



Jesus paid it all.

As we approach Holy Week it is easy to get lost in the many events recorded for us in the four Gospel accounts. From Palm Sunday to Easter morning, we have the climax of Jesus's salvific ministry. In this one week, so many events are recorded for us that we often do not even realize they are a part of Holy week. In olden days, there would be services each day going through the events of Jesus' crucifixion and death. In modern times, services are condensed to just Sunday, Thursday, Friday, and Sunday. This is not due to a lack of zealotness of pastors, but a recognition of the busy world we live in and the reality that the pews would be extremely sparse, if not completely empty, for many of these daily services. Yet as we streamline and compact services we may be forgetting some of the stories. The anointing of Jesus and others are important stories in the Bible that bring us meaning, but their place in holy week is often forgotten.

PALM SUNDAY

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday, the triumphant entry, when Jesus rides a borrowed colt on whom no one had ever ridden into Jerusalem. We often think of this as Jesus being hailed as a King, and indeed he was received that way. In ancient times of peace, the king would ride through the city in a humble way like Jesus did. So it was right for the people to lay their cloaks down in front of him as he entered.

MONDAY

On Monday, Jesus went into His house, the temple, and cleaned house driving out the moneychangers and those selling sacrifices in there. He made His house a place of worship and not one of marketing. Here he declared His authority and grabs hold of His divinity making it known He is the master of the house, the temple, and exercising His divinity.

TEUSDAY

Tuesday is a day when Jesus went to the Mt. of Olives. There Jesus lamented for Jerusalem, wishing to take the city under his wings like a mother Hen. Jesus is taking time to refresh, renew, and prepare Himself for His Passion that He knows is coming. Tuesday is also the day that Judas goes and negotiates the betrayal of Jesus with the Sanhedrin. Jesus knew these goings on even as He sought peace and solace on the Mount of Olives and as He lamented for Jerusalem.

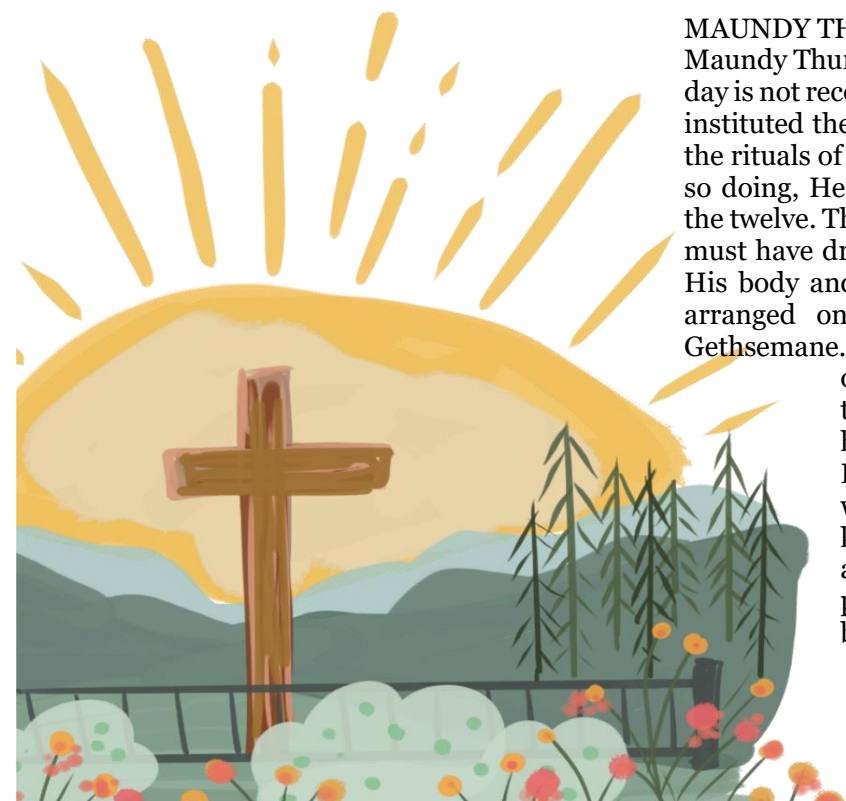
WEDNESDAY

The Bible is silent on Jesus' actions on Holy Wednesday. Following the day on the Mt. of Olives, many suggest Jesus went to be with friends. To be with Mary and Lazarus whom He raised in nearby Bethany. Scripture though is silent, so there is no need to know, no need to speculate.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Maundy Thursday is a day we all think we know well. What happened that day is not recorded for us, but on the night in which He was betrayed, Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper for us. Before this though, He went through the rituals of the Seder. Jesus began this by washing the disciples' feet. In so doing, He embodied servant leadership and humbled Himself before the twelve. Then came the Passover meal. The jaws of everyone at the table must have dropped as Jesus changed the narrative giving all those there His body and blood. This is when Judas left to betray Jesus as he had arranged on Tuesday. Jesus took the disciples to the Garden of Gethsemane. There the disciples fell asleep, unable to watch with Jesus for one bitter hour. There Jesus became so intent in His prayers that His sweat became like blood. There Jesus showed His humanity as He prayed the High Priestly Prayer, asking the Father if there might be another way, and ending with "Thy will be done." Then Judas comes and betrays Jesus with a kiss. The zealous Peter cuts off the ear of the priest's servant, and Jesus heals the man. Jesus rebukes Peter, telling him to put away his sword. The mockery of Jesus' so called trial begins next.

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GOOD FRIDAY

The Sanhedrin gather with Jesus as their prisoner, listening to false and misleading testimony, finding Jesus guilty of blasphemy, guilty of claiming to be God. He was. Yet, without authority to put Jesus to death they handed him over to Pilot to be killed. Not for blasphemy, but for insurrection, an offense that held no truth. Jesus was asked if He said "Render unto Caesar what is Caesar's and unto God what is God's." In His trial, Jesus tells Pilot "My Kingdom is not of this world." Unsure of what to do, they passed between Caiaphas in the Jewish temple court and Pilot in the Roman empirical court. Finally, without any real trial under Jewish or Roman law, Jesus is sentenced to death by crucifixion. Simon is grabbed from the crowd to carry the cross of Jesus, who by this point has been whipped to within an inch of His life. He is hung on the cross where Jesus says seven words, phrases, of love and compassion for those He is suffering for. As His disciples are scattered, and only the young man John is by his side at the cross, along with the women who followed Him and His mother, Mary. With a loud shout of one word and then gives up His Spirit. Jesus gave up his life, for it is finished. A foreigner secured the body of Jesus and laid Him in a borrowed tomb. Soldiers were placed to guard the tomb as the sun began to set and the Sabbath began.

HOLY SATURDAY

Saturday must have been a very somber Sabbath here on earth. The disciples were hiding; the women were mourning. Yet in heaven and in hell, it is a different story. Heaven rejoices because the victory over sin, death, and the devil is finally won. Jesus has descended into hell, not to be tormented, but to declare the victory He has won for us upon the cross through his crucifixion and death. We know this now; this is why we have the Easter vigil service, to remember Jesus' rest in the tomb and to wait for the sign of the victory now won for us, the celebration on Easter Morning.

EASTER

Technically, it is the next week now as the sunsets on Easter vigil and the sun rises on Easter morning. Holy week is over. The passion of Christ is complete. He is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! A blessed holy week and a happy Easter to everyone at Immanuel.

Pastor Yonkers

FOOD DRIVE: Once again, Thrivent is allowing us to participate in a special food drive, "Better Together: Food Drive 25". Like the drive we participated in 2023, for every food item donated for ILC food pantry, Thrivent Members Network will donate \$1 (up to \$150) to our food pantry. This promotion runs through **Apr. 30**. Please bring in your non-perishable items and place them on the cart in the coat room. Thank you for always supporting this community giving project!

SPECIAL DATES IN APRIL:

- LWML CID Spring Gathering, **Apr. 5**
- LWML Mite Collection, **Apr. 6**
- Palm Sunday, **Apr. 13**
- Maundy Thursday, **Apr. 17**
- Good Friday, **Apr. 18**
- Resurrection Sunday, **Apr. 20**
- ILS Easter Break, **Apr. 18 & 21**
- ILS Danville Gardens Fundraiser, **Apr. 21**
- ILS Lunch on the Lawn, **Apr. 23**
- LWML CID Convention (at Zion in Lincoln), **Apr. 26**



HELP US CARE FOR YOU: *Your well-being is important to us and we want to pray for you!* Unfortunately, we are no longer notified by the hospital; please call the church office during regular business hours (Monday through Friday from 7 am - 3:30 pm) when you have any medical procedure or in any time of spiritual need at 217-442-5675. In case of emergencies after hours, please feel free to contact Pastor Yonkers on his cell at 260-413-8375. **Prayer requests:** we are certainly pleased to pray for your (non-member) family and friends alongside our Immanuel members. Please keep us informed of their needs.

KNOW WHO (AND WHOSE) YOU ARE: Actor Kirk Douglas once picked up a hitchhiker. After the man got settled in Douglas's car, he turned to look more closely at the driver. Surprised to recognize the famous man at the wheel, the hitchhiker exclaimed, "Do you know who you are?!" We would do well to ask ourselves and each other the same thing. Often, we seem to forget — or perhaps we never knew. Through much of life, we behave as if our identity depends on our occupation, wealth, family line, daily accomplishments or good deeds. But none of these — not even the last one — determines the core of who we are. All that matters is our Creator's opinion, and God loves us with abundant, unconditional love. Do you know who you are? You are God's beloved child! And so is everyone else. May we live out that knowledge, treating one another as such.

VOCATIO: Are you entering grades 9 through 12 and curious about God's plan for you? *Vocatio: High School*, happening **June 21 – 27, 2025**, at Concordia Seminary, offers a week of worship, learning, and fun to help you discern your vocation. The cost is \$200, and registration closes on **May 31**. You can reserve your spot by visiting their website: www.csl.edu



RAINBOWS FOR KYLA: Thank you to everyone that volunteered, donated, and/or attended the Rainbows for Kyla cancer benefit. Your dedication, time, and hard work made the event a huge success, and it was truly inspiring to see so many people come together to love and support the Culotti Family. I'm thrilled to announce that, thanks to the efforts and the generosity of everyone involved, we raised \$6,911.00! Praise God! This incredible contribution will go a long way to help them with medical and living expenses and Kyla continues her treatment and recovery.

Here is a message for you all, from Jody and Kyla: *"We would like to thank everyone for all of the love, support, prayers, donations and for all of the work that went towards the benefit for Kyla. It's amazing to see our church family taking care of us and God's works in action answering all of our prayers for her health."*

Here is an update from Jody on Kyla's progress: *"Kyla is healing beautifully and has her stitches out now. We have been to the prosthetist to begin the process of building her prosthetic. This process takes around a month due to insurance approvals and healing to be able to put weight on her incision. We will go back to Washington University in late April for CT scans to continue to monitor for any spread of her cancer, which will be done every 3 months for several years. We want to thank you all again for the love and support you have shown to us. It's amazing to see God's love through you all!"*



Holy Week Schedule

It's once again time to journey from the triumphant entry into Jerusalem to the cross of Golgotha to the empty tomb of Easter morning. Reliving the events of Holy Week and Easter help us to contemplate the steps our Savior took to win us eternal salvation. We urge all of you to join us here at Immanuel for our Holy Week services.



We begin on **Palm Sunday, April 13**. Pick up your palms as you enter church that morning. Then you're invited to join us in the Narthex for our Palm Sunday processional at the beginning of the service.

On **April 17** at 6:30 pm, we will hold our **Maundy Thursday** service. Come and mark the night Christ instituted the Lord's Supper, which we will celebrate as the disciples did with unleavened bread.



We return the next night, **April 18**, at the same time for our **Good Friday** service, where we'll reflect on Jesus' suffering and death to take away our sins.

We celebrate with joy Christ's victory over death with our Easter services on **April 18**. We will have two Easter celebrations with Holy Communion this year. Our **SONrise Service** at 7:00 am will be a unique experience, as we are planning to hold this service outdoors on our front driveway in the rising sun of Easter morning. You'll be able to park in the back lot as normal, and then come through the canopy or school doors to the Lounge doors for access to the east side of the church. Folding chairs will be available, or you can bring your lawn chairs. While we'll plan to hold the service outdoors regardless of temperature (bundle up and bring blankets if necessary), we will move the service into the sanctuary if there is rain. The **Easter Festival** service will be held at our regular time at 9:30 am in the sanctuary.



The Youth Group serve an **Easter breakfast** between the services, beginning at 8:15 pm. There is no fee, simply a freewill offering that will help them pay for their trip to the National Youth Gathering in July.

Our Choir, Handbell Choir, and soloists will be a part of our services throughout the entire week. And we thank those that have donated flowers to help beautify our altars on Easter.

And we want you to be there, too! When planning your family activities for Easter weekend, don't forget to include your church family in your plans. We hope all of you will join us in worship this Holy Week and Easter.

LADIES OF IMMANUEL: There are a couple of important upcoming LWML events wonderful to attend.

- The **Spring Gathering** is here at Immanuel on Saturday, **April 5**. Hopefully, many of you will be able to attend this zone event which includes brunch, fellowship, and a great presenter. Please let the church office know if you will attend. We will be setting up and putting together breakfast casseroles on Friday evening, **April 4** at 4 pm for anyone willing to help.
- The Annual LWML CID Convention is on Saturday, **April 26** at Zion Lutheran Church in Lincoln, IL. The theme for this year is *"Planting Seeds of Faith."* The convention includes breakout sessions, catered lunch, and keynote speaker, Gary Thies. There will also be servant events and a meal Friday afternoon, **April 25** as well as a worship service and fellowship activities in the evening. If you think you might be interested in attending, please see Diana Pratt for registration information, due **April 10**.
- The April meeting of our Women's guild is Tuesday, **April 8** at 11:30 am. As always, all ladies are invited to attend. Simply bring a dish to share and everything else is provided. We will be preparing Easter cards for our homebound members and friends.

SAFE FAMILIES:

- **EXTEND A LOVING AND HELPING HAND:** We have an opportunity to support a mom and her two young children who are currently receiving assistance and guidance through Safe Families. She is eager to bring her children to church (starting later in April), but will need help with transportation to make that possible. Additionally, we would love for someone to sit with her and her children, offering help, and provide a warm, welcoming presence. If you or your family would be willing to assist, please call the church office.
- **INGATHERING:** Our April ingathering is for Safe Families. At this time, we are asking for Walmart gift cards in varying amounts. These gift cards will go directly to clients in need or to host families to help with food, diapers, etc. Considering ordering them from the church's Scrip fundraiser!
- **RESOURCE REQUEST:** Safe Families is working with a family in the Danville area. Her children have been in hosting since December. She lost her husband 5 years ago and suffers from depression. She has entered counseling and has been working to restore her home. Currently she has no furniture. Safe Families has created a wish list on Amazon for her. To find her list, simply go to this web address and if you are inclined to help, you can choose to purchase an item for her. Once purchased, that item will be sent directly to her home: <https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/guest-view/2RPPAXEOEKUSN>

RUMMAGE SALE: A heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped make our Spring Rummage and Bake Sale a success! Your time, donations, and support truly made this event a blessing for our community and the Capital Fund Drive. Approximately \$3000 was raised to help the Capital Fund roof project. Your generosity and willingness to serve are appreciated. We are grateful for each of you!

GIFT (SCRIP) CARDS ORDERS: The next Scrip order is due to the church office on **Monday, Apr. 14** by 9 am. Scrip cards make great gifts! Updated order blanks are on the table in the chapel hallway. Orders are not limited to the vendors listed on the order blank. You can find a complete list of vendors at www.raiseright.com or on the bulletin board in the hall. Write the name of the vendor, denomination of the gift card, number of cards wanted, and total amount on a blank line. Your order will be available **Apr. 20**. **What is Scrip?** They are gift cards. If you order and pay for a \$100 Meijer scrip card, you get a \$100 Meijer gift card. The church gets \$3 (3%) from the program, and you buy \$100 worth of groceries, prescriptions, gas, etc. with it. There are varying rates depending on the vendor ranging from 1.5% to 13%. These cards are *good anywhere and make great birthday, Christmas, new baby, or wedding gifts.*

APRIL SCHEDULE CHANGES: As we prepare for the sacred and joyous time of Holy Week and Easter, we want to inform you of a few important schedule changes. These adjustments will help us better observe this special season while ensuring everything runs smoothly.

- **Communion is on the 1st three Sundays of April:** We are offering Communion on the first three Sundays of April to include **Palm Sunday**. We invite you to join us in worship as we reflect on Jesus' triumphant entry to Jerusalem.
- **Board of Directors Meeting Date Change:** To ensure the Board of Directors' meeting does not conflict with Holy Week, the regular meeting has been moved to the 4th Tuesday of the month, which falls on **April 22**. Please make a note of this change and plan accordingly.
- **Easter Sunday Changes:** As we celebrate Easter on **April 20**, there will be no Children's Church, Nursery, Adult Bible Study, or Sunday School that day. We encourage families to worship together as we celebrate the resurrection of our Savior.
- **Preschool Closed:** ILS will be closed on Friday, **April 18**, and Monday, **April 21**. We pray for a restful and blessed time for all of our preschool families.
- **Church Office Closed:** In observance of Easter, the church office will be closed on Monday, **April 21**. If you have any urgent spiritual needs that day, please contact Pastor Yonkers on his cell: 260-413-8375.

We thank you for your understanding and cooperation as we honor the events of Holy Week and the resurrection of Jesus Christ this Easter season. We look forward to worshipping with you and celebrating the hope and renewal that Easter brings!

BOARD OF DIRECTORS SUMMARY:

Date: Mar. 18, 2025 / Next Meeting: Apr. 22, 2025

New Business

Aqua Illinois needs to replace the school water meter. We asked for this to be completed during Spring Break. We will need to upgrade most of our computers due to Microsoft's discontinuation of Windows 10 support. The renewal of our waste disposal contract with Republic was discussed.

Old Business

None.

Christian Education

Rachel will attend a conference in Michigan. Finances are on track. Rachel is working on a grant to help with classroom needs. Katie Rouse is our new 2s class teacher. A new 3s aide will begin after spring break. Summer Camp plans are underway. About 60 hot lunches are served each day.

Finance

Reviewed reports. Roof issues and concerns were discussed. The Capital Fund has a CD mature on March 21. At that time, funds from the Taste of Deutschland and Rummage Sale will be added to it.

Properties

JBH Lawn and Landscape will continue their contract for the cemetery for the same price as last year. Botts will replace the pins on our outer canopy doors. The plaque in memory of Dianne Seibert has been installed on the awning. The mailbox has been repaired. Hobart's recalibrated one of our ovens, which was off by 40 degrees. If it doesn't hold, we will need to replace the thermostat. RC Electric will work on our Sanctuary lights.

Stewardship

Pie Day sales raised \$337 for the Capital Fund.

Evangelism

Preparing Easter gift bags for preschool children.

Worship

New vestments will be blessed during the service on Apr. 6. Our cross is up outside. Easter Sunrise service will be outdoors, unless there is rain.

Parish Education

Diana discussed the CID financial difficulties, which was the main topic addressed by President Mohr at the LWML Danville Zone President's Meeting.

Youth

Youth is sponsoring the Easter Flower fundraiser. Upcoming fundraisers include a Lenten supper and Easter breakfast. VBS is June 16-20.

Mission and Social Ministry

Reports reviewed.

Elders

The Elders continue to work through the membership roster.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: We are excited to share that our Sunday School students have something truly special planned for **Palm Sunday!** As part of our worship service, the children will be playing bells. This is a wonderful opportunity for our young ones to actively participate in the service. To ensure that the children are well-prepared for this special moment, it is very important that they attend Sunday School each week leading up to Palm Sunday. The children will be learning their part in the performance during these sessions, and regular attendance will help them feel confident and ready for the big day. We ask that you please strive to have your child present each week so they can practice and be fully prepared. We also want to encourage our church family to come and watch the children on Palm Sunday. It will be such a joy to see them play, and your presence in the congregation will make the experience even more special for the children.

NEW SERVING SCHEDULES AVAILABLE:

The new April through June serving schedules are now available and can be found in your church mailboxes. Please take a moment to check your assigned dates and make note of when you are scheduled to serve. If you are unavailable on your designated day, we ask that you use the contact list attached to the schedule to find a replacement. Kindly let the church office know in advance if possible, so we can ensure everything runs smoothly.

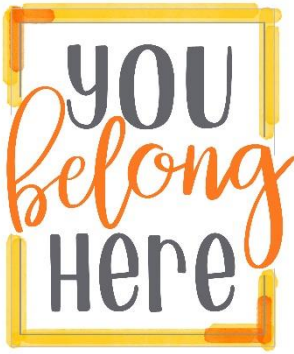
PORTALS OF PRAYER for April through June are available in the Narthex. *Portals of Prayer* is great for personal devotions; each devotion features a Bible reading, meditation, and prayer in an *easy-to-read* format. It is available in convenient pocket size or large print. Take one for you and a friend! We would like to extend a big THANK YOU to the Women's Bible Study for continuing to provide the Portals of Prayer.

Have you ever wondered where your LWML Mites actually go?

APRIL 2025 MITE BYTES: Mission Grant #8 is \$1,500 for Bible Storybooks for Ghana's Children. The mission field in Ghana is unique in that many Muslim children attend Lutheran grade schools to receive a quality education and 80% of the country's adults are illiterate. Ghanaian pastors want to use Lutheran books in that education. Funds would be sent to Lutheran Heritage Foundation for the translation and subsequent printing of 'A Child's Garden of Bible Stories' and Luther's Small Catechism. ***How can you help?*** Pray that God uses these books to the Ghana children and adults to become Christian. Support this grant by donating to Immanuel's LWML group mite fund. Grab a mite box from the narthex, fill it with your spare change throughout the month, and bring it in every 1st Sunday of the month.



What does it mean to be a member of a congregation?



The answer to this question varies greatly based on your denomination and some even on which congregation you are a member of. Here at Immanuel, membership is very important. Of course we welcome everyone to our services. All people need to hear the word of God, and all are called to be children of God. We are delighted you are here and with us. Membership means

that you have been instructed in the basic faith of the Christian church and the specifics of the Lutheran Church. You have learned about the Ten Commandments, Baptism, The Creed, the Lord's Prayer, the Lord's Supper, and the Office of the Keys. Membership means you have been instructed on and are admitted to the Lord's Supper at the altar to receive the body and blood of Jesus in with and under the bread and wine. Membership comes with benefits too! Being a confirmed member means that you have a voice at our voters' meetings. You have a say in what we do here. Additionally, we have our Lutheran Cemetery, and a plot is available a no cost for every member. It is a place where many of our members throughout our history have been laid to rest, a beautiful place full of memories for our congregation. So, if you are a guest, new or if you have been here a long time but never formally joined our congregation, speak to pastor or an elder about becoming a member. We are just starting a new member class on Sunday mornings and we would like to invite you all to join us in the Board Room. We would like to welcome you as a member of our congregation. We look forward to welcoming you as a Member of Immanuel. You belong here!

MOTHER – DAUGHTER SALAD SUPPER:

Peace Lutheran Church of Thomasboro invites all the ladies of our congregation to a Mother-Daughter Salad Supper on April 27 at 4:00 PM. This will be a lovely evening of fellowship, delicious food, and celebration of the special bond between mothers and daughters. The supper will take place at Peace Lutheran Church, located at 200 W Arnold, Thomasboro. We would love for you to join us for this wonderful occasion! Please RSVP by calling 217-643-3265 or contacting Rev. Michael Stoeger at 217-560-4473. We look forward to seeing you there for a fun and meaningful time together.



EASTER FLOWERS: A heartfelt thank you to everyone who supported our Youth Group's Easter Flower fundraiser! Your generous contributions will go directly toward helping our youth attend the National Youth Gathering this July. We are incredibly grateful for your support in making this experience possible



for our young people. For those who ordered flowers to decorate the altar, these beautiful blooms will be placed on the altar for you for our Easter services. If you purchased flowers in memory of a loved one, their names will be published in the Easter Sunday bulletin as a special remembrance.

After the service, feel free to take your flowers home to enjoy, plant in your garden, or even gift them to a friend. If you ordered flowers for your personal Easter celebrations, they will be available for pickup at the church on Friday, April 18, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Please come by to collect your flowers and take them home to add to your holiday festivities. Thank you again for your support and for helping make this fundraiser a success.

SAVE THE DATE!



We are excited to announce our upcoming **Danville Gardens Day Fundraiser on April 21 from 2:00 PM to 6:00 pm!** This is a fantastic opportunity to support Immanuel Lutheran Preschool while enjoying a wonderful shopping experience at Danville Gardens.

Here's how it works—it's easy! Simply bring the flyer (which will be distributed soon) to Danville Gardens on April 21, shop for your favorite plants, flowers, or gardening supplies, and then hand the flyer to the cashier when you check out. ILS will receive 20% of your total purchase as a donation!

This fundraiser is a great way to get ready for spring while supporting our preschool and its programs. Be sure to pick up a flyer and save the date for this fun and simple way to give back to our school community. Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to seeing you there!





A Message from Pastor Mark Eddy 1st Vice President, CID Board of Directors

Lent starts late this year. We have been able to enjoy two full months of Epiphany, the revelation of the glorious power and grace of our God and Savior Jesus Christ. Remembering this lightens Lent's dark themes of sin and its horrible consequences. Perhaps also the presence of sunlight as we exit our mid-week Lenten services will help us to remember the blessed end of all this: God's glorious grace shining on us out of an opened heaven. While the presence of physical light can improve our moods, Jesus Christ, "the light of the world" (John 8:12), improves everything for God's believing people. God's word is a lamp for our feet and a light for our paths (Psalm 119:105). In Epiphany, Lent, Easter, and every week of the Church year, God's word shows us His gracious love for us, because He did not leave us in the darkness, but "brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel" (2 Tim. 1:10). "Because the God who said, 'Light shall shine out of darkness,' is He who shined in our hearts for the enlightenment of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ" (2 Cor. 4:6). "Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures ... But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruit of those who have fallen asleep ... Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Cor. 15:3,20,57). Enjoy a lighter Lent!

Stay Connected!

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CID's website: <http://www.cidlcms.org/>

Subscribe to the E-GatePost (digital newsletter) and monthly bulletin inserts: <http://www.cidlcms.org/>

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Prayer Request

Pray for Our Central Illinois District Missions supported by your church's contributions to the District. "Finally, brothers, pray for us, that the Word of the Lord may spread rapidly and be honored." Please remember in your prayers Pastor Pablo Dominguez and Cristo Rey (Christ the King) Lutheran Church in East Moline, where the ministry is conducted almost entirely in Spanish, as well as St. John's Lutheran Church in Beardstown, where Pastor Dominguez travels twice a month to preach and teach in Spanish.

Camp CILCA News

Homecoming: Aug. 2

This will be CILCA's only fundraiser for the year (replacing the Hog Roast and Chicken Fry). There will be live music, a vendor fair, great food, swimming, square dancing, face painting, wagon rides and more. Mark your calendar to celebrate CILCA's 75th anniversary in style!

CAMP CILCA – 75 years of outdoor ministry! *2025 marks 75 years of outdoor ministry!*

To celebrate this blessed anniversary, Camp CILCA will be offering every week of camp to all campers for just **\$75!** Registration is open - secure your spot!

Camp CILCA exists to strengthen and foster faith in Jesus Christ and relationships with others in a unique outdoor setting.



Bible Quiz

From the cross, Jesus prayed words from the book of Psalms. What were they?

- A. "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"
- B. "I thirst!"
- C. "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do."
- D. "It is finished!"

Answer: A (See Matthew 27:46; Mark 15:34; and Psalm 22:1.)

WEEKLY BROADCAST SCHEDULE:

Sundays at 7:00 am – WTWO – TV2 (NBC)

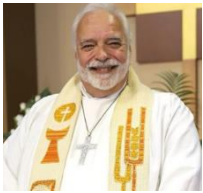
Sundays at 7:30 am – WCIX Channel 3

Sundays at 10:30 am – TCT Network – Direct TV Channel 377

Nationwide Sundays: Direct TV Channel 377 (11:30 am Eastern / 10:30 am Central / 9:30 am Mountain / 8:30 am Pacific)

Tune in anytime online: www.worshipforshutins.org

April 2025



April 6, 2025

“A New Covenant” by Rev. Paul Shoemaker

Sermon Text: Luke 20:9-20

Jesus tells the parable of the wicked vinedressers to illustrate the unfaithfulness of the children of Israel to the covenant God so graciously made with them. A new Israel, the Christian Church, will emerge as a new covenant is set in place.



April 13, 2025

“Palms to Passion” by Rev. Shayne Jonker

Sermon Text: John 12:13b

Holy Week begins on the road to Jerusalem. The King makes His grand entrance into Jerusalem, riding atop a borrowed donkey, as the people greet their Messiah: “Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!” The mood, however, shifts quickly from palms to passion, from triumph to crucifixion. This King, this Messiah, came to lay His life down, to die for His people on the cross.



April 20, 2025

“Christ is Risen” by Rev. Thomas Eggold

Sermon Text: 1 Corinthians 15:20

The empty tomb means that our bodies will rise from the grave! The empty tomb means that we will be reunited with loved ones who have died in the faith. The empty tomb means that we will live forever with God in holiness, innocence, and blessedness. The Resurrection of Jesus Christ has changed everything!



April 27, 2025

“I Believe...” by Rev. Scott Zeckzer

Sermon Text: John 20:28

We confess in the Apostle’s Creed that Jesus, on the third day, rose again from the dead, and we believe in the resurrection of the body. Why is it important we believe in the resurrection? Hear why the resurrection of Jesus changes everything for you.



Pastor Yonkers and Kim Davis in our church office, our musician, Tom Fricke, and the staff of Immanuel Lutheran School wish you a Happy Easter! May the joy of Christ’s resurrection live in your heart today and always!



Serving Schedules



April 2025

May 2025

Communion Assistants

- 6 Don DeMoss, Kurt Thornsborough
- 13 Dwain Dixon, Dean Hull
- 20 (7 am) Allen Julian, Kurt Thornsborough
- 20 (9:30 am) Dean Hull, Josh Christensen

Communion Assistants

- 4 Kurt Thornsborough, Dwain Dixon
- 18 Dean Hull, Allen Julian

Maundy Thursday – Apr. 17 at 6:30 pm
Don DeMoss, Allen Julian

Ushers – Team “D” Capt. Jerry Kennett
Chuck Vollmer, Paul Teegarden, and Earl Lackey

Ushers – Team “E” Capt. Denny Hilton
Dave Creek, Glen Natschke, and Mike Ferris

Special Services

- 2 6:30 pm Team “B” – Youth Team
- 9 6:30 pm Team “C” – Capt. Kurt Thornsborough
- 17 6:30 pm Team “D” – Capt. Jerry Kennett
- 18 6:30 pm Team “E” – Capt. Denny Hilton
- 20 7:00 am Team “F” – Capt. Ray Wittmann

Lay Readers

- 4 Sue DeMoss
- 11 Gail & Barb Garner
- 18 Carrie Farrell
- 25 Diana Pratt

Gospel Reader

- Allen Julian
- Gail Garner
- Kurt Thornsborough
- Josh Christensen

Lay Readers

- 6 Diana Pratt
- 13 Nancy Purviance
- 20 Josh Christensen
- 27 Sue DeMoss

Gospel Reader

- Dwain Dixon
- Kurt Thornsborough
- Josh Christensen
- Gail Garner

Acolytes

- 4 Jamie Yonkers
- 11 Kinley Pratt
- 18 Kendall Wright
- 25 Eli Mann

Videographer

- 4 Josh Christensen
- 11 Kim Davis
- 18 Dwain Dixon
- 25 Butch Buesing

Sound/Screens

- Don DeMoss
- RJ Davis
- Josh Christensen
- Jamie Yonkers

Special Services (Apr. 2 – 18 at 6:30 pm, Apr. 20 at 7 am)

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| 2 Carrie Farrell | Josh Christensen |
| 9 Allen Julian | Allen Julian |
| 17 Sue Heidle | Allen Julian |
| 18 Gail & Barb Garner | Gail Garner |
| 20 Kurt & Debbie T. | Kurt Thornsborough |

Children’s Church

- 4 Jan Mann
- 18 Jan Mann

Nursery

- Chelsea Pratt, Kirsten T.
- Chelsea Pratt, Kirsten T.

Children’s Sermon

- 11 Jan Mann

Acolytes

Sundays

- 6 Kendall Wright
- 13 Eli Mann
- 20 Carley Wright
- 27 Kinley Pratt

Special Services

- 2 (6:30 pm) Kinley Pratt
- 9 (6:30 pm) Carley Wright
- 17 (6:30 pm) Jamie Yonkers
- 18 (6:30 pm) Eli Mann
- 20 (7:00 am) Jamie Yonkers

Altar Guild

Eileen Huckstadt and Carrie Farrell

Money Counters

Team “B” – Nancy Purviance, Martha Elliott

Check Signers – Mike Ferris, Jo Van Hovel

Videographer

- 6 Butch Buesing
- 13 Kim Davis
- 20 Dwain Dixon
- 27 Josh Christensen

Sound/Screens

- Jamie Yonkers
- RJ Davis
- Butch Buesing
- Don DeMoss

Children’s Church

- 6 Jan Mann

Nursery

Chelsea Pratt, Kirsten T.

Children’s Messages

- 13 Kurt Thornsborough
- 27 Kathy Christensen

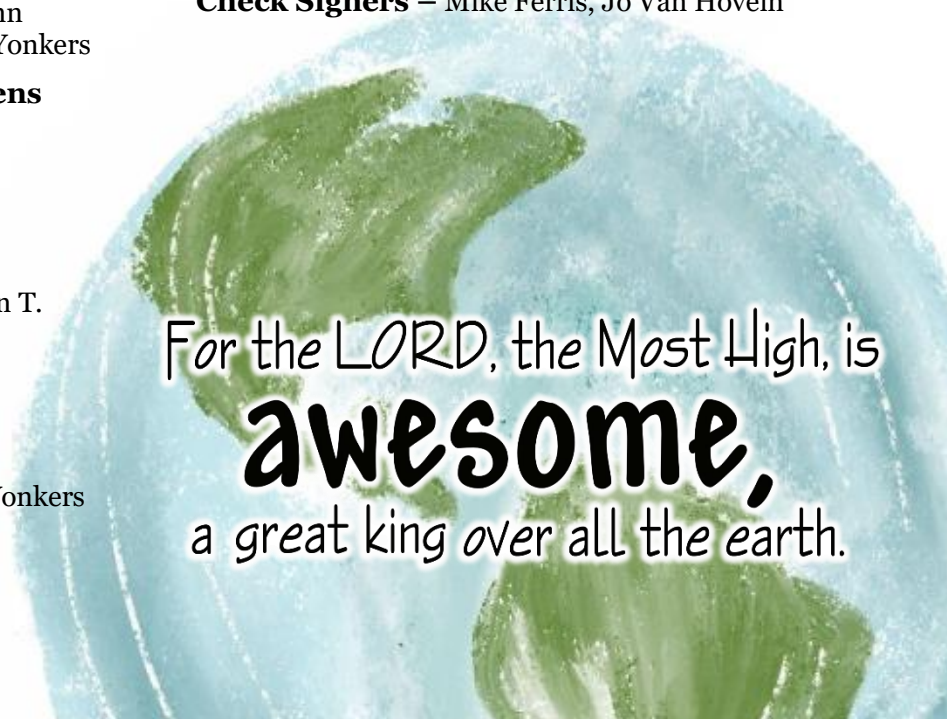
Altar Guild

Tina Ammermann, Kathy Christensen, Katie Yonkers

Money Counters

Team “A” Jerry and Charlotte Kennett

Check Signers – Mary Powell, Mike Ferris



For the LORD, the Most High, is
awesome,
a great king over all the earth.

FILL IN THE SCRIPTURE:

FOR GOD SO _____ THE _____, THAT HE

GAVE HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN _____, THAT

WHOEVER BELIEVETH IN HIM SHOULD NOT

BUT HAVE _____.

JOHN 3:16, KJV

I LOVE EASTER SUNDAY BECAUSE...

UNSCRAMBLE THE WORDS:

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SOCGR _____

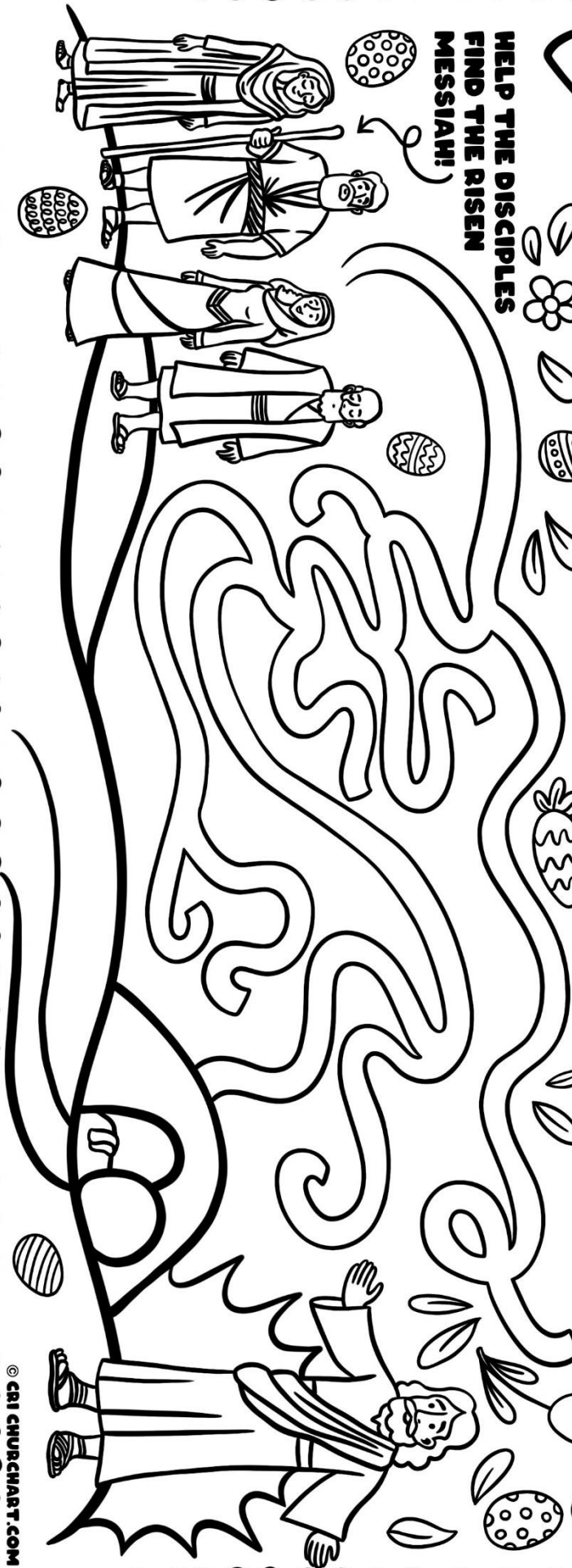
USEJS _____

ENSOT _____

ESIRN _____

HE IS RISEN!

**HELP THE DISCIPLES
FIND THE RISEN
MESSIAH!**



Puzzle!

First, write the word that fits each definition. Then transfer those letters to the correct numbered lines below, completing John 20:17 (NIV). Finally, unscramble the circled letters to complete the sentence at the bottom.

- Water that falls from the sky ₁ ₂ ₃ ₄
- Birds lay these in a nest ₅ ₆ ₇ ₈
- A newly hatched hen ₉ ₁₀ ₁₁ ₁₂ ₁₃
- These bloom in spring ₁₄ ₁₅ ₁₆ ₁₇ ₁₈ ₁₉ ₂₀
- A caterpillar transformed ₂₁ ₂₂ ₂₃ ₂₄ ₂₅ ₂₆ ₂₇ ₂₈ ₂₉
- Dirt mixed with water ₃₀ ₃₁ ₃₂

J ₅ ₈ ₃₁ ₂₀ ○ ₈ ₂ ₃ ₃₂ ... " I ₂ ₃₀

○ ₂ ₂₀ ₁₂ ₂₅ ₄ ₃₂ ₁₁ ₄ ₆ ₂₄ ₁₆ ₃₀ ₂₉

F ₂ ₂₃ ₁₀ ₁₈ ○ ₂₆ ₂ ₄ ₃₂ ₂₉ ₁₆ ₂₂ ₁

F ₂ ₂₄ ₁₀ ○ ₂₅ ₁₉ , ₂₃ ₁₆ ₃₀ ₂₉ G ₁₆ ₃₂

○ ₂ ₄ ₃₂ ₂₉ ₁₆ ₃₁ ₁ G ₁₆ ₃₂ ."

John 20:17, NIV

Jesus has _____!

Answers: rain; eggs, chick; flowers, butterfly, mud; Jesus said ... "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." (John 20:17, NIV) Jesus has risen!



Springing to LIFE

New life defines the season of spring. Make this Easter craft that symbolizes rebirth.

What you need:

- Brown paper lunch bag
- Scissors
- Pencil
- Glue stick
- Jellybeans

What you do:

1. From the bag's bottom, cut two 2-inch circles. Set aside.
2. From the sides, cut two 10-inch circles.
3. Draw a thin spiral on each large circle and cut along the lines. Crinkle spirals gently.
4. Starting at the center, wrap one spiral into a nest. Glue every few inches to hold it.
5. Glue one small circle to the bottom of the nest.
6. Repeat with the other spiral. Fill nests with jellybeans and give to a friend!



April 2025

BECAUSE
He lives
I CAN FACE
tomorrow

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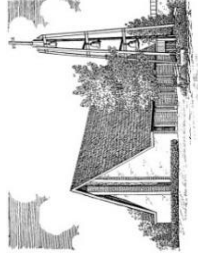
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Worship Schedule
Sundays
Mar. 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30
at 9:30 am

Wednesdays
Mar. 5, 12, 19 & 26
at 6:30 pm

Communion Schedule
Sundays
Mar. 2, 16 & 30
at 9:30 am

Wednesday
Mar. 5 at 6:30 pm



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