

***PEACE**

The Peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERTORY - "God Is My Refuge and Strength" by W.A. Mozart.

***OFFERING SONG**

“Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful” **ELW Hymn 182**

***OFFERING PRAYER**

Merciful God,
accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory.
You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day
when we will hunger and thirst no more.
Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus,
that goodness and mercy may follow us
and bless the world you love.
In the name of Jesus, **Amen.**

MEAL

***GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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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.

... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS: “Holy, Holy, Holy”

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...we cry out Amen. **Amen.**
...we shout Amen. **Amen.**
...we plead Amen. **Amen.**

...Grant us such life,
the life of the Father to the Son,
the life of the Spirit of our risen Savior,
life in you, now and forever. **Amen.**

***LORD’S PRAYER**

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

***INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

At the direction of the usher, please come forward, forming two lines in the center aisle, to stand or kneel at the chancel rail to receive the gift of God’s living Word in bread and wine. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request, and you may choose wine (glass) or alcohol-free juice (stainless steel). To receive communion at your seat, simply notify an usher. All are welcome at this table.

COMMUNION HYMN

“Lamb of God”
“O Jesus, I Have Promised”

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***TABLE BLESSING**

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God’s grace. **Amen.**

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Holy One,
through this meal you have made your home among us
and are making all things new.
Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts,
to love our enemies,
and to bring your healing to the nations.
In the name of Jesus, **Amen.**

SENDING

***BLESSING**

God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end,
Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead,
and the Spirit, our advocate and peace,
✠ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

***SENDING HYMN**

“Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing” **ELW Hymn 389**

***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

"How Firm A Foundation," by David M. Cherwien (b. 1957)
Based on ELW 796

Welcome to Worship

Fifth Sunday of Easter



Immanuel Lutheran Church

May 3, 2026
10:00 AM



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Bold=All

*Please stand as you are able

PRELUDE

"Sonata 6 in F Major," by William Herschel (1738-1822)

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!

Amen.

Merciful God...

...Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever. **Amen.**

***GATHERING HYMN**

“Christ is Made the Sure Foundation”

ELW Hymn 645

***GREETING**

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

“This is the Feast”

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life.

Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING: Acts 7:55-60

55 Filled with the Holy Spirit, [Stephen] gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 56 “Look,” he said, “I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!” 57 But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him.

58 Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him, and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. 59 While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” 60 Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he died.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

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



In - to your hands, O LORD, I com - mend my spir - it.



1 In 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.

3 Be 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

5 Into 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.

16 Let your face shine up- | on your servant; save me in your | steadfast love.” **R**

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:2-10

2 Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—3 if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

4 Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and 5 like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. 6 For it stands in scripture:

“See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

7 This honor, then, is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner,”

8 and

“A stone that makes them stumble and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

9 But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

10 Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people;

once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

“Alleluia”

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***GOSPEL: John 14:1-14**

The Holy Gospel according to Saint John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] 1 “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. 2 In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. 4 And you know the way to the place where I am going.” 5 Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” 6 Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. 7 If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

8 Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” 9 Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? 10 Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. 11 Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. 12 Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. 13 I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

“Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life”

ELW Hymn 816

***NICENE CREED**

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***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

... Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

... God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen.**