



**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**10:30 A.M. Worship with Eucharist  
May 6, 2018**

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# Welcome!

**Immanuel Lutheran Church is a Reconciling in Christ congregation.  
We welcome people of every age and size, color and culture, every sexual orientation and gender identity, socio-economic status and marital status, every ability and challenge.  
We welcome believers and questioners, and questioning believers.**

We're glad God has called you here today! If you're a guest, please feel free to introduce yourself to our pastor or assisting minister. If you would, sign the guest book in the Gathering Area or fill in a guest card, and we'll be happy to send information on how you can get involved at Immanuel.

## Facilities

- Our parking lot is located on the south side of the church off Sherman Avenue. You may park in the lot at any time, whether for church events or for shopping or other errands in downtown Evanston; weekdays, see the church office at the Lake St. entrance to get a parking pass. On Sundays, additional parking is available across the street at the Holiday Inn or in Lot 6 on Lake St. across from the Police and Fire Headquarters. Parking meters are free on Sunday!
- The parking lot entrance is an accessible entrance. An elevator is located just inside that door.
- Restrooms are downstairs near the meeting of the two hallways. Accessible restrooms are located near the elevator on both upper and lower levels. A gender-neutral restroom is located on the lower level by the elevator.
- We love having children in worship! There is a nursery and changing/crying room for parents to use, if needed, located downstairs. There are also changing tables in both restrooms on this level, by the elevator. An usher will be happy to direct you.
- Hearing assistance is available. Ask an usher for equipment.
- Wi-Fi is available throughout most of the building. The network is "Immanuel," password "allarewelcome". Please use the Internet responsibly!

## About Our Worship

Our Sunday worship is organized around the proclamation of the Word of God and the celebration of the Lord's Supper. It has a familiar form each week, but the content changes for each service according to a calendar shared with many other Christians. Our hymnal, *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, is organized so that page numbers for the liturgy are in the front part of the book, while hymn numbers are in the second part. The liturgy and hymns are printed in this bulletin, but page numbers are provided for those who wish to follow along in the hymnal.

## Receiving Holy Communion

We invite you to share with us in the sacramental meal, because Christ himself invites you! At the direction of the usher, come forward if you are able, and stand around the altar, starting at the walls. Receive the bread in the palm of your hand. (Gluten-free wafers are available. Just ask the pastor.) You may eat it immediately, then take the silver chalice and drink from it or, if you prefer, take a small cup from the tray. The cups in the outer ring contain wine. The cups in the center contain grape juice. As you return to your seat place your empty cup in the trays provided at the ends of the front pews. Return to your place via the side aisles after you have communed. If you need to have Communion brought to you, please sit on the aisle, and let either the pastor or an usher know before the service that you would like to commune at your seat. If you desire a blessing but not the sacrament, you are invited to come forward with everyone else and fold your arms over your chest to indicate this.

## Gathering: *The Holy Spirit assembles us as the People of God ...*

*This Sunday's image of the life the risen Christ shares with us is the image of friendship. We are called to serve others as Jesus came to serve; but for John's gospel, the image of servanthood is too hierarchical, too distant, to capture the essence of life with Christ. Friendship captures the love, the joy, the deep mutuality of the relationship into which Christ invites us. The Greeks believed that true friends are willing to die for each other. This is the mutual love of Christian community commanded by Christ and enabled by the Spirit.*

**P:** Presiding Minister   **L:** Leader/Assisting Minister   **R:** Reader   **A:** Assembly  
+ All may make the sign of the cross.

### Pre-Service Music

### Confession and Forgiveness

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,  
the fountain of living water,  
the rock who gave us birth,  
our light and our salvation.

**A Amen.**

P Let us come into the light, the revealing and healing light of God.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P God of grace and glory,

**A you have brought us through the night of sin  
into the light of Jesus' resurrection.**

**Yet our lives are still shadowed by sin.**

**Make us alive in Christ, O God.**

**Make us new as you make all things new.**

**Rescue us from evil and the gloom of sin,**

**renew us in grace,**

**and restore us to living in your holiness,**

**through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.**

P Rejoice with all creation around God's throne!

The light of the risen Christ  
puts to flight all evil deeds, washes away sin,  
restores innocence to the fallen,  
casts out hate, brings peace,  
and humbles earthly pride.

+ Jesus Christ loves you

and frees you from your sins by his blood.

To him be glory and dominion forever and ever!

**A Amen.**

Gathering Song

"We Are Called" Hymnal 720



1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the  
 2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your . . mer - cy to all those in  
 3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be



Lord! We are called to be light for the king - dom, to  
 fear! We are called to be hope for the hope - less so  
 one! God will reign, and we'll walk with each oth - er as



live in the free - dom of the cit - y of God.  
 ha - tred and blind - ness . . . will be . . . no more.  
 sis - ters and broth - ers . . . u - nit - ed in love.



*Refrain*  
 We are called to act with jus - tice, we are called to



love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -



oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

**Greeting** *(The Easter acclamation is repeated three times.)*

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**A Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P The grace of our risen Lord Jesus, the love of God, who raised him from the dead,  
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit who breathes new life into us, be with you all.

**A And also with you!**

# Kyrie

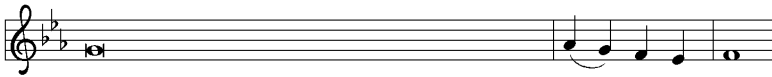
Hymnal p. 98



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



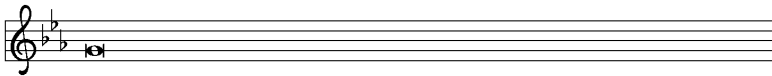
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



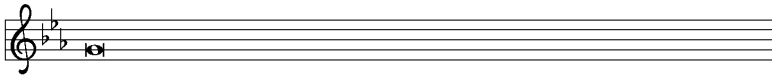
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.  
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and  
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.  
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

## **Prayer of the Day**

P Let us pray. O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**A Amen.**

*The Assembly is seated.*

## **Welcome and Announcements**

**Reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

**Acts 10:44-48**

*While Peter shares the good news of Jesus with a Gentile soldier and his family, the Holy Spirit comes upon them. Recognizing that the Spirit works inclusively in the lives of both Jews and Gentiles, Peter commands that these Gentiles also be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.*

R A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

<sup>44</sup>While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. <sup>45</sup>The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, <sup>46</sup>for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, <sup>47</sup>"Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" <sup>48</sup>So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

R Word of God, word of life.

**A Thanks be to God!**

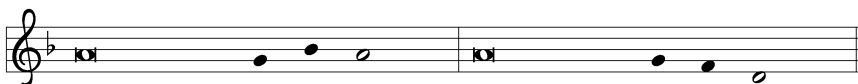
**Psalm 98**

**ELW Psalm Tone 9**

*The organ will play the tone, and then the refrain, and then the Assembly will sing the refrain through. The right side of the Assembly sings lightface verses to the tone, and the left sings boldfaced verses.*

*All sing the refrain where indicated by "R."*

**Tone:**



**Refrain:**



<sup>1</sup>Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done | marvelous things,  
whose right hand and holy arm have | won the victory.

<sup>2</sup>**O LORD, you have made | known your victory,  
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight | of the nations.**

<sup>3</sup>You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the | house of Israel;  
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory | of our God.

<sup>4</sup>**Shout with joy to the LORD, | all you lands;  
lift up your voice, re- | joice, and sing. R [cont.]**



<sup>5</sup>Sing to the LORD<sup>1</sup> with the harp,  
with the harp and the<sup>1</sup> voice of song.

<sup>6</sup>**With trumpets and the sound<sup>1</sup> of the horn  
shout with joy before the<sup>1</sup> king, the LORD.**

<sup>7</sup>Let the sea roar, and<sup>1</sup> all that fills it,  
the world and those who<sup>1</sup> dwell therein.

<sup>8</sup>**Let the rivers<sup>1</sup> clap their hands,  
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to<sup>1</sup> judge the earth.**

<sup>9</sup>The LORD will judge the<sup>1</sup> world with righteousness  
and the peo-<sup>1</sup> ples with equity. **R**

## Reading from the New Testament

**1 John 5:1-6**

*God's children believe that Jesus is the Messiah and love God by keeping God's commandments. Thus the world is conquered not through military might but through love and faith.*

R A reading from the First Letter of John.

<sup>1</sup>Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. <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 the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, <sup>4</sup>for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. <sup>5</sup>Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

<sup>6</sup>This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

R Word of God, word of life.

**A Thanks be to God!**

*The Assembly stands to greet the Good News of Jesus.*

## Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
*Repeat alleluia*

Those who love me will keep my word, and my Fa- | ther will love them,\* and we will come to them and make our | home with them.

## Gospel

**John 15:9-17**

*On the night of his arrest, Jesus delivers a final testimony to his disciples to help them in the days ahead. Here, he repeats the most important of all his commands, that they love one another.*

P This is the Good News of Jesus Christ according to John.

**A Glory to you, O Lord!**

[Jesus said:] <sup>9</sup>“As the Father has loved me, so I have 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>I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. <sup>12</sup>“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup>I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. <sup>16</sup>You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. <sup>17</sup>I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

**A Praise to you, O Christ!**

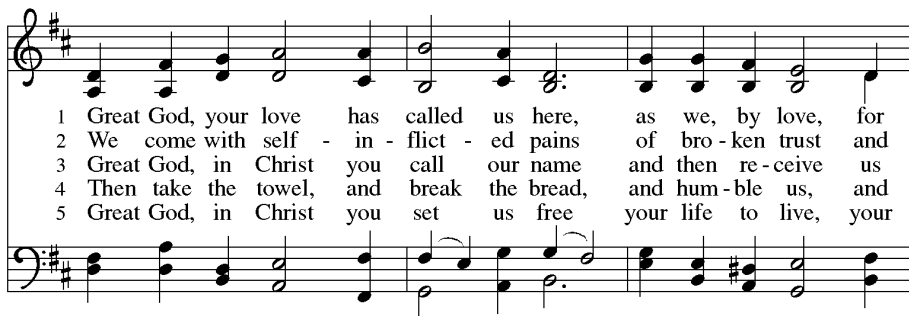
*The Gospel Acclamation is sung once again. The Assembly is then seated.*

## Sermon

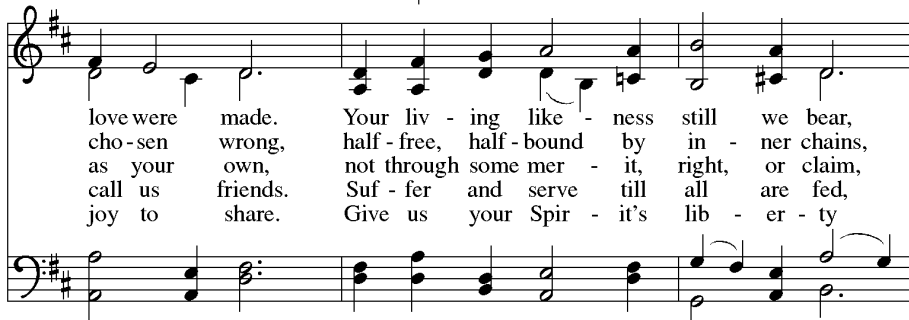
*A bell will chime to begin a time of silence for reflection.*

*During this time, you may want to meditate on one word or phrase from the scriptures or from the sermon that stands out to you, asking the Spirit to show you how it applies to your own life.*

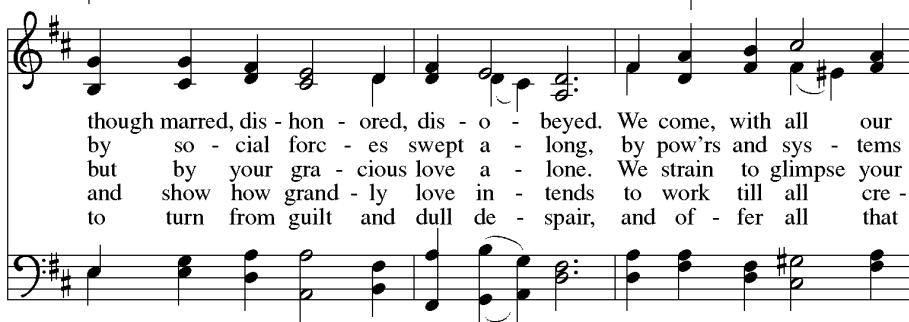
*When the bell sounds a second time, the Assembly stands to respond to the Word.*




1 Great God, your love has called us here, as we, by love, for  
 2 We come with self - in - flict - ed pains of bro - ken trust and  
 3 Great God, in Christ you call our name and then re - ceive us  
 4 Then take the towel, and break the bread, and hum - ble us, and  
 5 Great God, in Christ you set us free your life to live, your



love were made. Your liv - ing like - ness still we bear,  
 cho - sen wrong, half - free, half - bound by in - ner chains,  
 as your own, not through some mer - it, right, or claim,  
 call us friends. Suf - fer and serve till all are fed,  
 joy to share. Give us your Spir - it's lib - er - ty



though marred, dis - hon - ored, dis - o - beyed. We come, with all our  
 by so - cial forc - es swept a - long, by pow'rs and sys - tems  
 but by your gra - cious love a - lone. We strain to glimpse your  
 and show how grand - ly love in - tends to work till all cre -  
 to turn from guilt and dull de - spair, and of - fer all that



heart and mind your call to hear, your love to find.  
 close con - fined, yet seek - ing hope for hu - man - kind.  
 mer - cy seat and find you kneel - ing at our feet.  
 a - tion sings, to fill all worlds, to crown all things.  
 faith can do while love is mak - ing all things new.

## The Nicene Creed

L With the whole Church, let us profess our faith.

**A We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation**

**he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the + resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## Prayers of the People

L Rejoicing in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we pray for the witness of the church, the wholeness of creation, and all who are in need.

L Holy God, your voice calls us to worship. Where discord bellows within the church, unite us in harmony. Where we lack direction, guide us in singing your song with our unique voices. We pray for our bishops, Elizabeth and Wayne, our pastor, Keith, our president, Sara, our Council, and for all whom you have called here in your name. Hear us, O God.

**A Your mercy is great.**

L Creative Lord, your melodies formed the earth and all that is in it. Receive the roar of the sea and the rhythmic clap of the rivers. Rejoice as the hills ring out in praise. Hear us, O God.

**A Your mercy is great.**

L Holy One, you hear all our moans and groans. Where songs of lament resound, send us to listen. Send us to comfort. Send us to build relationships rooted in your justice and peace. Hear us, O God.

**A Your mercy is great.**

L Sing your song to the estranged and all who suffer alone. Accompany those in bondage to addictions, and the frightened who have no one to turn to. Give rest to overworked caregivers and people living with schizophrenia. Today we pray the sick and grieving, especially Serena Bernstein, Margaret Carlson, Lynn Carson, Barb Engelsen, Bob Fried, Virginia Giraldo, Jennifer Grethe, Dick Heisler, Judy Hokenson, Ron Laudert, the Shiff family, Joe Skelton, John and Doris Strom, and those we name now aloud or in our hearts [...]. Hear us, O God.

**A Your mercy is great.**

L Eternal Song, you call us to share our gifts for your glory. We thank you and praise you for our musicians and vocalists, choir director and hymnwriters. Bless all who lead and all who sing in worship. Hear us, O God.

**A Your mercy is great.**

L And now, sisters and brothers, for what else shall we pray?

*The petitions and thanksgivings of the Assembly, silent or spoken aloud, are invited.*

L Let us pray.

**A Your mercy is great.**

L Your goodness echoes through all time with the songs of the saints. Thank you for all the disciples who have mentored us through their gift of music. Keep your song within us this day and always. Hear us, O God.

**A Your mercy is great.**

P We entrust all our prayers to you, gracious God. Receive them by the power of the Holy Spirit and the love of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**A Amen.**

## Peace

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

**A And also with you.**

*Greet one another in the peace of the Risen Christ, saying "Peace be with you," "The peace of the Lord," or similar words. If you prefer not to shake hands, you might raise your hand in a gesture of blessing as you speak peace to your neighbors. After the Peace, all return to their seats.*

**Meal: God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ ...**

**Offering** An offering is gathered for doing God's mission, including the care of those in need.

**Offering Music**

"Love One Another" Anne Krentz Organ

**Presentation of the Gifts**

"Our Paschal Lamb, That Sets Us Free"

Our Pas - chal Lamb, that sets us free, is sac - ri - ficed. Oh,  
keep the feast of free - dom gal - lant - ly; let al - le - lu - ia\$  
leap: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! A -  
gain sing al - le - lu - ia, cry a - loud: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system starts with a 4-measure rest for the piano accompaniment. The second system starts with a 4-measure rest for the piano accompaniment. The third system starts with an 8-measure rest for the piano accompaniment. The fourth system starts with a 12-measure rest for the piano accompaniment.

## Offering Prayer

L Let us pray.

**A Be known to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, as you were made known to the disciples. Receive these gifts, and the offering of our lives, that we may be your risen body in the world. Amen.**

## The Great Thanksgiving

### Dialogue

P The Lord be with you.

**A And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

**A We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**A It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### Preface

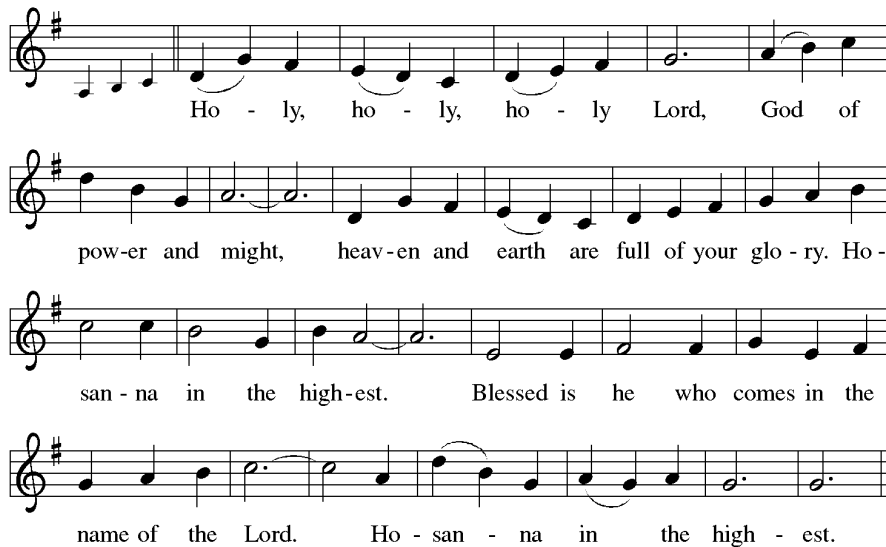
P It is indeed right to give you our thanks and praise, O God, for you are the Lord of wonderful deeds who fills the earth with mercy, justice and love. You created the world and all that live here; the seas, rivers and hills roar their praise. Through your people you revealed your commandments and your merciful love to all the world.

You came among us in your beloved Son, Jesus, who makes us your friends by planting your word within us and leading us to abide in your love forever. He was crucified and buried, but through your victorious power he was born again from the deep waters of death, and his resurrection power will conquer the world. Now he is pouring out your Holy Spirit on all who believe, without distinction, and bringing everyone who loves you and follows your ways to new birth as your children.

Therefore, with hearts full of gratitude, we sing joyfully, giving thanks to you, who are both Father and Mother to us, at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We join our voices with Julian of Norwich, Victor the Moor, Nicolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf, and with all your holy ones of all times and places. With earth and all its creatures, with sun, moon, and stars, with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your Name, and join their unending hymn:

## Holy, Holy, Holy

Hymnal, p. 108



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Thanksgiving at the Table

- P We give you thanks, Holy One,  
through Jesus Christ, your beloved Son,  
whom you sent in this end of the ages  
to save and redeem us and to proclaim to us your will.
- He is your Word, inseparable from you,  
through whom you created all things,  
and in whom you take delight.
- He is your Word, sent from heaven to a virgin's womb.  
He there took on our nature and our lot  
and was shown forth as your Son,  
born of the Holy Spirit and of the virgin Mary.
- He, our Lord Jesus, fulfilled all your will  
and won for you a holy people;  
he stretched out his hands in suffering  
in order to free from suffering those who trust you.
- He is the one who, handed over to a death he freely accepted,  
in order to destroy death, to break the bonds of the evil one,  
to crush hell underfoot, to give light to the righteous,  
to establish his covenant, and to show forth the resurrection,  
taking bread and giving thanks to you, said:
- Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.



In the same way he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, then, his death and resurrection,  
we take this bread and cup,  
giving you thanks that you have made us worthy  
to stand before you and to serve you as your priestly people.

Send your Spirit upon these gifts of your church;  
gather into one all who share this bread and wine;  
fill us with your Holy Spirit to establish our faith in truth,  
that we may praise and glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ;  
through whom all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father,  
with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, both now and forever.

**A Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**A Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.  
Your kingdom come, your will be done  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

### **The Breaking of the Bread and Invitation**

L Now let us feast this Easter day  
on Christ, the bread of heaven. Hallelujah!

**A Thanks be to God!**

### **Distribution of Holy Communion**

*The Assembly is seated. Please come forward as the ushers direct, and as you are able.*

*See the inside front cover for instructions concerning Holy Communion.*

*During the Easter season, we stand to commune, rather than kneel, as a sign of resurrected life.*

Communion Song

"Lamb of God" Hymnal p. 112

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -  
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

1 Draw us in the Spir-it's teth - er, for when hum - bly  
 2 As dis - ci - ples used to gath - er in the name of  
 3 All our meals and all our liv - ing make as sac - ra -

in your name two or three are met to - geth - er,  
 Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the giv - er  
 ments of you, that by car - ing, help-ing, giv - ing,

you are in the midst of them. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 break the bread and bless the cup, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 we may be dis - ci - ples true. Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Touch we now your gar - ment's hem.  
 Al - le - lu - ia! so now bind our friend - ship up.  
 Al - le - lu - ia! We will serve with faith a - new.

*The Assembly stands when directed by the Presiding Minister.*

### Blessing after Communion

P The body and blood of our + Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

A Amen.

## Post-Communion Song

## “Our Paschal Lamb That Sets Us Free”

Let all our lives now cel - e - brate the feast; let mal - ice  
Let all our deeds, u - nan - i - mous, con - fess him as our

die. Let love grow strong a - new, and great, let truth stamp out the  
Lord who by the Spir - it lives in us, the Fa - ther's liv - ing

lie. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! A -  
Word. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! A -

gain sing al - le - lu - ia, cry a - loud! Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
gain sing al - le - lu - ia, cry a - loud! Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are placed below the vocal line. The first system covers measures 1-3, the second system measures 4-7, the third system measures 8-11, and the fourth system measures 12-15. The score ends with a double bar line.

## Prayer after Communion

**L** Let us pray. Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

**A** Amen.

**Sending:** *God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world ...*

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**Sending of Communion**

P Let us pray. Gracious God, loving all your family with a mother's tender care: As you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread, assist those who set forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are sick or homebound. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those who will receive this sacrament, and give us all the comfort of your abiding presence through the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**A Amen.**

**Sending Song** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" *(printed on following page)* **Hymnal 631**

*Please turn as the cross passes you to face the doors through which you will be sent out in mission.*

**Blessing**

P Go now, and bear fruit for God, fruit that will last. As Christ has loved you, so love one another, and abide always in God's love, that your joy may be complete.

And may God give you all you ask for in Christ's name;  
May + Christ Jesus reveal to you God's ways and call you his friends;  
And may the Holy Spirit confirm the truth within you and make your joy complete.

**A Amen.**

**Dismissal**

L Go in peace. Share the Good News!  
Jesus Christ is risen! Alleluia!

**A Christ is risen indeed!  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Postlude**

*Please stay for a time of fellowship immediately following the service.  
Refreshments today are provided as a "thank you" from the Farmer's Market.  
Come enjoy one another's company and hear about all the opportunities for service and community!*

**Serving in worship today...**

Presiding Minister ..... Pr. Keith Fry  
Assisting Minister ..... Kit McCarthy  
Acolyte ..... Chris Djuric  
Lector ..... Kathryn Skelton  
Communion Minister ..... Susan Ross  
Organist ..... Greg Hummel  
Table Preparation ..... Kathryn Skelton  
Communion Bread ..... Linda Edlund  
Ushers ..... Steve Warner & Terri Hummel

## Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to  
 2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry  
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy  
 4 Fin - ish then thy cre - a - tion, pure and spot - less

earth come down! Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy  
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us  
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er -  
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,  
 find thy prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;  
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,  
 ly re - stored in thee! Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with  
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as  
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee  
 till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.  
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.  
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.  
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!

## **This Week's Commemorations**

### **Julian of Norwich, renewer of the church, d. ca. 1416**

**Tuesday, May 8, 2018**

When she was about thirty years old, Julian (or Juliana) reported visions that she later compiled into a book, *Sixteen Revelations of Divine Love*, now a classic of medieval mysticism. The visions declared that love was the meaning of religious experience, provided by Christ who is love, for the purpose of love.

### **Victor the Moor, martyr, d. 303**

**Tuesday, May 8, 2018**

Also known as Victor Maurus, this native of the northwest African nation of Mauritania was a soldier in the Roman Praetorian Guard. Under the persecution of Maximian, Victor died for his faith at Milan.

### **Nicolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf, renewer of the church, hymnwriter, d. 1760**

**Wednesday, May 9, 2018**

When he was 22, a group of Moravians asked permission to live on Count Zinzendorf's land. He agreed, and eventually worldwide Moravian missions emanated from this community. Zinzendorf participated in these missions, and is also remembered for writing hymns characteristic of his Pietistic faith.

## Held in God's Embrace

What does it look like to abide? Abiding means remaining, staying, dwelling. Abiding might look like living in the same community for decades and being deeply rooted in its common life and mission. It could look like a long friendship or marriage in which two people continue to walk together through all that comes in life. It may look like the strong and enduring love a parent has for a child. What does abiding look like to you?

Today as you hear Jesus' words, "abide in my love," consider that image of a parent's love for a child. In the gospel Jesus refers to God as "Father," and today's reading from 1 John uses parental language to speak about Jesus' and our relationship with God. Imagine God as a father stretching out his arms to us, or a mother welcoming us into her embrace. "Climb on in. Abide here. Let my love surround you on all sides. Let it nourish you and warm you. Let your heart beat right alongside mine."

This is indeed what God says to us in baptism. Baptism is the moment when we are born of God, and so it is only natural that this God's arms should scoop us up, giving us a place to dwell, to abide, forever.

If this description of abiding feels too passive for those who are called in baptism to bear "God's creative and redeeming word to all the world" (*Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, p. 231), consider this: if you are tucked into God's embrace, you are not going to live a stationary life. You will go where God goes, to the people God serves, to the banged up and brokenhearted. You will move as God moves and go where God goes.

You have been born anew. Now nestle into God's embrace.

## Upcoming Events

Sunday, May 13

Adult Spiritual Growth Class 9:00 AM

Worship, Feast of the Ascension (*observed*) 10:30 AM

## Immanuel's Staff and Leadership

The Rev. Keith Fry .....	Pastor
Sara Krentz.....	Congregation Council President
James Morehead .....	Music Director
Greg Hummel .....	Organist
Laurie Stivers .....	Associate Organist
Kristen Wood.....	Parish Administrator

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