easter Vigil is comprised of six parts: 1) The Service of Light, 2) The Service of Readings, 3) The Service of Holy Baptism, 4) The Service of Prayer, 5) The Service of the Word, and 6) The Service of the Sacrament.

We began outside the church in the "darkness" to signify the coldness of death and the tomb. From there, we are brought into the church by the light of the Christ candle signifying how it is by the death and resurrection of Christ that we are brought into God's Presence.

We pray the Lord's richest blessings upon you as you receive His Divine Gifts this morning.

† THE SERVICE OF LIGHT †
Christ's Light Dawns Upon Us

INVOCATION

P: Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, we gather this morning in eager anticipation to proclaim the wonderful works of God. What began on Maundy Thursday, continued through Good Friday, now comes to the culmination of the resurrection this Easter morn. As the world is trapped in the darkness of sin, so too do we begin outside as remembrance that if it weren't for Christ's death and resurrection we would be forever trapped outside of God's grace. In the name of the Father and of the (†) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

INVITATION

P: We are gathered here in vigil and in prayer. This is the Passover of the Lord in which, by hearing His Word and celebrating His Sacraments, we share in His victory over death.

COLLECT

P: Let us pray: O God, You are like a refiner's fire, and Your Spirit enkindles the hearts of Your faithful people with the fire of Your love. Bless, we implore You, this new flame and those who keep this joyful Easter festival that, burning with desire for life with You, we may be found rightly prepared to share in the Feast of Light which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

*All light their candles from the paschal candle. NEVER TIP A LIT CANDLE.
Worshippers follow the procession into the church. Please enter a pew and remain standing.*

LUX CHRISTI

P: As we enter in, we proclaim that the light of Christ shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it. We sing responsively: The light of Christ!

C: **Thanks be to God!**

*(The congregation processes behind the paschal candle.
The bearer of the paschal candle stops at the entrance)*

P: The light of Christ.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

(The bearer of the paschal candle stops in the middle of the sanctuary)

P: The light of Christ.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

(The bearer of the paschal candle stops at the front of the sanctuary)

P: The light of Christ.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

(The bearer of the paschal candle places it on its stand and the acolyte lights the candelabra)

EXSULTET (Easter Proclamation)

Cantor: Rejoice now, all you heavenly choirs of angels; rejoice now, all creation; sound forth, trumpet of salvation, and proclaim the triumph of our King. Rejoice too, all the earth, in the radiance of the light now poured upon you and made brilliant by the brightness of the everlasting King; know that the ancient darkness has been forever banished. Rejoice, O Church of Christ, clothed in the brightness of this light; let all this house of God ring out with rejoicing, with the praises of all God's faithful people.



1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,
 2 Let hearts be purged of e - vil That we may see a - right
 3 Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful, Let earth its song be - gin,
 △ 4 All praise to God the Fa - ther, All praise to God the Son,



The pass - o - ver of glad - ness, The pass - o - ver of God.
 The Lord in rays e - ter - nal Of res - ur - rec - tion light
 Let all the world keep tri - umph And all that is there - in.
 All praise to God the Spir - it, E - ter - nal Three in One!



From death to life e - ter - nal, From sin's do - min - ion free,
 And, lis - t'ning to His ac - cents, May hear, so calm and plain,
 Let all things, seen and un - seen, Their notes of glad - ness blend;
 Let all the ran - somed num - ber Fall down be - fore the throne



Our Christ has brought us o - ver With hymns of vic - to - ry.
 His own "All hail!" and, hear - ing, May raise the vic - tor strain.
 For Christ the Lord has ris - en, Our joy that has no end!
 And hon - or, pow'r, and glo - ry As - cribe to God a - lone!

PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. O Almighty Lord, all glory, laud, and honor are due Your Holy Name for overcoming sin, death, and the devil by Your glorious resurrection. How glorious is Your victory as You redeem us who are slaves to sin, and reconcile us to God. Holy Father, accept now the morning sacrifices of thanksgiving and praise. Let Christ, the true light and morning star, shine in our hearts, He who gives light to all creation, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

(All extinguish their candles and are seated)

† THE SERVICE OF READINGS †

INTRODUCTION TO READINGS

P: In this most holy morning our Savior, Christ the Lord, broke the power of death and by His resurrection brought life and salvation to all creation. Let us praise the Lord, for He truly keeps His word. The sun of righteousness has dawned upon us who have sat in darkness and in the shadow of death.

THE CREATION

Genesis 1:1-2:3

(after the reading)

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: Let us pray: Almighty God, through Your Word and Spirit You most wonderfully created all things, and through the Word made flesh You brought new life to fallen humanity. Grant that in Your mercy we may be conformed to the image of Him who shares fully in our humanity, even Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

HYMN

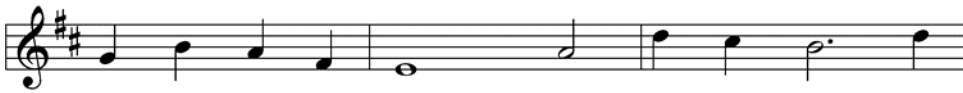
O Splendor of God's Glory Bright

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vv: 1-3,6



1 O Splen - dor of God's glo - ry bright,	O Thou that
2 Come, ver - y Sun of truth and love;	Pour down Thy
3 With prayer the Fa - ther we im - plore:	O Fa - ther,
△ 6 All laud to God the Fa - ther be;	All praise, e -



bring - est light from light,	O Light of Light, light's
ra - diance from a - bove	And shed the Ho - ly
glo - rious ev - er - more,	We plead with Thee for
ter - nal Son, to Thee;	All glo - ry to the



liv - ing spring,	O Day, all days il - lu - min - ing:
Spir - it's ray	On all we think or do or say.
grace and pow'r	To con - quer in temp - ta - tion's hour,
Spir - it raise	In e - qual and un - end - ing praise.



Al	- le - lu - ia!
Al	- le - lu - ia!
Al	- le - lu - ia!
Al	- le - lu - ia!

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 29:1-11

- L: Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
C: **Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.**
- L: The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over many waters.
C: **The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.**
- L: The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.
C: **He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.**
- L: The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.
C: **The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**
- L: The voice of the LORD makes the deer give birth and strips the forests bare, and in his temple all cry, "Glory!"
C: **The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.**
- L: May the LORD give strength to his people! May the LORD bless his people with peace!
C: **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

THE OLD HAS GONE

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

(after the reading)

- L This is the Word of the Lord.
C: **Thanks be to God.**



1 Guide me, O Thou great Re - deem - er, Pil - grim through this
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain Whence the heal - ing
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, Bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but Thou art might - y;
 stream doth flow; Let the fi - ery, cloud - y pil - lar
 fears sub - side; Death of death and hell's de - struc - tion,



Hold me with Thy pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en,
 Lead me all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer,
 Land me safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es,



bread of heav - en, Feed me till I want no
 strong de - liv - 'rer, Be Thou still my strength and
 songs of prais - es I will ev - er give to



more; Feed me till I want no more.
 shield; Be Thou still my strength and shield.
 Thee; I will ev - er give to Thee.

DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR VICTORY?

(after the reading)

1 Corinthians 15:50-57

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

P: Let us pray, O God, Your Son destroyed the hold that death had over us through His death and resurrection. Grant us a steadfast faith in Your promises of life and light so that we may persevere through all tribulations till that glorious day when You raise the dead to new life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

† THE SERVICE OF HOLY BAPTISM†

BAPTISMAL ADDRESS

- P: On this holiest of mornings, the whole Church of our Lord Jesus Christ recalls His death and burial, rejoicing with great joy in the Gospel of His glorious and mighty resurrection from the dead. The apostle Paul says: "Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?"
- C: **We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His.**
- P: We know that our old self was crucified with Him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with Him. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him.
- C: **For the death He died He died to sin, once for all, but the life He lives He lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus."** *(Romans 6:3-11)*

RENUNCIATION

- P: In remembrance of your baptism, I ask you to confess your faith: Do you renounce the devil, and all his works, and all his ways?
- C: **Yes, I renounce them.**

PROFESSION OF FAITH

- P: Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth?
- C: **Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**
- P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son?
- C: **Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**
- P: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?
- C: **Yes, I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life (†) everlasting.**

BLESSING

- P: The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life (†) everlasting.
- C: **Amen.** *(Please stand)*

† THE SERVICE OF HOLY PRAYER †

LITANY OF THE RESURRECTION

P: O Lord,

C: have mercy.

P: O Christ,

C: have mercy.

P: O Lord,

C: have mercy.

P: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,

C: hear us.

P: Paschal Lamb, who was offered for us and has taken away the sin of the world,

C: have mercy on us.

P: Who was crucified for our transgressions and raised for our justification, Who foretold Your passion saying, "The Son of Man must be crucified and on the third day rise again,"

C: have mercy on us.

P: Who destroyed death by dying, and by rising to life again brought life and immortality to light, Whose resurrection was first announced by an angel to the women, Who appeared to Mary Magdalene and was worshiped by her,

C: have mercy on us.

P: Who revealed Yourself to the two disciples on the Emmaus road and made Yourself known to them in the Scriptures and in the breaking of the bread, Who appeared to the disciples, bestowing on them Your peace and Your Spirit, Who showed Your wounded hands and side to the apostle Thomas that he too might believe,

C: have mercy on us.

P: Who appeared to seven disciples on the Sea of Tiberias, bringing a miraculous catch of fish, Who appeared to Peter and to the Twelve, to over 500 disciples, to James and to all the apostles, and to Paul on the Damascus road, Who commissioned Your Church to make disciples of all nations by baptizing and teaching them,

C: have mercy on us.

P: By Your glorious resurrection from the dead, By Your victory over sin and death, By the majesty of Your risen body,

C: good Lord, deliver us.

P: We poor sinners implore You

C: to hear us, Lord Jesus.

P: That we may daily die and rise with You in our Baptism and walk in the freedom of Your forgiveness, That we may set our minds on things above and not on earthly things, serving as we have been served by You, That we may dwell with You forever in the new creation as citizens of the heavenly Jerusalem, together with all the saints,

C: grant us, good Lord.

P: Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

C: have mercy on us.

P: Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

C: have mercy on us.

P: Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

C: grant us Your peace.

P: O Lord,

C: have mercy.

P: O Christ,

C: have mercy.

P: O Lord,

C: have mercy. Amen.

† THE SERVICE OF THE WORD †

EASTER ACCLAMATION

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!



C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



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



1 — Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*

join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*

gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



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

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray: O God, You made this most glorious dawn to shine with the glory of the Lord's resurrection. Preserve in us the spirit of adoption which You have given so that, made alive in body and soul, we may serve You purely; through Jesus Christ, Your son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 20:1-18

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

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

(After the reading)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

(Please be Seated)

HOMILY

Tears, Your Days are Numbered

Pastor Robert Jones

SOLO

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

Denise Illingworth, Soprano

(The altar is now prepared for Easter)

† THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT †

(Please Stand)

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 Him thanks and praise.

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS



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



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. 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.

P: Trusting in His promises, we are bold to pray:

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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My (†) body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My (†) blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **Amen.** (*Please be seated*)

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION INSTRUMENTAL Soul, Adorn You with Gladness

Johannes Brahms

Awake, My Heart, with Gladness

Rudolf Moser

(Please stand)

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Let us pray, O God, for our redemption You gave Your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross and by His glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of the enemy. Grant that all our sin may be drowned through daily repentance and that day by day we may arise to live before You in righteousness and purity forever; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION

P: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

C: He is Risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

C: Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN "Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven"

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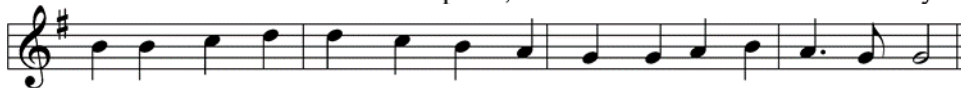
1 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Hearts to heav'n and voic - es raise:
2 Al - le - lu - ia, Christ is ris - en! Death at last has met de - feat:
△ 3 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry be to God on high:



Sing to God a hymn of glad-ness, Sing to God a hymn of praise;
See the an-cient pow'rs of e - vil In con - fu - sion and re - treat;
Al - le - lu - ia to the Sav - ior Who has gained the vic - to - ry;



He who on the cross a vic-tim For the world's sal - va-tion bled—
Once He died, and once was bur-ied: Now He lives for - ev - er - more,
Al - le - lu - ia to the Spir-it, Fount of love and sanc-ti - ty!



Je - sus Christ, the King of Glo - ry, Now is ris - en from the dead.
Je - sus Christ, the world's Re - deem - er, Whom we wor-ship and a - dore.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia To the tri - une Maj - es - ty!

THE EASTER OFFERING IS TAKEN AT THE DOOR

POSTLUDE

Lift High the Cross

Robert Below

PRAYERS REQUESTED BY OUR WORSHIPERS

To submit a prayer request for the coming Sunday, please email or call the church office by Wednesday. We want to pray for specific needs; however, ask permission before disclosing another person's specific need, to ensure that we respect their privacy.

PRAYER OF THANKS

- ✠ Thanks be to God , His hands were with Bev Phillips and her daughter during a recent traffic incident.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- ✠ Please pray for the Unrath family as they mourn the loss of Ken Unrath. Please pray for the Dyrr family as they mourn the loss of Gil Dyrr. May God give both families comfort at this time.
- ✠ Jeanne Moore asks for prayers for her husband, Larry who had knee replacement surgery this past week.
- ✠ Nicole Godfrey asks for prayers for their friend Jason, who is suffering in immense pain from cancer that has spread throughout his body.
- ✠ John asks for continual prayers for Rocky Ford's health and for a favorable test results on a biopsy. Continual prayers for David Miller and Peter Solerio for cancer treatments. Also prayers for John's wife Jane's hip and her associated pain.
- ✠ Prayers of comfort and strength for the family of Charles Phillips, Ken Phillips's brother, who passed into the arms of the Lord on April 1st.

Ongoing Prayers for Healing: David Schilling / Darlene Plum / Wayne Smith / Dee & Joseph Ferreri / Ruth Unrath / Ede and Phillip Lundquist / Ron Kusel / Ken Hendershot / Andrew Ashline / Jo Kenney & Nana / Rocky Ford

In Oncology Therapy: Wendy Price

We encourage you to use this prayer list in your personal devotions at home. To submit a request to our prayer chain or to join our prayer chain, call Carolyn Elfman (354-9896), Dory Robb (687-5725) or the church office (682-7613).

Pray for our Armed Forces

- ◆ Friend of the Cantrell Family, Brenna Anderson, Staff Sergeant, U.S. Air Force, Guam.
- ◆ Husband of Kenya Buchanan MSgt. Jaron Buchanan U.S. Air Force, March Air Reserve Base CA.
- ◆ Grandson of Dave and Joy Fosgett, Nathan Fosgett, 2nd Lieutenant Air Force Reserve.
- ◆ Brother –in-Law of Jean Kempe, Matthew Kempe, USCG South Carolina
- ◆ Nephew of Jean Kempe, Austin Beck, USCG, Virginia
- ◆ Sgt. Julian Opoku, U.S. Army, Pensacola, Florida
- ◆ Nephew of Lisa Hjulberg, SSgt. Dylan Willette, USMC, Lufkin, TX
- ◆ Granddaughter of Steve Parillo, niece of Mike and Jill Parillo, Rachel Parillo, 2nd Lieutenant Air Force, Pensacola, Florida
- ◆ Granddaughter of Ken and Ruth Unrath, Maj. Katelyn Unrath, Eglin AFB, Florida.
- ◆ Grandson of Ken and Ruth Unrath, Maj. Scott Unrath, Hurlburt AFB, Florida.
- ◆ Grandson of Ken and Ruth Unrath, Maj. Steven Ewing, Dyess AFB, Abilene, Texas.
- ◆ Friend of Alyssa Wilcox, Josh Hobbs, U.S. Navy, Virginia
- ◆ Cousin of Lexi and Blake Mercadefe, Brandon Sheer, U.S. Navy, San Diego, CA
- ◆ Nephew of Deidre Goodwin, James Goodwin, U.S. Military, Japan



April Birthdays



John Atkinson	5-Apr	Scott Bryant	12-Apr	Jennifer Smith	19-Apr
Julia Gardner	5-Apr	Jim Patton	13-Apr	Joy Fosgett	20-Apr
Scotty Havrisik	6-Apr	Victoria Zlaket	13-Apr	Marilyn Edwards	23-Apr
Esther Jones	6-Apr	Stephanie McPherrin	13-Apr	Alice Wagoner	23-Apr
Frank Jr. Souza	8-Apr	Nicole Hansen	14-Apr	Vern Goodwalt	25-Apr
Lea Petersen	11-Apr	Carol Luther	15-Apr	Trona Salgado	26-Apr
Tinie Clark	11-Apr	Kara Davis	18-Apr	Leslie Davies	29-Apr

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL, WIGGLE WORSHIP, OR CONFIRMATION today or next week due to Passion and Easter Sunday.

MENS BIBLE STUDY Meetings are first and third Saturdays at 8:30am in the conference room. Coffee and donuts at every meeting and we are studying the book of Genesis. Our next meeting is Saturday, April 18th. If you are interested please call the office at 951-682-7613 or email info@immanuelriverside.com

WOMENS BIBLE STUDY Meets the 2nd and 4th Saturdays at 9:30am and led by Leslie Reick. Our next meeting will be April 11th. We are studying 10 Women of the Bible by Max Lucado

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR DAVID ELFMAN A memorial service will be held at Immanuel on April 11th at 2 PM. A light reception will follow. Guests who plan on attending are encouraged to RSVP with the church office at info@immanuelriverside.com to obtain an accurate count.

HERB BICE FUNERAL A long time member, Herbert Bice, passed away on March 6th. A service is planned for April 11th at 11 AM at Immanuel.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS CANDIDATES: Immanuel will be holding elections at the next Voters Assembly Meeting in May for three openings on the Board of Directors. If you would like to run for a position on the board, please contact Leslie Reick at (951) 264-6719 or Kathy Uhles at (951) 258-8947 for more information.

JOY GROUP The JOY Group will be hosting a presentation by Pastor Steven on the history of church architecture on April 25, at 11:30am. Pastor will be talking about the cathedrals he visited last summer. **All church members are invited to come.** A light lunch will be served at 11:30am, and the presentation will start at 12:30p. Sign-ups will begin on Sunday, April 12. Cost \$15.00.



We're assembling Blessing Bags (hygiene kits) during April (through April 30, 2026) for the Homeless Community. **Can YOU help us?**

Bring your donations to the Church office M-F, 7:30am-3:30pm OR
You can bag them up and leave them in the Church Narthex on Sundays.

These are the items needed:

- 1) Packages of (Crew High) Men's Socks
- 2) **Travel Size Items of:** a) Deodorant/Anti-Perspirant (0.5 oz size), b) Tooth Paste (.85 oz size), c) Mouthwash (.70 oz size or less), d) Barbasol Shaving Cream (2oz size), e) Hand Sanitizer (1 oz size)
- 3) Tooth Brush (adult, soft, individually wrapped)
- 4) Washcloths (regular size) & Bars of Soap (regular size)
- 5) Bottles of Water (16.9 oz size)
- 6) Chapstick
- 7) Women's Hairbrushes (small size) and Men's Combs

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Foundations in Stone

Cathedrals as Servants of the Gospel

Presented by the Rev. Dr. Steven B. Borst

Saturday, April 25th, 2026

11:30am Lunch, 12:30pm Presentation

COST: \$15

(You are welcome to arrive at 12:30pm for free)

RSVP at info@immanuelriverside.com
or after worship starting April 12.

From early on, Christians built cathedrals so that the structure itself proclaimed the glory of God. For our forebearers, a house of worship was much more than just a functional space in which to praise our Lord. The building became a servant of the Gospel, helping in the proclamation of our Christian faith.

Pastor Steven will be highlighting six different cathedrals from six different eras, all of which he has been able to visit and personally experience. For each cathedral, we'll ask the question: how do we see this space as Lutheran Christians? How does it inspire or challenge us? What is missing or wrongly emphasized?

From the Hagia Sophia in 537AD, to La Sagrada Familia that is yet to be completed, as well as a number of famous cathedrals in between, you'll be inspired by this presentation. Indeed, you'll never look at a church the same way again!

DIVORCE CARE A Christ centered divorce support group led by Scott and Cindy Hutter. Divorce Care is open to church and community, and is designed to help comfort and heal those going through separation and divorce. For more information, please feel free to contact Cindy and Scott Hutter at 909-234-0942. or email us at scotthutter60@gmail.com. Divorce Care has an excellent website detailing topics, etc., at www.Divorcecare.org.

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS AND ASSISTANTS

Pastors Pastor Robert Jones
Elder Chip Sartorius, Jim Kaminski, Carl Boburka, William Pugh
Instrumentalists..... Dr. Elvin Rodriguez, Jan Smith
Soloist..... Denise Illingworth
Ushers Brett Bailey, Eileen Bailey
Tech..... Sandra Chapel, Rebecca Chapel, Jim Chapel

OUR VISION

Immanuel Lutheran Church and School is a grace-filled community rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, serving the Inland Empire as a center for Christian faith. Our worship honors God in both classical and contemporary styles where Christ is glorified and proclaimed. We disciple both youth and adults, engaging hearts and minds through Bible education and the arts. Our schools pursue excellence in educating children as well as impacting families with the transforming love of God. As followers of Jesus we live out our faith through service, evangelism, and missions in our community and the world.

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