



Happy
Mother's
Day

*Strength and honor are her clothing;
she is confident about the future.*

PROVERBS 31:25

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP IN
IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Mother's Day Service

Liturgy of The Word

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May 10, 2026

WE PREPARE TO WORSHIP

“Joys and Cares” of the Congregation

Prelude

Medley: Tribute for Mothers and Grandmothers”

Performed on flute by Dominique Wyatt

(Congregation may stand.)

***Call to Worship**

Pastor: Today, we are giving thanks to God for the gift of mothers and the mother-like nurture that many people show to others in their lives. Isaiah wrote that God is like a mother to us, comforting and carrying us in his arms: “As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you...” (Isaiah 66:13)

All: Loving Lord, thank you for your tender care.

Pastor: Isaiah also wrote that God would never forget us. He knows each of us, like a mother knows her own children: “Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne? Though she may forget, I will not forget you!” (Isaiah 49:15)

All: Loving Lord, thank you for your tender care.

Pastor: Jesus spoke of himself as a mother, longing to wrap his arms around us, like a mother hen gathers her chicks under her wings: “O Jerusalem, Jerusalem...how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing.” (Matthew 23:37)

All: Loving Lord, thank you for your tender care.

Pastor: Paul writes about his missionary ministry and likens his work to that of a nurse who looks after those in her care: “...but we were gentle among you, like a mother caring for her little children.” (I Thessalonians 2:7)

All: Loving Lord, thank you for your tender care.

1. Faith of our mothers, living still
In cradle song and bedtime prayer;
In nursery rhyme and fireside love,
Thy presence still pervades the air:
Faith of our mothers, living faith!
We will be true to thee till death.
2. Faith of our mothers, loving faith,
Fount of our childhood's trust and grace,
Oh, may thy consecration prove
Source of a finer, nobler race:
Faith of our mothers, loving faith,
We will be true to thee till death.
3. Faith of the mothers, Christian faith,
O living truth beyond our creeds,
Still serve the home and save the Church,
And breathe thy spirit thro' our deeds:
Faith of our mothers, Christian faith!
We will be true to thee till death.

CONFESSION OF SINS

***Pastor:** Let us confess our sins to God and ask for his forgiveness.

All: Almighty God, we have sinned against you in our thoughts, words and actions. We turn away from listening to your Word and listen instead to the tempting voices of the world around us. We should walk in your will, but instead follow our own sinful desires. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.

Pastor: God has had mercy on us. Jesus carried our sins to the cross and suffered the penalty of death that we earned for ourselves. He rose from the dead to win eternal life for us. I announce to you that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

All: I am the Resurrection and the Life” he who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die.”

***Apostles' Creed**

Pastor: God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ.

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**All : I believe in God: The Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth;
I believe in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord:
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
And born of the Virgin Mary,
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended into Hell,
On the third day He rose again;
He ascended into heaven
And is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
The holy catholic Church,
The communion of saints,
The forgiveness of sins,
The resurrection of the body
And the life everlasting. Amen.**

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray...Loving God, we give thanks today for mothers!
Thank you for mothers who gave birth to us, and women who
have treated us as their own children. You teach us how to be
good mothers, cherishing and protecting the children among us.

We need your comfort here today, God, because some are
missing mothers, some are missing children, some are parted by
distance or death. Comfort those who longed to be biological
mothers and could not.

Finally, we pray for mothers around the world; mothers who
cannot feed their children, mothers who are homeless or without
a homeland; mothers who must teach their children about the

dangers of bombs and bullets. Help us create a world where mothers can raise their children in peace and plenty.
Lord, hear our prayer this day.

All: Amen.

(Congregation may be seated.)
(Dim lights)

RECOGNITION OF MOTHERS

Music Video

“Mama’s Knees”
By the Blythe Family

Special Recognitions

Mandy Shulenburg

In Memory of those who passed away since last Mother’s Day:

Sara Jane Lewis --- November 18, 1936 – February 9, 2026

Viola “Tootie” Robertson --- February 26, 1934 – February 15, 2026

Prayer for Mothers

Rev. Bruce Sheeks

Special Music

“The Rose”
By Christy Trexler

WE LISTEN TO GOD’S WORD

Epistle Lessons

Acts 16:1-3

(Good News Translation)

¹ Paul traveled on to Derbe and Lystra, where a Christian named Timothy lived. His mother, who was also a Christian, was Jewish, but his father was a Greek.² All the believers in Lystra and Iconium spoke well of Timothy.³ Paul wanted to take Timothy along with him, so he circumcised him. He did so because all the Jews who lived in those places knew that Timothy's father was Greek.

II Timothy 1:1-14

(Good News Translation)

From Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by God's will, sent to proclaim the promised life which we have in union with Christ Jesus—

²To Timothy, my dear son: May God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord give you grace, mercy, and peace.³I give thanks to God, whom I serve with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did. I thank him as I remember you always in my prayers night and day.⁴I remember your tears, and I want to see you very much, so that I may be filled with joy.⁵I remember the sincere faith you have, the kind of faith that your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice also had. I am sure that you have it also.⁶For this reason I remind you to keep alive the gift that God gave you when I laid my hands on you.⁷For the Spirit that God has given us does not make us timid;

instead, his Spirit fills us with power, love, and self-control. ⁸Do not be ashamed, then, of witnessing for our Lord; neither be ashamed of me, a prisoner for Christ's sake. Instead, take your part in suffering for the Good News, as God

gives you the strength for it. ⁹He saved us and called us to be his own people, not because of what we have done, but because of his own purpose and grace. He gave us this grace by means of Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, ¹⁰but now it has been revealed to us through the coming of our Savior, Christ Jesus. He has ended the power of death and through the gospel has revealed immortal life. ¹¹God has appointed me as an apostle and teacher to proclaim the Good News, ¹²and it is for this reason that I suffer these things. But I am still full of confidence, because I know whom I have trusted, and I am sure that he is able to keep safe until that Day what he has entrusted to me. ¹³Hold firmly to the true words that I taught you, as the example for you to follow, and remain in the faith and love that are ours in union with Christ Jesus. ¹⁴Through the power of the Holy Spirit, who lives in us, keep the good things that have been entrusted to you.

II Timothy 3:14-17

(Good News Translation)

¹⁴But as for you, continue in the truths that you were taught and firmly believe. You know who your teachers were, ¹⁵and you remember that ever since you were a child, you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching the truth, rebuking error, correcting faults, and giving instruction for right living, ¹⁷so that the person who serves God may be fully qualified and equipped to do every kind of good deed.

Anthem

“Thanks”

By Foster and Bayer Sager

CHILDRENS' TIME

(As the children gather at the front of the church for the children's sermon, the congregation is asked to sing “Jesus loves me!”)

**Jesus loves me! This I know, For the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong. They are weak but He is strong.**

**Chorus: Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

Children's Sermon

“Give Mom a Hand”

Rev. Bruce Sheeks

Music Video

“Mama’s Hand”

Ed Sheeran

(Children make special deliveries)

Message

“Ministry of Motherhood”

Rev. Bruce Sheeks

Hymn

“Giving Thanks to Mothers”

(Tune Hymn to Joy)

- 1. Lord, we thank you for the mothers
By whose faith we come to Thee;
Who reflect Your grace and mercy
In their faces, You, we see.
Honor mothers, God commands us,
Show respect and loving care,
Instruments You made to guide us
Mothers who Christ’s love doth share.**
- 2. Through the ages, leading forward
Moms who serve to glorify.
Eve’s firstborn starts all the races,
Child in pain sparks Hagar’s cry.
Hannah’s prayers and Mary’s song
Tell acceptance of God’s will.
King of grace and peace and patience
These the lessons mothers tell.**
- 3. Lord, we thank you for the mothers
Who have brought us forth on earth.
Giving life that we may worship
Savior born of Virgin birth.
All created by Holy Maker
Workmanship beyond compare
For the gift of moms, we thank Thee
Praise to You, we do declare.**

Prayer

Offering

Offertory

“Bless This House O Lord We Pray”

Arranged by Dr. Rob

(Congregation should stand.)

***Hymn**

“For All the Saints”

(LBW #174)

1. For all the saints who from their labors rest,
All who by faith before the world confessed,
Your name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
2. You were their rock, their fortress, and their might;
You, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
You, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
3. Oh, may your soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old
And win with them the victor's crown of gold.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
4. But then there breaks a yet more glorious day:
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
The King of glory passes on his way.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
5. From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

WE ARE SENT

***The Benediction**

Debbie: “As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you.”

(Isaiah 66:13)

Pastor: Go now in the comfort and peace of the One who gave birth to us.

Debbie: Go in the assurance that the Comforter is with us always.

Pastor: Go to give comfort and peace to others.

Debbie: Divine Wisdom guide us as we go forth on His paths of peace.

Pastor: May He give us blessings more precious than silver or gold.

Debbie: May we find joy in sharing these blessings with others.

Pastor: May Wisdom empower us to change our world!

All: Amen.

***The Closing Response**

From: “Faith of Our Mothers”

Faith of our mothers, Christian faith!

We will be true to thee till death.

MINISTERING IN GOD'S HOUSE

Presiding Minister: **The Rev. Bruce C. Sheeks**

Music Director/Instrumentalist: **Dr. Dwayne Robertson**

Lay Reader: **Debbie Miller**

Acolyte: **Owen Capano**

Sound and Video Technician: **Nathan Wyatt**

Altar Guild: **Susie Peeler**

Kidz Zone: **Connie Walls**

Sunday School Opening Leader: **Dana Robertson**

Communion Assistant: **Judy Harwood**

Welcoming Greeter: **Janice Boger**

Church Ramp: **Lewis Leazer, Jodie Rich**

Ushers: **Randy Barringer, Andy Freeman**
Alan Mills, Rick Shulenburg



Sunday, May 31, 2026

Since May 31st is a 5th Sunday, we plan to gather in the Fellowship Building at 8:00 a.m. for breakfast. We are asking members to bring their favorite breakfast items: casseroles, biscuits (ham, sausage, bacon, eggs), orange or cinnamon rolls, grits, etc. Drinks and pancakes will be provided. Worship will be held about 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Building. There will be NO Sunday School.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT FROM SUNDAY MAY 3, 2026

Current Offering	\$1,471.00
Sunday School	\$35.00
Benevolence	\$10.00
Improvement	\$20.00
Building Fund	\$0.00
Social Ministry	\$10.00
Bus Fund	\$0.00
Youth Fund	\$55.00
Cemetery Fund	\$0.00
Memorial Fund	\$0.00
Immanuel Scholarship	\$0.00
Vacation Bible School	\$20.00
Funeral Meals	\$0.00
Music/PA Fund	\$0.00

Total **\$1,621.00**

Needed to meet Current Offering **\$2,900.00**

Hospitalized

Cara Beaver	Atrium Health Concord (outpatient)
Tonja Goforth	Atrium Health Wake Forest Baptist (Glenwood)
Claudette Purvis	Atrium Health Concord (home)
Paul Stirewalt	Concord Cancer Center (Chemo Treatment)

Prayers for Bereavement

The Family Members of **Debbie Baumgartner**

The Family Members of **Hayden Goodman**

The Family Members of **Steve Gregory**

The Family Members of **Ricky Allan Harwood**

The Family Members of **Billy Hefner**

The Family Members of **Liam Anthony Holloway**

The Family Members of **Sue Peeler Lyerly**

The Family Members of **Ruth Ann Phillips Small**

The Family Members of **Carol Thanos**

The Family Members of **Micheal Watkins**

Let Us Remember in Prayer as a Congregation

Telka Abbot, Mary Ann Adams, Cindy Adkins, Darla Ancheta, Keith Andrews, Beatty Barnett, Eric Barryhill, Sarah Barryhill, Bob Baum, Diane Baum, Cara Beaver, Susan Bennent, Earl Bond, Diane Bonds, Mary Jo Brewer, Frank Brinegar, Laura Brock, Ron Brumble, Patty Carter, Edith Cauble, Emily Cook, Zeb Cook, Bonnie Cornelius, Gay Cornelius, Shirley Cranford, Megan Culp, Jerry Davis, Jane Deal, Huxlee Drew, Marvin Dry, Shelia Dry, Bonnie Duncan, Debbie Eidson, Darrell Evans, Ben Foy, Angie Freeman, Stephanie Fuller, Tonja Goforth, Linda Goodman, Todd Goodman, Parker Graham, Rodney Gullledge, Bruce Hall, Carol Hall, Jo Hartsoe, Judy Harwood, Carol Harper, Jean Harwood, Martha Holshouser, Mickey Holshouser, Nancy Holshouser, Mike Holt, Jeff Honeycutt, Donnie House, Dean Ingold, Tommy Johnson, Linda Kepley, Mary Lee Ketchie, Brian Killin, Peggy Leazer, Cathy Ledbetter, Nancy Ledbetter, Cherie Lefler, Gene Leonard, James Lesley, Melvin Lesley, Zella Lesley, Paula Lewis, Brycen Lomax, Matthew Long, Junior Lyerly, Kathy Lyerly, Linda Lyerly, Randy Matlock, Carolyn McDonald, Beulah McKee Donna Mikles, Joy Mikles, Robbie Mikles, Brittany Miller, Danielle Moore, Dr. Rufus Moretz, Lynn Myers, Ronnie Myers, Susan Myers, Rudy Osik, Pete Overcash, Linda Owen, Reta Parson, Cheryl Patterson, Fernando Portillo, William Pressley, Claudette Purvis, Bob Ray, Vicki Reavis, Dollie Rector, Rhonda Roseman, Jeff Safrit, Margie Safrit, Rev. Bruce Sheeks, Kim Sheeks, Geraldine Shue, Carol Sides, Dot Starnes, Don Stirewalt, Paul Stirewalt, Robert Taylor, Callie Trexler, Carolyn Trexler, Gabby Trexler, Scott Trexler, Tricia VanSlyke, Mary Vaughn, Tyler Valley, Don Vick, Laura Walls, Jacob Walker, Dale Wagoner, Helen Weddington, Bob White, Page Chandler White, Kay Willis, Virginia Winfree, Janice Wolfe, Justin Wolfe.

Another Addition to Softball Field

A new set of bleachers arrived for our ball field about two weeks ago, April 22nd. It is a (5) row Preferred Series with chain link guardrail which is similar to the other aluminum (5) row bleacher that was given to the church in 2005 by Pastor Bruce and Charles Sheeks. This new bleacher is being assembled by Lewis Leazer, Alan Mills, and Woody Weddington. Special thanks to them for their dedicated work. The new bleachers were purchased from Belson Outdoors.

Other recent improvements to the ballfield and flagpole include:

- *Flagpole was painted aluminum*
- *One new white poly halyard installed for hoisting*
- *One new outdoor Patriarch Polyester U.S. Flag (5' x 8')*
- *Three commercial LED solar flagpole lights mounted on the flagpole*
- *Leveled gravel parking lot*
- *Leveled infield in preparation of 60 tons of new sand*
- *Removed old players benches*
- *Removed old bases and ground mounts and installed new ones*
- *Set up new commercial trash receptacles*
- *New security camera installed*



Soon the player's benches will be arriving.





November 22, 2026

5:00 p.m. at Immanuel Lutheran

Immanuel Lutheran Church will host the annual Community Thanksgiving Service on Sunday, November 22, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. Reverend Suelynn White, pastor of St. Peter's Lutheran Church, will deliver the message. Other pastors will be participating in the service. Those participating churches include: Rockwell Methodist, Immanuel Lutheran, St. James Lutheran, Grace Lowerstone, St. Peter's Lutheran and Ursinus United Church of Christ. Immanuel members will provide special music, and a Community Choir will sing: "I Give You Praise" under the direction of Dr. Dwayne Robertson. A reception will be held after the service in the Immanuel Lutheran Fellowship Building. All area church members are invited and encouraged to attend and bring non-perishable items to the service. These will be collected for St. Peter's Food Pantry. Please mark the date on your calendar.

Rowan Rifles-Confederate Memorial Service



Members of the Rowan Rifles met on Saturday, May 9, 2026, at Immanuel Lutheran to honor history of confederate ancestors. The Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV) is a 501 (C) (3) hereditary organization, founded in 1896, for male descendants of soldiers who served in the Confederate armed forces. With over 30,000 members, the group focuses on preserving Southern heritage, maintaining monuments, and present a view of the Civil War known as the "Lost Cause." Special thanks to Steve

Poteat for helping coordinate the service and to Frank B. Powell III for being the guest speaker. The service also included a display of rifle salutes as well as an amazing display of cannon fire by the Cannon Crew. Listening to beautiful music brought those in attendance back in time as songs were played on guitar, autoharp and an 1868 field pump organ. After the service, those in attendance gathered in the fellowship building for lunch.



Congratulations to...



...Callie Trexler who was surprised during the Catawba College Athletic Awards Banquet on Tuesday, April 28 as she was bestowed with the Most Outstanding Cheerleader award, 2025-2026. Jennifer Stamp, her cheer coach, presented the award to her. Callie has always been exceptional in everything she attempts, but this year was particularly challenging as she endured her devastating ankle injury. Through it all, as Co-Captain, Callie continued to support her cheer team and work whenever and however she could. Callie's Immanuel family and her biological family members are beaming with pride and overwhelmed at what she has accomplished!



...Annabelle Humes who appears on the first entry of the Facebook page of the new Granite Quarry Chick-fil-A which opened recently. Anna is working hard at her new job and continues to excel in dance competition and exhibition! Recently, Anna performed as entertainment for the East Rowan Miss Junior Civitan pageant.

 **Chick-fil-A | 85 & Julian**
(Granite Quarry, NC)
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👤 Team in Training: Spot the Difference

You may have noticed a few different polos in our restaurant the past week. The team in navy is our brand new team who you will see each day at I-85 & Julian. The team in bright blue are actually Chick-fil-A trainers who have traveled from all across the country to show our team how to provide the excellent food and service that Chick-fil-A is known for. We are so thankful for them! [#cfa85julian](#) [#grandopening](#)





Emerald Crossing

We will need the following VBS staff. Please check beside the position for which you would like to volunteer.

Storyteller

Science

Crafter

Music

Group Leader

Food

Activity (Games)

Decorate

(Before VBS)

Please turn this form into the offering plate by May 31st.

Name: _____

Phone: _____





Children's Registration
Immanuel Lutheran Church

Vacation Bible School
July 26 - 30, 2026
5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.



Parents' Names: _____

Address: _____ Zip _____

Primary Phone during VBS _____ Alternate phone _____

Email _____

Emergency Contact Information (Other than the person listed above)

Name _____ Phone _____ Relationship _____

PLEASE NOTE: Children must be at least pre-school ages, 2, 3 or 4, and through 5th grade for participation in VBS 2026.

1st Child's Name _____ Birth Date _____ Gender _____

Grade Entering in Fall 2026 _____ T-shirt Size: YXS, YS, YM, YL, YXL

Allergies _____

2nd Child's Name _____ Birth Date _____ Gender _____

Grade Entering in Fall 2026 _____ T-shirt Size: YXS, YS, YM, YL, YXL

Allergies _____

3rd Child's Name _____ Birth Date _____ Gender _____

Grade Entering in Fall 2026 _____ T-shirt Size: YXS, YS, YM, YL, YXL

Allergies _____

Please notify us of anything we should consider: dietary restrictions, special needs etc.

MEDICAL RELEASE/MEDIA PERMISSION

1st Child's Name _____ 2nd Child's Name _____

3rd Child's Name _____

Medical Release: **I give Immanuel Lutheran staff and volunteers permission to obtain medical attention for my child(ren). I understand that I am financially responsible for all medical expenses that occur and that staff and volunteers will take my child(ren) to the closest emergency medical clinic or hospital or call EMS if necessary.**

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____

Permission for Photos: **We may be photographing the children during VBS for use in Immanuel Lutheran publications, such as the Immanuel Lutheran website, social media, newsletter, and/or in a slide show during Sunday services. Full names will not be used in any photos.**

Please check one: I GIVE PERMISSION I DO NOT GIVE PERMISSION
to use my child(ren)'s photos in this way.

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____



FUNDRAISER CANCELLED

The Rockwell Lions Club Annual Auction and BBQ, scheduled for May 16th, has been cancelled. Anyone who has already purchased tickets will get refunds.

Wreaths for All Seasons

Irene Beaver Circle Members will meet in the living room at the Meadows on Tuesday, May 12th. They will begin a wreath project for the residents' doors. Circle members are asked to bring any wreath-making materials they may have