

**SIXTH SUNDAY
OF EASTER**

MAY 22, 2022

**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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8 am to 12 pm

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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 - Heavenly Father, Your Holy Spirit has worked faith in my heart. Grant that I may pray confidently, trusting that because of Your Son's sacrificial death and glorious resurrection, You graciously hear my every prayer; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

AS WE GATHER - The disciples thought they knew what Jesus was saying, but it was before Easter, and they could not understand. They would, "in that day," that is, after Jesus' victory and the Spirit's gift of faith. Now we with them know that He has overcome the world, all opposition, and even death itself. John's vision in Revelation depicts a perfect Jerusalem, clear and beautiful, with the Lamb as its lamp. Anticipating such nearness of God, in this our day we can pray, asking for whatever we need, confident of our Father's hearing. In the Reading from Acts, Paul has to tell

everyone about his Easter joy, and the Lord opens Lydia's heart. She is baptized and opens her home for Paul and Luke to use to tell others. With the clarity of our Spirit-given Easter joy, we know, pray, and tell!

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WELCOME

PRELUDE

(A quiet time for prayer and meditation in preparation for worship)

OPENING HYMN

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

LSB 904



1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at Your Word We are gath - ered
 2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight Lie in deep - est
 3 Gra - cious Sav - ior, good and kind, Light of Light, from
 4 Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it, Lord, Praise to You and



all to hear You. Let our hearts and souls be stirred
 dark - ness shroud - ed Till Your Spir - it breaks our night
 God pro - ceed - ing, O - pen now our heart and mind;
 ad - o - ra - tion! Grant that we may trust Your Word,



Now to seek and love and fear You, By Your teach - ings,
 With the beams of truth un - cloud - ed. You a - lone to
 Help us by Your Spir - it's plead - ing. Hear the cry Your
 Con - fi - dent of our sal - va - tion, While we here be -



sweet and ho - ly, Drawn from earth to love You sole - ly.
 God can win us; You must work all good with - in us.
 Church now rais - es; Hear and bless our prayers and prais - es.
 low must wan - der, Till we sing Your prais - es yon - der.

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 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.

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. (John 20:19-23)

C **Amen.**

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

INTROIT *Psalm 66:1-2, 8-9, 20: antiphon, v. 16*

P Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will declare what He has done for my soul.

C **Make a joyful shout to God, all the earth!**

P Sing out the honor of His name; make His praise glorious.

C **Oh, bless our God, you peoples! And make the voice of His praise to be heard,**

P Who keeps our soul among the living, and does not allow our feet to be moved.

C **Blessed be God, who has not turned away my prayer, nor His mercy from me!**

P Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will declare what He has done for my soul.

KYRIE



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



- 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good - will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with your spirit.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. 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.

C Amen.

Please sit

FIRST READING

Acts 16:9–15

(Paul and Luke stay with Lydia after her Baptism.)

9 And a vision appeared to Paul in the night. A man of Macedonia stood and pleaded with him, saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” 10 Now after he had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go to Macedonia, concluding that the Lord had called us to preach the gospel to them. 11 Therefore, sailing from Troas, we ran a straight course to Samothrace, and the next day came to Neapolis, 12 and from there to Philippi, which is the foremost city of that part of Macedonia, a colony. And we were staying in that city for some days. 13 And on the Sabbath day we went out of the city to the riverside, where prayer was customarily made; and we sat down and spoke to the women who met there. 14 Now a certain woman named Lydia heard us. She was a seller of purple from the city of Thyatira, who worshiped God. The Lord opened her heart to heed the things spoken by Paul. 15 And when she and her household were baptized, she begged us, saying, “If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay.” So she persuaded us.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM *Psalm 67; antiphon: v. 3*

P Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You.

C God be merciful to us and bless us, and cause His face to shine upon us,

P That Your way may be known on earth, Your salvation

among all nations.

C Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You.

P Oh, let the nations be glad and sing for joy! For You shall judge the people righteously, and govern the nations on earth.

C Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You.

P Then the earth shall yield her increase; God, our own God, shall bless us.

C God shall bless us, and all the ends of the earth shall fear Him.

P Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You.

EPISTLE *Revelation 21:9–14, 21–27*

(Nothing unclean will ever enter the heavenly Jerusalem.)

9 Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls filled with the seven last plagues came to me and talked with me, saying, “Come, I will show you the bride, the Lamb’s wife.” 10 And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, 11 having the glory of God. Her light was like a most precious stone, like a jasper stone, clear as crystal. 12 Also she had a great and high wall with twelve gates, and twelve angels at the gates, and names written on them, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel: 13 three gates on the east, three gates on the north, three gates on the south, and three gates on the west.

14 Now the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

21 The twelve gates were twelve pearls: each individual gate was of one pearl. And the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass.

22 But I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. 23 The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb is its light. 24 And the nations of those who are saved shall walk in its light, and the kings of the earth bring their glory and honor into it. 25 Its gates shall not be shut at all by day (there shall be no night there). 26 And they shall bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it. 27 But there shall by no means enter it anything that defiles, or causes an abomination or a lie, but only those who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

ALLELUIA and VERSE



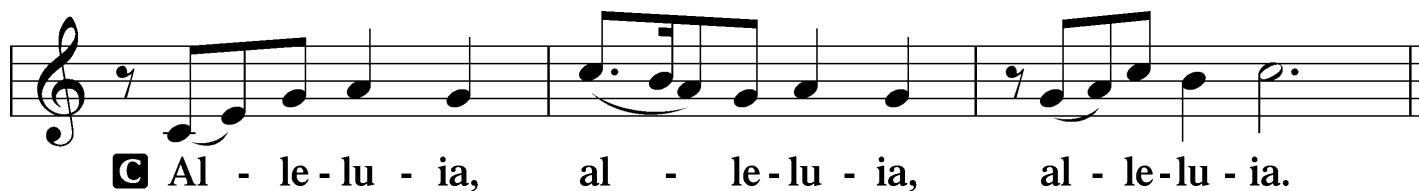
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These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



HOLY GOSPEL

John 16:23–33

(Because of Christ's victory, we can pray directly to our Father in heaven.)

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

C Glory to You , O Lord.

23 “And in that day you will ask Me nothing. Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you. 24 Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.

25 “These things I have spoken to you in figurative language; but the time is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figurative language, but I will tell you plainly about the Father. 26 In that day you will ask in My name, and I do not say to you that I shall pray the Father for you; 27 for the Father Himself loves you, because you have loved Me, and have believed that I came forth from God. 28 I came forth from the Father and have come into the world. Again, I leave the world and go to the Father.”

29 His disciples said to Him, “See, now You are speaking plainly, and using no figure of speech! 30 Now we are sure that You know all things, and have no need that anyone should question You. By this we believe that You came forth from God.”

31 Jesus answered them, “Do you now believe? 32 Indeed the hour is coming, yes, has now come, that you will be scattered, each to his own, and will leave Me alone. And yet I am not alone, because the Father is with Me. 33 These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome

the world.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES CREED

All 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 *Spread the Reign of God the Lord* LSB 830



1 Spread the reign of God the Lord, Spo - ken, writ - ten, might-y Word;
2 Tell how God the Fa - ther's will Made the world, up - holds it still,
3 Tell of our Re-deem - er's grace, Who, to save our hu - man race
4 Tell of God the Spir - it giv'n Now to guide us on to heav'n,



Ev - 'ry - where His crea - tures call To His heav'n - ly ban - quet hall.
How His own dear Son He gave Us from sin and death to save.
And to pay re - bel - lion's price, Gave Him - self as sac - ri - fice.
Strong and ho - ly, just and true, Work - ing both to will and do.

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5 Enter, mighty Word, the field;
Ripe the promise of its yield.
But the reapers, oh, how few
For the work there is to do!

6 Lord of harvest, great and kind,
Rouse to action heart and mind;
Let the gath'ring nations all
See Your light and heed Your call.

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SERMON *“Spreading the Gospel”* (Acts 16:9-15)

OFFERING

Please stand

OFFERTORY *For All the Faithful Women* **LSB 855; vs. 1, 4**



1 For all the faith - ful wom - en Who served in days of old,
4 All praise to God the Fa - ther! All praise to Christ the Son!



To You shall thanks be giv - en; To all, their sto - ry told.
All praise the Ho - ly Spir - it, Who binds the Church in one!



They served with strength and glad - ness In tasks Your wis - dom gave.
With saints who went be - fore us, With saints who wit - ness still,



To You their lives bore wit - ness, Pro - claimed Your pow'r to save.
We sing glad Al - le - lu - ias And strive to do Your will.

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SHARING OF THE PEACE

"Peace be with you"

(John 20:21)

[using American Sign Language]

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Psalm 67:3

P "In that day," Jesus said, we would pray directly to our Father in heaven. This side of Easter and Pentecost, we know that all we ask is based on our Lord's death and resurrection. Let us therefore take our concerns to our heavenly Father.

We pray that the Spirit work faith in the hearts of many people who do not know about our Lord's overcoming the world through His death and resurrection. Grant that they join us to pray to our Father in heaven, to hallow His name, and to be instruments of His kingdom and will. Let the peoples praise You, O God;

C let all the peoples praise You!

P We pray for people who call out to God for daily bread, everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body: those who are sick; in need of adequate food, clothing, or shelter; in conflict with family or neighbors; oppressed unjustly; dealing with calamity by fire or water; going into harm's way for the good of others; and those near and dear to us, [especially . . .]. Grant that they place their hope in Jesus' overcoming the world, realize God's protection and care, and find peace in God's answers to their prayers. Let the peoples praise You, O God;

C let all the peoples praise You!

P We pray for people who do not know the complete forgiveness for their trespasses that Christ has won for them and those who have strayed away from His protection into false belief and despair. Grant that God

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surround them with people bringing them His forgiveness in word and deed so that they might overcome the devil, the world, and their own sinful nature to win the victory. Let the peoples praise You, O God;

C let all the peoples praise You!

P We ask God to answer those prayers we have not put into words, but are still known to Him, our heavenly Father. Hear us, O Lord, for the sake of the death and resurrection of Your Son, in whose name we pray. Let the peoples praise You, O God;

C let all the peoples praise You! Amen; yes, yes, it shall be so.

LORD'S PRAYER *(Matthew 6:9-13)*

All 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.

BENEDICAMUS

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

P 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.

C Amen.

Please sit

SENDING HYMN *We Sing for All the Unsung Saints* **LSB 678**



1 We sing for all the un-sung saints, That count-less, name-less throng,
2 Though un-in-scribed with date or place, With ti-tle, rank, or name,
3 So we take heart from un-known saints Be-reft of earth-ly fame,



Who kept the faith and passed it on With hope stead-fast and strong
As liv-ing stones their sto-ries join To form a hal-lowed frame
Those faith-ful ones who have re-ceived A more en-dur-ing name:



Through all the dai-ly griefs and joys No chron-i-cles re-cord,
A-round the mys-t'ry in their midst: The Lamb once sac-ri-ficed,
For they re-veal true bless-ing comes When we our pride ef-face



For-get-ful of their lack of fame, But mind-ful of their Lord.
The Love that wrest-ed life from death, The wound-ed, ris-en Christ.
And of-fer back our lives to be The ves-sels of God's grace.

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DISMISSAL

P Go in peace as you serve the Lord!

C Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

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God be gracious to us
and bless us, and cause
His face to shine upon us

Psalm 67:1



The LCMS invites everyone to join together in memorizing a verse each week.

This week's memory verse: *Psalm 139:9-10*

If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me.

Announcements

Immanuel Lutheran School May Activities

Thursday, May 26th, 2022

Graduation/Promotion Ceremony

6:00 p.m.



Friday, May 27th, 2022

End of School Year Early Release

1:00 p.m.

5/15/2022

Sunday Worship 35

Plate \$ 124.00

Envelopes \$ 973.00

Donation

Total: \$ 1,097.00

Bible Class: 8 \$ 10.00

Seventh Sunday of Easter ***Readings:***

Acts 16:9-15

Psalm 67

Revelation 21:9-14, 21-27

John 16:23-33 or John 5:1-9

We Pray to the Father in Jesus' Name

“In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world” (John 16:33). Jesus has opened the way to the Father so that “whatever you ask of the Father” in Jesus’ name, “he will give it to you” (John 16:23). We pray, therefore, in the confidence that we will be heard and answered, that our “joy may be full” (John 16:24). We pray because the Gospel has been preached to us and the Lord has opened our hearts to believe the Gospel (Acts 16:10, 14). We pray in the name of Jesus because we have been baptized into Him, as Lydia and her household were baptized (Acts 16:15). We have been healed, and we live and walk and pray in newness of life (John 5:8–9). For we stand upon the firm foundation “of the twelve apostles of the Lamb” (Rev. 21:14), and our temple is “the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb” (Rev. 21:22).

	Bi-Weekly Church Activity Schedule	
	May Sunday Servants	
Elder:	Don Vogel	
Altar Guild:	Billie Jo Neuhaus & Maribel Perez	
Music:	Doris Pickering	
This Week	<i>Sixth Sunday of Easter</i>	
Usher:	Dan Wehling	
Sunday:	Worship Service	9:00 am
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am
Next Week	<i>Seventh Sunday of Easter</i>	
Usher:	Don Vogel	
Sunday:	Holy Communion Worship Service	9:00 am
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am