



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
WATERLOO, ILLINOIS

Fifth Sunday of Easter
Cantate



Saturday, May 2, 2026 – 5:30 p.m.
Sunday, May 3, 2026 – 7:45 a.m. & 10:15 a.m.

“Making more and stronger disciples of Jesus Christ
through the power of the Holy Spirit.”

Welcome to Immanuel!

Please turn off your cell phones and/or paging devices. Thank you!

If you are a guest, please fill out a guests' card located in the cardholder on the back of each pew and then place it in the offering plate. We look forward to meeting you!

Members, please help us love and care for one another by filling out an attendance card. Remember to include all the members of your family who are present in worship today. If you are communing, please check in the appropriate place. Thank you for filling out an Attendance-Communion card every time you attend Church.

We celebrate Holy Communion today! In this Supper of our Lord we receive the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the earthly forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith. This Holy Communion is also a sign of our shared confession of the Christian faith. If you have not communed with us before, please speak our pastor before doing so.

During the communion service: If you're not able to drink wine, the lighter colored glasses in the center of the tray of individual cups contain water with a drop of wine. These special glasses allow communicants to celebrate the Lord's Supper according to Christ's institution, but have a very small amount of alcohol.

Worship at Immanuel is...

Christ Centered. We believe that at the heart of worship is the Good News that God has rescued us from our sins through Jesus' death on the cross and rising to life again.

Trinitarian. We believe that the object of worship is the only true God—The Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Multigenerational. We believe that it is a great blessing for family members to worship together. Taking seriously Jesus' words, "Let the little children come to me and so not forbid them" (Mark 10:14), we encourage children to worship with their parents and grandparents and provide resources such as children's bulletins and children's sermons.

Eclectic. Eclectic means, "selecting what seems best of various sources." We believe that we should strive to use the best hymns and practices that the church has to offer. Our worship may include hymns written 500 years ago as well as pieces written 5 months ago.

In preparation for worship we ask that you silence your cell phones and/or paging devices. Thank you. The time before service begins can be a good time to pray and prepare your heart and mind for worship. You will find helpful prayers on the inside cover of the hymnal located in the pew in front of you.

Divine Service, Setting Three

(*Lutheran Service Book*, pg. 184)

Preservice Music

Bells

(7:45 a.m. & 10:15 a.m.) **Blessing of Albs**

P In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.** Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

P Beloved in the Lord, when He established His presence among His people, the Lord God commanded Moses to clothe the priests in garments to reflect not their worthiness but His glory, saying, “You shall make holy garments for Aaron your brother, for glory and for beauty. . . . And you shall put them on Aaron your brother, and on his sons with him, and shall anoint them and ordain them and consecrate them, that they may serve Me as priests.” Therefore, it is fitting that these garment(s) be sanctified by the Word of God and prayer. Exodus 28:2, 41

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

O Lord, You have revealed Your Son in glory and in beauty, and have washed us in His blood and clothed us in His righteousness. We implore You to sanctify these albs and cinctures for use in the services of Your house. Grant by Your grace that those who wear them may be faithful servants to the glory of Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

P The Lord Almighty, the Father, the † Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless these albs and cinctures.

C **Amen.**

Welcome / Greeting

Please stand

Processional/Opening Hymn, LSB 556 v. 1-5, “Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice”

✠ Confession and Absolution ✠

Please stand

P In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.** Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

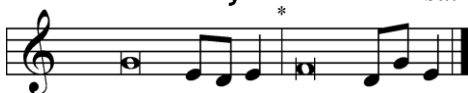
P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

✠ Service of the Word ✠

Introit of the Day

Psalm 98:1b, 3-4; antiphon: vv. 1a, 2b



Sing to the LORD a new song, Alle- | luia,*

for he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations. Alle- | luia.

His right hand and his | holy arm*

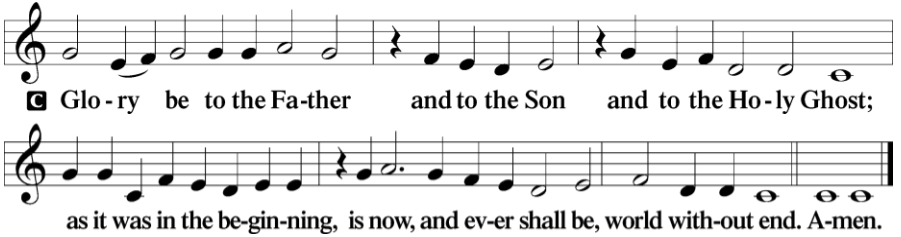
have worked salva- | tion for him.

He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of
| Israel.*

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation | of our God.

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, | all the earth;*

break forth into joyous song and sing | praises!



C Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

Sing to the LORD a new song, Alle - | luia,*

for he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations. Alle -
luia.

Kyrie

Mark 10:47



C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14; John 1:29



C Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



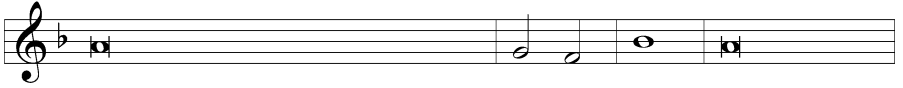
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.



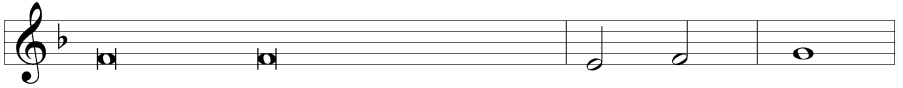
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.



Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,



art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22



G And with thy spir - it.



P Let us pray.

P O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Please be seated

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 12:1-6

¹You will say in that day: “I will give thanks to you, O LORD, for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away, that you might comfort me. ²“Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation.” ³With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. ⁴And you will say in that day: “Give thanks to the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted. ⁵“Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth. ⁶Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.”

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Psalm 66:1-2, 8-9



¹Shout for joy to God, | all the earth;*

²sing the glory of his name; give to him | glorious praise!

⁸**Bless our God, O | peoples;***

let the sound of his | praise be heard,

⁹who has kept our soul among the | living*

and has not let our | feet slip.

Epistle

James 1:16-21

¹⁶Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. ¹⁷Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures. ¹⁹Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow

to anger; ²⁰for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness that God requires. ²¹Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Alleluia & Verse

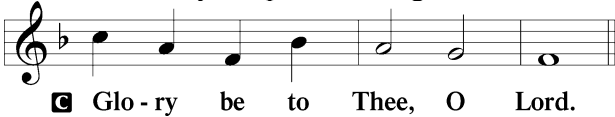


C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

John 16:5-15

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixteenth chapter.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

⁵[Jesus said:] “But now I am going to him who sent me, and none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ ⁶But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. ⁷Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; ¹¹concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. ¹²“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

After the reading:

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, 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 worshipped 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.

Please be seated

Children's Message (Parents of young children may also come forward with their children.)

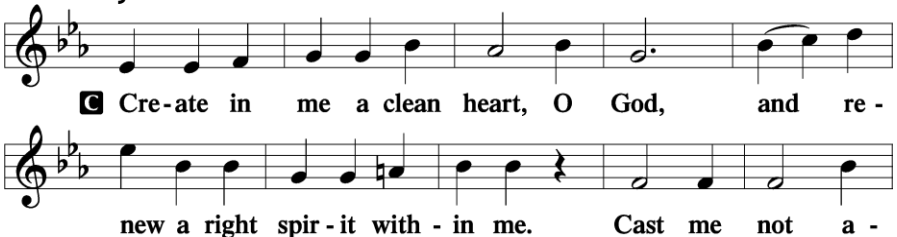
Hymn of the Day, *LSB* 556 v. 6-10, "Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice"

Sermon

Please stand

Offertory

Psalm 51:10-12



C Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -



way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho-ly Spir-it
 from me. Re-store un-to me the joy of Thy sal-va-
 tion, and up-hold me with Thy free spir-it. A-men.

Please be seated

Offering *(During the Saturday service, please place your offering and attendance card in the plate in the narthex before or after the service.)*

Please stand

Prayer of the Church

(1 Timothy 2:1-4)

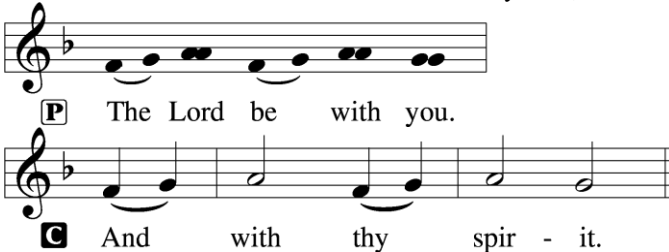
- P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
- P** *(Special petitions...)* Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

✠ Service of the Sacrament ✠

In this Supper of our Lord we receive the true body and blood of Jesus Christ under the earthly forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith. Since this Holy Communion is also a sign of how we commonly confess the Christian faith, we welcome to the Lord's Table those who are confirmed members of congregations of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

Preface

2 Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 136



P The Lord be with you.
C And with thy spir-it.



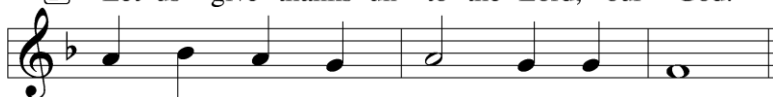
P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



C It is meet and right so to do.

Proper Preface

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



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



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bles - ed is He, bles - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13



P Our Father who art in heav - en, hal - low - ed be Thy name,



Thy king - dom come, Thy will be done on earth as it



is in heav - en; give us this day our dai - ly bread;



and forgive us our tres - pass - es as we forgive those who



tres - pass a - gainst us; and lead us not in - to



temp - ta - tion, but deliver us from e - vil.



C For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the



glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

The Words of Our Lord (Matt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1 Cor 11:23-25)

Pax Domini

John 20:19



P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



C A - men.

Agnus Dei

John 1:29



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Please be seated

Distribution Hymns

LSB 476, "Who Are You Who Walk in Sorrow"

LSB 483, "With High Delight Let Us Unite"

LSB 790, "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

Please stand

The Dismissal

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

C Amen.

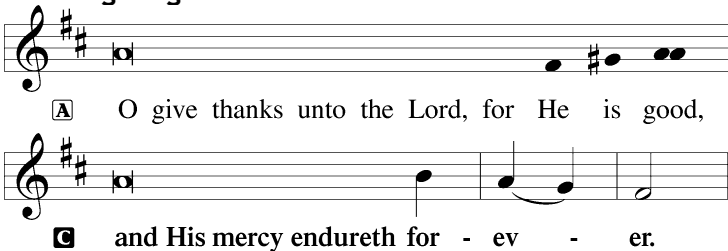
Nunc Dimittis



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -
cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

Thanksgiving

Psalm 107:1



A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
G and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

P 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 A - men.



P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22



C And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus



A Bless we the Lord.

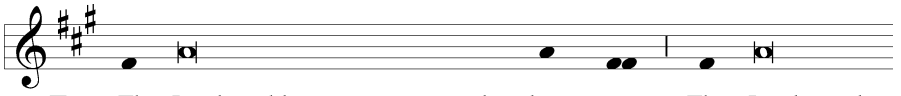
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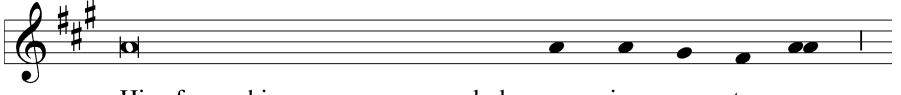
C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

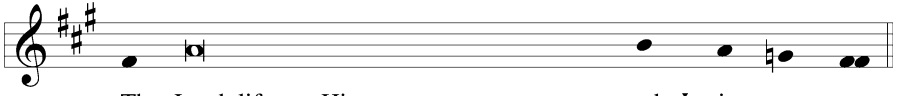
Numbers 6:24-26



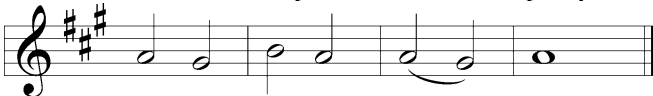
P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Recessional/Closing Hymn, LSB 768, “To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray”

Bells / Postlude

We invite you to take the service folder and announcements home with you as you leave today so you can see what's happening this week as well as meditate on the Scriptures, prayers, and hymns from today's service as you go through the week. You can also find helpful information on our church website: immanuelwaterloo.org.

Worship Helpers

Saturday, May 2, 2026 - 5:30 p.m.

Pastor - Rev. Benjamin Hayter

Server - Greg Wiegand

Altar Guild - Marilyn Collette

Sunday, May 3, 2026 - 7:45 a.m.

Pastor - Rev. Benjamin Hayter

Servers - Jason Valerius

Acolytes - Mason Wilhelm & Cason Birkenmeier

Ushers - Larry Taake, Dawn Rubemeyer, Glen Muench

Sunday, May 3, 2026 - 10:15 a.m.

Pastor - Rev. Benjamin Hayter

Servers - Tyson Bradley & Seth Weinberg

Acolytes - Henry Eggemeyer & Myla Eggemeyer

Ushers - Rodney Clamors, Jenna & Nicholas Hoeffken

Media/Facebook Live - Nash Bradley

Ushers - Sunday, May 10, 2026

7:45 a.m. - Allen Jacobs, Don Birrittier, Mason Wilhelm

10:15 a.m. - Alan Stumpf, Paul Broske Sr., Tom McDaniel

Acolytes - Sunday, May 10, 2026

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Reece Collmeyer

Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Olivia Rusteberg & Kennedy Filipiak

Sunday 10:15 a.m. - TJ Joellenbeck & Rosie Fink

Servers - Sunday, May 10, 2026

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Ranley Killian

Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Adam Eggemeyer & Warren Frank

Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Dusty Dethrow & Doug Simms

Media - Sunday, May 10, 2026

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - AJ Helms

Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Ashlyn & Cathy Whelan

Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Everly Dethrow

Organist - Justin Tayon

Acolyte - Kenzie Wiegand

Media - Gwen Wiegand

Music Director - Ann Frank

Altar Guild - Barbara Altes

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Lector - Seth Weinberg

Altar Guild - Linda Gutknecht

Lectors - Sunday, May 10, 2026

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - n/a

Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Warren Frank

Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Daniel Niemeyer

Altar Guild - Sunday, May 10, 2026

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Susan Starbuck

Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Amy Kolweier

Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Lindsey Dethrow

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GRADUATE INFO NEEDED!

Are you or someone in your family graduating from high school or college this year? What are their plans? We want to recognize them in our May 16-17 prayers and announcements as well as in our June 2026 newsletter. Please email the information (name, school where they graduated, future plans) and a recent picture to Lisa or Debbie in the church office by May 14th.

Vacation Bible School Donations Needed! Can You Help?

We are looking for various items for decorations, crafts, and our classroom use for our VBS this summer.

Items needed include:

- Plastic tablecloths - light green, dark green, blue
- Tissue paper - orange, pink, yellow
- Blue shimmering stringy door curtains (4)
- Shiny orange stringy door curtain
- Grass skirting for tables (enough for 10 8-foot tables)
- Pool noodles - green, orange, yellow
- Spray foam (4 cans)
- Glue gun sticks (small and regular sizes)
- Spray paint - light brown, dark brown, gray, orange, yellow, red
- Newspapers
- Long skewer sticks
- Pipe cleaners - orange, yellow
- Mini twinkle lights - orange & red (battery operated)
- Streamers - light & dark green
- 5-inch Styrofoam balls (6)
- Tiki torches
- Brown craft paper (quite a bit, several rolls)
- Green craft paper (2 rolls)
- Greenery, ferns, elephant leaves, tropical plants/flowers
- Large (appliance) cardboard boxes
- Small stuffed/toy tropical animals - turtles, frogs, birds, etc.
- Gift cards to Amazon, Walmart, Dollar Tree or Dollar General

**Please drop off your donations in the office on or before
May 30th. Thank you for your support!**

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.
Psalm 100:1



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