**Welcome to Immanuel Lutheran Church  
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## Sunday, May 07, 2023 Fifth Sunday of Easter, Year A

## We welcome Pastor Bill Schruba to Immanuel and thank him for doing the service for today.

## Prelude

### Announcements

*Please stand.*

**Gathering Hymn ”Alleluia Sing To Jesus” # 392 vss. 1, 3, 5**

Thanksgiving for Baptism

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,

by whose hand we are given new birth,

by whose speaking we are given new life.

Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,

we are welcomed, restored, and supported

as citizens of the new creation.

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God,

holy and merciful,

holy and mighty,

you are the river of life,

you are the everlasting wellspring.

In mercy and might you have freed us from death

and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead.

In baptismal waters our old life is washed away,

and in them we are born anew.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes,

for rivers and streams.

Honor to you for waters that wash us clean,

quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures.

Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism,

the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

C: Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you.

Empower our witness to your resurrection.

Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.

Satisfy the world’s need through this living water.

Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment.

Where despair prevails, grant hope.

Where chaos reigns, bring peace.

We ask this through Christ,

who with you and the Spirit reigns forever.

Amen.

**Greeting**

P: The grace of the Lord, Jesus Christ, and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

**C: and also, with you.**

**Kyrie - Have Mercy On Us Lord pg. 203**

**Glory Be To God In Heaven pg. 204**

### Prayer of the Day

*Please be seated.*

First Lesson: Acts 7:55-60

P: Word of God, Word of Life

C: Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16**

**R:** Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit. *(Ps. 31:5)*

1In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be | put to shame;  
  deliver me | in your righteousness.  
 2**Incline your | ear to me;**  
  **make haste to de- | liver me.**  
 3Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag | and my stronghold;  
  for the sake of your name, lead | me and guide me.  
 4**Take me out of the net that they have secretly | set for me,**  
  **for you are my tow- | er of strength.** R  
 5Into your hands I com- | mend my spirit,  
  for you have redeemed me, O Lord, | God of truth.  
 15**My times are | in your hand;**  
  **rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who | persecute me.**  
 16Let your face shine up- | on your servant;  
  save me in your | steadfast love.” R

Second Lesson: 1 Peter 2:2-10

P: Word of God, Word of Life

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

P: Let us stand for the Gospel.

C: Alleluia*.* pg. 205

**Gospel: John 14:1-14**

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to John

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

**P:** The gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated*.

**Hymn of the Day “Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing” # 389 vss. 1 and 5**

**Sermon Pastor Bill Schruba**

*Please stand.*

**Nicene Creed** *See the yellow sheet in your pew rack*

Prayers of Intercession

R: Merciful God

**C: Receive our Prayer**

**Sharing of the Peace**

**P:** The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And, also with you.**

*You may be seated*.

Offertory Hymn “We Give Thee But Thine Own” # 686 vss. 1, 2

*Please stand.*

**Offering Prayer**

**P:** **:** Liberating God,

**All: you break the bonds of injustice**

**and let the oppressed go free.**

**Receive these offerings in thanksgiving**

**for all your works of merciful power,**

**and shape us as people of your justice and freedom.**

**You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior,**

Amen.

Great Thanksgiving pg. 206

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also, with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy; that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise….we praise your name and join their unending hymn…

Holy, Holy, Holy pg. 207

Communion Prayer

Words of Institution

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**Invitation to Communion**

**P:** Behold the Lamb of God

That takes away the sin of the world.

Happy are those who are called to his banquet.

*Please be seated.*

**Lamb Of God** **pg.** **208**

**Communion Hymns “I Received The Living God” # 477**

*Please stand.*

**Blessing**

P: Almighty God, the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit Bless you now and forever.

**Prayer**

P: God our Redeemer,

**All: You have fed us at this table**

**With gifts of grace, truth, and life.**

**As you have gathered us in joy,**

**Send us forth as messengers of your peace.**

**Make us shine with the good news of your glory,**

**Born to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**Benediction**

**Closing Hymn**  **“I Know That My Redeemer Lives” # 619 vss. 1 and 8**

### Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

**C:Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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| **May 2023 Worship Servers** | | | | | |
| **Worship Leader** | | | | | |
| **DATE** | **PIANIST / ORGANIST** | **READER** | **USHER / GREETERS** | **VIDEO TAPER** | **COMMUNION** |
| 5/21/2023 | Judy Kort | Sue Schwede | Mike Schwede | V |  |
| 5/28/2023 | Karen Zuidema | Al Solomonson | Dan Westaby | V |  |

**Prayer Concerns: Joan Bonstead, Tom McDonell, Thelma Bursik, Esther Osterby, Linda Swenson, Judy Blanchfield** (contact ILC office to update)

*On the first Sunday of the month an extra candle is placed on the altar. It reminds us that Immanuel has a special relationship with the Lobatla Lutheran Parish in South Africa. In 2009, Justice Pule, the parish pastor, visited Immanuel, a visit that was coordinated by Claudette and Ben Herring. The Herrings visited South Africa in 2010, bringing a candle to be presented to the Lobatla congregation and informing its members that Immanuel would have an identical candle placed on its altar as a reminder of the special relationship that exists between the two congregations. This is the 13th year of the candle being placed on our altar.*

**Saturday, May 20, 2023, 8:00 am – 1:00 pm there is a Plant sale Fundraiser at Good Shepard Lutheran Church. See the flyer in the newsletter and on the bulletin board .**

**Just a quick Happy Birthday to** Solomonson, Vonnie (05/01), Mueller, Thomas (05/09), Hallberg, Floyd (05/11)!

**May 29, 2023. Memorial Day**

**The Men’s Discussion Group** meets Thursdays at 7:30 am, in the Koinonia room. New participants are always welcome.

**Volunteers needed to visit the homebound and ill.**

**Volunteers needed to Host Coffee Hours.** There is a sign-up sheet in the kitchen.

**Attendance on 04/30/2023: 45**

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