

# IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

## Sixth Sunday of Easter

Graduate Recognition Sunday

(Divine Setting Three)

May 22, 2022—10am

We celebrate the Lord's Supper today! Please prepare yourselves using these questions as a guide:

- Have I been baptized in the Name of the Triune God, Father, Son & Holy Spirit?
- Do I believe that I am a sinful being without hope for eternal life except in mercy of Jesus Christ?
- Do I believe in Jesus as My Savior?
- Do I believe that Jesus Christ is personally present in communion with His body and blood to forgive my sins, as the Bible teaches?
- Do I desire and strive by the power of the Holy Spirit to live a God-pleasing life?

As you come to the Lord's Supper you are affirming with each communicant that Jesus is your Lord and Savior, and that the Lutheran Church's confession of Jesus Christ and His Supper is your confession as well.

### Prelude

Welcome: Pastor Reinke

Please note that in the hymnal whenever we see a small triangle next to a hymn verse, that triangle means the Trinity is proclaimed in that verse and we are to stand for that verse.

Hymn: #902 "Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now"



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, be pres - ent now; Our hearts in  
2 Un - seal our lips to sing Your praise In end - less  
3 Then shall we join the hosts that cry, "O ho - ly,  
△ 4 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, Son, And Ho - ly



true de - vo - tion bow. Your Spir - it send with  
hymns through all our days. In - crease our faith and  
ho - ly Lord Most High!" And in the light of  
Spir - it, Three in One! To You, O bless - ed



light di - vine, And let Your truth with - in us shine.  
light our minds; And set us free from doubt that blinds.  
that blest place We then shall see You face to face.  
Trin - i - ty, Be praise through - out e - ter - ni - ty!

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### The Invocation and Confession

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: 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.

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**People: Who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

**People: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*(Silence for reflection on God's Word)*

Pastor: Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ;

**People: O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

### The Word of Absolution

Pastor: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be save. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

**People: Amen.** *(Please be seated)*

### Introit

Pastor: Cast your burden on the Lord, and He will sustain you; He will never permit the righteous to be moved. My heart is in anguish within me; the terrors of death have fallen upon me. But I call to God, and the Lord will save me. Evening and morning and at noon I utter my complaint and moan, and He hears my voice. He redeems my soul in safety from the battle that I wage, for many are arrayed against me.

**All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

### Kyrie



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

### The 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 worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, The only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## The Salutation

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

## The Collect for The Day

Pastor: Let us pray:

People: **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.**

People: **Amen.** *(Please be seated)*

## The First Reading – Acts 16:9-15

<sup>9</sup>And a vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.”

<sup>10</sup>And when Paul had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go on into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

<sup>11</sup>So, setting sail from Troas, we made a direct voyage to Samothrace, and the following day to Neapolis, <sup>12</sup>and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city some days.

<sup>13</sup>And on the Sabbath day we went outside the gate to the riverside, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had come together.

<sup>14</sup>One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul.

<sup>15</sup>And after she was baptized, and her household as well, she urged us, saying, “If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay.” And she prevailed upon us.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Special Music:** “Sharing the Love, Joy & Peace of Jesus” *Choir*

## The Second Reading – Revelation 21:9-14, 21-27

<sup>9</sup>Then came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues and spoke to me, saying, “Come, I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb.”

<sup>10</sup>And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, <sup>11</sup>having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal.

<sup>12</sup>It had a great, high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were inscribed— <sup>13</sup>on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates.

<sup>14</sup>And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

<sup>21</sup>And the twelve gates were twelve pearls, each of the gates made of a single pearl, and the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass.

<sup>22</sup>And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb.

<sup>23</sup>And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb.

<sup>24</sup>By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, <sup>25</sup>and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there.

<sup>26</sup>They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations.

<sup>27</sup> But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

### Alleluia and Verse *(Please rise)*

All: **Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

### The Gospel

Pastor: The Holy Gospel is written in the 16<sup>th</sup> chapter of St. John beginning at the 23<sup>rd</sup> verse.



<sup>23</sup> In that day you will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you.

<sup>24</sup> Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.

<sup>25</sup> "I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech but will tell you plainly about the Father.

<sup>26</sup> In that day you will ask in my name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; <sup>27</sup> for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God.

<sup>28</sup> I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father."

<sup>29</sup> His disciples said, "Ah, now you are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech!

<sup>30</sup> Now we know that you know all things and do not need anyone to question you; this is why we believe that you came from God."

<sup>31</sup> Jesus answered them, "Do you now believe?

<sup>32</sup> Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me.

<sup>33</sup> I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord.



### The Apostles Creed

All: **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 life everlasting. Amen.**

Hymn #850 "God of Grace and God of Glory"



1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, On Your peo - ple  
 2 Lo, the hosts of e - vil round us Scorn the Christ, as -  
 3 Cure Your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; Bend our pride to  
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion To the e - vils



pour Your pow'r; Crown Your an - cient Church's sto - ry;  
 sail His ways! From the fears that long have bound us  
 Your con - trol; Shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,  
 we de - plore; Let the gift of Your sal - va - tion



Bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom,  
 Free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom,  
 Rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom,  
 Be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom,



grant us cour - age For the fac - ing of this  
 grant us cour - age For the liv - ing of these  
 grant us cour - age Lest we miss Your king - dom's  
 grant us cour - age, Serv - ing You whom we a -



hour, For the fac - ing of this hour.  
 days, For the liv - ing of these days.  
 goal, Lest we miss Your king - dom's goal.  
 dore, Serv - ing You whom we a - dore.

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Sermon – "The Holy Spirit Opens our Heart" Acts 16:9-15

Pastor Reinke

Offertory (Please rise)



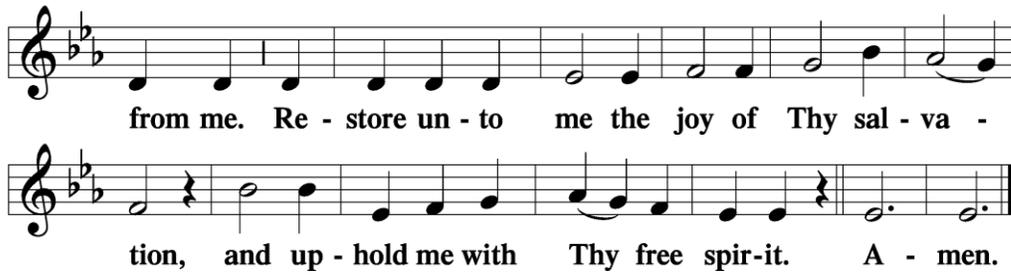
Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -



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.

**Offering**

**Prayer of the Church**

**The Prayers**

Safe travels to New England for Walt Nea & Margaret Blazer

*(Please help us keep our attendance numbers accurate by filling out the attendance cards and giving to Ushers at communion.)*

**The Lord's Prayer** *(Please rise)*

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

**The Lord's Supper**

**Preface**

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And with thy spirit.**

**Pastor:** Lift up your hearts.

**People:** **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

**Pastor:** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

**People:** **It is meet and right so to do.**

**Pastor:** It is truly good 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 witness 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**

**People:** **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

## The Words of Institution

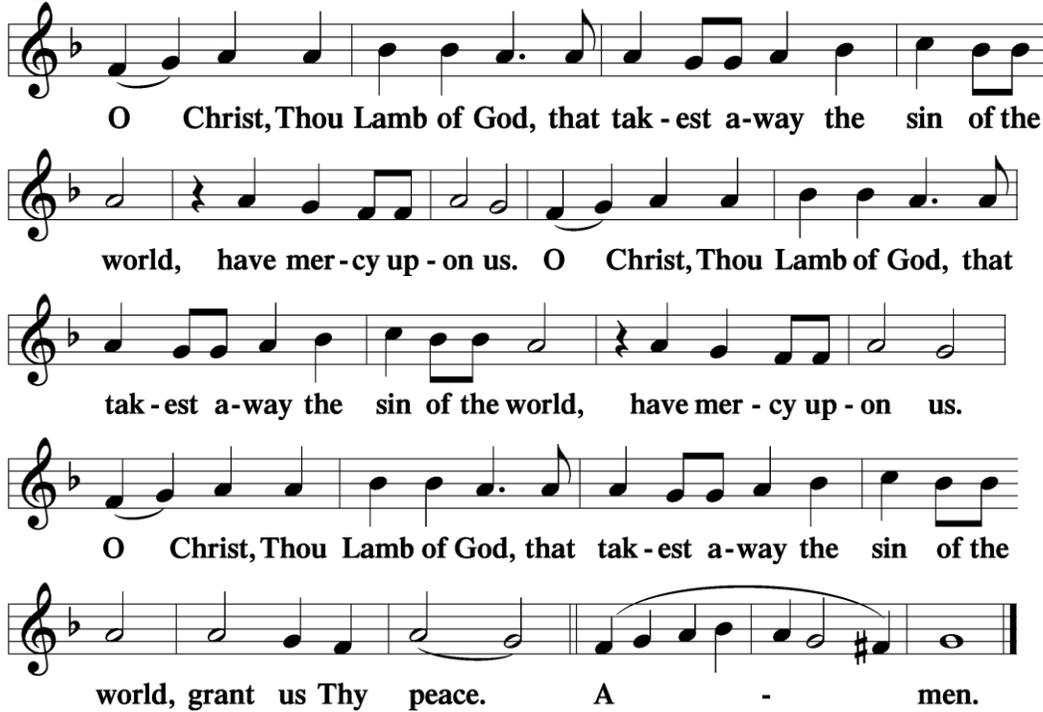
Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the New Testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## Pax Domini

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

People: Amen.

## 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.

## Distribution

Distribution Hymns: #617 "O Lord, We Praise Thee"



1 O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and a - dore Thee,  
 2 Thy ho - ly bod - y in - to death was giv - en,  
 3 May God be - stow on us His grace and fa - vor



In thanks - giv - ing bow be - fore Thee. Thou with Thy  
 Life to win for us in heav - en. No great - er  
 That we fol - low Christ our Sav - ior And live to -



bod - y and Thy blood didst nour - ish Our weak souls that  
 love than this to Thee could bind us; May this feast there -  
 geth - er here in love and u - nion Nor de - spise this



they may flour - ish: O Lord, have mer - cy!  
 of re - mind us! O Lord, have mer - cy!  
 blest Com - mu - nion! O Lord, have mer - cy!



May Thy bod - y, Lord, born of Mar - y, That our  
 Lord, Thy kind - ness did so con - strain Thee That Thy  
 Let not Thy good Spir - it for - sake us; Grant that



sins and sor - rows did car - ry, And Thy blood for us plead  
 blood should bless and sus - tain me. All our debt Thou hast paid;  
 heav'n - ly - mind - ed He make us; Give Thy Church, Lord, to see



In all tri - al, fear, and need: O Lord, have mer - cy!  
 Peace with God once more is made: O Lord, have mer - cy!  
 Days of peace and u - ni - ty: O Lord, have mer - cy!

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#648 "Glorious Things of You Are Spoken"



1 Glo - rious things of you are spo - ken, Zi - on, cit - y  
 2 See, the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, Spring - ing from e -  
 3 Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov - 'ring, See the cloud and  
 4 Sav - ior, since of Zi - on's cit - y I through grace a



of our God; He whose word can - not be bro - ken Formed you  
 ter - nal love, Well sup - ply your sons and daugh - ters And all  
 fire ap - pear For a glo - ry and a cov - 'ring, Show - ing  
 mem - ber am, Let the world de - ride or pit - y, I will



for His own a - bode. On the Rock of A - ges found - ed,  
 fear of want re - move. Who can faint while such a riv - er  
 that the Lord is near. Thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner  
 glo - ry in Your name. Fad - ing are the world's vain plea - sures,



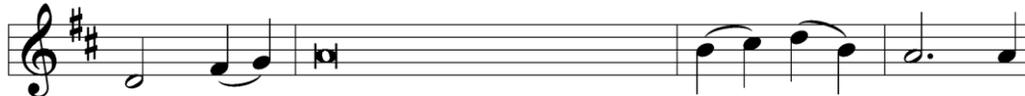
What can shake your sure re - pose? With sal - va - tion's  
 Ev - er will their thirst as - suage? Grace, which like the  
 Light by night and shade by day, Safe they feed up -  
 All their boast - ed pomp and show; Sol - id joys and



walls sur - round - ed, You may smile at all your foes.  
 Lord, the giv - er, Nev - er fails from age to age.  
 on the man - na Which God gives them on their way.  
 last - ing trea - sures None but Zi - on's chil - dren know.

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**Nunc Dimittis** *(Please rise)*



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.

### Post Communion Collect

Pastor: Let us pray

**People:** 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.

### Salutation and Benedicamus

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People:** And with thy spirit.

Pastor: Bless we the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

### The Benediction

Pastor: 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.

**People:** Amen, Amen, Amen!

The Closing Hymn #549 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"



1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros-trate fall;  
2 Crown Him, ye mar-tyrs of our God, Who from His al - tar call;  
3 Ye seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race, Ye ran - somed from the fall,  
4 Hail Him, ye heirs of Da - vid's line, Whom Da - vid Lord did call,



Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem And crown Him Lord of all.  
Ex - tol the stem of Jes - se's rod And crown Him Lord of all.  
Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all.  
The God in - car-nate, man di - vine, And crown Him Lord of all.



Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem And crown Him Lord of all.  
Ex - tol the stem of Jes - se's rod And crown Him Lord of all.  
Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all.  
The God in - car-nate, man di - vine, And crown Him Lord of all.

5 Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget  
The wormwood and the gall,  
Go, spread your trophies at His feet  
And crown Him Lord of all.  
Go, spread your trophies at His feet  
And crown Him Lord of all.

6 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe,  
On this terrestrial ball  
To Him all majesty ascribe  
And crown Him Lord of all.  
To Him all majesty ascribe  
And crown Him Lord of all.

7 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng  
We at His feet may fall!  
We'll join the everlasting song  
And crown Him Lord of all.  
We'll join the everlasting song  
And crown Him Lord of all.

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**Recognition of Graduates:** *By Kori Hamilton*

Caleb Davis-Forsong  
Kincaide Green  
Emily Guerzon  
Jackson Hamilton  
Andrew Tumlin  
Kate Tumlin

Thomas Winn, Tyler Winn, Troy Winn, Jr.

*Pizza & cake being served in breezeway after service  
Please see the board in the breezeway  
for a list of graduates and pictures*

**Our Vision:**

**All:** Through Word and Sacrament ministry, we share the love, joy and peace of Jesus Christ among ourselves and with those around us.

Pastor: Our worship has ended, our service now begins. Let us go in peace.

**All:** And serve the Lord

**Altar flowers are placed to the glory of God and in honor of the birthday of Jackie Anton**

*The Hispanic Congregation Service wants to give thanks to this beautiful family of Immanuel. Each one of you reflects the love of Jesus Christ and together we will grow the kingdom of God  
Blessings, Pastor Miguel and Katherine*

*Services will be live-streamed and a recording of service will be posted by the end of the day.*

**Please keep the church office updated on prayers that have been asked to be kept on indefinitely, military and ones for continued healing or cancer treatments.**

*The Ladies Guild would like to express their thanks and appreciation for all the helping hands, bringing food, helping to set up and clean up for the Memorial Service for Jackie Okun. The help was greatly appreciated.*

**Continued Prayers**

Peace & comfort for the family of Regina Goodwin, niece of the Plumb's

Peace & comfort for the family of son of Kathleen, friend of Bev Lowe

Peace & comfort for the family of Rev. Dr. Christopher Rodger Meyer (Emeritus)

Peace & Strength & comfort for Frankie Stallings & family, as she is under home Hospice care

Safe travels for Bob & Christine Garrett

We pray to God our Lord for the new Hispanic Mission in Immanuel and that through the Holy Spirit he will give us guidance to share the Gospel with new families.

Employment for those struggling to find a job

**Healing**

Derek, the brother of the daughter-in-law of the Steinbruecks

**Battling with Cancer or Serious Illness**

Lindy Stevens, as she is on permanent kidney dialysis

Barbara LaVere

Dr. Khalid Mahmood, father of Farrah Briggs

Richard Seedroff

Barbara Knott

Yvonne Lenzen, grandmother of Grace Sierra

Gloria McNail, aunt of Susan Tumlin

Pat, suffering with dementia, Aunt of Beth Hutches

Cathy Nichols with terminal cancer, mother of Cathy Wilson  
Raymond, brother of Barbara LaVere  
David, brother of Larry Habeck  
Tracy, cousin of Jacquelyn Hahn  
Lisa Steinbrueck, niece of the Steinbrueck's  
Alan Sparks  
Don Swisher, step-father of Larry Habeck  
Bill, (w/brain cancer) uncle of Brian Littrel  
Tom Meyferth

**PRAYERS FOR THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY**

**Safety for... and strength for families:**

Luke Buchholz, Navy, grandson of Ann Donahue, stationed at Norfolk, VA  
Matthew Reikowski as he is deployed on the Carl S. Vinson  
Logan Crouse, US Army, great-nephew of Joan Crouse, stationed at Ft. Campbell in NC  
Carson Crouse, US Army, great-nephew of Joan Crouse, stationed at Ft. Bragg  
Samuel Drake, Captain stationed at Holloman AFB in Alamogordo, NM, son of Kerry Drake  
Cpl. Xander Ritter, USMC, stationed at Camp Pendleton, CA  
Matthew Albers, Major in USAF and in command in Sacramento, CA, son of Deb Albers  
Gavin Mattson, para-rescue man, stationed in the Panhandle of FL, grandson of Edith Mattson  
Jeremy Brockmeier (USMC) & family, stationed in South Korea, son of Jerry and Janice Brockmeier  
**ALSO, FOR ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND FIRST RESPONDERS**

**PRAYERS FOR OUR FAMILIES**

Sunday: Rusty Hester, Skyler  
Monday: Cecil & Debbie Hock  
Tuesday: Jeffrey Hoening, Kerrie, Dirk, Zack, Megan  
Wed: Debbie Hofman, Ryan, Sarah, Nicholas, Allena  
Thursday: Kathy Hogue, Jim  
Friday: Beth Hutches, John  
Saturday: Aaron & Donna Hynick, Andrew, Jonah

**PRAYERS FOR OUR SCHOOL STUDENTS & FAMILIES**

Sunday: Jacob, Lukas, Noah Hardesty  
Monday: Yaliana Hernandez  
Tuesday: RaeLynn & Ronald Hockman  
Wed: Harrison Howells  
Thurs: Ellena Iturriaga  
Friday: Aria Ivory  
Saturday: Elijah Jennings

The Transition Committee is now officially the Call Committee! We continue to ask all of our Immanuel family to bathe this process in prayer as we work towards calling first an Intentional Interim Pastor and then our permanent Called Pastor.

**"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD... Jeremiah 29:11**

*Lord God, Heavenly Father, once again we come to You for guidance and direction for the Call Committee as they do the work necessary to prepare to call the shepherd that will lead Your Immanuel flock. Our Hispanic Ministry is still in its infancy and many of our other ministries are facing challenges of their own. We ask that You would make Your plans known to us; that You would raise up leaders and members with willing hearts to give of their time as well as the gifts of skills and treasure that You have so generously given each one of us. We pray Your strength, Your assurance, Your peace. In the holy and precious Name of Jesus, Amen.*