

# IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

Sixth Sunday of Easter - Confirmation

May 5, 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

## Song: "Living Hope"

### Verse 1

How great the chasm that lay between us  
How high the mountain I could not climb  
In desperation I turned to heaven  
And spoke Your name into the night  
Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness  
Tore through the shadows of my soul  
The work is finished the end is written  
Jesus Christ my living hope

### Verse 2

Who could imagine so great a mercy  
What heart could fathom such boundless grace  
The God of ages stepped down from glory  
To wear my sin and bear my shame  
The cross has spoken I am forgiven  
The King of kings calls me His own  
Beautiful Savior I'm Yours forever  
Jesus Christ my living hope

### Chorus

Hallelujah praise the One who set me free  
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me  
You have broken every chain  
There's salvation in Your name  
Jesus Christ my living hope

### Verse 3

Then came the morning that sealed the promise  
Your buried body began to breathe  
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion  
Declared the grave has no claim on me  
Jesus Yours is the victory whoa

### Ending

Jesus Christ my living hope  
Oh God You are my living hope

### Invocation

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

**People:** **Amen.**

### Confession and Absolution

**People:** **Lord, we have not always loved you with all our heart, soul, and strength. We have not always loved our neighbor as ourselves. Instead of obedience to your commandments we do what we want to do. We are more in love with ourselves and our sin than anything else. We realize that we do not deserve your love. We ask that you would have mercy on us and forgive us. Create in us a clean heart and renew in us a right spirit that yearns to do your will. Help us every day to love as you have loved us. Amen.**

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

#### The First Reading – Acts 10:34-48

<sup>34</sup> So Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup> but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.

<sup>36</sup> As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), <sup>37</sup> you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: <sup>38</sup> how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

<sup>39</sup> And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, <sup>40</sup> but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, <sup>41</sup> not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.

<sup>42</sup> And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead.

<sup>43</sup> To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

<sup>44</sup> While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word.

<sup>45</sup> And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles.

<sup>46</sup> For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, <sup>47</sup> "Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?"

<sup>48</sup> And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

**Pastor:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

### **The Epistle Reading – 1 John 5:1-8**

<sup>1</sup> Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him.

<sup>2</sup> By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments.

<sup>3</sup> For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome.

<sup>4</sup> For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.

<sup>5</sup> Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

<sup>6</sup> This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth.

<sup>7</sup> For there are three that testify: <sup>8</sup> the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

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 9<sup>th</sup> verse

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

<sup>9</sup> As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love.

<sup>10</sup> If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love.

<sup>11</sup> These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

<sup>12</sup> "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

<sup>13</sup> Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.

<sup>14</sup> You are my friends if you do what I command you.

<sup>15</sup> No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you.

<sup>16</sup> You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you.

<sup>17</sup> These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

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**

### **Song: "Thy Word"**

Chorus

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

Verse 1

When I feel afraid And I 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

*Chorus*

Verse 2

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

*Chorus*

**Sermon**

**Offerings are gathered**

**THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION**

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*Confirmand Parents and Relatives: While this is a very special occasion for your child, we also want to keep the sense of this being a worship service giving all glory and honor to God. We request that you refrain from any filming or photography during the service. Pastor will reenact anything after the service. Please remember we are doing this out of respect and reverence for our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.*

*Sponsors and Godparents of Confirmand's may stand at the time their confirmation student's name is called.*

*Parents of the Confirmands – please come forward with your child and stand behind them at the communion rail. Godparent's & family members- please remain at the pew and stand when your Confirmand's name is announced.*

**Blessing of the Confirmands**

*Jacob Aaron Ressler*

*Thomas Jeremiah Ressler*

*Miles Jameson Rubocki*

**Prayer of the Church**

**The Prayers**

Peace & comfort for the family of brother of Jackie, friend of Joan Crouse  
Comfort, strength & healing for Tim Swarr, friend of the Trathowen's  
Successful back surgery & healing for Carol Hill, mother of Angie Rodriguez  
Healing from knee replacement for Sara Howard, sister of Angie Rodriguez  
Safe travels for Joe & Susan Tumlin

*(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 Song– “You Are My King (Amazing Love)”**

Verse 1

I'm forgiven Because You  
were forsaken I'm accepted  
You were condemned I'm alive and well  
Your Spirit is within me Because You died  
And rose again

*Repeat*

Chorus 1

Amazing love How can it be  
That You my King Would die for me  
Amazing love I know it's true  
It's my joy to honor You In all I do I honor You

*Verse 1*

Ending

You are my King  
You are my King  
Jesus You are my King  
Jesus You are my King

*Chorus*

*(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: “Everlasting God”**

### Verse 1

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord  
We will wait upon the Lord  
We will wait upon the Lord  
Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord  
We will wait upon the Lord  
We will wait upon the Lord  
Our God You reign forever  
Our Hope our strong Deliv'rer

### Chorus 1

You are the everlasting God  
The everlasting God  
You do not faint  
You won't grow weary  
You're the defender of the weak  
You comfort those in need  
You lift us up on wings like eagles  
*Repeat all*

### 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 memory of Charles Lemke, by Irene Davis, Tim, Danny & Kathy Garcia and in honor of the 21<sup>st</sup> birthday of Will & Wendy Proeschel**

*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 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

Edith Boerner, friend of Jeannine DePaola  
 Kelsey Hilscher, friend of Jeannine DePaola  
 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: Steven Massey, Marco  
 Monday: Edith Mattson  
 Tuesday: Pat McMullen  
 Wed: Tom & Wilma Meyferth  
 Thurs: Martina & David Miller  
 Friday: William & Jessica Mooney, Luke  
 Saturday: Fran & Beverly Mackey

**PRAYERS FOR OUR SCHOOL STUDENTS & FAMILIES**

Sunday Emily Gonzalez-Milo  
 Monday: Avery, Charlie & Evelyn Graf  
 Tuesday: Emily & Isabella Guevara  
 Wed: Isabella Gutierrez  
 Thurs: Bobby Gutierrez, Jr.  
 Friday: Leonardo Guzman  
 Saturday: Matthew Guzman

**PRAYER FOR  
THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

*Risen and ascended Lord, while we were still in our sins You chose us, laid down Your life for us, and called us friends. By Your great love for us, inspire us to love one another and to go out into the world to bear fruit according to Your promise, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*