

Immanuel Lutheran Church

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2024
10:00 a.m.

THE VISION STATEMENT FOR IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

*As the body of Christ, renewed by the Holy Spirit as a living community of believers, we are committed to sharing the love of Christ and the good news of salvation. We build relationships with others in the **Community Around Us**, while nurturing the **Community Among Us**, so all may know of and grow in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior.*

GOD'S MISSION FOR IMMANUEL

Immanuel Lutheran Church is a community of God's people rooted, nourished, and educated in the Word of God, to include all people in its fellowship for the sake of Christ, and for their eternal salvation.

WELCOME VISITORS!

The Immanuel Lutheran congregation is pleased that you have joined us today. If you have no church home, we invite you to make your home among us.

COMMUNION AT IMMANUEL

We celebrate the Lord's Supper today! According to God's Word, you may commune with us if you:

- Have been baptized in the name of the Triune God,
 - Have faith in Jesus Christ as God the Son, and your personal Savior from sin, death, and the devil,
 - Have examined yourselves and recognize that you have sin that needs forgiveness, hurt that needs healing, faith that needs strengthening,
 - Believe that in, with, and under the bread and wine you receive the true Body and Blood of the risen Christ, (1 Corinthians 10:16)
 - Believe that the body and blood of the Lord will grant you forgiveness of your sins and new life.
 - Desire to amend your sinfulness and live a life pleasing to God and in fellowship with His Church,
 - Understand that to partake of the sacrament without examining yourself and recognizing the real presence of Christ's Body and Blood is to do so to your harm (1 Corinthians 11:27).
- If you do not agree with the above, or have questions, please see Pastor before communing at Immanuel

Organ Prelude – “Partita on “Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring”
Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

Opening Hymn #551 – “When to Our World the Savior Came”
To the tune of #405



Tune: Musicalisch Hand-Buch der Geistlichen Melodien, 1690, Hamburg, alt.
Tune: Public domain

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| 1 When to our world the Savior came
The sick and helpless heard His name,
And in their weakness longed to see
The healing Christ of Galilee. | 2 That good physician! Night and day
The people thronged about His way;
And wonder ran from soul to soul,
“The touch of Christ has made us whole!” |
| 3 His praises then were heard and sung
By opened ears and loosened tongue,
While lightened eyes could see and know
The healing Christ of long ago. | 4 Of long ago: yet living still,
Who died for us on Calv’ry’s hill;
Who triumphed over cross and grave,
His healing hands stretched forth to save. |
| 5 His sov’ reign purpose still remains
Who rose in pow’r, and lives and reigns;
Till ev’ry tongue confess His praise,
The healing Christ of all our days. | |

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Divine Service, Setting Three

Invocation

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

Stand

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

C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

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.

Kneel/Stand

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

Psalm 66:1-2, 8-9, 20; antiphon: v. 16



(Chanted by all)

Come and hear, all you who | fear God,
and I will tell what he has done | for my soul.
Shout for joy to God, | all the earth;*
sing the glory of his name; give to him | glorious praise!
Bless our God, O | peoples;**

let the sound of his | praise be heard,
who has kept our soul among the | living*
and has not let our | feet slip.

Blessèd | be God,*

because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast | love from me!

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Come and hear, all you who | fear God,*

and I will tell what he has done | for my soul.

Kyrie



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



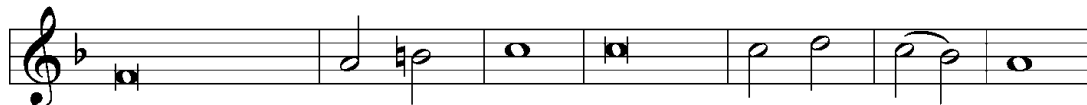
P Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



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,



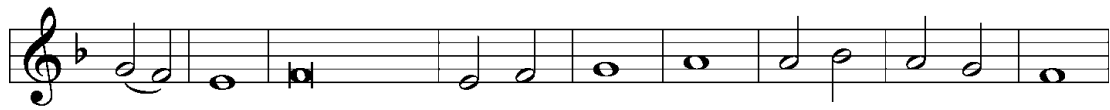
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.



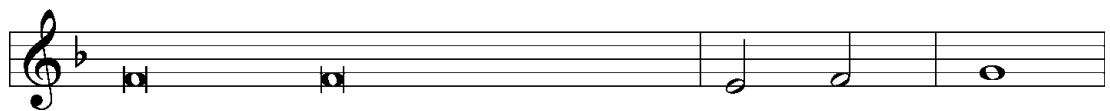
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



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.

C And with thy spirit.

P Let us pray.

O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

First Reading

Acts 10:34-48

³⁴Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), ³⁷you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were

oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

⁴⁴While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. ⁴⁵And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. ⁴⁶For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, ⁴⁷“Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” ⁴⁸And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6



*Christ has risen | from the dead.**

[God the Father] has crowned him with glory and | honor.

*He has given him dominion over the works | of his hands;**

he has put all things un- | der his feet.

Epistle

1 John 5:1-8

¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. ⁴For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. ⁵Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

⁶This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth.

⁷For there are three that testify: ⁸the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree.

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.

Holy Gospel

John 15:9-17

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

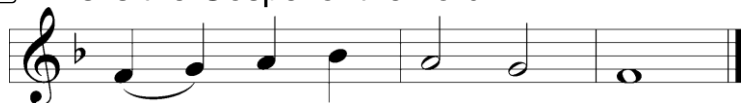


C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

⁹[Jesus said:] “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

¹²“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³Greater love has no one than this, that someone lays down his life for his friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. ¹⁷These things I command you, so that you will love one another.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

**☩ 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 ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

Sit

Hymn of the Day #556 – “Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice”



1 Dear Chris-tians, one and all, re - joi-ce, With ex - ul - ta - tion
2 Fast bound in Sa - tan's chains I lay; Death brood-ed dark - ly
3 My own good works all came to naught, No grace or mer - it
4 But God had seen my wretch-ed state Be - fore the world's foun -



spring - ing, And with u - nit - ed heart and voice And ho - ly
o'er me. Sin was my tor - ment night and day; In sin my
gain - ing; Free will a - gainst God's judg - ment fought, Dead to all
da - tion, And mind - ful of His mer - cies great, He planned for



rap - ture sing - ing, Pro - claim the won - ders God has done, How
moth - er bore me. But dai - ly deep - er still I fell; My
good re - main - ing. My fears in - creased till sheer de - spair Left
my sal - va - tion. He turned to me a fa - ther's heart; He



His right arm the vic - t'ry won. What price our ran - som cost Him!
life be - came a liv - ing hell, So firm - ly sin pos - sessed me.
on - ly death to be my share; The pangs of hell I suf - fered.
did not choose the eas - y part But gave His dear - est trea - sure.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Richard Massie, 1800–87, alt.

Tune: Etlich Cristlich lider, 1524, Wittenberg

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Sermon

VOLUNTARY –

“I Love to Tell the Story”

Dorothy Wells (1926-2008)

Offering

(We join with Christians all over the world in worshipping God through the giving of our financial resources. If you are a first-time visitor, you are our guest and we do not expect you to give an offering. For members and friends, the ministry of this congregation is completely dependent upon your generous giving. Our offering is a significant act of worship.)

Stand

Offertory



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.

Reception into membership by transfer of Janet McGovern

Prayer Of The Church

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

Heavenly Father, You invite us freely to come and hear Your Word. Bless and increase our faith, that we may rightly fear You and learn what You have done for our souls. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Father of love, out of great love for You and for sinners, our Lord Jesus laid down His life for the world. Increase in us true love for one another, that like our Lord, we may also lay down our lives for our friends. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, the Giver of all that is good, grant Your healing and support to all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity [*especially* _____]. Give them also the gift of Your grace to accept and bear their crosses with faith in You, that finally they would be prepared to depart this life and receive the gift of eternal life in Your kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, heavenly Father, we gratefully remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Rejoicing in His victorious resurrection from the dead, we

draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own High Priest. Gather us together 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, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

+ Service of the Sacrament +

Preface

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

C **It is meet and right so to do.**

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



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,



bless-ed is He, bless - 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

- 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.



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

- 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."
- P** 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



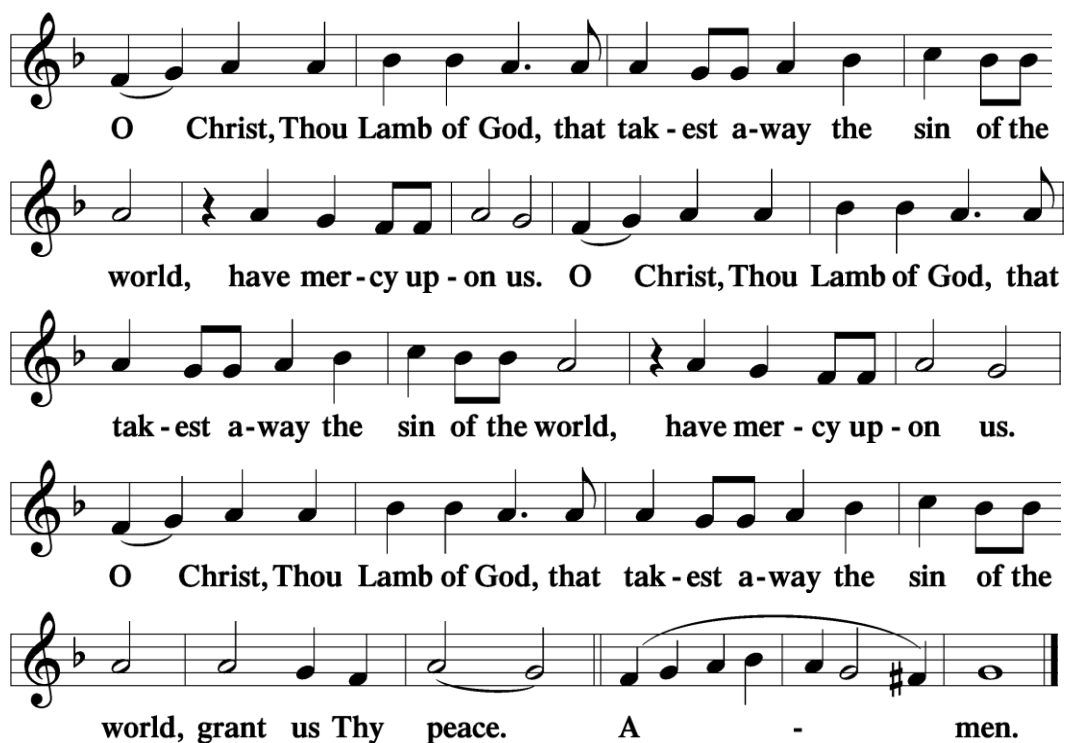
P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



C A - men.

Exchange of Peace

Agnus Dei

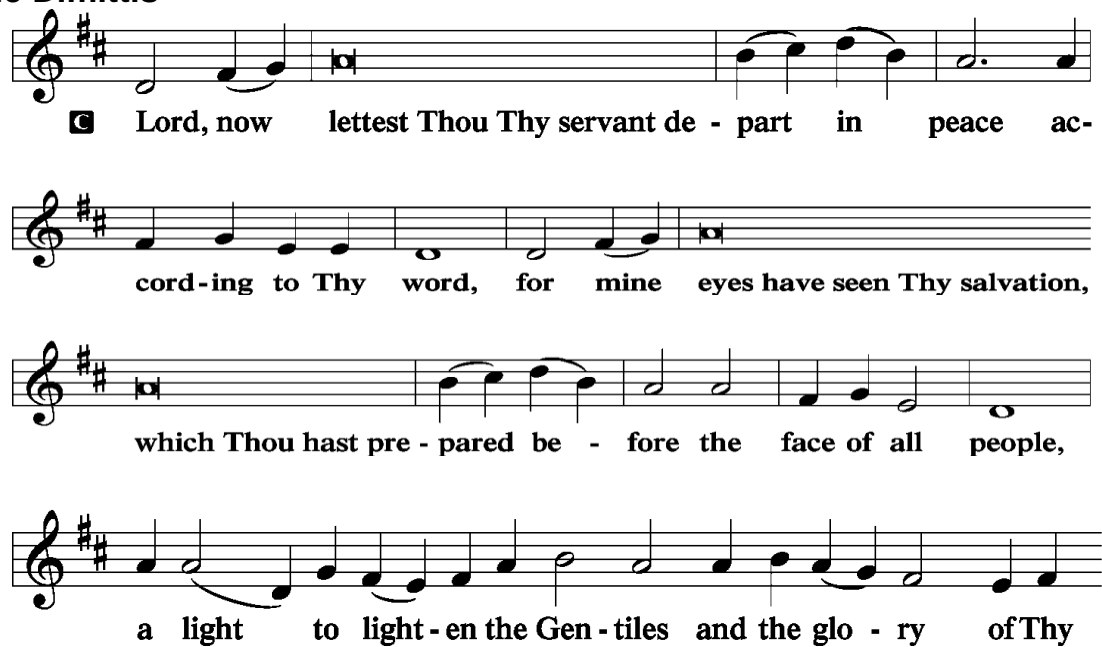


O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Continuous Line Communion

Stand

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 without end. A-men.

Thanksgiving

- A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C and His mercy endureth forever.

- 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 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.

Announcements

Salutation And Benedicamus

- P** The Lord be with you.
C And with thy spirit.

- A** Bless we the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.
Amen, amen, amen.

Recessional Hymn #655 – “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”



1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in Your Word; Curb those who
 2 Lord Je - sus Christ, Your pow'r make known, For You are
 3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, Send peace and



by de - ceit or sword Would wrest the king - dom from Your
 Lord of lords a - lone; De - fend Your ho - ly Church that
 u - ni - ty on earth; Sup - port us in our fi - nal



Son And bring to naught all He has done.
 we May sing Your praise e - ter - nal - ly.
 strife And lead us out of death to life.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.
 Tune: Geistliche Lieder aufs new gebessert, 1543, Wittenberg, ed. Joseph Klug
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Organ Postlude – “God of Grace”
Paul Manz (1919-2009)

Those Serving Today:

Pastor	Rev. Charles Minetree
Officiant	
Lay Reader	Mark Smith
Communion Assistant	Denise Waicker
Director of Music	Muriel Hopkins
Altar Guild	Denise Waicker/Rita Alcarese

Birthdays this Week:

5 Grant Huhra
 Yetunde Tenabe
 8 Veronica Hylton
 10 Antonia Clarke

Anniversaries:

7 Elizabeth and Courtney Nobbs

This Week at Immanuel:

Thursday	May 9	7:00 pm	Choir practice
Saturday	May 11	10:00 am	Compassion Center

Sunday	May 12	9:00 am	Adult Bible study
		10:00 am	Sunday school, ages 3-12 Worship & Holy Communion

SPRING VOTERS MEETING TODAY

The Spring Voters Meeting will be held today in the sanctuary immediately following the worship service. The agenda will include Church Council elections with Mary Ruble and Sylvanus Ibenana having been nominated for new three-year terms. The agenda will also include a report from Pastor Minetree, a treasurer's report, and reports from the different groups and committees that have been at work. You will also receive an important update on what lies ahead as the time of Discernment has come to an end and how we will begin to take action on many of the ideas that resulted from the Discernment process. Please plan to remain after church and to participate in this important meeting.

Ministry Notes

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Saturday, May 11 at 7 pm *Calvary Lutheran Church, located at 2625 E. Northern Parkway in Baltimore, will be hosting the Concordia University Irvine's Touring Handbell Choir for a concert in the church sanctuary. The **concert is free, non-ticketed, and open to the public.** We hope you can join us for this virtuosic handbell event, featuring a variety of sacred, classical, modern and popular music. Call 410.426.4301 for more information.*

On MAY 19, 2024, Immanuel Lutheran Church will celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Dedication of the **original** Moller pipe organ (Opus 3817) that was installed in the balcony of the original Immanuel Lutheran Church at 15 S. Caroline Street in East Baltimore. This impressive edifice was built in 1864.

During the summer of 1934 a fire, started by lightning, nearly destroyed the building. The building was later rebuilt, and by 1935 a new Moller pipe organ was installed in the church (Opus 6304) that retained some of the parts from the **original** organ.

Immanuel's long time Minister of Music/Organist/Choir Director Dr. Richard Wegner (1924-2020) came to Immanuel Lutheran Church in 1948. He retired in 2016, a tenure of 68 years!

When Immanuel's present church building was dedicated in 1951, this organ was placed in the Chancel with the addition of more pipes. A separate small antiphonal pipe organ was added to the balcony in 1963 as Moller Opus 9802. The balcony organ can be played from the main organ console, A new console was added to the Chancel organ in 1978.

We will celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Dedication of our Pipe Organ on May 19, 2024. Our organist will play some of Immanuel's favorite concert pieces: The Organ Prelude will be "Toccata and Fugue in D Minor" by Johann Sebastian Bach. The Organ Postlude will be "Toccata from the First Symphony for Organ" by Louis Vierne. Our Choir will sing "Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing" by Gordon Young, accompanied on the organ.

Please put this important date on your calendar and invite your friends to come for this celebration.

SAVE THE DATE, June 2, Noon, lunch trip to Friendly Farm Restaurant.

Summer Services in our Cemetery

Pastor Minetree would like to know if you are interested in attending early morning summer services at Immanuel's cemetery. These **services begin at 8am**. They would be held in June, July, and August. They are designed to be brief and will not include the Sacrament. The morning air and the beautiful scenery make for a delightful worship space. On May 5th, after the service, Pastor will ask those interested in attending to gather in the front pew for discussion.

Wednesday Lunch Bible Study

For the months of May through August, **this class will meet on the fourth Wednesday at noon** in the conference room. Participants bring their own lunch and may bring something to share if they want. These classes are a good time for fellowship and growth in God's work.

Prayer Requests

- For peace in Ukraine, Israel, and Gaza
- Our Voters' Meeting
- Ryan Schwartz, a friend of the Goeller family, who broke his back in a boating accident
- Yvonne Sudler, our custodian, who is having knee surgery May 6
- Ray Will, who has been diagnosed with neck cancer
- Dottie Croll, who is at Saint Agnes Hospital with heart problems
- Lisa Lewis, daughter of June Dennis, who is recovering from pneumonia
- Agnes Robinson, mother of Veronica Hylton, who had back surgery
- William, friend of Veronica Hylton
- Winnie Kruelle who has been diagnosed with cancer
- Naomi Kruelle for health reasons
- Wendie Wegner, who is battling cancer
- Donna Gerhard, daughter of former pastor at Immanuel, who is recovering from surgery
- Lillian Cooperman, friend of Ray Ward, who has stage 4 colon cancer
- Rosemarie Wilson, the daughter of Filleseta James, for return of strength in her left leg
- Joseph Woah-tee missing, and whereabouts unknown