

**SEVENTH SUNDAY
OF EASTER**

MAY 12, 2024

**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN
CHURCH**

Missouri Synod



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Sunday

9:00 A.M.

Worship Service

10:30 A.M.

**Adult Bible Class/
Sunday School**

Holy Communion:

1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday

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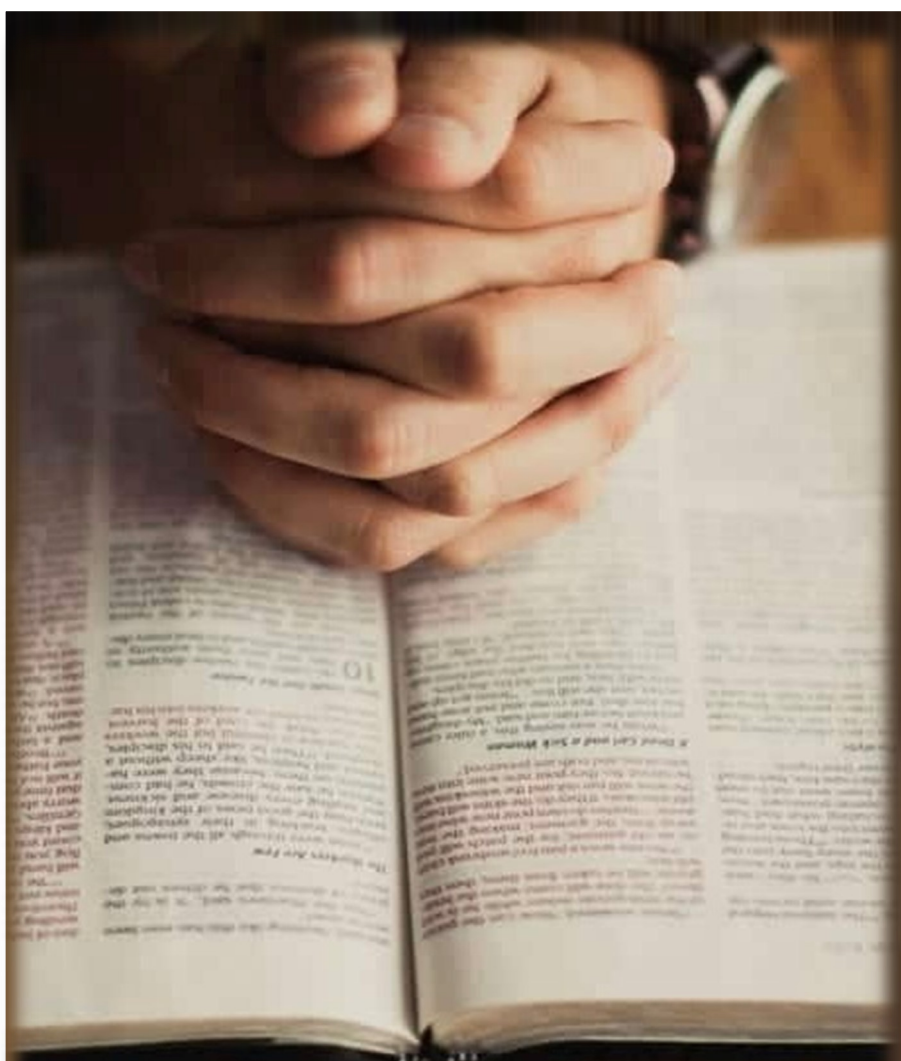
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“Sanctify them by Your truth.

Your word is truth.

As You sent Me into the world,

I also have sent them

into the world.”

John 17:17-18

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 28, 2024

WELCOME to IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

We wish to extend a warm welcome to all our visitors this morning. It is our hope that you will benefit by your worship here with us, and that you will return again soon. We would greatly appreciate it if everyone would fill out an Attendance/Communion card so that we can keep track of our attendance. They are located in the pew racks in front of you.

Next week we celebrate Holy Communion. We teach that in the receiving of the Lord's Supper each person receives the real presence of the Body and Blood of Christ for the forgiveness of their sins. If you are not a member of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod and desire to partake of Communion, please ask to speak with Pastor Weber or one of the elders prior to the service.

A Prayer Upon Entering Church - Merciful Father, You have given me Your Word and with it Your Spirit, that by the testimony of the prophets and evangelists, I may know the truth that sets me free from sin and fear. Guard Your Word within me, that by this faithful testimony I may be made bold in witness and faithful in service; through Jesus Christ, my Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

AS WE GATHER - The Easter season finds its culmination in the high priestly prayer of Jesus. With this we are reminded that the Lord is praying for us, for our faith, and for our unity in the faith, so that we may fulfill His purpose in making known all that He has done. It should be of great comfort to us that on the night of His betrayal, our Lord does not pray for Himself but for His disciples and those who will believe through their witness. As we confront the mission of the church to be His witnesses still, He does not relent praying for

us still. United in faith and living together our common life under His Word and at His Table, we are strengthened in unity and in mission.

DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING THREE

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PRELUDE

(A quiet time for prayer and meditation)

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN *O Christ, Our Hope, Our Hearts' Desire* **LSB 553**



1 O Christ, our hope, our hearts' de - sire, Cre -
2 How vast Your mer - cy to ac - cept The
3 But now the bonds of death are burst, The
4 O let Your might - y love pre - vail To



a - tion's might - y Lord, Re - deem - er of the
bur - den of our sin And bow Your head in
ran - som has been paid; You now as - cend the
purge us of our pride That we may stand be -



fall - en world, By ho - ly love out - poured:
cru - el death To make us clean with - in.
Fa - ther's throne In robes of light ar - rayed.
fore Your throne By mer - cy pu - ri - fied.

5 Christ Jesus, be our present joy,
Our future great reward;
Our only glory, may it be
To glory in the Lord!

△ 6 All praise to You, ascended Lord;
All glory ever be
To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost
Through all eternity!

Please stand

INVOCATION

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

C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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.**

(We take a moment of silence to reflect on our sin and our need for the Savior.)

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **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.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and 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.

C Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

INTROIT *Psalm 27:1a, 4-5, 10, 14; antiphon: v. 7*

P Hear, O Lord, when I cry with my voice! Have mercy also upon me, and answer me.

C **The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?**

P One thing I have desired of the Lord, that will I seek: that I may

dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in His temple.

C For in the time of trouble He shall hide me in His pavilion; in the secret place of His tabernacle He shall hide me; He shall set me high upon a rock.

P When my father and my mother forsake me, then the Lord will take care of me.

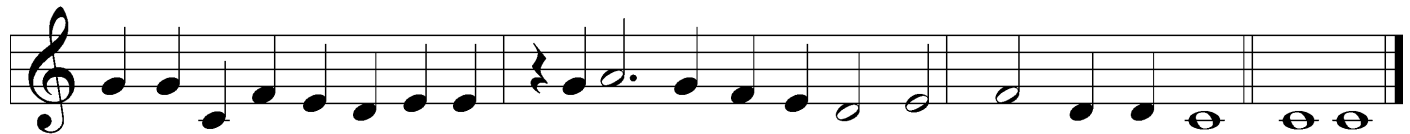
C Wait on the Lord; be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart; wait, I say, on the Lord!

P Hear, O Lord, when I cry with my voice! Have mercy also upon me, and answer me.

GLORIA PATRI

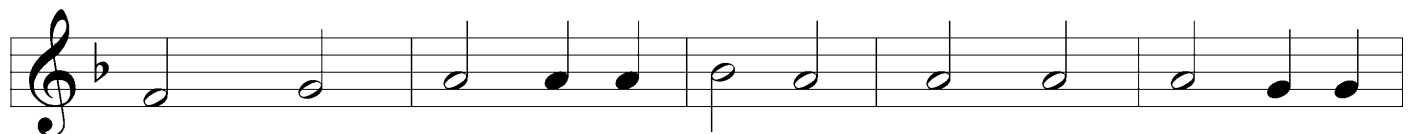


C Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;

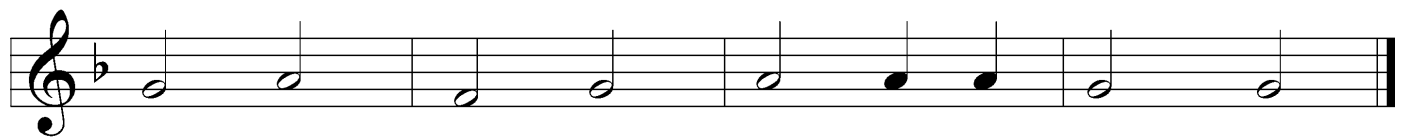


as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

KYRIE

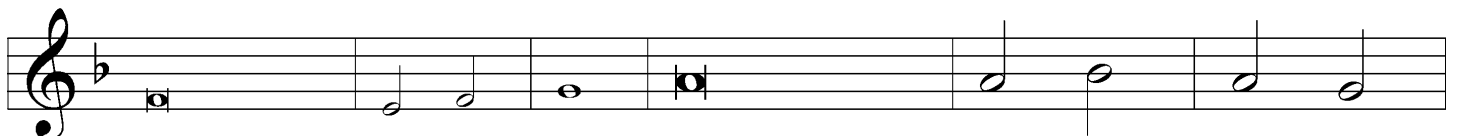


C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



P Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward

men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,

we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -

on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

SALUTATION and PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray.

P O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C A - men.

Please sit

FIRST READING *Acts 1:12–26*

(The Lord chooses Matthias to fill the empty spot among the Twelve created by Judas' death.)

12 Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey. 13 And when they had entered, they went up into the upper room where they were staying: Peter, James, John, and Andrew; Philip and Thomas; Bartholomew and Matthew; James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot; and Judas the son of James. 14 These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers.

15 And in those days Peter stood up in the midst of the disciples (altogether the number of names was about a hundred and twenty), and said, 16 "Men and brethren, this Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke before by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus; 17 for he was numbered with us and obtained a part in this ministry."

18 (Now this man purchased a field with the wages of iniquity; and falling headlong, he burst open in the middle and all his entrails gushed out. 19 And it became known to all those dwelling in Jerusalem; so that field is called in their own language, Akel Dama, that is, Field of Blood.)

20 "For it is written in the Book of Psalms:

'Let his dwelling place be desolate, and let no one live in it';
and,

'Let another take his office.'

21 "Therefore, of these men who have accompanied us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, 22 beginning from the baptism of John to that day when He was taken up from us, one of these must become a witness with us of His resurrection." 23 And they proposed two: Joseph called Barsabas, who was surnamed Justus, and Matthias. 24 And they prayed and said, "You, O Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which of these two You have chosen 25 to take part in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas by transgression fell, that he might go

to his own place.” 26 And they cast their lots, and the lot fell on Matthias. And he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM *Psalm 1; antiphon: v. 6*

P For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

C Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the path of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful;

P But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and in His law he meditates day and night.

C He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth its fruit in its season, whose leaf also shall not wither; and whatever he does shall prosper.

P The ungodly are not so, but are like the chaff which the wind drives away.

C Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

P For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

EPISTLE *1 John 5:9–15* (“Whoever has the Son has life.”)

9 If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater; for this is the witness of God which He has testified of His Son. 10 He who believes in the Son of God has the witness in himself; he who does not believe God has made Him a liar, because he has not believed the testimony that God has given of His Son. 11 And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. 12 He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. 13 These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God.

14 Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask any-

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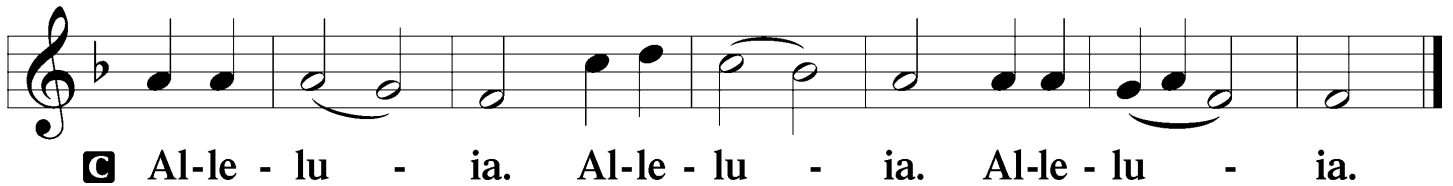
thing according to His will, He hears us. 15 And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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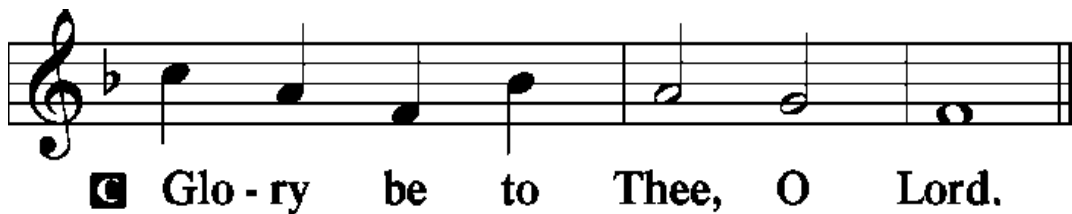
ALLELUIA



HOLY GOSPEL *John 17:11-21*

(Jesus prays that we may be one as He and the Father are one.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the seventeenth chapter.



11 Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are. 12 While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name. Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is lost except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. 13 But now I come to You, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves. 14 I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. 15 I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one. 16 They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. 17 Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth. 18 As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world. 19 And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified by the truth.

20 “I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; 21 that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

C 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.

Please sit

HYMN OF THE DAY

On Galilee's High Mountain

LSB 835



1 On Gal - i - lee's high moun-tain Christ gave the great com - mand



In words of strength and prom - ise Which all can un - der-stand:

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“All pow’r to Me is giv - en To do what I shall choose;



There - fore I send My chil-dren, Their wit - ness I will use.”



2 The Lord who, born of Mar - y, Came down as man and died,
3 His strength with - in my weak-ness Will make me bold to say
4 And not a - lone to na - tions In far - a - way re - treats,
5 That ev - 'ry - one He choos - es, For rea - sons of His own,
△ 6 Lord, gath - er all Your chil-dren, Wher - ev - er they may be,



Who preached to all who lis-tened, For us was cru - ci - fied—
How His re - deem - ing pow - er Trans-forms my stub-born clay;
But ev - 'ry-where I broad-cast His love through crowd-ed streets:
Will find in Christ his call - ing To live His love a - lone.
And lead them on to heav - en To live e - ter - nal - ly



This Lord, our liv - ing broth - er, In pow’r at God’s right hand,
His touch of fire ig - nites me, With cour - age I am sent,
The lives that my life touch - es, How - ev - er great or small—
His pres-ence al-ways leads us Till time no more shall be;
With You, our lov - ing Fa - ther, And Christ, our broth - er dear,



Has cho - sen us to car - ry His truth to ev - 'ry land.
My tongue - tied si - lence bro - ken, With grace made el - o - quent.
Let them through me see Je - sus, Who served and saved us all.
Christ’s strength, His love, His com - fort Give us His vic - to - ry.
Whose Spir - it guards and gives us The joy to per - se - vere.

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SERMON

“Sent into the world with the Word of Truth”

(John 17:14-20)

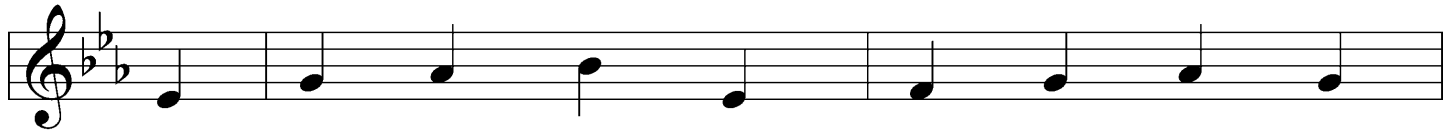
OFFERING

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OFFERTORY

You Are the Way; through You Alone

LSB 526



1 You are the way; through You a - lone Can
2 You are the truth; Your Word a - lone True
3 You are the life; the emp - ty tomb Pro -
4 You are the way, the truth, the life; Grant



we the Fa - ther find; In You, O Christ, has
wis - dom can im - part; You on - ly can in -
claims Your con - qu'ring arm, And those who put their
us that way to know, That truth to keep, that



God re - vealed His heart and will and mind.
form the mind And pu - ri - fy the heart.
trust in You Not death nor hell shall harm.
life to win Whose joys e - ter - nal flow.

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SHARING OF THE PEACE

"Peace be with you"

[through use of American Sign Language]

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P In Your great mercy, O Lord, You have accomplished all things for our salvation and bore upon Your Son the cost of our redemption. Deliver us from doubt and fear that we may know with courage the Gospel of Christ crucified and risen and be made bold to confess this truth before the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P In Your mercy You sustained Your church in the time of waiting for the promise of the Spirit to be fulfilled. Sustain us in our wait for the completion of all that Christ began by His death and resurrection that we not grow weary of trusting You nor betray the

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hope You planted in us in our Baptism. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Guide Your church, O Lord, that we be united in faith and proclaim with one voice Him whose death, resurrection, and ascension have delivered us from sin and its death. Make us of one mind and one heart that we serve our neighbor with joy to the glory of Your holy name. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Deliver us from war and violence, and bless us with good and honest leaders who will hear the voice of Your Word and act on our behalf that we may live holy, upright, and godly lives in this place. Bless those who protect us here and throughout the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P In the midst of temptation, make us strong, and in the midst of trials help us endure with patience and conviction the days of trouble. Bless especially those who suffer illness or infirmity, grief, or pain, [especially . . .]. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Keep Your church and the work of the Kingdom ever before us that we may daily pray to the Father even as our Lord continues to intercede on our behalf. Uplift us in hope that what we pray for we may be willing to work toward, until that day when all our enemies and trials shall end and we shall be united with the saints who went before us, once and forevermore. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Prepare our hearts, O Lord, that we may approach Your altar with repentance and the confession of Your body and blood and here receive to our blessing the very body and blood of Christ, our Lord. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P All these things and whatever else You know that we need we pray You to grant us for the sake of and in the name of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,

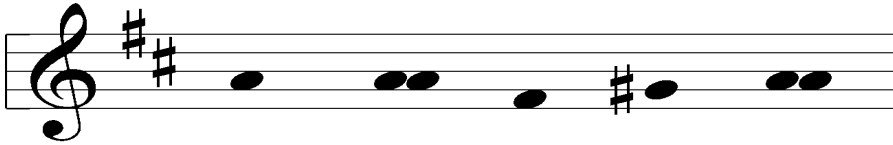
one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

C 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. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

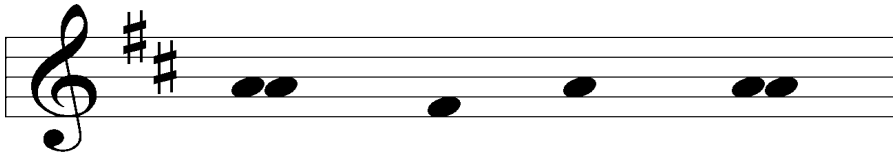
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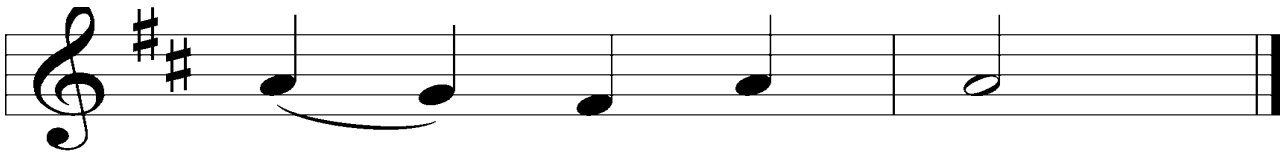
P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

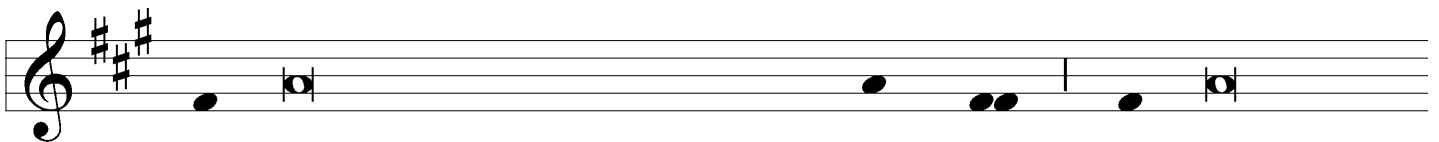


A Bless we the Lord.

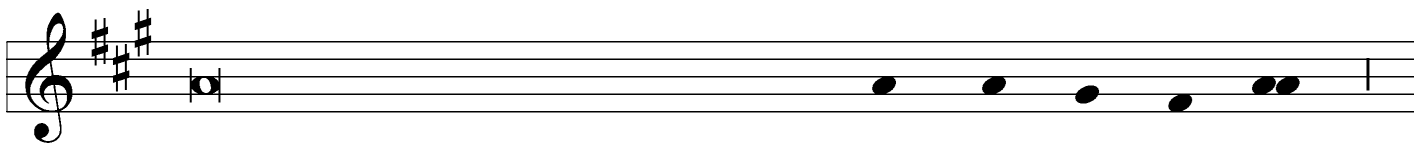


C Thanks be to God.

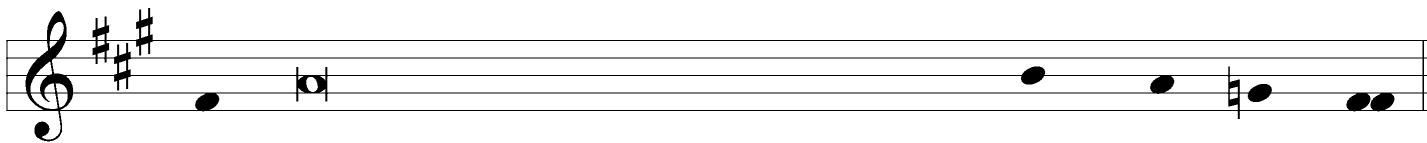
BENEDICTION



P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.



☐ A-men, a-men, a - men.

Please sit

SENDING HYMN

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing

LSB 493



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|--------|---------|--------------------|------------|-----------------|------|-------|------|
| 1 A | hymn | of | glo - ry | let | us | sing! | New |
| 2 The | ho - ly | ap - os - tol - ic | band | | | | Up - |
| 3 To | them | the | shin - ing | an - gels | cry, | | “Why |
| 4 “You | see | Him | now, | as - cend - ing | high | | Up |



| | | | | | | |
|-------|---------------|------------|---------|-----------|--------|--------------------|
| hymns | through - out | the | world | shall | ring: | Al - le - lu - ia, |
| on | the | Mount | of | Ol - ives | stand. | Al - le - lu - ia, |
| stand | and | gaze | up - on | the | sky?” | Al - le - lu - ia, |
| to | the | por - tals | of | the | sky.” | Al - le - lu - ia, |



| | | | | | | |
|--------------------|---------|------------|----------|-------------|--------------|-------|
| al - le - lu - ia! | Christ, | by | a | road | be - fore | un - |
| al - le - lu - ia! | And | with | His | faith - ful | fol - l’wers | |
| al - le - lu - ia! | “This | is | the | Sav - ior,” | thus | they |
| al - le - lu - ia! | “Here | - af - ter | Je - sus | | you | shall |



trod, As - cends un - to the throne of
 see Their Lord as - cend in maj - es -
 say; "This is His glo - rious tri - umph
 see Re - turn - ing in great maj - es -



God. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 ty. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 day!" Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 ty." Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

5 Be now our joy on earth, O Lord,
 And be our future great reward.
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 Then, throned with You forever, we
 Shall praise Your name eternally.
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

△ 6 O risen Christ, ascended Lord,
 All praise to You let earth accord:
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 You are, while endless ages run,
 With Father and with Spirit one.
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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DISMISSAL

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

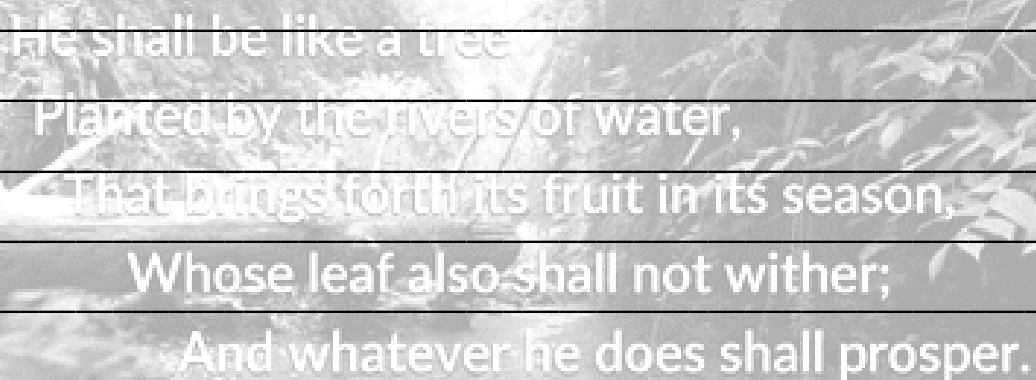
C He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P Go in peace as you serve our living Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Sermon Notes



He shall be like a tree
Planted by the rivers of water,
That brings forth its fruit in its season,
Whose leaf also shall not wither;
And whatever he does shall prosper.

Psalm 1:3 NKJV

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Portals of Prayer for April to June 2024 are available in the Narthex or office.

Join us for **Sunday School and Bible Study**
at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.
Rev. Weber is leading the class.

May's Activities

Youth Confirmation Class
Thursdays @ 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Men's Steak Night/Bible Study
Thursday, May 23rd
6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Immanuel Lutheran School

Memorial Day
Monday, May 27th
(no classes)

Graduation/Promotion Night
Thursday, May 30th @ 6:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

Last Day of School Reverse Day, Lock-In
Friday, May 31st from 4:00 to 10:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall



Happy Mother's Day!

You're so many
things to so
many people.

And today, you're
celebrated for the
beautiful
person you are.

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Memory Verse Challenge

This week's memory verse: ***Mark 10:45***

For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

5/5/2024

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| Sunday Worship | 32 | |
| Plate: | | \$ 265.00 |
| Envelopes: | | \$ 2,008.00 |
| Envelopes-Other: | | |
| On-line: | | |
| Donation: | | |
| | Total: | \$ 2,273.00 |
| Bible Class: | 13 | \$ 13.00 |

The Day of Pentecost Readings:

*Ezekiel 37:1-14
Palm 139:1-12 (13-16)
Acts 2:1-21
John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15*

Our Great High Priest Preserves Us in the Name of His Father

On the eve of His Passion, Christ Jesus intercedes for the disciples as their merciful and great High Priest. He prays that His Father would protect them “from the evil one” and preserve them in His name (John 17:11–12, 15). Along with His prayer, Christ Himself comes to the Father by His self-sacrifice upon the cross, thereby consecrating Himself for the sake of His disciples, “that they also may be sanctified in truth” (John 17:19). To that same end, He speaks to them in the world and gives them His Father’s Word, that is, Himself. His apostles, in turn, have written these things “to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life” (1 John 5:13). For “this life is in his Son,” whom He has given by His Word, and “whoever has the Son has life” (1 John 5:11–12). By this apostolic testimony, disciples are gathered together “with one accord,” as one Body in Christ, “devoting themselves to prayer” and waiting upon the Lord in “the upper room” of His Church on earth (Acts 1:13–14).

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| | Bi-Weekly Church Activity Schedule | |
| | May Sunday Servants: | |
| Elder: | Don Vogel | |
| Altar Guild: | Billie Jo Neuhaus/Maggie Weber | |
| Music: | Doris Pickering | |
| This Week | Seventh Sunday of Easter | |
| Usher: | Ken Eilers | |
| Sunday: | Worship Service | 9:00 am |
| | Sunday School & Adult Bible Study | 10:30 am |
| Next Week | The Day of Pentecost | |
| Usher: | Don Vogel | |
| Sunday: | Holy Communion Worship Service | 9:00 am |
| | Sunday School & Adult Bible Study | 10:30 am |