

The  
**LORD**  
has  
**RISEN**  
indeed...



Luke 24:34, NRSV

*Third Sunday of Easter*  
*Confirmation Sunday*

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Lakefield, MN - LCMS  
April 19, 2026

# Hymn: 475 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing



1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice and sing! Now is the tri - umph  
2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; Bring flow'rs of song to  
3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry That love, that life which  
4 Your name we bless, O ris - en Lord, And sing to - day with



of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:  
strew His way; Let all the world re - joice and say:  
can - not die, And sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:  
one ac - cord The life laid down, the life re - stored:



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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## Stand

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.
- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C** **who made heaven and earth.**
- P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- C** **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**
- P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition.

Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

*Kneel/Stand*

**C** Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

**P** Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

*Stand*

## Service of the Word

Introit

*Psalm 133; antiphon: v. 1*

Behold, how good and pleasant it is  
**when brothers dwell in unity!**

It is like the precious oil on the head, running down on the beard,  
on the beard of Aaron,

**running down on the collar of his robes!**

It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of  
Zion!

**For there the LORD has commanded the blessing, life  
forevermore.**

**Glorify 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.**

Behold, how good and pleasant it is  
**when brothers dwell in unity!**

Kyrie

*LSB 204*



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

# Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 204



**C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

## First Reading

*Acts 2:14a, 36–41*

Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, . . .

Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.” And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.” So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

*1 Peter 1:17–25*

If you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one’s deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for your sake, who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; for

“All flesh is like grass  
and all its glory like the flower of grass.  
The grass withers,  
and the flower falls,  
but the word of the Lord remains forever.”

And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Alleluia and Verse



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



**C** These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



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

## Holy Gospel

*Luke 24:13-35*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

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

That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, “What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?” And they stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?” And he said to them, “What things?” And they said to him, “Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it

just as the women had said, but him they did not see.” And he said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, but they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent.” So he went in to stay with them. When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, “Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?” And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!” Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Nicene Creed

**C** I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down  
from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin  
Mary  
and was made man;

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the  
Scriptures

and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the  
living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.

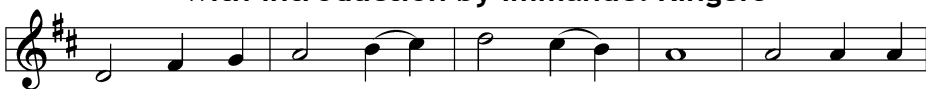
And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is  
worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic  
Church,

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life  $\dagger$  of the world to come. Amen.

*Sit*

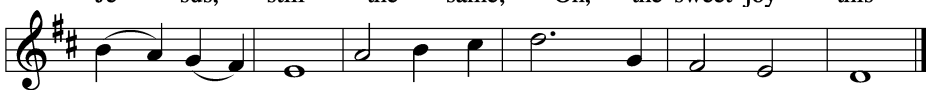
Hymn: 461 I Know That My Redeemer Lives *sts. 1, 3, 5, 7-8*  
with introduction by Immanuel Ringers



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives; What com - fort  
3 He lives to bless me with His love; He lives to  
5 He lives to si - lence all my fears; He lives to  
7 He lives and grants me dai - ly breath; He lives, and  
8 He lives, all glo - ry to His name! He lives, my



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, He lives, who  
plead for me a - bove; He lives my hun - gry  
wipe a - way my tears; He lives to calm my  
I shall con - quer death; He lives my man - sion  
Je - sus, still the same; Oh, the sweet joy this



once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head.  
soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.  
trou - bled heart; He lives all bless - ings to im - part.  
to pre - pare; He lives to bring me safe - ly there.  
sen - tence gives: I know that my Re - deem - er lives!

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## Sermon

## Offering

*Sit*

## Rite of Confirmation

*LSB 272*

*Stand*

## Prayer of the Church

## *Service of the Sacrament*

*Stand*

## Preface

*LSB 208*

**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, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus

LSB 208



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Text: Stephen P. Starke

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

**P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

For Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed. By His death, He has redeemed us from bondage to sin and death, and by His resurrection, He has delivered us into new life in Him.

Grant us to keep the Feast in sincerity and truth, faithfully eating His body given into death and drinking His life's blood poured out for our salvation until we pass through death to the promised land of life eternal.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

## Lord's Prayer

**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."

## Pax Domini

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

**C** Amen.

## Agnus Dei

*LSB 210*



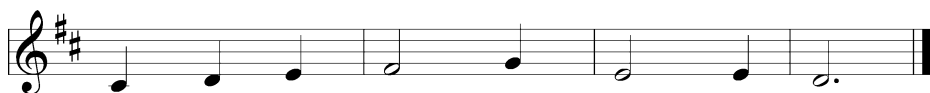
**C** 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;



O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,



Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

*Sit*

## Distribution

Hymn: 633 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

Hymn: 578 Thy Strong Word

Hymn: 644 The Church's One Foundation

Hymn: 575 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

*Stand*

**Choir**

*Sent Forth by God's Blessing*

## Post-Communion Collect

**A** Let us pray.  
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Benedicamus and Benediction

*LSB 212*

**A** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C** Amen.

## Hymn: 488 He Is Arisen! Glorious Word

He is a - ris - en! Glo - rious Word! Now rec - on - ciled  
is God, my Lord; The gates of heav'n are o - pen.  
My Je - sus did tri - um - phant die, And Sa - tan's ar -  
rows bro - ken lie, De - stroyed hell's fierc - est weap - on.  
O hear what cheer! Christ vic - to - rious, Ris - ing glo - rious,  
Life is giv - ing. He was dead but now is liv - ing!

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2026  
*Confirmation  
Class*

*Boogerd, Maddox Lee*

Birth Date.....May 31, 2011

Baptism Date.....June 26, 2011

Parents: Jeremy and Tara Boogerd

Sponsor: Mason Salzwedel

Confirmation Verse: Philippians 4:13

*I can do all things through Him  
who strengthens me.*

*Freking, Nora Ann*

Birth Date.....May 19, 2012

Baptism Date.....June 17, 2012

Parents: Mark and Sheila Freking

Sponsors: Jade & Tristy Rossow, Lola Gunther, Luke Rossow

Confirmation Verse: Proverbs 3:5-6

*Trust in the LORD with all your heart,  
and do not lean on your own understanding.  
In all your ways acknowledge Him,  
and He will make straight your paths.*

*Liepold, Mathias John*

Birth Date.....September 18, 2011  
Baptism Date.....October 2, 2011  
Parents: Wesley and Amber Liepold  
Sponsors: Kurt & Colleen Swanson, Elliot Liepold  
Confirmation Verse: Colossians 3:17

*Whatever you do, in word or deed,  
do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus,  
giving thanks to God the Father through Him.*

*Milbrath, Jada Lee*

Birth Date.....March 5, 2012  
Baptism Date.....April 22, 2012  
Parents: Cory and Suzanne Milbrath  
Sponsors: Dennis & Jennifer Henson  
Confirmation Verse: Psalm 86:11

*Teach me Your way, O LORD,  
that I may walk in Your truth;  
unite my heart to fear Your name.*

*Peterson, Simeon Matthew*

Birth Date.....January 11, 2012  
Baptism Date.....February 26, 2012  
Parents: Stuart and LaDonna Peterson  
Sponsors: Chantel Hailer, Aaron Peterson, Jonathan Ressie  
Confirmation Verse: 1 Samuel 12:24

*Fear the LORD and serve Him faithfully  
with all your heart. For consider what  
great things He has done for you.*

## **Assisting with the Service**

*Preacher*    *Rev. Eric Obermann*  
*Elder*        *Joel Poppe & Ken Pohlman*  
*Organist*    *Brenda Matasovsky*  
*Acolyte*     *Caleb Laabs*  
*Usher*        *Albert & Leann Henning*

## **We Remember in our Prayers**

### *Our Confirmands*

*Cathy Henry, Randy Henry's stepmom, diagnosed with cancer*

*Our former Pastor, Rev. Phil Beukema, awaiting test results*

*Dorie Schweigert, sister of Sandie Torke, recovering at home*

*Jackie Ward dealing with health issues*

*Martin Luther High School Northrop beginning the process of Calling a  
Science Teacher and Spanish Teacher*

*Our residents at Colonial Manor, Valley View, Golden Horizons in  
Worthington, Accura HealthCare in Milford, Paynesville Health  
Care Center, Good Sam in Estherville, Lakeview in Fairmont*

*Tim Rossow, Merlyn Rossow, Keith Kolander, dealing with health issues*

*Sandy Brown, sister of Vickie Baumann; Jeff Meyer, friend of Bruce and  
Jan Bakalyar; Mitch Voehl, son of Lila Voehl; Joyce Urmie,  
sister-in-law of Vickie Baumann; Marla Holcomb, sister of Wade  
and Alan Salzwedel; Diane Hansen, wife of Pastor David  
McDonald (Trinity Brewster); Miles Ramsey, toddler cousin of  
Amy Altman; Pastor Dennis Brech; Pastor Ben Rucker; Denny  
Daberkow; dealing with cancer*

*Eric Rossow, son of Dennis and Connie Rossow; Chad Kolander,  
brother of Keith and Corey Kolander; Curt Gates, brother-in-law  
of Miles Voehl (Lila's son), dealing with health issues*

*Our Law Enforcement*

*Our Missionaries in the Field*

*Our Country and Our Military*

**COMMUNION:** The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is being offered to our confirmed communicants today and is administered in accordance with the Holy Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions. It is celebrated in the confidence that we truly receive, under the bread and wine, the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, through which we further truly receive the forgiveness of sins. Besides individually receiving Christ's gift of forgiveness in this Sacrament, all those who commune here make a confession of their unity in the faith as it is believed and taught in our Lutheran Church –Missouri Synod and in this congregation. Therefore, if you are not a confirmed communicant member, in good standing, of a Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod congregation, we kindly ask that you respect our beliefs and refrain from coming to the altar to receive the Sacrament until you have had an opportunity to speak with Pastor.

**GOD'S BLESSINGS** to our confirmands who have completed their confirmation classes and will be confirmed before the Lord's altar today. There is a table set up for our confirmands on this Confirmation Sunday in the narthex. On the table there is a bag for each confirmand with their name on it for cards to be placed into.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER APPRECIATION:** Join us on Sunday, April 26th, following the church service, downstairs in the basement for our Sunday School Teacher Appreciation. Treats and beverages for everyone will be served. We want to thank our teachers for their service this past Sunday School year including:

- ◆ Teachers: Hristina Hage, April Kraft, Amber Liepold, Emily Obermann, Aliza Liepold, and Roger & Shelley Pohlman
- ◆ Superintendent: Mike Dempster
- ◆ Craft Support: Deb Jons
- ◆ Subs: Monette Berkevich, Kari Byam, Sheila Freking, Lola Gunther, Deb Jons, Sarah Laabs, Suzy Milbrath, Rhonda Swanson, Breann Grein, Ami Swanson, Amber Liepold
- ◆ Cradle Roll: Amy Altman

Then at 10:15 a.m. Shelley and Roger Pohlman will be doing a Bible trivia with their third through fifth grade Sunday School class. They have extended an invitation for all to come watch and cheer them on!

**This is our last day of Sunday School.**

**Thank you parents for bringing your little ones to Sunday School.**

**We will start back up in the fall!**



**3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> GRADE BIBLE TRIVIA**  
**SUNDAY, APRIL 26<sup>th</sup>**  
**10:15-11:15**  
**CHURCH BASEMENT**

The 3rd-5th grade Sunday School students have learned so much this year while exploring the Bible stories from Genesis and Exodus. Their teachers, Roger and Shelley Pohlman, are hosting a trivia competition to celebrate their learning and give students a chance to share what they know in a fun, encouraging, and faith-centered environment.

***All are invited to come cheer on the 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders!***

Teams will be competing for a cash prize that will be given as a donation to one of these 3 options:

Church Mission, Immanuel School, School Lunch Program.  
Winning team decides which of these to give the donation to.

**BIBLE CLASS** will not be held in April due to all of the activities on those Sundays (Easter, voters meeting, Confirmation, and Bible Trivia). In its place, we will have a time of fellowship with coffee and treats for anyone who wants to visit.

**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL NEWS**

- Region IV Spelling Bee is at St. Paul's Truman on Saturday 4/25. Students participating are:
  - Grades 7/8: Abby Ackermann & Sofia Welp  
Alternate: Simeon Peterson & Alivia Ackermann
  - Grades 5/6: Aaron Ackermann & Ben Hesemann  
Alternate: Colton Laabs & David Ackermann
  - Grades 3/4: Morgan Byam & Connor Voss  
Alternate: Grady Dagel & Graycen Culver
  - Grades 1/2: Brynlea Kraft & Jameson Hoffman  
Alternate: August Voss & Karina Buresch
- Lakefield Area Emergency Responder Thank You Social is Friday 5/1 at 8:30 a.m.
- ILS Spring Musical is Wednesday 5/6 at 12:30 and 6:30 p.m.

**BRIDAL SHOWER** for Faith Freking, bride to be of Dodge Byam, is on Sunday, April 26th, from 11:00-1:00 here in the Immanuel Lutheran Activity Center. The couple is registered on Amazon. All ladies of the congregation are welcome to shower Faith with well wishes!

**BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN:** We are doing a Baby Bottle Campaign for Cherish House in Okoboji, Iowa. Cherish House is a safe, compassionate, faith-based home environment for expectant mothers and their children. These moms stay at Cherish House and are able to get the help they need for their family's future including counseling, education, life-skills training, and finding a job). All services at Cherish House (including housing) are no cost. They are able to provide this service by donations. Don't forget your baby bottle next Sunday! The Baby Bottle Campaign for Cherish House ends next week, April 26th, and we'll be collecting the bottles to give them back. If you have a baby bottle, please bring it with you next Sunday. Your participation and gift of any amount will be a tremendous difference for the pregnant women and parenting mothers of young children and help them build the life they are striving for. Filled baby bottles can be put in the tote in the narthex.

**PARENTS, ARE YOUR CHILDREN INTERESTED IN GOING TO A BIBLE CAMP THIS SUMMER?** Financial assistance may be available from the Immanuel LWML if they are going. Amount will be determined by the number of campers interested. Local LCMS Bible camps include Camp Okoboji and Camp Omega. More info on these camps can be found in the April newsletter. Talk to Amy in the office for more info.



## ILS Spring Musical

### **Going West**

Wednesday, May 6

12:30 & 6:30 p.m.

Immanuel Lutheran School  
Activity Center



## LAKEFIELD AREA EMERGENCY RESPONDERS THANK YOU SOCIAL

Friday, May 1st at 8:30 a.m.

Immanuel Activity Center



ILS staff and students invite all police officers, firefighters, EMS, paramedics, 911 dispatchers, and all those who protect us in emergency situations to join us for rolls, juice, and coffee as a “Thank You” for all they do.



**A PEACE OF MY MIND:** World-renowned author and photographer John Noltner from A Peace of My Mind will hold various events in Jackson and Windom. Stories and portraits of our community members will be presented and used as a catalyst to rediscover the common humanity that connects us through exhibits, workshops, and lectures. The public is invited to attend:

- Monday, April 20th at 7:00 p.m.: Art reception at the Jackson Center for the Arts, 308 2nd St., Jackson
- Wednesday, April 22nd from 10:00-12:00: Storytelling Workshop at the Jackson Center for the Arts, 308 2nd St., Jackson
- Thursday, April 23rd at 7:00 p.m.: Presentation and film featuring local residents showing at the Historic State Theater, 600 2nd St., Jackson
- Friday, April 24th from 10:00-12:00: Storytelling Workshop at the Cottonwood Historical Society, 812 4th Ave., Windom

Exhibits can be viewed all week at the Jackson Center for the Arts and the Cottonwood Historical Society. The theme is “Belonging”.

**REDCROSS BLOODMOBILE** will be at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Lakefield on Tuesday, May 5th from 1:00-6:00 p.m. For appointments call 800-733-2767 or online at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org).

**CONFIRMATION CARDS, GRADUATION CARDS,  
AND MOTHER’S DAY CARDS  
ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE BOOKSTORE**

## **YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN ST. PAUL ROST AND OUR REDEEMER**

**OKABENA** congregations in wishing a "Farewell to the Sage's". Pastor Jeff Sage is retiring and will preach his last sermon with them on Sunday, April 26th at St. Paul Rost Church located at 38886 800th St, rural Lakefield. His wife, Jani, was our Kindergarten teacher here at ILS for a number of years. You are welcome at:

10:00 a.m. Church Service

11:30 a.m. Lunch

1:00 p.m. Program

**CLOSING SERVICE:** It is with sadness that that we announce the closing of St. John's Lutheran Church in Rushmore, Minnesota. All are welcome to attend a service for the closing rite on Sunday, April 19th, at 2:00 p.m. at St. John's. We thank God for the 132 years of service to Him and community history. St. John's Lutheran Church is located at 408 4th St., Rushmore.

**TEACHERS WANTED AT MARTIN LUTHER JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL** is looking for a full-time Science teacher and part-time Spanish teacher for the next school year. Qualified instructors who are vested in the Lutheran educational ministry are asked to contact Principal David Stuckwisch at 507-436-5249 or email [principal@martinlutherhs.com](mailto:principal@martinlutherhs.com).

**WHAT IS YOUR FAMILY'S IMMIGRATION STORY?** This cultural storytelling event is at the Lakefield Multi-Purpose Center, 112 Main Street, on Wednesday, May 6th, from 1:00-4:00.

- Four guest speakers representing different immigration journeys.
- Participant art project with Cay Gjertson from the Jackson Center for the Arts (wear old clothes for the art project).
- Cultural refreshments and music.

Event is free, but registration is required and limited to the first 20 for art materials and refreshments. Contact the Lakefield Police Department to register [pdchief@lakefieldmn.com](mailto:pdchief@lakefieldmn.com) or 507-662-5353. Observers are welcome to attend and listen. "Share and listen to the stories that shape our community."

**WE WELCOME** all of our guests and visitors today. We invite you to visit us again. If you have no church home and would like to make Immanuel your church home, please speak to Pastor Obermann or one of the Elders at the end of the service.

**IF YOU ARE IN NEED OF PASTORAL CARE** you may call the church office at 507-662-5718, Pastor Obermann at 563-321-0032, or speak to one of the elders

**NEW PORTALS OF PRAYER** for April through June are available on the welcome center in the narthex in both regular and large print. Please help yourself to a copy.

## **Salad Supper with the Looney Lutherans**



**Wednesday, June 3 at 5:30**  
**Immanuel Lutheran Activity Center**  
**620 Bush Street, Lakefield**  
**Purchase Tickets for \$10 by May 27**  
**at Immanuel Lutheran Church**  
**Or contact committee members:**  
**Carolyn Hansen 507-830-2108**  
**Jean Bass 651-769-7247**  
**Cheryl Ulferts at 712-363-3748**  
**Sponsored by Immanuel LWML**

**WHO ARE THE LOONEY LUTHERANS?**

The Looney Lutherans are a trio of wacky gals who use music, comedy and some help from the audience to share their age-old wisdom for living a long, happy life the Lutheran way. Material is musical, interactive and family friendly — and you don't have to be Lutheran to love it!

The Looney Lutherans are a team of professional actresses who have come together in a fun, interactive, family-friendly show. The idea for the “Looney Lutherans” was cooked up in 2006 when the founding members were appearing in the cast of the hit musical Church Basement Ladies. The company has since expanded to include additional “Loonies,” all professional actresses, writers, singers, and improvisers. As the Looney Lutherans these talented women have appeared together around the country at Fairs and Festivals, Mother/Daughter Banquets, Red Hat Gatherings, Hospital Fundraisers, Member and Customer Appreciation Dinners, and at Women’s and Senior Expos.

**THINK SPRING!!!** Plants, herbs and flowers grown by students in the Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School Greenhouse will be available for purchase beginning May 1st. Mother's Day hanging baskets and patio plants will be available also. Sale hours are during school hours. Additional hours will be posted at [www.martinlutherhs.com](http://www.martinlutherhs.com) under Special Events. Call 507-436-5249. MLHS is located at 315 Martin Luther Drive in Northrop.

<b><i>POINTS OF INFORMATION April 12, 2026</i></b>	
<i>Current Fund received this past week.....</i>	<i>\$2,777</i>
<i>    Needed each week.....</i>	<i>\$10,112</i>
<i>Non-Budget Giving</i>	
<i>    Hot Lunch.....</i>	<i>\$50</i>
<i>    Lily.....</i>	<i>\$20</i>
<i>    Building.....</i>	<i>\$2</i>
<i>Memorial given in memory of</i>	
<i>    Earl Tusa to Tuition Assistance Program.....</i>	<i>\$1,000</i>
<i>Current Fund received in March.....</i>	<i>\$40,318</i>
<i>    Needed in March.....</i>	<i>\$41,914</i>
<i>    Worshipping on Sunday 4/12: 101</i>	
<i>    If you have any questions, please call Josh Swanson</i>	

**THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL...**

*Sunday, April 19 Confirmation Sunday*

*9:00 AM Worship with Communion*

*Monday, April 20*

*Church Directory Pictures*

*Tuesday, April 21*

*Church Directory Pictures*

*Wednesday, April 22*

*Church Directory Pictures*

*8:20 AM Chapel*

*Saturday, April 25*

*Region IV Spelling Bee at Truman*

*Sunday, April 26*

*9:00 AM Worship*

*10:00 AM Sunday School Teacher Appreciation in Basement*

*10:15 AM 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade Sunday School Bible Trivia*

*Wednesday, April 29*

*8:20 AM Chapel*

*5:30 PM Board of Elders Meeting*

*5:30 PM Board of Ed Meeting*

*5:30 PM Board of Congregational Services Meeting*

*6:00 PM Board of Finance Meeting*

*7:00 PM Joint Boards*

Wondering where you can watch this service?

1. Facebook: "Immanuel Lutheran Church" at the time of the service or any time after up to a month.
2. YouTube: "Immanuel Lutheran Church and School Lakefield" at the time of the service or any time after.

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