

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 7, 2023—10:15am

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.

White grape juice is now available in the center of the communion tray for those who cannot partake of alcohol.

Gluten free wafers available upon request during distribution.

Prelude

Welcome: Pastor Haara

Sharing the Peace – Greet One Another with the Peace of the Lord

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.

Call to Worship:

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

People: Amen.

Pastor: Peter met Jesus and he walked in faith

People: **"But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" Peter answered, "You are the Christ"** (NIV Mark 8:29)

Pastor: He walked where you can only walk by faith

People: **"Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water.": "Come," He said, Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus.** (NIV Matthew 14:25-29).

Pastor: Peter like everyone of us has failed the Lord and sins

People: **Peter replied, "Even if all fall away on account of you, I never will." "I tell you the truth." Jesus answered, "This very night, before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times." But Peter declared, "even if I have to die with you, I will never disown you." And all the other disciples said the same.** (NIV Matthew 26:33-35)

Pastor: Peter was unsure of how great the grace of God was in Jesus.

People: **Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother when he sins against me? Up to seven times?" Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.** (NIV Matthew 18:21-22)

Pastor: We ponder our sin like Peter's, and the grace of our Lord. We silently confess our sins and iniquities.....

Pastor: Peter tells us all that in Christ Jesus, "you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God."

People: Lord we thank you and remind us who we are in Your Son. Jesus is the precious cornerstone upon which everything is built.

A Time for Praise *(Please rise as you are able)*

Hymn: "Here I am to Worship"

Light of the world
You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes let me see
Beauty that made
This heart adore You
Hope of a life spent with You

CHORUS

So here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
And You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me

King of all days
Oh so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly You came
To the earth You created
All for love's sake became poor

CHORUS

And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross
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CHORUS

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"Seek Ye First"

Seek ye first the kingdom of God,
And His righteousness;
And all these things shall be added unto you,
Allelu, alleluia.

Ask and it shall be given unto you,
Seek and ye shall find,
knock and the door shall be opened unto you,
Allelu, alleluia.

Man does not live by bread alone,
But by every word,
That proceeds from the mouth of the Lord.
Allelu, alleluia.

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Pastor: Let us pray
We thank You Lord that You are our Good Shepherd; You have loved us with an everlasting love and have chosen us to be Your people; the sheep of Your hand. You gained for us the forgiveness of sins and the promise of eternal life. With thankfulness in our hearts and soul, we give all glory to You, our resurrected Lord and Savior.

All: Amen.

Please be seated

Confession and Absolution

Pastor: Let us now confess our sins and shortcomings and receive God's forgiveness.

People: Lord, today I seek You and Your forgiving love for all my sins. Cleanse me inside and out, dear Savior, so that my longing may be for you; that my desires may conform to Your will and my faith in You strengthened.

Pastor: *We pause for a quiet moment of private prayer and confession*

Dear friends in Christ, the Good News is that in confessing your sins; through faith in Jesus, God forgives you all your sins. Jesus says, "Be of good cheer, your sins are forgiven, go and sin no more. So, in the precious name of Jesus our resurrected and living Savior, I declare to you that your sins are forgiven. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen, thank you Jesus.

Children's Message Song: "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"

He's got the whole world

In His hands,

He's got the whole wide world

In His hands,

He's got the whole world

In his hands, He's got the whole world in His hands

He's got the wind and the rain

In His hands,

He's got the sun and the moon

In His hands,

He's got the wind and the rain

In His hands,

He's got the whole world in His hands

He's got you and me, brother,

In His hands,

He's got you and me, sister

In His hands

He's got everybody here

In His hands

He's got the whole world in His hands

Children's Message: Katie Wilcox

The First Reading – Jeremiah 1:4-10 *(God knows us even before we are born)*

⁴ Now the word of the LORD came to me, saying, ⁵ “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.”

⁶ Then I said, “Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, I do not know how to speak, for I am only a youth.”

⁷ But the LORD said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am only a youth’; for to all to whom I send you, you shall go, and whatever I command you, you shall speak.

⁸ Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, declares the LORD.”

⁹ Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth. And the LORD said to me, “Behold, I have put my words in your mouth.

¹⁰ See, I have set you this day over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to break down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Epistle Reading – 1 Peter 2:2-10 *(In Christ we are new creations)*

² Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation— ³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴ As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, ⁵ you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

⁶ For it stands in Scripture: “Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

⁷ So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,” ⁸ and “A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

⁹ But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please rise as you are able for the reading of our Gospel Lesson

The Gospel

Pastor: The Holy Gospel is written in the 14th chapter of St. John beginning at the 1st verse.

¹ “Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me.

² In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?

³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.

⁴ And you know the way to where I am going.”

⁵ Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?”

⁶ Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

⁷ If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

⁸ Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.”

⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'?"

¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works.

¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

¹² "Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father.

¹³ Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

¹⁴ If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

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.

Message Song: "Thy Word"

Refrain:

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path.

When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way,
Still you're there right beside me.
Nothing will I fear as long as you are near.
Please be near me to the end.

I will not forget your love for me, and yet
My heart forever is wandering.
Jesus, be my guide and hold me to your side.
I will love You to the end.

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Sermon: "Your True Identity in Christ" 1 Peter 2:9 Pastor Haara

The Offerings are gathered

Prayers for the Church

The Prayers

Peace & comfort for the family of Judy Cheatham, friend of Jacquelyn Hahn
Successful cancer treatment for Carol Joyner, sister-in-law of Deb Haver
Healing of back problems for Joan Crouse
Strength, comfort & healing for Brother and sister-in-law of Joan Crouse
Healing and a good pathology report for Jeff, son of Pat Cook
Good results from liver biopsy for Lauren, daughter of neighbor of Pat Cook
Wisdom for Dr's and good response to treatment for niece Cassandra
Healing of ankle for Piper Clarke
Healing for our son, Jeff, following deep surgery for melanoma & good pathology report
Good results from liver biopsy for our neighbor's daughter Lauren
Wisdom for Dr's & successful breast cancer treatment for Cassandra, niece of Pat Cook
God's safety and protection for Kate Tumlin while she studies abroad.

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.

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

The Lord's Supper is Celebrated

Pastor: The Consecration of the Bread and Wine

All: "Think About His Love"

Think about His love
Think about His goodness
Think about His grace
That's brought us through
For as high as the heaven's above
So great is the measure
Of our Father's love
Great is the measure
Of our Father's love

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(Distribution is continuous style. Please come to the communion rail and kneel or stand. As a place at the communion rail becomes open, please come forward and take that spot. After receiving the bread and the wine and you feel comfortable, please dismiss yourself to return to your seat; the post communion blessing will be given to all at the end.)

Welcome to the Table of the Lord

Post Communion Blessing

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

The Benediction

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

People: Amen.

Closing Hymn: "All the People said Amen"

Chorus:

And all the people said amen whoa
And all the people said amen
Give thanks to the Lord for His love never ends
And all the people said amen

Verse:

You are not alone if you are lonely
When you feel afraid you're not the only
We are all the same in need of mercy
To be forgiven and be free
It's all you got to lean on
But thank God it's all you need

Chorus

And all the people said amen

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Our Vision

Pastor: As a reminder of the reason why we exist as a church let us speak our vision statement together.

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 Heather DeBrocke, by mother, Barbara Bader

Services will be live-streamed and a recording of service will be posted by the end of the day. You may watch these on Facebook, YouTube or go to website under Worship or scroll down on home page and find the latest services.

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.

Continued Prayers

We pray to God our Lord for Pastor Miguel and our Hispanic Ministry 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 or Good Test Results

Anne Smith, friend of Deb Haver

Shane Hill & wife, friends of Edie Sparks

Judy Fields, friend of Sandy Goode

Richard Seedroff

Steve Cook

Battling with Cancer or Serious Illness

Bob Heinkel

Gene Doon, Uncle of Marsha Doon

Kathi Dillon, sister of Kim Blomquist

Andrew Hynick, father of Aaron Hynick

Chris DeVito, sister of Patty Shawver
 Lou Mercaldo & family, as he is suffering with dementia, grandfather of Carolyn Clarke
 Donald Crouse as he has dementia, brother-in-law of Joan Crouse
 Kidney transplant for Charles, grandfather of Immanuel student
 Don Monahan, brother-in-law of Cathy Wilson
 David, son-in-law of Nancy Christianson
 Nancy Schild, (non-Hodgkins Lymphoma) former teacher of ILS and member of ILC
 Lee, father of Ashlee Garrett
 Rich Richards
 Barbara LaVere
 Yvonne Lenzen, grandmother of Grace Sierra
 Cathy Nichols with terminal cancer, mother of Cathy Wilson
 David, brother of Larry Habeck
 Don Swisher, step-father of Larry Habeck
 Tracy, cousin of Jacquelyn Hahn
 Lisa Steinbrueck, niece of the Steinbrueck's
 Tom Meyferth

PRAYERS FOR THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY

Safety for... and strength for families:

Kincaide Green, stationed at Sheppard AFB in Wichita Falls, TX
 Robert Lowry
 Joshua Littrel, stationed at Ft. Campbell, KY with the 101st Airborne/Air Assault Division, 3rd Brigade "Rakkasans"
 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
 Samuel Drake, Captain stationed at Holloman AFB in Alamogordo, NM, son of Kerry Drake
 Cpl. Xander Ritter, USMC, stationed at Camp Pendleton, CA
 Gavin Mattson, para-rescue man, stationed in the Panhandle of FL, grandson of Edith Mattson
 Jeremy Brockmeier (USMC) & family, stationed at Camp Pendleton in CA, son of Jerry and Janice Brockmeier
ALSO, FOR ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND FIRST RESPONDERS

PRAYERS FOR OUR FAMILIES

Sunday: Tim & Anna Hall
 Monday: Troy & Crystal Hall, Claire
 Tuesday: Jeff & Kori Hamilton, Zack, Jackson
 Wed: Seth & Krystal Hardesty, Jacob, Lukas, Noah
 Thurs: Peter & Sarah Haupt, Andrew, Asher, Isabel, Caleb
 Friday: Deb Haver
 Saturday: Bob & Ann Heinkel

PRAYERS FOR OUR SCHOOL STUDENTS & FAMILIES

Sunday: Dominic Hall
 Monday: Lukas & Noah Hardesty
 Tuesday: Andrew & Asher Haupt
 Wed: Amir Henry
 Thurs: Yaliana Hernandez
 Friday: Kingston Hicks
 Saturday: Charles Hilker

PRAYER FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Almighty God, Your Son, Jesus Christ, is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Help us to be faithful to Him to death and to receive life eternal. He lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

As we prepare for the Voters' Assembly tomorrow evening, the Call Committee encourages all members to be in prayer for this decision. Please visit the websites for each pastor and ask the Holy Spirit's wisdom and guidance for all of us.

Sermon Links:

Pastor Wayne Huebner (Sermon begins at 23:19)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qwKBg2ukXbk>

Pastor Richard Schneider (Sermon begins 23:35)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SgWQvb3YVs4>

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6-7

Father, Grant us wisdom and guidance from the Holy Spirit as we prepare to extend the call for our Senior Pastor. Give us all the peace we need in making its decision, that You are present and leading us in this decision. In Christ's holy and precious name we pray, Amen.

Your call committee,

Pat Cook, Kerry Drake, Alecia Grever, Jackie Hahn, Jose Lopez, David Miller, Lynda Smith, Judy Steinbrueck, Susan Tumlin