

# IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024—10:15am

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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 Phil

## Hymn: "Lamb of God"

Verse 1

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

Oh Lamb of God sweet Lamb of God  
I love the holy Lamb of God  
Oh wash me in His precious blood  
My Jesus Christ the Lamb of God

Verse 2

Your gift of love they crucified  
They laughed and scorned Him as He died  
The humble King they named a fraud  
And sacrificed the Lamb of God

*Chorus*

Verse 3

I was so lost I should have died  
But You have brought me to Your side  
To be led by Your staff and rod  
And to be called a lamb of God

*Chorus*

## Invocation

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

**People:** Amen.

## **Confession and Absolution**

Pastor: Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd who lays down his life for us. You promise to lead us in paths of righteousness, but we confess that we are not always willing to follow. We stray and go our own way. We think we know what is best and follow our own schemes and devices. We reject your lordship and leadership. But we find ourselves suffering in the consequences of our poor choices. Forgive us for our unwillingness to follow you and restore us to your green pastures. Amen.

**Children's Message:** *Pastor Phil*

## **The First Reading – Acts 8:26-40**

<sup>26</sup> Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is a desert place.

<sup>27</sup> And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship <sup>28</sup> and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah.

<sup>29</sup> And the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over and join this chariot."

<sup>30</sup> So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?"

<sup>31</sup> And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.

<sup>32</sup> Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter and like a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he opens not his mouth.

<sup>33</sup> In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth."

<sup>34</sup> And the eunuch said to Philip, "About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?"

<sup>35</sup> Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus.

<sup>36</sup> And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?"

<sup>38</sup> And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him.

<sup>39</sup> And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing.

<sup>40</sup> But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **The Epistle Reading – 1 John 4:1-11**

<sup>1</sup> Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world.

<sup>2</sup> By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, <sup>3</sup> and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already.

<sup>4</sup> Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.

<sup>5</sup> They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them.

<sup>6</sup> We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

<sup>7</sup> Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God.

<sup>8</sup> Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.

<sup>9</sup> In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him.

<sup>10</sup> In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

<sup>11</sup> Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

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**People: Thanks be to God.**

### **The Gospel**

Pastor: The Holy Gospel is written in the 15<sup>th</sup> chapter of St. John beginning at the 1<sup>st</sup> verse

**People: Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser.

<sup>2</sup> Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit.

<sup>3</sup> Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you.

<sup>4</sup> Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me.

<sup>5</sup> I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

<sup>6</sup> If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned.

<sup>7</sup> If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

<sup>8</sup> By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**People: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

### **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 the life everlasting. Amen**

## Hymn: "Jesus Messiah"

### Verse 1

He became sin who knew no sin  
That we might become His righteousness  
He humbled Himself and carried the cross  
Love so amazing love so amazing

### Chorus

Jesus Messiah Name above all names  
Blessed Redeemer Emmanuel  
The Rescue for sinners  
The Ransom from heaven  
Jesus Messiah Lord of all

### Verse 2

His body the bread His blood the wine  
Broken and poured out all for love  
The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn  
Love so amazing love so amazing

### *Chorus*

### Bridge

All our hope is in You  
All our hope is in You  
All the glory to You God  
The Light of the world

### *Chorus*

**Sermon** – "I am the Vine, You Are the Branches"      *John 15:1-8*      *Pastor Phil*

## Offerings are gathered

## Prayer of the Church

### The Prayers

Successful cancer treatment for Edith Boerner, friend of Jeannine DePaola  
Successful cancer treatment for Kelsey Hilscher, friend of Jeannine DePaola  
Successful surgery for Michael DePaola

*(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 is Celebrated

Pastor: The Consecration of the Bread and Wine

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

**Distribution Hymn – “Give Thanks”**

Chorus

Give thanks with a grateful heart

Give thanks to the Holy One

Give thanks because He's given

Jesus Christ His Son *Repeat*

Verse 1

And now let the weak say I am strong

Let the poor say I am rich

Because of what the Lord has done for us *Repeat*

*Chorus*

Ending

Give thanks

*(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.**

**The Closing: “Seek Ye First”**

Verse 1

Seek ye first the kingdom of God

And His righteousness

And all these things Shall be added unto you

Allelu alleluia

Verse 2

Man shall not live by bread alone

But by ev'ry word

That proceeds From the mouth of God

Allelu alleluia

Verse 3

Ask and it shall be given unto you  
Seek and ye shall find  
Knock and the door  
Shall be opened unto you  
Allelu alleluia

**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**

Peace & comfort for the family of Nelson Ludke

Peace & comfort for the family of Lora Swarr, friend of the Trathowen's

Safe travels for Pastor Miguel and Katherine

Praise and thanks for Pastor Phil and all God is doing through him already here at Immanuel. Continued strength, energy and guidance for Pastor Phil and Pastor Miguel as they form relationships and further God's Kingdom in Brandon through the English and the Hispanic ministries at Immanuel.

**Healing or Good Test Results**

Sue Steenis

Pam Murphy

Harold Blanton, father of Colleen Webb

Stephanie Winn

Kathy Hogue

**Battling with Cancer or Serious Illness**

Brother of the Kelps

Adam, nephew of the Kelp's

Karen Webb, with ALS, neighbor of Pat Cook

Carson Cox, boyfriend of Kim Blomquist

Don Monahan, friend of Cathy Wilson

Terry McCann, friend of the Plumb's

Don Swisher, step-father of Larry Habeck

Fred Wiener, friend of the Habeck's

Ronnie Tumlin, brother of Joe Tumlin

Rev. Stu Merkle, cousin of Nancy Trathowen

Carol Guiler, Pat Cook's sister.

Andrew Hynick, father of Aaron Hynick

Heather Boatwright, friend of Cindy Szczesny

David, son-in-law of Nancy Christianson

Cassandra, niece of Steve & Pat Cook  
Walt Nea  
Christine Van Etten  
Barbara LaVere  
Cathy Nichols with terminal cancer, mother of Cathy Wilson  
Tom Meyferth

**PRAYERS FOR THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY**

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

Kincaide Green, stationed at Mountain Home AFB, Idaho  
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  
Gavin Mattson, para-rescue man, stationed in the Panhandle of FL, grandson of Edith Mattson

**ALSO, FOR ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND FIRST RESPONDERS**

**PRAYERS FOR OUR FAMILIES**

Sunday: Reynald & Lauren Lopez, Bellamy  
Monday: Teresa Lopez  
Tuesday: Beverly Lowe  
Wed: Lucia Ludke  
Thurs: Beverly & Fran Mackey  
Friday: Joise & Ridiana Martin, Nicholas, Charlie & Abriana  
Saturday: Shirley Martin

**PRAYERS FOR OUR SCHOOL STUDENTS & FAMILIES**

Sunday Nate Gennille  
Monday: Maliya Gill  
Tuesday: Lincoln Gloetzner  
Wed: Sione Gomes  
Thurs: Liam Goncalves  
Friday: Avigail & Eliana Gonzalez  
Saturday: Dontae Gonzalez

**PRAYER FOR THE  
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

*Risen and ascended Lord, You are the vine and we are the branches. Apart from You there is no life. By Baptism You have grafted us into Your gracious life. Cause Your Word to abide in us and make us fruitful to the glory of Your Father, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*