



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Glorifying God. Impacting the Community.

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THE JOY OF EASTER

Greetings in the Name of our Risen Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! The risen and living Lord is the King of kings—King over kings like David, Saul, Solomon, Ahab, Zedekiah, Herod the Great, and all royalty before and since, pagan or godly, rich, famous, and powerful, or wanna-be-rich-famous-and-powerful. No human king ever ascended to the throne through a humble coronation like riding on a borrowed donkey; no human king was innocent yet condemned to die by the likes of Pontius Pilate; no human king ever brought life through death on a cross except the King of kings and Lord of lords. We have seen all this throughout the midweek services during the season of Lent. And now that Easter has come, we see most clearly what it means that Jesus is King of kings and Lord of lords. The first Easter shows how insignificant the kings of this world are compared to the King of kings. Yet this King considers us to be His precious children through Baptism. This King promises that even death cannot separate us from Him. Oh, how He loves you and me.

In a world rife with contradictions, broken promises, and exaggerated truth claims, we need to hear now more than ever, the true promises of God—that Jesus died and rose again for our salvation and that by faith in Him, God claims us to be His very own, and that on the Last Day we will hear the most beautiful words spoken from *the King [Jesus]*, “*Come, you who are blessed by My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world*” (*Matthew 25:34*). This is what we long for and it will come to completion when Jesus returns. Until then, we live out our calling in life (our vocation) with joy, demonstrating by our words and actions the love of Jesus. Unlike the stimulus checks provided our government (a joy that quickly fades), the time of Easter fills us with joy indescribable. The joy of knowing that heaven is our true home is what stimulates us to glorify God in every aspect of our lives—our jobs, at the market, with friends and neighbors, social events, serving others, and in our homes with our families. Jesus’ victory over death now gives you the desire to “*present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship*” (*Romans 12:1*). Whatever you do, do it all to the glory of God.

Christ risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

In the Fellowship and Love of Christ,

Pastor Steve Deombeleg



Holy Week Services

March 28, Palm Sunday Service, 9:30 a.m.

April 1 - Maundy Thursday, 7:00 p.m.

April 2 - Good Friday, 7:00 p.m.

April 4 - Easter Sunday, 9:30 a.m.



"For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins."
Colossians 1:13-14

Giving Is the Language of Love

When Sir Ernest Shackleton, an Antarctic explorer in the early 1900s, was asked to describe his most terrible moment in the Antarctic, he said it occurred one night when he and the other members of the expedition were huddled in a little hut trying to sleep. They had divided up the last of their food rations. There was nothing else to eat.

Then in the cold darkness, Sir Ernest heard a quiet movement. He turned and saw one of the men reach over and pick up the provision bag of the man beside him. Shackleton said he lived through an eternity of suspense in the next few moments. He would have trusted his life to this man. Was he now turning out to be a thief who would steal his friend's last morsel of food? Then Shackleton saw the man open his own provision bag, take out his last biscuit, and place it in the bag of his sleeping friend. Shackleton said, "I felt I had witnessed a secret moment between man and God."

God wants us to be men and women who will love one another in such a way, openly or in secret, that we are raised above the level of mere mortals to become more like our Creator. That is when we truly imitate God.

Giving is the language of love. Love can be never be close-lipped or tightfisted. Jesus said, *"It is more blessed to give than to receive"* (Acts 20:35). Because God is love, we can love. Filled with God's love, we seek opportunities to share His love with others.

**WE ARE THE RECIPIENTS
OF GOD'S GIFTS, AND WE
BECOME HIS HANDS, FEET,
AND MOUTH IN THE WORLD.**

"What do you have that you did not receive? If then you received it, why do you boast as if you did not receive it?"

(1 Corinthians 4:7).



**A STEWARD WHO WALKS
WITH GOD IS CONNECTED TO
HIM AND PURSUES A LIFE
THAT PLEASURES HIM.**

"...and whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do what pleases Him" (1 John 3:22).

Stewardship Corner

The Apostle Paul writes in 2 Corinthians 8:9, "For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that you through His poverty might become rich." We are humbled by this grace which caused our Lord to leave the glories of Heaven for the degradation of earth. His poverty bought our salvation. Perhaps if we, like Him, shared His goal that "all people [would] be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth" (1 Timothy 2:4), we would be eager to become poor in earthly possessions and wealth as we use our resources to spread that truth.

IMMANUEL CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

Patent Leather on Parade

By Valerie Winston

I have several favorite Easter memories from my childhood. At one church we used to have sunrise Easter service on Belle Isle, which is an island that sits between Detroit and Canada. I can still remember sitting at the band shell and watching the sun come up over the river as we worshipped. It was such an awesome way to celebrate the risen Savior.

At what I consider my home church, we used to have what I call “patent leather on parade”. It was always during the Sunday School service which was usually held in church on Easter. We had been given banks to fill during Lent. At one point during the service we would bring our filled banks up to the front of the church. Of course, everyone was wearing their brand new Easter attire and most of us girls were wearing new patent leather shoes.

My most favorite part of “patent leather on parade” was the hymn that was sung during this time. The hymn was “Awake My Heart with Gladness”. The organist would play this amazing prelude that seemed to peal up and down the organ. It was a truly celebratory piece that was filled with the glory of Easter and Jesus’ resurrection.

In the hymn, it says that after the gloom and sadness the glorious sun has come forth. I think of the Son of God coming forth from the tomb. The hymn also mentions how our spirit wings its flight. Many times after singing that hymn I felt so exhilarated and overjoyed, just as we should knowing that our Savior had paid the price for our sin.

There are many who anticipate the birth of Christ and celebrate that event more than Easter, but the true culmination of God’s plan for our salvation was in Christ’s resurrection. Jesus had defeated death and the power of Satan. He claimed victory for us. What joy to be found in the words of the angel in Luke 24:6-7, “He is not here; he has risen!” He has risen, indeed! Blessings on your Easter and may your heart be filled with the joy of His resurrection.

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Movie Night is back! and taking place in the sanctuary. We will follow the same safety guidelines as those used during worship. The next showing of *The Chosen* will take place on **April 16 at 6:30 p.m.**

Shop with Scrip - Scrip fundraising is a no-selling program that enables families to raise money for their church or school. Scrip is just another way to pay for everyday purchases using gift cards in place of cash, checks, and credit cards. You purchase gift cards from your organization at face value, and your coordinator orders those cards from Great Lakes Scrip Center at a reduced price. The difference is an instant rebate for Immanuel. It's that simple! Order Forms are in the church hallway or enroll online: www.shopwithscrip.com Enrollment Code: 9D337C6F55761

Put Your Hands Together

A ministry of Immanuel Lutheran Church

20 Tons (40,000 lbs.) of food donations and personal care items were sent off to Austin and San Antonio TX.

Thank you to LCC and LCMS Churches and LERT Teams for supporting PYHT-Immanuel Hillside Food Pantry's Texas Food Relief.

Thank you to all the individuals in our congregation and community who contributed food.

We want to express tremendous gratitude to Veteran's Distribution of Chicago for arranging the transportation and delivery of food to its final destination.

Thank you to all the volunteers who made food deliveries, helped sort and pack donations, provided prayers and spiritual joy in service together, spending over 150 combined volunteer hours over 10 days. Glory be to God for impacting the communities of Texas!

Thanks to the following congregations for their support!

Good Shepherd, Frankfort
Immanuel, Des Plaines
Immanuel, Hillside
Immanuel, Palatine
Immanuel Elmhurst
Prince of Peace, Palatine
St. John, Wheaton
St. Matthew, Hawthorn Woods
St. Peter, Hampshire
Trinity, Roselle
Trinity, Villa Park
St. Paul Canfield
St. Paul Dorchester

Veterans Distribution Warehouse has agreed to pay almost the entire cost of truck rental and transportation of food relief and supplies to Texas. The original cost was \$4,400 and now only cost us \$850! We collected \$2,250.00 in donations and are now able to make a cash donation of \$1000 to the Central Texas Food Bank in addition to the food we sent.

Spring Food Pantry Dates

APRIL 3 & 17, MAY 1, 15 & 29

11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

Safe Drive-Thru Distribution. Free and Open to All.
Put Your Hands Together Food Outreach

Everything written in the Scriptures was written to teach us, in order that we might have hope through the patience and encouragement which the Scriptures gives. Romans 15:4

Getting the Most Out of Your Daily Bible Reading

As you read the Bible each day, allow the Scriptures to speak to you. This daily “dialogue “ between you and the biblical text will reveal new understandings about God, and about yourself.

April

Maundy Thursday	14 Romans 5:1-11
1 Matthew 27:11-31	15 Romans 5:12-21
	16 Romans 6:1-14
Good Friday	17 Romans 6:15-23
2 Matthew 27:32-56	18 Romans 15:1-13
3 Matthew 27:57-66	19 Colossians 1:1-23
	20 Colossians 1:24-2:5
Easter Sunday	21 Colossians 2:6-23
4 Matthew 28:1-10	22 Colossians 3:1-17
5 Matthew 28:11-20	23 Isaiah 25:1-12
6 1 Corinthians 15:1-11	24 Isaiah 35:1-10
7 1 Corinthians 15:12-34	25 Isaiah 65:17-25
8 1 Corinthians 15:35-58	26 Revelation 21:1-8
9 1 Peter 1:1-12	27 Revelation 21:9-27
10 1 Peter 1:13-25	28 Revelation 22:1-21
11 Hebrews 4:14-5:10	29 Psalm 33
12 Hebrews 6:13-7:10	30 Psalm 121
13 Hebrews 7:11-28	

Set aside time to read the bible on a daily basis.

Find a quiet place to read and reflect on each day’s reading.

Begin with prayer, asking God for guidance and blessing.

A Month of Prayer

The fellowship of prayer consists of caring people who pray daily for members in the church. Members and their families will be listed in alphabetical order each month. Please pray for both their known and unknown needs.

1. Mindy Ondrovic
2. Pena Family
3. Perez Family
4. Annelies Pitz
5. Lynn Rand
6. Susan Redis
7. Gloria Rubietta
8. Joan Rundgren
9. Karen Sierawski
10. Jayne Siou
11. Rose Slagle
12. Daniel Stallings
13. Rita Stallings
14. Svec Family
15. Tense Family
16. Thomas Family (Chris, Katie, Braydon, Carson)
17. Thomas Family (Rick, Paris Zariah, Regan)
18. Lisa Tipples
19. Lance Turner
20. Wayne & Debbie Valentino
21. Thy & Sarah Vu
22. The Washington Family
23. Marilyn Weeks
24. Randy & Michelle Weeks
25. The Welch Family
26. Dorothy Westphal
27. Philbert Wilcox Sr.
28. Philbert Wilcox Jr.
29. Brett Willis
30. Valerie Winston

For the Record

Nothing to report



April Birthdays

4 - Becky Lelingis	19 - Luke Svec
5 - Phyllis Ondrovic	20 - David Mannella
6 - Laneta Washington	25 - Miguel Lepe Jr.
8 - Vernon Witt	28 - Heidi Murphy
9 - Miguel Lepe	30 - Viviana Pena
11 - Wayne Valentino	

April 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 - Maundy Thursday 7pm service with HC	2 - Good Friday No School 7pm Tenebrae Service	3 11am - 1pm Food Pantry
4 - Easter Sunday 9:30am Worship HC followed by Egg Hunt for the kids	5 Pastor on Vacation	6 Pastor on Vacation	7 - 8:15 Chapel Pastor on Vacation 3pm Faculty Meeting	8 Pastor on Vacation	9 Pastor on Vacation	10 Pastor on Vacation 9am - Garden Work Day
11 - Pastor on Vacation 9:30am Worship Scrip Orders Due	12 Pastor on Vacation	13	14 8:15 Chapel	15	16	17 11am - 1pm Food Pantry
18 9:30am Worship HC Followed by Bible Study	19	20	21 8:15 Chapel	22	23	24 9am - Garden Work Day
25 9:30am Worship HC Followed by Bible Study	26	27	28 8:15 Chapel	29	30	

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*As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another,
as good stewards of God's varied grace. 1 Peter 4:10*