

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

Sixth Sunday of Easter – Happy Mother’s Day

May 14, 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 Dan

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.

Invocation

Pastor: Trusting in the Word of Life given in our baptism, we are gathered together today in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

People: Amen.

Call to Worship for Mother’s Day: *(From Proverbs 31/Psalm 139)*

Pastor: Strength and honor are her clothing; She is confident about the future.

People: Her mouth is full of wisdom; kindly teaching is on her tongue.

Pastor: She is vigilant over the activities of her household;

People: She doesn’t eat the food of laziness.

Pastor: For You formed my inward parts;

People: You knitted me together in my mother’s womb

Pastor: I praise You, for I am wonderfully made.

People: Wonderful are Your works; my soul knows it very well!

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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"Jesus, Name Above All Names"

Jesus, name above all names
Beautiful Savior, glorious Lord
Emmanuel, God is with us,
Blessed Redeemer living Word.

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Pastor: Let us pray
We thank You Lord for our mothers and for the gift of life. You have loved us with an everlasting love and have chosen us to be Your people. By Your life, Lord, 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: "This Little Light of Mine" *Children & Choir*

Children's Message: Ms. Mary – ILS Art Teacher

The First Reading – Acts 17:16-31 *(To be read by Carolyn Clarke)*

¹⁶ Now while Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols.

¹⁷ So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there.

¹⁸ Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, "What does this babbler wish to say?" Others said, "He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities"—because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection.

¹⁹ And they took him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, "May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting?"

²⁰ For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean."

²¹ Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new.

²² So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: "Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious.

²³ For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription: 'To the unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you.

²⁴ The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, ²⁵ nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything.

²⁶ And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, ²⁷ that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, ²⁸ for "In him we live and move and have our being"; as even some of your own poets have said, "For we are indeed his offspring."

²⁹ Being then God's offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man.

³⁰ The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹ because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Epistle Reading – 1 Peter 3:13-22 *(To be read by Carolyn Clarke)*

¹³ Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good?

¹⁴ But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, ¹⁵ but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, ¹⁶ having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame.

¹⁷ For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil.

¹⁸ For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹ in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, ²⁰ because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water.

²¹ Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

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 15th verse.

¹⁵ "If you love me, you will keep my commandments.

¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, ¹⁷ even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

¹⁸ "I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.

¹⁹ Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live.

²⁰ In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you.

²¹ Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him."

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: "Building a Home" *Pastor Dan John 14:15-21*

The Offerings are gathered

Prayers for the Church

The Prayers

Peace & comfort for the family of Cindy Powell, friend of Kim Blomquist
Successful cancer treatments for Lora Swarm, friend of Nancy Trathowen
Healing for Tenesa Lopez
Successful colon surgery & healing for Janet Lopez
Continued healing from surgery for Scott Briggs
Praise & thanksgiving & God's blessings for newborn Isabella, niece of Pastor Miguel & Katherine
Safe & successful mission trip to Honduras for Andrew Hynick and fellow missionaries.

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: "Lamb of God"

Your only Son no sin to hide
But you have sent him from Your side
To walk upon this guilty sod
And to become the Lamb of God

Chorus

O Lamb of God, Sweet Lamb of God
I love the holy Lamb of God!
O wash me in His precious blood
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

(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: "Sometimes by Step"

God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You
God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You.
I will seek You in the morning
And learn to walk in Your ways.
Step by step You lead me,
And I will follow You all of my days.

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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 loving memory of Duane Crouse by Joan Crouse

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

Peace & comfort for the family of Judy Cheatham, friend of Jacquelyn Hahn

God's safety and protection for Kate Tumlin while she studies abroad.

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

Joan Crouse

Brother and sister-in-law of Joan Crouse

Jeff, son of Pat Cook

Lauren, daughter of neighbor of Pat Cook

Niece Cassandra

Piper Clarke

Richard Seedroff

Battling with Cancer or Serious Illness

Cassandra, niece of Pat Cook

Carol Joyner, sister-in-law of Deb Haver

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: Chris & Deb Henry, Brendon, & Emma
Monday: Mario Hernando & Carmen
Tuesday: Cecil & Debbie Hock
Wed: Jeff Hoening, Kerrie, Dirk, Zack & Megan
Thurs: Kathy Hogue, Jim
Friday: Jeff & Grace Houck
Saturday: Beth Hutches, John

PRAYERS FOR OUR SCHOOL STUDENTS & FAMILIES

Sunday RaeLynn & Ronald Hockman
Monday: Zinnia Hodges
Tuesday: Amelia & Aria Ivory
Wed: Elijah Jennings
Thurs: Hailey Jenson
Friday: Elizabeth & Henry Jewett
Saturday: Jeremiah & Jhaariel Joaquin

PRAYER FOR THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Almighty and eternal God, You have assured us that our redemption is complete through the resurrection of Your Son. Give us the will to do in our lives what we profess with our lips; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.