

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 21, 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.

The Invocation *(Please rise)*

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.
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.

Confession and Absolution *(based on Psalm 133—God's Word)*

Pastor: David reminds us in Psalm 133: See how good and pleasant it is when brothers and sisters live together in harmony!

People: We confess that we have not always lived in harmony with our families and loved ones.

Pastor: This harmony is like fine, scented oil on the head, running down the beard—down Aaron's beard—running over the collar of his robes.

People: We confess that we have not always lived in harmony with our friends and neighbors.

Pastor: This harmony is like dew on Mount Hermon, dew that comes down on Zion's mountains.

People: We confess that we have not always lived in harmony with our co-workers and acquaintances

Pastor: The fellowship of believers in "Zion" is where the Lord promised the blessing of eternal life.

People: We confess that we have not always lived in harmony with our brothers and sisters in Your Church. Jesus prays that we be one as He and the Father are one. Lord help this to happen.

astor: Upon this, your confession, I, by the promised and power of Christ Jesus, 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.

People: Amen.

Pastor: We pray together

People: Gracious Lord. You want us to be united, to be as one, like you are with Your Son Jesus. Help us to rely upon You and the Spirit You send into our hearts to remind us that we are called to stand united in our testimony of You. Give us peace and Your grace to help us each and every day. We pray in confidence in Jesus Holy Name. Amen.

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

Hymn: "Come and Let us Worship and Bow Down"

Come let us worship and bow down

Let us kneel before the Lord

Our God our Maker

Come let us worship and bow down

Let us kneel before the Lord

Our God our Maker

For He is our God

And we are the people of His pasture

And the sheep of His hand

Just the sheep of His hand

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"Amazing Grace"

Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound

That saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost but now am found

Was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,

And grace my fears relieved;

How precious did that grace appear

The hour I first believed.

The Lord has promised good to me

His Word my hope secures;

He will my shield and portion be

As long as life endures.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares,

I have already come;

'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,

And grace will lead me home.

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Children’s Message Song: “God is So Good”

God is so good. God is so good.

God is so good. He's so good to me.

He cares for me, He cares for me

He cares for me, He’s so good to me.

Children’s Message: Ms. Bonne Faherty-ILS Principal

The First Reading – Acts 1:12-26

¹² Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away.

¹³ 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.

¹⁴ All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

¹⁵ In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, ¹⁶ “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. ¹⁷ For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.” ¹⁸ (Now this man acquired a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong^[b] he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. ¹⁹ 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.) ²⁰ “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.’

²¹ So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²² 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.”

²³ And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias.

²⁴ And they prayed and said, “You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵ to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.”

²⁶ And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Epistle Reading – 1 Peter 4:12-19, 5:6-11

¹² Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you.

¹³ But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed.

¹⁴ If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you.

¹⁵ But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler.

¹⁶ Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name.

¹⁷ For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God?

¹⁸ And “If the righteous is scarcely saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?”

¹⁹ Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good.

^{5:6} Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, ⁷ casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.

⁸ Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

⁹ Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world.

¹⁰ And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.

¹¹ To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

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 17th chapter of St. John beginning at the 1st verse.

¹ When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you:

² since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him.

³ And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.

⁴ I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. ⁵ And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.

⁶ "I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word.

⁷ Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you.

⁸ For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me.

⁹ I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours.

¹⁰ All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them.

¹¹ And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one.

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: "God Will Make a Way"

God will make a way
Where there seems to be no way
He works in ways we cannot see,
He will make a way for me
He will be my guide, hold me closely to His side
With love and strength for each new day
He will make a way He will make a way

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Sermon: "United in Jesus" *Pastor Haara (All 3 readings of the day)*

The Offerings are gathered

Prayers for the Church

The Prayers

Peace & comfort for the family of Hazel Miller, mother of Jan Fabry
Healing for Celeste Tomaszycski
Strength & comfort for Robert & family, as he is in hospice care, friend of Sandy Goode

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: "Change My Heart O God"

Chorus
Change my heart oh God
Make it ever true
Change my heart oh God
May I be like You

You are the potter
I am the clay
Mold me and make me
This is what I pray

Chorus

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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: "Freely Freely"

Verse 1

God forgave my sin in Jesus' name
I've been born again in Jesus' name
And in Jesus' name I come to you
To share His love as He told me to

Chorus

He said freely freely
You have received
Freely freely give
Go in My name
And because you believe
Others will know that I live

Verse 2

All pow'r is giv'n in Jesus' name
In earth and heav'n in Jesus' name
And in Jesus' name I come to you
To share His pow'r as He told me to

Chorus

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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.

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

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.

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

Tenesa Lopez

Janet Lopez

Scott Briggs

Richard Seedroff

Battling with Cancer or Serious Illness

Lora Swarm, friend of Nancy Trathowen

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: Aaron & Donna Hynick,
Andrew & Jonah
Monday: Lynette Irani, Perin
Tuesday: Bonny Jacobi
Wed: Nicholas & Julie Jewett,
Henry & Elizabeth
Thurs: Ray & Beth Kelp
Friday: Ron Klettlinger
Saturday: Ruth Krause

**PRAYERS FOR OUR SCHOOL
STUDENTS & FAMILIES**

Sunday Jason & Madison Johnson
Monday: Olivia Jones
Tuesday: Jeremiah & Sabella Joseph
Wed: Ava & Mya Josey
Thurs: Leo Kahelin
Friday: Johanna Kannamala
Saturday: Amirah Keller

**PRAYER FOR THE
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Almighty Father, Your Son prayed for His disciples to remain one, as You and He are one. Keep Your Church bound together in love and obedience to You, so that the world may believe in Him whom You have sent. Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please take this scripture and prayer that the Call Committee has prepared and place it on your refrigerator or in a spot where you can see it often. We would encourage all of our Immanuel family to memorize the scripture verse each week and to daily lift each other in prayer

But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently. Romans 8:25

Father, we thank You that our Savior knows the intensity of our struggle. Give us strength to believe Your promises as we continue wait for the response from Pastor Schneider. We pray the Holy Spirit's guidance for Pastor Schneider, that You would bless him and his family with the firm conviction of Your will. We pray this in the name of Your Son and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen