

Immanuel Lutheran Church
Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

I will not leave
you as orphans;
I WILL COME TO YOU.
I will come to you
- John 14:18

The Divine Service I
The Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 12, 2024
10:00am

3000 West Main Street
Kalamazoo, MI 49006

PRELUDE

WILL CANFIELD, PIANIST/ORGANIST

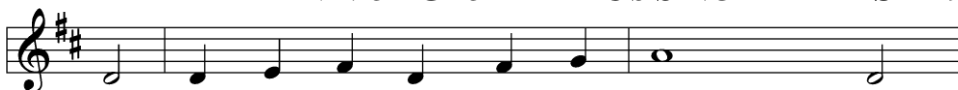
*The congregation will stand for sections beginning with an asterisk.**

WELCOME TO IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

*ENTRANCE HYMN

A HYMN OF GLORY LET US SING

LSB 493



1 A hymn of glo - ry let us sing! New
2 The ho - ly ap - os - tol - ic band Up -
3 To them the shin - ing an - gels cry, "Why
4 "You see Him now, as - cend - ing high Up



hymns through - out the world shall ring: Al - le - lu - ia,
on the Mount of Ol - ives stand. Al - le - lu - ia,
stand and gaze up - on the sky?" Al - le - lu - ia,
to the por - tals of the sky." Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Christ, by a road be - fore un -
al - le - lu - ia! And with His faith - ful fol - l'wers
al - le - lu - ia! "This is the Sav - ior," thus they
al - le - lu - ia! "Here - af - ter Je - sus you shall



trod, As - cends un - to the throne of
see Their Lord as - cend in maj - es -
say; "This is His glo - rious tri - umph
see Re - turn - ing in great maj - es -

God. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 ty. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 day!" Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 ty." Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -

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

5 Be now our joy on earth, O Lord,
 And be our future great reward.
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 Then, throned with You forever, we
 Shall praise Your name eternally.
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

D6 O risen Christ, ascended Lord,
 All praise to You let earth accord:
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 You are, while endless ages run,
 With Father and with Spirit one.
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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***INVOCATION**

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Cong: Amen.

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

Cong: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

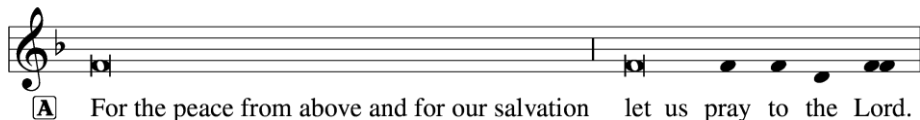
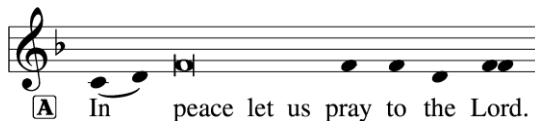
Pastor: Let us then confess our sins in the presence of God and one another.
(Silence)

Cong: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Cong: Amen.

*KYRIE





C Lord, have mer - cy.



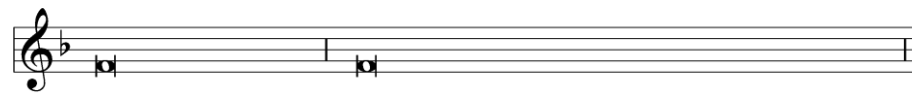
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



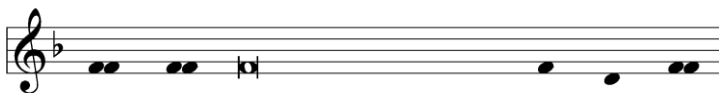
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

THIS IS THE FEAST



☐ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



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



- 1 — Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
- 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
- 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
- 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
- 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



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

SERVICE OF THE WORD

*SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Cong: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray.

O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Cong: Amen.

FIRST READING

ACTS 1:12-26 (ESV)

Lector: Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, "Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." (Now this man acquired a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) "For it is written in the Book of Psalms,

““May his camp become desolate,
and let there be no one to dwell in it’;

and

““Let another take his office.’

So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection.” And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. And they prayed and said, “You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

Cong: Thanks be to God.

PSALM

PSALM 1(ESV)

Lector: Blessed is the man

Cong: who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,

Lector: nor stands in the way of sinners,

Cong: nor sits in the seat of scoffers;

Lector: but his delight is in the law of the LORD,

Cong: and on his law he meditates day and night.

Lector: He is like a tree planted by streams of water

Cong: that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither.

Lector: In all that he does, he prospers. The wicked are not so,

Cong: but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

Lector: Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,

Cong: nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

Lector: for the LORD knows the way of the righteous,

Cong: but the way of the wicked will perish.

Cong: Glory 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.

SECOND READING

1 JOHN 5:9-15 (ESV)

Lector: If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son. Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son. And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life. And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

Cong: **Thanks be to God.**

*ALLELUIA AND VERSE

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 11:11B-19 (ESV)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the eleventh chapter.



G Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

After saying these things, he said to them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I go to awaken him.” The disciples said to him, “Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover.” Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that he meant taking rest in sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus has died, and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.” So Thomas, called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.”

Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON

PASTOR MARK COUCH

Pastor: The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Cong: Amen.

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

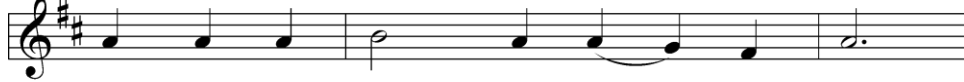
THE STRIFE IS O'ER, THE BATTLE DONE

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Refrain



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



1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done;
2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst,
3 The three sad days have quick - ly sped,



Now is the vic - tor's tri - umph won;
But Christ their le - gions hath dis - persed.
He ris - es glo - rious from the dead.

The Refrain is repeated after st. 5.



Now be the song of praise be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
Let shouts of ho - ly joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
All glo - ry to our ris - en Head! Al - le - lu - ia!

4 He broke the age-bound chains of hell;
The bars from heav'n's high portals fell.
Let hymns of praise His triumph tell.
Alleluia!

5 Lord, by the stripes which wounded Thee,
From death's dread sting Thy servants free
That we may live and sing to Thee.
Alleluia! Refrain

***APOSTLES' CREED**

**Cong: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

***PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**Lector: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all
people according to their needs.**

Lord God, heavenly King, You have gathered us again before Your
presence. Grant that we may dwell in Your house all the days of our
lives and gaze upon Your beauty manifested here in Your Word and
Sacrament. Graciously receive us as we inquire in Your temple.
Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong: hear our prayer.

**Lector: Father of our Lord, Jesus Christ, as You sent Your Son into the
world and He sent His apostles, so now also send Your ministers,
that the world may know Your name and the salvation that comes
by it. Lord, in Your mercy,**

Cong: hear our prayer.

Lector: Almighty Father, through Your Son You gave Your Word to Your children on earth. Guard and strengthen those who are hated by the world because they are not of the world, that not one of them would be lost. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong: hear our prayer.

Lector: Lord of all nations, since it is Your will that we pray for all in authority, we believe with confidence that You hear our prayers for our president, governor, Congress, legislature and judges. Teach them the testimony of the truth, that they may be wise and effective in their offices. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong: hear our prayer.

Lector: Eternal Father, You have testified that eternal life is given in Your Son and that whoever has Him has life. You promise also that You will hear whatever we ask according to Your will. Comfort and help the sick and the distressed, especially those on our prayer list and those held closely in our hearts (*pause*). Heal them and give life to all those who hold Your Son in faithful hearts. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong: hear our prayer.

Lector: Gracious God, as we eat and drink our Savior's body and blood, give us Your light and salvation. Grant us strong and courageous hearts and never-failing hope, that we may wait steadfastly for You and Your final deliverance. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong: hear our prayer.

Lector: Holy Father, accept the prayers we offer through Your Son, our Savior, and keep us forever in Your name and Word, that we may be one just as You are one. Sanctify us in the truth; Your Word is truth. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Heavenly Father, Your Son in His incarnation took on our human flesh and was born of the Virgin Mary. He submitted to His mother, honoring and obeying her, so fulfilling the commandment where we have not. On this Mother's Day, graciously accept our thanksgiving for our mothers, whom You have given to us. Teach us to honor them aright — loving, obeying and giving thanks for them, as is fitting in Your sight. Strengthen all women with child, and give them safe delivery. Comfort all women who long to have children but cannot, that they may find their consolation in You and Your unfailing love; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Cong: Amen.

***PEACE**

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Cong: And also with you.

Please greet one another with a gesture of peace, using these or similar words: Peace be with you.

OFFERING

IMMANUEL CHILDREN'S CHOIR

OFFERTORY



We ask our guests to review our understanding and practice of communion on the back page of this worship folder.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

*PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Cong: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

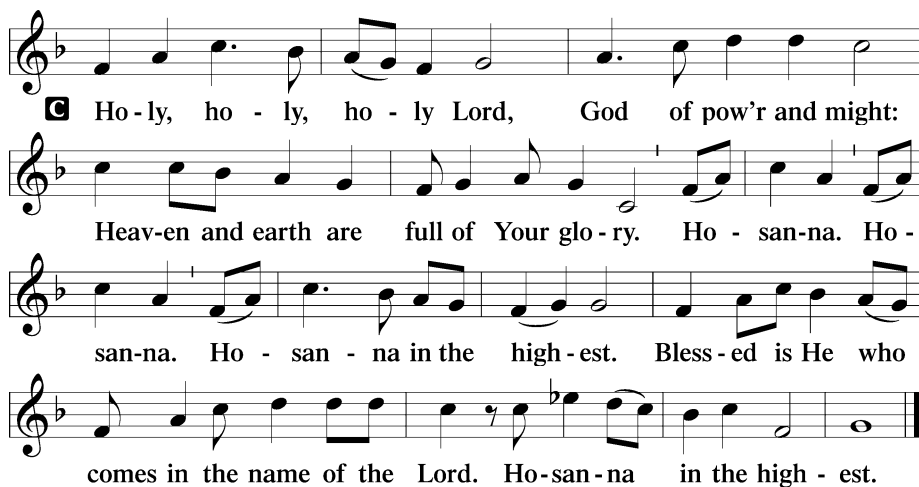
Cong: **We lift them unto the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God

Cong: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who after His resurrection appeared openly to all His disciples and in their sight was taken up into heaven that He might make us partakers of His divine 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 ~ *HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Cong: Amen.

***THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

Pastor: 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 T 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 T blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

Cong: Amen. Come Lord Jesus.

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

***LORD'S PRAYER**

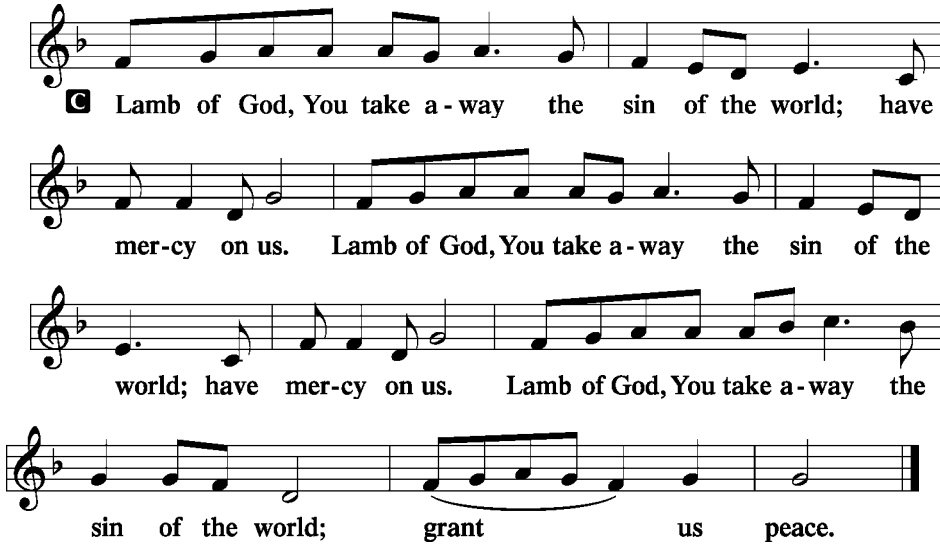
**Cong: Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

***PAX DOMINI**

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Cong: Amen.

***AGNUS DEI**



C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION

{ INTENTIONAL TIME OF QUIET MEDITATION }

COMMUNION HYMNS

I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVES

LSB 461



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives; What com - fort
2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; He lives e -
3 He lives to bless me with His love; He lives to
4 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; He lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, He lives, who
ter - nal - ly to save; He lives all - glo - rious
plead for me a - bove; He lives my hun - gry
guide me with His eye; He lives to com - fort



once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head.
in the sky; He lives ex - alt - ed there on high.
soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.
me when faint; He lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.

- 5 He lives to silence all my fears;
He lives to wipe away my tears;
He lives to calm my troubled heart;
He lives all blessings to impart.
- 6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;
He lives and loves me to the end;
He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing;
He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.
- 7 He lives and grants me daily breath;
He lives, and I shall conquer death;
He lives my mansion to prepare;
He lives to bring me safely there.

8 He lives, all glory to His name!
 He lives, my Jesus, still the same;
 Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:
 I know that my Redeemer lives!

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THIS JOYFUL EASTERTIDE

LSB 482



1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide A - way with sin and
 2 Death's flood has lost its chill Since Je - sus crossed the
 3 My flesh in hope shall rest And for a sea - son

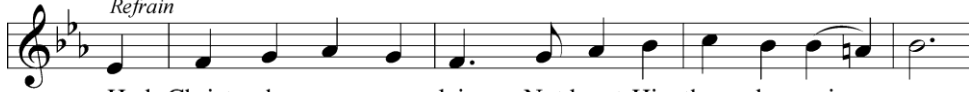


sor - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied,
 riv - er; Lov - er of souls, from ill
 slum - ber Till trump from east to west



Has sprung to life this mor - row:
 My pass - ing soul de - liv - er:
 Shall wake the dead in num - ber:

Refrain



Had Christ, who once was slain, Not burst His three-day pris - on,



Our faith had been in vain: But now has Christ a - ris - en, a -



ris - en, a - ris - en; But now has Christ a - ris - en!

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*POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

Pastor: 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.

Cong: Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

IF CHRIST HAD NOT BEEN RAISED FROM DEATH **LSB 486**



1 If Christ had not been raised from death Our faith would be in vain,
2 If Christ still lay with - in the tomb Then death would be the end,
3 If Christ had not been tru - ly raised His Church would live a lie;



Our preach - ing but a waste of breath, Our sin and guilt re - main.
And we should face our fi - nal doom With nei - ther guide nor friend.
His name should nev - er - more be praised, His words de - serve to die.



But now the Lord is ris'n in - deed; He rules in earth and heav'n:
But now the Sav - ior is raised up, So when a Chris - tian dies
But now our great Re - deem - er lives; Through Him we are re - stored;



His Gos - pel meets a world of need— In Christ we are for - giv'n.
We mourn, yet look to God in hope— In Christ the saints a - rise!
His Word en - dures, His Church re - vives In Christ, our ris - en Lord.

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***BENEDICTION**

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face to shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

Cong: Amen.

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

The gospel for Easter's seventh Sunday is always taken from the long prayer Jesus prays for his followers in John's gospel on the night before his death and always includes Jesus' desire that his followers will be one as he and the Father are one. This oneness is not mere doctrinal agreement or institutional unity but mutual abiding, interpenetrating life, mutual love, and joy. This oneness is the work of the Spirit whom we have received but also await. Come Holy Spirit!

To Note: *The call committee has received a packet of information from our Michigan District office on potential pastors for Immanuel. We will have two copies of the packet available to members to examine while on the church premises. In order to preserve confidentiality, the packets are required to stay on our premises and will not be allowed to be removed from the building. They will be held in the church office and Ailene will be available on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 12:15-4:15p.m to check them out for your viewing.*



ILLNESS/SPECIAL NEED:

Mark Westphal is currently surrounded by his family, including his mother, Vivian, who will be at Mark's side while his health continues to take a downward turn. Vivian will stay with Mark until such time that he finishes his life course. Please keep his immediate and extended family members in your prayers. The family thanks you!

Dixon Pulver's friend, **Craig**, who claims to be an atheist, has tested positive for cancer and was directed by his doctor to go immediately to the hospital. We ask God to care for Craig's physical needs and draw him to Himself.

Cheryl & Rob Brindley's **grandniece, Sophie Rose Verile**, has been diagnosed with brain tumors and is hospitalized at DeVos Children's Hospital in Grand Rapids. One has been removed, and another small one will be removed soon. We pray that this child will be totally healed from all tumors and restored to health.

Dotty Smith's neighbor, **Jenny**, has requested prayers for her family. She has secured a personal protection order, moved in with her parents, and filed for divorce from her abusive husband. We pray for a hedge of protection around Jenny and her three-year-old twin girls and that God would meet all of their needs during this stressful time.

GRIEF: Larry Baumgart's mother, **Florence Baumgart**, passed away on April 21st.

THANKSGIVING:

HOMEBOUND: Marian Brugh, Marlys Olson, Ellen Plano, Jan Wilson, Beverly Fisher, John Curtiss, Vince Marshall, & Jerome Dirst


IMMANUEL PRAYER LIST

LONG TERM CONCERNS

Rose Maxum , requested by Chuck and Amber Townsend	Susan & Gregory Fritz , Stephanie Beck's parents
Amy Stillwell , sister of Dave Reynolds	Charles and Carol Quandt , Christa Perri's parents
Beverly Fisher , Susan Wagner's mother	Lucille and Lawrence Fritz , requested by Jonathan Fritz
Bob Perri , brother of Phil Perri	Craig Rennhack , requested by Bob & Maryalice Reck
John Blasko , requested by Elizabeth Blasko	Mindy Mitchell , sister of Shelly Reynolds
Kyle Reinbold Family , requested by Kyle's sister, Sonya DeVary	James Leo Brown , requested by Shelly and Dave Reynolds
Karen McDougall , requested by Sue Steuer	Jim Sabo , friend of Susan Steuer
Katie VerKow , former member of Immanuel, requested by Phil Roekle	Kim M., Emilie H., Sydney B., all friends of Kim Sharp
Vicki Dilley , requested by Christa & Phil Perri	Suzie Brink , Christie Sidwell's mother and Bill Brink , her brother
Joanne Cleason , Esther Cleason's daughter	Melissa , friend of Dotty Smith and daughter Laura
Marie Winberg , godmother of Bill Bennett	Hannah Bayer , 4 y.o., requested by her father
Lisa and David Wentzel , Sue Steuer's cousins	Jerry and Sandi McKenzie , friends of Dotty Smith
Ware Washam , requested by Brian Long	Sandy Hale , requested by Stephen Presdorf
Caroline Barkow	Jeri Noneman
Mark Westphal	Jason , son-in-law of Sue & Craig Anderson
Gene Jennings	John Hecht's mother, Kay Hecht
Loren Gerber , Sue Anderson's father	Cherri Mitchell , friend of Ted & Rita Clarke
Alice Schley , Jane Schley's granddaughter	Charlie Miller , Marian Brugh's brother
Toni —Jane Schley's cousin	Fran Rodammer , former ILC member
Sharon S. , requested by Dotty Smith	Karen Petersen , daughter of Cathy & Tom Mollet
Ruth Krueger	Jason Nichols , requested by Justin Beck
Deb , friend of Sue Steuer	Marilyn Borgeson , Annie Hecht's grandmother
Sophie Rose Verile , great-niece of Cheryl and Rob Brindley	
All Crossroads Prison Ministry students from all congregations around the country.	
Immanuel members: Gail Stewart, Dolly Bryan, Cathy Mollet, Shelly Reynolds, Tina Lauer, Vince Marshall, Jerome Dirst & John Miller	

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SUNDAY	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
<p>12 9:15AM SUNDAY SCHOOL</p> <p>10:00AM COMMUNION SERVICE @ ILC & ONLINE (REV. COUCH)</p> <p>11:30AM CHILDREN'S CHOIR PRACTICE</p>	13	<p>14 6:30AM MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST</p> <p>7:00PM BAUMGART BIBLE STUDY @ ILC</p>	15	16	17	18
<p>19 9:15AM SUNDAY SCHOOL</p> <p>10:00AM COMMUNION SERVICE @ ILC & ONLINE (REV. IQBAL)</p> <p>11:30AM CHILDREN'S CHOIR PRACTICE</p>	20	21	22	23	24	25
<p>26 9:15AM SUNDAY SCHOOL</p> <p>10:00AM COMMUNION SERVICE @ ILC & ONLINE (REV. QUARDOKUS)</p> <p>11:30AM CHILDREN'S CHOIR PRACTICE</p>	27	28	29	30	31	<p>JUNE 1ST</p> 
<p>2 10:00AM COMMUNION SERVICE @ ILC & ONLINE (REV. QUARDOKUS)</p> <p>11:30AM CHILDREN'S CHOIR PRACTICE</p>	3	4	5	6	7	8
		<p>5:30PM MARY/MARTHA</p> <p>7:00PM BAUMGART BIBLE STUDY @ ILC</p>				

Worship Assistants/Serving Schedule

Sunday 5/12/2024	Cailyn Hecht & Norah Lawrence	Patti Wills	John Wagner	Ninah Miller	Denny Patzer & John Quardokus
Sunday 5/19/2024	Linus Mandrick & Rory Beck	Kim Sharp	Ron Swinehart	John Quardokus	Phil Roekle & John Wagner
Sunday 5/26/2024	Eliora Beck & Caviion Beck	Jane Schley	John Hecht	Dave Mandrick	Larry Baumgart & Craig Anderson
Sunday 6/2/2024	Genevieve Miller & Adelaide Jefferies	Vivian Westphal	Phil Roekle	John Hecht	Bill Stewart & Ron Swinehart
Sunday 6/9/2024	Maddie Hernandez & Elijah Lawrence	Patti Wills	John Wagner	Andrew Lustila	Mark Miller & Andrew Lustila
Sunday 6/16/2024	Cailyn Hecht & Norah Lawrence	Rita Clarke	Ron Swinehart	John Krueger	Denny Patzer & John Quardokus
Sunday 6/23/2024	Linus Mandrick & Rory Beck	Patti Wills	John Hecht	Mark Miller	Phil Roekle & John Wagner
Sunday 6/30/2024	Eliora Beck & Caviion Beck	Jane Schley	John Wagner	Ninah Miller	Larry Baumgart & Craig Anderson



THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Our Belief and Practice

Our congregation believes that Holy Communion is a gift of Christ to His Church. Out of loving concern for the communicants and our understanding of the Holy Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions, we request that those who commune here:

1. Be Baptized Christians.
2. Are mature enough to examine themselves, recognizing their sin and their need for God's grace. (*1 Corinthians 11:28*)
3. Believe that in Holy Communion they receive Christ's body and blood in, with, and under the bread and wine for the gracious remission of their sins. (*Matthew 26:26-28*)
3. Do so without giving offense to others. (i.e., Willing to forgive and be reconciled) (*Matthew 18:15-17*)

Guests of the congregation, who are instructed in Luther's Small Catechism, are welcome to receive Holy Communion. All others are asked to speak with the pastor regarding the sacrament. Non-communing children may join their parents. Communicants may choose from the Common Cup or individual cups.

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