



# Immanuel

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## THE 6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

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**Welcome to Worship!** In a world filled with anxiety, hostility, and uncertainty, Christians are called to live differently, not with fear, but with hope. The apostle Peter reminds God's people that even when they suffer for doing what is right, Christ remains Lord, and His promises are certain. The Christian life is not one of fear or panic, but of steadfast witness characterized by gentleness, courage, and a clear conscience. As those redeemed by Christ's suffering and resurrection, we are ready to give a reason for the hope that is in us, not because life is easy, but because Jesus is risen, reigning, and with us even in suffering.

**1st Time Guests:** We're glad you're here and invite you to stop by the *Welcome Center* near the center aisle after the service for a small hospitality gift. It's a chance to learn more about our congregation and ministries. We hope you'll join us again soon!

**Please register your attendance and Communion in the Record of Fellowship.**

A "Wee Wiggle Room" is below the Narthex. A Comfort Room is in the Atrium.

**Bible Classes** meet in the Fellowship Hall. **Sunday School classes** meet upstairs. **Adult Information Class meets** in Heritage Room. *This will be the last Sunday for the spring classes. Watch the informer for upcoming summer Bible Classes.*

**Children's Activity Bags** are located in the Narthex. Please return after worship.

**Where do I put my offering?** You can place gifts in the offering plate near each entrance or the boxes on the west wall of the narthex or in the chapel.

**Cell Phones:** *Please remember to silence cell phones and electronics during worship.*

**Holy Communion will be** offered at **9:00 & 7:00**. If you are not a confirmed member of the Lutheran Church and wish to receive a blessing, cross your arms when at the rail. Gluten free wafers are in plastic sleeves. If you prefer an individual cup, please take one from the tray. Wine with alcohol removed is in the center.

**+ DIVINE SERVICE I, Page 151 +**

**THE PRELUDE:** "This Joyful Eastertide" -Kevin Hildebrand

**THE OPENING HYMN:** "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

**Hymn 821**

1 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; His the scepter, His the throne;

Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone.

Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion Thunder like a mighty flood:

"Jesus out of ev'ry nation Has redeemed us by His blood."

2 Alleluia! Not as orphans Are we left in sorrow now;

Alleluia! He is near us; Faith believes, nor questions how.

Though the cloud from sight received Him When the forty days were o'er,

Shall our hearts forget His promise: "I am with you evermore"?

- 3 Alleluia! Bread of heaven, Here on earth our food, our stay;  
Alleluia! Here the sinful Flee to You from day to day.  
Intercessor, Friend of sinners, Earth's Redeemer, hear our plea  
Where the songs of all the sinless Sweep across the crystal sea.
- 4 Alleluia! King eternal, Lord omnipotent we own;  
Alleluia! Born of Mary, Earth Your footstool, heav'n Your throne.  
As within the veil You entered, Robed in flesh, our great High Priest,  
Here on earth both priest and victim In the eucharistic feast.
- 5 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; His the scepter, His the throne;  
Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone.  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion Thunder like a mighty flood:  
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation Has redeemed us by His blood."

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## THE INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

## THE CONFESSION

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.**

## THE ABSOLUTION

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

## THE KYRIE

P In peace let us pray to the Lord. C **Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** 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. **C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **C Amen.**

**THE HYMN OF PRAISE: "This is the Feast of Victory!"**

**C This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation. Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**THE PRAYER FOR THE DAY: (we pray together)**

**O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**THE WORD OF THE MONTH: (We speak together) Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect. 1 Peter 3:15**

**THE FIRST READING: Acts 17:16-31**

While Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, "What does this babbler wish to say?" Others said, "He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities" — because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection. And they took hold of him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, "May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean." Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new. So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: "Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription, 'To the unknown

god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, that they should seek God, in the hope that they might feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, for "In him we live and move and have our being"; as even some of your own poets have said, "For we are indeed his offspring." Being then God's offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

L: This is the Word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God!**

+++ 11:15 THE ANTHEM: "Children of the Heavenly Father"

**THE EPISTLE READING: 1 Peter 3:13-22**

Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, but in your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil. For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him. L: This is the Word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God!**

**THE ALLELUIA AND VERSE: C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**THE GOSPEL READING: John 14:15-21 C: (Sung) Glory to You, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you. "I will not leave you as orphans; I will

come to you. Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him."

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord. C: (Sung) Praise to You, O Christ.

+++ 9:00 & 7:00 THE NICENE CREED

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

+++ 11:15 APOSTLES' CREED

**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.**

THE HYMN: "May We Thy Precepts, Lord, Fulfill"

Hymn 698

- 1 May we Thy precepts, Lord, fulfill And do on earth our Father's will  
As angels do above; Still walk in Christ, the living way,  
With all Thy children and obey The law of Christian love.
  
- 2 So may we join Thy name to bless,Thy grace adore, Thy pow'r confess,  
From sin and strife to flee. One is our calling, one our name,  
The end of all our hopes the same, A crown of life with Thee.

- 3 Spirit of life, of love and peace, Unite our hearts, our joy increase,  
Thy gracious help supply. To each of us the blessing give  
In Christian fellowship to live, In joyful hope to die.

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## **THE SERMON: "A Reason for Hope"**

**THE OFFERTORY:** Page 159

## **THE PRAYERS**

**+++ 9:00 & 7:00 THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT, page 160**

**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 Him thanks and praise.**

**P It is truly good, right, and salutary... evermore praising You and saying:**

**C Holy, holy, holy 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.**

## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING, LORD'S PRAYER AND WORD'S OF OUR LORD**

**P The peace of the Lord be with you always. C Amen.**

**C Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

**Anthem: "Children of the Heavenly Father"; 469, 816, 605, 482, 616, 895, 643**

## **469 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today**

- 1 "Christ the Lord is ris'n today!" Saints on earth and angels say;  
Raise your joys and triumphs high; Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth, reply.
- 2 Love's redeeming work is done, Fought the fight, the battle won;  
Lo! Our Sun's eclipse is o'er; Lo! He sets in blood no more.
- 3 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Christ hath burst the gates of hell.  
Death in vain forbids His rise; Christ has opened paradise.
- 4 Lives again our glorious King! Where, O death, is now thy sting?  
Once He died our souls to save; Where thy victory, O grave?
- 5 Soar we now where Christ has led; Foll'wing our exalted Head.  
Made like Him, like Him we rise; Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.

6 Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n! Praise to Thee by both be giv'n!  
Thee we greet triumphant now: Hail, the resurrection, Thou!

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### **816 From All That Dwell Below the Skies**

1 From all that dwell below the skies Let the Creator's praise arise;  
Alleluia, alleluia! Let the Redeemer's name be sung  
Through ev'ry land by ev'ry tongue. Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2 Eternal are Thy mercies, Lord; Eternal truth attends Thy Word.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore  
Till suns shall rise and set no more. Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

3 All praise to God the Father be, All praise, eternal Son, to Thee.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Whom with the Spirit we adore  
Forever and forevermore: Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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### **605 Father Welcomes**

ref Father welcomes all His children To His fam'ly through His Son.  
Father giving His salvation, Life forever has been won.

1 Little children, come to Me, For My kingdom is of these.  
Life and love I have to give, Mercy for your sin. Refrain

2 In the water, in the Word, In His promise, be assured:  
Those who are baptized and believe Shall be born again. Refrain

3 Let us daily die to sin; Let us daily rise with Him,  
Walk in the love of Christ our Lord, Live in the peace of God. Refrain

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### **482 This Joyful Eastertide**

1 This joyful Eastertide Away with sin and sorrow!  
My love, the Crucified, Has sprung to life this morrow: Refrain

ref Had Christ, who once was slain, Not burst His three-day prison,  
Our faith had been in vain: But now has Christ arisen, arisen, arisen;  
But now has Christ arisen!

2 Death's flood has lost its chill Since Jesus crossed the river;  
Lover of souls, from ill My passing soul deliver: Refrain

3 My flesh in hope shall rest And for a season slumber  
Till trump from east to west Shall wake the dead in number: Refrain

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### **616 Baptismal Waters Cover Me**

- 1 Baptismal waters cover me As I approach on bended knee;  
My Father's mercy here I plead, For grievous sins of thought and deed.
- 2 I look to Christ upon the tree, His body broken there for me;  
I lay before Him all my sin, My darkest secrets from within.
- 3 Lord, may Your wounded hand impart Your healing to my broken heart;  
Your love alone can form in me A heart that serves You joyfully.
- 4 From Your own mouth comes forth a word; Your shepherd speaks, but You are heard;  
Through him Your hand now stretches out, Forgiving sin, destroying doubt.
- 5 Baptismal waters cover me; Christ's wounded hand has set me free.  
Held in my Father's strong embrace, With joy I praise Him for His grace.

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### **895 Now Thank We All Our God**

- 1 Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things has done, In whom His world rejoices;  
Who from our mothers' arms Has blest us on our way  
With countless gifts of love And still is ours today.
- 2 Oh, may this bounteous God Through all our life be near us,  
With ever joyful hearts And blessèd peace to cheer us  
And keep us in His grace And guide us when perplexed  
And free us from all ills In this world and the next!
- 3 All praise and thanks to God The Father now be given,  
The Son, and Him who reigns With them in highest heaven,  
The one eternal God, Whom earth and heav'n adore;  
For thus it was, is now, And shall be evermore.

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### **643 Sent Forth by God's Blessing**

- 1 Sent forth by God's blessing, Our true faith confessing,  
The people of God from His dwelling take leave.  
The Supper is ended. O now be extended  
The fruits of this service in all who believe.  
The seed of His teaching, Receptive souls reaching,  
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.  
His grace did invite us, His love shall unite us  
To work for God's kingdom and answer His call.

2 With praise and thanksgiving To God ever-living,  
The tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face.  
Our faith ever sharing, In love ever caring,  
Embracing His children of each tribe and race.  
With Your feast You feed us, With Your light now lead us;  
Unite us as one in this life that we share.  
Then may all the living With praise and thanksgiving  
Give honor to Christ and His name that we bear.

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## THE POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

**C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.  
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.  
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy  
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.**

## THE POST COMMUNION COLLECT

## THE BENEDICTION

## THE CLOSING HYMN: "Renew Me, O Eternal Light"

Hymn 704

- 1 Renew me, O eternal Light, And let my heart and soul be bright,  
Illumined with the light of grace That issues from Your holy face.
- 2 Remove the pow'r of sin from me And cleanse all my impurity  
That I may have the strength and will Temptations of the flesh to still.
- 3 Create in me a new heart, Lord, That gladly I obey Your Word.  
Let what You will be my desire, And with new life my soul inspire.
- 4 Grant that I only You may love And seek those things which are above  
Till I behold You face to face, O Light eternal, through Your grace.

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## THE POSTLUDE: "Dear Christians One and All Rejoice" -Kevin Hildebrand

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**Preacher:** Pastor Fredstrom **Liturgists:** Pastor Blomenberg & Pastor Bloch

**Lector:** Vicar Johnston **Organist:** Mr. Paul Scheiderer

**Special Music by Immanuel Lutheran School Students**

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