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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER May 18, 2025



One Love, One Life

As We Gather

The Fifth Sunday of Easter bears the traditional name of Cantate, from the Introit's "Oh sing to the Lord a new song." Not only people but all creation is urged to break out in song. Throughout our worship today we will do just that, for the resurrection news cannot be left to quiet contemplation. Though it was difficult for Peter to convince the others, when they realized Gentiles had received the Spirit, they rejoiced. The vision of heaven in Revelation has no more pain or sorrow; what can be left but joyful singing?

Jesus' telling the disciples to love one another seems an impossible command, but He was reminding them how greatly God has loved them. That realization can only call for singing! So much of today's worship includes familiar hymn stanzas to share the joy inside.

PRELUDE AND WELCOME

HYMN “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” #700

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: ♪ **Amen.**

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: ♪ **who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

People: ♪ **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Pastor: O almighty God, merciful Father,

People: **I, a poor miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

Pastor: Upon this your confession, I by virtue of my office as an ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: ♪ **A---men.**

☩ **WORD** ☩

INTROIT

♪ **Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen**

KYRIE

♪ Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us, Lord have mercy upon us.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

♪ Glory be to God on high; and on earth peace good will toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heavenly King. God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou
that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou
that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy
upon us.

For Thou only are holy; Thou only art the Lord.
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the
glory of God the Father. A-men.

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: ♪ And with thy spirit.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, Your love for us is boundless! As we have
received such love, grant us grace to speak about it in all those
circumstances You arrange for us, that many may come to love
You as well; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who
lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and
forever.

People: ♪ A--men.

Please be seated.

FIRST READING Acts 11:1-18

(The apostles rejoice that the Spirit has been given to Gentiles.)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE Revelation 21:1-7

(God and His people will live together in the new Jerusalem.)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

ALLELUIA

♪ **Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL John 16:12-22

(When the disciples see Jesus again, their joy will be full.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 16th chapter.

People: ♪ Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

The Gospel is read.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord

People: ♪ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

THE NICENE CREED *(found on the last page of the pew hymnal)*

Please be seated.

HYMN "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing" #633

SERMON Pr. Mark Croucher

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY

♪ **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. A-men.**

Please be seated.

OFFERING

Please stand as you are able.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *Psalm 98:1*

Pastor: Let us pray for ourselves, the church around the world, and all people in their various conditions.

For ourselves, that the faith within us be evident to the people around us, that they will want to find out more about our risen Savior.

People: **In thanksgiving may they sing a new song with us!**

Pastor: For those who call out to God for relief from poverty, discrimination, and injustice, that God provide relief so that they live peaceful and fruitful lives.

People: **In unbounded joy may they sing a new song with us!**

Pastor: For those who are ill and those who care for them, including Liz, Myron, Betty Karla, Pastor Koenig and Debbie, that God would restore them to health and provide the strength they need.

People: **In their relief may they sing a new song with us!**

Pastor: For all who carry the Gospel in far-flung lands, that God open doors of opportunity for the spread of the Gospel.

People: **In all corners of the earth may they sing a new song with us!**

Pastor: These and any other things God would have us ask of Him, that He grant them for the sake of His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: **Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things! Amen.**

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

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PREFACE *2 Timothy 4:22*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **♪ And with thy spirit.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **♪ We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

People: **♪ It is meet and right so to do.**

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and ever-living God. But chiefly are we bound to praise You for the glorious resurrection of our Lord, about whom and to whom we offer thanks and praise, psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs. With saints of old and the hosts of heaven we lift our voices, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS

♪ Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!

LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

People: **♪ For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **♪ A---men.**

AGNUS DEI

♪ O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us, O Christ Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A---men.

Please be seated.

DISTRIBUTION

Please stand as you are able.

NUNC DIMITTIS

♪ Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou has prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THANKSGIVING

Pastor: O give thanks unto the Lord for He is good.

People: ♪ And His mercy endureth forever.

Pastor: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us in every way through this life-giving Sacrament. Keep us firm in the true faith that we may join the rest of Your good creation in singing Your praises at the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: ♪ A--men.

SALUTATION and BENEDICAMUS

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: ♪ And with thy spirit.

Pastor: Bless we the Lord.

People: ♪ Thanks be to God.

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

People: ♪ Amen, amen, a--men.

HYMN "I Love Your Kingdom, Lord" #651

POSTLUDE

THE MESSENGER

May 18, 2025

WELCOME! Dear guest, we pray that your worship with us is as spiritually enriching for you as your presence is encouraging to us. We invite you to sign our guest book in the foyer and “Like” us on Facebook or follow us on Instagram. Please leave your email address if you would like periodic updates from Immanuel. Most importantly, come back and worship with us again next Sunday.

SERVING US TODAY: Rev. Mark Croucher
Linda Rayburn, Organist

IN OUR PRAYERS: Liz Kraft, Myron Kimber, Betty Peuster, Karla Kass, Pastor Cliff Koenig and Deborah Carter

THE LUTHERAN HOUR theme for next Sunday, May 25th is **"What's Your Story?"** Guest Speaker: Rev. Gregory Manning Our difficulties often become the backdrop against which God reveals His faithfulness. Each challenge is an opportunity for Him to display His power. (John 9:1-11) Listen online at <https://www.lutheranhour.org>.