

**Welcome to Immanuel Lutheran Church**  
**Sunday, May 13, 2018 9:00am**  
**Seventh Sunday of Easter**

**Announcements**  
**Greeting**

**P:** Blessed is the Kingdom of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

**C: Amen**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

**Amen.**

P: God welcomes all who turn from sin and towards holy living. God opens God's arms to all who work to embody faith. There is grace and forgiveness for all of our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Jesus Christ, I hereby pronounce to you forgiveness of all of your sins. Go forth awake with the Holy Spirit, embodying your faith in Jesus Christ.

**C: Amen**

**Canticle of Praise “Glory be to God in Heaven” pg. 204 vs.1**

**Prayer of the Day**

**Gracious and glorious God, you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our joy in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## Opening Hymn “You Are Holy” # 525

You are holy, you are whole.  
You are always ever more  
than we ever understand.  
You are always at hand.  
Blessed are you coming near.  
Blessed are you coming here  
to your church in wine and bread,  
raised from soil, raised from dead.  
You are holy,  
you are wholeness,  
you are present.  
Let the cosmos praise you, Lord!  
Sing hosanna in the highest!  
Sing hosanna!  
Sing hosanna to our God!

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## A.M.: Psalm 1

A.M.: Let us read the Psalm responsively.

<sup>1</sup>Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,  
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

<sup>2</sup>**Their delight is in the law of the LORD,  
and they meditate on God’s teaching day and night.**

<sup>3</sup>They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season,  
with leaves that do not wither;  
everything they do shall prosper.

<sup>4</sup>**It is not so with the wicked;  
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

<sup>5</sup>Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,  
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

<sup>6</sup>**For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

A.M.: Let us pray

Eternal God, in your loving wisdom you set us beside the fountain of life, like a tree planted by running streams. Fill us with delight in your teaching, that we may bear fruit in every season of life; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

**Gospel Acclamation “Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”**

**#172**

**A.M.: Gospel Acclamation**

*Alleluia.* I will not leave you orphaned, says the Lord. I am coming to you.

*Alleluia. (John 14:18)*

**Holy Gospel: John 17:6-19**

*(Bible in pew) pg. 879*

The holy gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord**

[Jesus prayed:] <sup>6</sup>“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup>Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; <sup>8</sup>for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup>I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup>All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup>And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. <sup>12</sup>While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. <sup>13</sup>But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. <sup>14</sup>I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. <sup>15</sup>I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup>They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. <sup>17</sup>Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. <sup>18</sup>As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup>And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ. Amen.**

**Sermon**

**Rev. Dr. Niveen Sarras**

**Hymn of the Day “Take My Life, That I May Be” #583**

*Refrain*

Take my life, that I may be  
consecrated, Lord, to thee;  
take my moments and my days;  
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

- 1 Take my hands and let them move  
at the impulse of thy love;  
take my feet and let them be  
swift and beautiful for thee. *Refrain*
- 2 Take my silver and my gold,  
not a mite would I withhold;  
take my intellect and use  
ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose. *Refrain*
- 3 Take my voice and let me sing  
always, only for my King;  
take my lips and let them be  
filled with messages from thee. *Refrain*
- 4 Take my will and make it thine;  
it shall be no longer mine;  
take my heart, it is thine own;  
it shall be thy royal throne. *Refrain*

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-1879, adap.; Spanish text: Vicente Mendoza, 1875-1955

**A.M.: Prayers of Intercession**

**A.M.: Let us pray**

After each petition, please respond with “**Hear our prayer**”.

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.

*A brief silence.*

End divisions within your church, O God. Open us to receive your testimony. Make us one as you are one. Make our joy complete. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Nourish the soil of your earth, holy God. Bless the trees planted by the water, and bless the seeds planted by birds and by our hands. Bring forth fruit in due season. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

We pray for warring nations, political refugees, and peacekeepers. Wash away the fear and hatred that tear us apart. Let justice roll down like a mighty stream.

Quench our thirst for peace in every land. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who are homeless, naked, hungry, imprisoned, abandoned, or sick. Send us to shelter, clothe, feed, and visit those in need. Make us your healing and compassionate presence in the world. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

We pray for mothers we love and mothers we struggle to love. For adoptive mothers, stepmothers, and foster mothers. For those who long to be mothers. For everyone who has mothered us in the faith. Give rest, healing, wisdom, and strength, mothering God. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Loving God, bless Baylen Hulstrom, Grace, and Emily Kallio today who are receiving their First Holy Communion that they may grow in their love and appreciation for worship and for Jesus' presence with us in the Blessed Sacrament of Holy Communion. Faithful God, make Baylen, Grace and Emily eager to share in the banquet of Jesus. Give them the strength of the Holy Spirit to profess the faith of your church. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You give us eternal life in your Son. When doubts and fears arise, give us peace in the resurrection promise. Sanctify us in your truth and unite us with all the saints. Let us pray by singing "Be Not Afraid"

**"Be Not Afraid" (sing twice) #388**

Be Not Afraid, sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!

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Text: Matthew 28:5; Taizé Community

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**Pastor:** 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.

**Amen.**

**Sharing of Peace**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always

**C: and also with you.**

## **Offering**

### **Offering Hymn “This is the Day”**

This is the day, this is the day  
that the Lord has made, that the Lord has made;  
we will rejoice, we will rejoice,  
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.

This is the day that the Lord has made;  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made.

We are the children, we are the children  
of the living God, of the living God;  
we will rejoice, we will rejoice,  
and be glad in Him, and be glad in Him.

We are the children of the living God;

We will rejoice and be glad in Him.

We are the children, we are the children of the living God.

### **Offering Prayer**

A.M.: Let us pray together in union

**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.**

## **Holy Communion**

### **Great Thanksgiving**

**Mike Steltenpohl**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ;  
who, enthroned forever at your right hand,  
intercedes for us as our great high priest.  
And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection,  
with earth and sea and all their creatures,  
and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

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**The Institution of the Holy Communion    Rev. Niveen Sarras**

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, 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.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**The Lord's Prayer**

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Happy are those  
who are called to his banquet.

**Invitation to Communion**

**A.M.:** Now let us feast this Easter day  
on Christ, the bread of heaven. Hallelujah!

## **First Communion Candidates Reading Prayers**

### **Candidates Kneel**

#### **P: Prayer for Communion Candidates**

Baylen, Grace, and Emily may your First Communion celebrate your friendship with Jesus.

As you grow in this friendship may your words be gentle and your touch be kind.

May you hear whispers of love in your heart each day.

May you have fun in discovering God hidden everywhere!

And, may you remember to thank God often for the gift of life.

May God bless your parents and godparents that they may continue to enjoy the fruit of their love in their children and continue to nourish you in faith.

### **Lamb of God**

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#### **Communion Hymn “I Come with Joy”**

**#482**

- 1 I come with joy, a child of God,  
forgiven, loved, and free,  
the life of Jesus to recall  
in love laid down for me,  
in love laid down for me.
  
- 2 I come with Christians far and near  
to find, as all are fed,  
the new community of love  
in Christ's communion bread,  
in Christ's communion bread.
  
- 3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,  
each proud division ends.  
The love that made us, makes us one,  
and strangers now are friends,  
and strangers now are friends.
  
- 4 The Spirit of the risen Christ,  
unseen, but ever near,

is in such friendship better known,  
alive among us here,  
alive among us here.

5 Together met, together bound  
by all that God has done,  
we'll go with joy, to give the world  
the love that makes us one,  
the love that makes us one.

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## **Blessing After Communion**

### **Prayer After Communion**

A.M.: Life-giving God,  
in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection  
you send light to conquer darkness,  
water to give new life,  
and the bread of heaven to nourish your people.  
Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus' resurrection  
that we may show your glory to all the world;  
through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.  
**Amen.**

### **Post Communion Hymn "Praise to You, O God of Mercy"#208, vss. 1 & 3**

1 Praise to you, O God of mercy:  
thanks be to you forever!  
Raising high the weak and lowly:  
thanks be to you forever!

3 Praise to you, O God of mercy:  
thanks be to you forever!  
Raising high the weak and lowly:  
thanks be to you forever!  
Thanks be to you forever!

### **Blessing**

P: May God who has brought us from death to life  
fill you with great joy.

Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

**Closing Hymn**      “All Hail The Power of Jesus’ Name!” #634, vss. 1, 3, 6

### **Dismissal**

**A.M.:** Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

**A.M.:** You are the body of Christ raised up for the world.

Go in peace. Share the good news.

**C: I will and I ask God to help me.**

### **Postlude**

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**Prayer Concerns:** Thelma Bursik, Neil Coakley, Jerrilynn Duxbury, Betty Jane Kettunen, Justin & Ashley Nickolai, Esther Osterby, Barb Peterson, Lucy Peterson, Dolores Riege, Pam (Rodney Riese’s wife), Dina Sarras, Kathrine Sylvia Sarras, Norm Winterhoff, April Winters (Jamie Rice-Heckendorf’s niece), Breanna Kurth, Connor Rice (Jamie Rice-Heckendorf’s cousin), Jazel Qumsia and Alice (Vern Diestelhorst’s sister). (Contact ILC office to update.)

**First Communion Candidates today:** Baylen, daughter of Dustin & Kristin Hulstrom; **Baylen** attends Maine Elementary School along with her younger brother, Kasen. She is active with softball and ski racing and looks forward to middle school this fall. Baylen enjoys having grown up here and being part of the Immanuel family.

Emily & Grace, daughters of Wayne & Kristin Kallio; **Emily** is in 4<sup>th</sup> grade at Stettin Elementary School and have one brother and a twin sister. She enjoys gymnastics, soccer, hiking and getting pedicures. What Emily loves most about Immanuel is that people are friendly, generous and loving. **Grace** is in 4<sup>th</sup> grade at Stettin Elementary School and have one brother and a twin sister. She enjoys skiing, soccer and playing with friends. What Grace loves most about Immanuel is that she can learn about God and the people have beautiful voices for singing.

**Synod Assembly 2018 Service Project** will be “Blast Off for Books”. Today is the final day to turn in your monetary contributions and books.

**Members we are in need of temporary help in the office!** As many of you know our administrative assistant is leaving for another position. We are working on hiring a replacement but in the interim, we need volunteers to help things run smooth! These are short-term volunteer positions. Some in the office and some can be done from home. If you are able to help in any way please contact Pastor, Jamie Rice-Heckendorf or Bob Henning. Help is

needed right away! Thank you to those who have already stepped forward to assist! Please pray for Pastor and the executive committee as we search for the right person to fill this position.

**ILC semi-annual meeting** will be held in fellowship hall immediately following worship service on May 20. The information booklet for the meeting is on the table in the Narthex.

**Yarn and buttons needed** – Please bring your yarn and buttons to church for Esther Osterby. She crochets small creations and adds buttons for the Crochet for Dementia Ministry. Pastor Niveen will get the items to Esther.

**Good bye.** Since I started working here in 2016, I have gained many new friends, some who are like family to me now. We have shared personal information about ourselves and our families. Thank you all for all the prayers last year when I was diagnosed with cancer. I will truly miss each and every one of you. There is a small trait of each of you to remember. I will miss the many different church groups who came in each week and stopped to say “hi”. Happy Mother’s Day to all the women who support and nurture someone. Sue

**Our Sister Church** is the Lobatla Parish. Address is: c/o Moruti (Pastor) Rev. G.M. Nkale, P.O. Box 160, Motswedi 2870, Republic of South Africa. Email for Pastor: [nkalesto@gmail.com](mailto:nkalesto@gmail.com)

**Flowers on the altar today** are from Linda Hulstrom in honor of the First Communion girls. “May these red roses be a symbol of God’s never ending love for them and a reminder of how special they are.”

**Coffee fellowship today** is hosted by Ben & Claudette Haring. There is also a cake in honor of the First Communion Candidates.

**SERVING US TODAY**

<b>Worship Leader</b>	Rev. Dr. Niveen Sarras
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Mary McDonell
<b>Ministers</b>	All Members of Immanuel
<b>Organist</b>	Judy Kort
<b>Acolyte</b>	Serenity Hulstrom
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	Mary McDonell, Jerry & Judy Nickolai
<b>Head Usher</b>	Bruce Knox
<b>Greeters</b>	Glen Rusch & Faye Schwarm
<b>Nursery</b>	Sue Doede
<b>Video Recorder</b>	Al Spoehr
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Deb Palmer
<b>Contact Person</b>	Dolores Riege

**WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

<b>Sun.</b>	<b>May 13</b>	<b>“Blast Off for Books” due at ILC</b>
	9:00a	Communion Worship Service First Communion Candidates
	10:15a	Sunday School
	10:15a	Coffee Fellowship
<b>Mon.</b>	<b>May 14</b>	-----
<b>Tues.</b>	<b>May 15</b>	5:30p Handbell Choir Practice
	5:45p	TV Worship CH 980
	6:00p	Executive Committee
	6:35p	Council Meeting
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>May 16</b>	11:30a Altar Guild Meeting at Olive Garden for Lunch
<b>Thurs.</b>	<b>May 17</b>	7:30a Men’s Discussion Group
	9:15a	TV Worship CH 980
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>May 18</b>	Church Office Closed
		Synod Assembly in Oshkosh
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>May 19</b>	Synod Assembly in Oshkosh
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>May 20</b>	8:15a Choir Practice
	9:00a	Worship Service, Choir, Handbells, Blessing of choir & handbell member
	10:00a	ILC Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting
	10:15a	Final Day for Sunday School
<b>Attendance For</b>	5/6/18	<u>72</u>

**Till Further Notice office hours will be:  
Monday & Wednesday 9-12, Tuesday & Thursday 12-3.**