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DIVINE SERVICE AT IMMANUEL: In addition to the in-person services, all Services are live streamed also. The live stream is available at the following Youtube link:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqkp9bt5FmMFDmfW0QNplUw/videos>

DIVINE SERVICE AT IMMANUEL AT 10:00 a.m.

May 3

Acts 6:1–9; 7:2a, 51–60

Psalm 146

1 Peter 2:2–10

John 14:1–14

Fifth Sunday of Easter

The stoning of Stephen

“I will praise the Lord as long as I live.”

“You are a chosen race . . . a holy nation.”

“I am the way, and the truth, and the life.”

People can be obstinate, impervious even to the workings of the Holy Spirit. Faithful apostles, prophets, and preachers can become martyrs because they earnestly believe in Jesus. But for us, Jesus becomes the martyr—the sacrifice—the cornerstone, so that we may be His people, basking in light, shrouded in mercy. Christ ushers us, His precious, chosen, and holy ones, into His eternal realm that we may reside in the heavenly mansion prepared by God the Father.

May 10

Acts 17:16–31

Psalm 66:8–20

1 Peter 3:13–22

John 14:15–21

Sixth Sunday of Easter

“He made from one man every nation of mankind . . . that they should seek God.”

“Let the sound of His praise be heard.”

The water of Baptism saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

“If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.”

Paul unmask an entire culture of religious idolatry where objects of worship are rubbish and religious assertions are merely fabricated in the minds of men. In the midst of the ungodly, he preaches the counsels of God, tells of the need for repentance, and confirms the resurrection of the dead. The resurrected Christ is the one we worship. His commandments are divine assertions. By Baptism, we are believers in all these things, loved by God and enabled to love.

May 17

Acts 1:1–11

Psalm 47

Ephesians 1:15–23

Luke 24:44–53

The Ascension of Our Lord (Observed)

Jesus ascends into heaven.

God has ascended amid shouts of joy.

God appointed Christ to be head over everything for the church.

“You are witnesses of these things.”

Jesus promises to release the power of the Holy Spirit that will sustain the church as she magnifies the name of Christ, in all wisdom, knowledge, and enlightenment. Today, the church honors Jesus' ascent into the heavenly realms. In His absence from us, we shall be comforted and sustained by the Spirit of God. In our waiting for Christ's return, we boldly proclaim repentance and the forgiveness of sins to all nations.

May 24
Numbers 11:24–30
Psalm 25:1–15
Acts 2:1–21
John 7:37–39

The Day of Pentecost
The Spirit causes Eldad and Medad to prophesy.
“Make me to know Your ways, O Lord; teach me Your paths.”
The day of Pentecost
“Whoever believes in Me . . . out of his heart will flow streams of living water.”

The Spirit rests upon those who prophesy truth in the name of the Lord. With the inauguration of Pentecost—the dramatic outpouring of the Holy Spirit—the proclamation of Jesus is unleashed in a myriad of languages. Prophecies, visions, and dreams inspired by the Spirit testified to the mighty works and authority of God in Jesus Christ. Divine truths would now shape and inspire the hearts, minds, and speech of those who follow Jesus.

May 31
Genesis 1:1–2:4a
Psalm 8
Acts 2:14a, 22–36
Matthew 28:16–20

The Holy Trinity
The story of creation
“How majestic is Your name in all the earth!”
“God has made Him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”
“Make disciples of all nations.”

There is only one true God. And yet, even from the inception of man, it is clear that the Father, Son, and Spirit are inseparable—mysteriously one, uniquely distinct. In creation, God orchestrates the palette of the universe; in redemption, Jesus secures grace through bitter wounds, death, and resurrection; and through the Word, the Spirit commands, teaches, and reveals truth. Into all this, we are baptized in the name of the triune God.

Ministry Notes

Cemetery Services June through August, 8 a.m. *If you are interested in attending please email the office at ilcadmin@immanuelutheran.org.*

Sunday, May 17th,

A Voters Assembly Meeting has been scheduled for Sunday, May 17, in the sanctuary immediately following the 10 AM worship service. The agenda will include reports from Pastor Minetree and other boards or committees as to recent activity, a financial report, and the elections to Church Council. Please plan to attend this important meeting.

Lay Readers:

May 3	Mary Ruble
May 10	Stacey Brown
May 17	Gary Stratemeyer
May 24	Sandy Collins
May 31	Carolyn Henn

Liturgists:

May 3	Rick Kruelle
May 10	Gary Stratemeyer
May 17	Rick Kruelle
May 24	Steve Heemann
May 31	Gary Stratemeyer

CHURCH FLOWERS

If you would like a special arrangement, the procedure is to call Denise Waicker at (443) 981-0019 or Denisewaicker@mac.com. Denise needs to know the date you select and the statement you want to include so that she can order the flowers for that Sunday. The cost depends on your selection. Pay by cash or check (make payable to *Denise Waicker*) and give to Denise Waicker in person or mail checks via the postal service.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Naomi Kruelle, sister of Rick, who is having chronic health problems
- Sarah Lietzau, who is underdoing medical tests
- Elaine Mueller, who suffered a fall and is recovering at home
- Lisa Chimento Rebstock, daughter-in-law of Phyllis Rebstock, who is battling kidney cancer
- Pamela Hasskamp, who has been diagnosed with cancer
- Gwen Heemann, who is recovering
- Muriel Hopkins, who fractured her arm
- Rosemarie Wilson, the daughter of Filleseta James, who has had a diagnosis of MS.
- For peace in Ukraine, Israel, Gaza, and Russia, Iran, and the Middle East.
- Bonnie and Joe Castrilli as she cares for her husband who has dementia

-Joseph Woah-tee missing, and whereabouts unknown

Birthdays:

- 5 Grant Huhra
Yetunde Tenabe
- 8 Veronica Hylton
- 10 Antonia Clarke
- 12 Kormassas Obedekah
Denise Waicker
- 14 Katherine Weidner
- 17 Jerry Ruble
- 21 Elizabeth Lassahn
- 23 Sadayah Momo
- 25 Lenny Harper
- 26 Dorothy Friant
- 30 Raymond Ward

Anniversaries:

- 7 Elizabeth and Courtney Nobbs
- 15 David and Jeanne Pfitzinger
- 17 Charles and Susan Libby
- 20 Johnson and Aminata Momo
- 24 Timothy and Sue Bardzik

May/June 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 10:30 am Wings/G Boys
3 <i>9 am Sunday school</i> <i>10 am Divine Service</i> <i>11 am Adult Bible Study</i> <i>12:00 pm Eritrean</i>	4	5	6	7 7 pm Zoom Bible class	8	9 11 am Wings/G Boys
10 <i>Mother's Day</i> <i>9 am Sunday school</i> <i>10 am Divine Service</i> <i>11 am Adult Bible Study</i> <i>12:00 pm Eritrean</i>	11	12	13 12 pm Bible study/lunch 1 pm In His Image 6 pm Council meeting 6:30 LRIA BoD	14	15	16 11 am Wings/G Boys
17 <i>Ascension Sunday</i> <i>9 am Sunday school</i> <i>10 am Divine Service</i> <i>11 am Voter's meeting</i> <i>12:00 pm Eritrean</i>	18	19 6 pm Finance 7 pm LRIA Gen'l	20 6	21 7 pm Zoom Bible class	22	23
24 <i>Pentecost</i> <i>9 am Sunday school</i> <i>10 am Divine Service</i> <i>11 am Adult Bible Study</i> <i>12:00 pm Eritrean</i>	25 <i>Memorial Day</i>	26	27 12 pm Bible Study/lunch	28	29	30
31 <i>The Holy Trinity</i> <i>9 am Sunday school</i> <i>10 am Divine Service</i> <i>11 am Adult Bible Study</i> <i>12:00 pm Eritrean</i>	1	2	3	4 7 Zoom Bible class	5	6

Monday thru Friday, 6:30 am to 9:00 am and 3 pm to 6 pm Kierrakares Before and After School program in the Fellowship Hall

The Baltimore Bulletin Insert

May 2026

Events of area LCMS churches, entities, and Recognized Service Organizations
Deadline for June edition: May 20th

ASCENSION DAY SERVICES

Thursday, May 14, 6:30p *St. James, Overlea*
7:00p *Redeemer, Irvington*
7:30p *Our Saviour, Ednor Gardens*

BULL AND SHRIMP ROAST

Sunday, May 31, 1 - 5pm
at Rosedale Gardens Event Center
8037 Philadelphia Road

Fundraiser for Saint James and the *ministry at Nazareth Lutheran.*

Tickets \$60 thru 5/1 then \$65 and \$70 at door. Scan QR code for tickets.

Saint James Lutheran Church



SPRING FEST

Saturday, May 2, 11a - 3p *St. Paul, Catonsville*
Spring Fest is a welcoming, family-friendly gathering that invites members of the surrounding community to have fun together with church members and school families. Food trucks, Craft Fair, Book Exchange, Children's attractions, Outdoor games, Comfort dog, Kezia. All FREE! Crafters needed, go to website to sign up for table.

FREE FLEA MARKET

Saturday, May 9 from 9a - 12 noon. Each person who attends will receive 10 tickets which they can redeem for 10 items. We have been extending this outreach to the community for 10 years. Everyone is welcome.

SPRING FAIR

Saturday, May 9, 10a-1pm. *Holy Cross Preschool, Towson*
Food, pony rides, bounce house, crafts, games, face painting, bake sale, and silent auction. Fun for the whole family. Come bring your small ones and enjoy!

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

May 7, We will have open house from 10:30a-1:30p *Faith Lutheran, Eldersburg*
A devotion will be led by Pastor at 11:30a

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A service of *The Wyneken Project*, appreciating the fellowship we share.
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ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN, GLEN BURNIE EVENTS

Night of the Arts - May 13 5:30 - 7:00p

Join us for an evening of creativity and community!

Potluck Dinner, Art Show, Music Performance

Family Movie Night - May 29 6:30p in the Gym

A fun, relaxed night for all ages!

Free Admission Concessions available for purchase

Bring your own chair or blanket to sit on

RESTAURANT FUNDRAISERS

Orphan Grain Train, *Millersville*
May 27 - 5-9p, Cafe Mezzanotte - Ritchie Highway, Severna Park,
A percentage of the proceeds from each restaurant will be donated to OGT. This is such a fun way for you to support our ministry. Gather your friends and family and join us for some fun, food and fellowship!

COMPASSION PLACE (LUTHERAN MISSION SOCIETY) is in need of diaper donations to replenish what our centers have recently given to families. We are currently in most need of diapers in sizes 3-6. Individuals or congregations interested in collecting and donating diapers to help fill this need may bring them to the 601 Hammonds Lane, or if your congregation already schedules donation pick-ups with us, please gather the diapers with other items for donation. If your congregation would like to be included in our donation pick-up schedule, please contact us at (410) 636-0123 or email@compassionplace.org. Thank you for your generosity!

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE CLASS

St. Paul, Catonsville
Free ESL classes, Meets every Mon. and Thurs., 7:15p Refer any who need English instruction or any who can volunteer. No special experience needed. Contact: 410.747.1897.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR ESL CLASSES

Nazareth, Baltimore
Nazareth Lutheran Church, 3401 Bank St., 21224, Tuesdays or Thursdays, 6:30-8:30p. All classes are conducted entirely in English, knowledge of Spanish is not required. This ministry is an opportunity to serve, and bear witness to Christ's love in a practical way. If you feel led to participate or want more information reach out to Pastor Walterson at waltersonsiewart@hotmail.com or 410.628.7870.

SHIRTS NEEDED

Orphan Grain Train, Millersville
If you or your congregation has any unused or lightly used *Thrivent* shirts laying around please consider donating them to OGT to send to Haiti. Bring them to the Millersville warehouse on Mon. or Tues. 9-12, Tues., 5-7 2nd Sat. of each month 9-12.

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