

**SEVENTH SUNDAY
OF EASTER**

MAY 24, 2020

**IMMANUEL
LUTHERAN
CHURCH**

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Sunday

9:00 AM

Worship Service

10:30 am

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Sunday School**

Holy Communion:

1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday

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8 am to 12 pm

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*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.*

(John 17:11)

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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.

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 - You are the King of glory, O Christ; You are the everlasting Son of the Father, now seated at His right hand. As You send the Holy Spirit to me through Your Word and Sacraments, give me the strengthening of faith to endure all trials and live in the hope of eternal life; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

AS WE GATHER - Our Savior Jesus Christ told us He was going to His Father. The first disciples saw Him do this, actually leaving them and us behind, ascending through the clouds. But they and we are to know His "going" is not exactly His "leaving." For He has not left us alone as orphans. We are to know that His real presence with us is now not by sight but by faith through His Sacraments. It is His voice we hear from now on, saying, "I forgive you all your sins." By faith we know that Holy Baptism and Holy Communion are not

3 For the Lord, our God, shall come
And shall take His harvest home,
From His field shall in that day
All offenses purge away,
Give His angels charge at last
In the fire the tares to cast,
But the fruitful ears to store
In His garner evermore.

4 Even so, Lord, quickly come
To Thy final harvest home;
Gather Thou Thy people in,
Free from sorrow, free from sin,
There, forever purified,
In Thy garner to abide:
Come with all Thine angels, come,
Raise the glorious harvest home.

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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 100; antiphon: Psalm 101:1*

P I will sing of mercy and justice; to You, O Lord, I will sing praises.

C Make a joyful shout to the Lord, all you lands!

P Serve the Lord with gladness; come before His presence with singing.

C Know that the Lord, He is God; it is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; we are His people and the sheep of His pasture.

P Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name.

C For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting, and His truth endures to all generations.

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KYRIE

C Lord, have mercy;
Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

C To God on high be glory and peace to all the earth;
Goodwill from God in heaven proclaimed at
Jesus' birth!

**We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name, we
sing— Our thanks for Your great glory,
Lord God, our heav'nly King.**

**To You, O sole-begotten, the Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated
At God's right hand on high—**

**For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever, Be worshiped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.**

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. 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 **Amen.**

FIRST READING *Acts 1:12-26*

(Matthias chosen to replace Judas)

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:

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‘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 68:1–10; antiphon: v. 32*

P Sing to God, you kingdoms of the earth; Oh, sing praises to the Lord.

C Let God arise, let His enemies be scattered; let those also who hate Him flee before Him.

P As smoke is driven away, so drive them away; as wax melts before the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.

C But let the righteous be glad; let them rejoice before God; yes, let them rejoice exceedingly.

P Sing to God, sing praises to His name; Extol Him who rides on the clouds, by His name Yah, and rejoice before Him.

C A father of the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in His holy habitation.

P God sets the solitary in families; He brings out those who are bound into prosperity; but the rebellious dwell in a dry land.

C O God, when You went out before Your people, when You marched through the wilderness,

P The earth shook; the heavens also dropped rain at the presence of God; Sinai itself was moved at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

C You, O God, sent a plentiful rain, whereby You confirmed Your inheritance, when it was weary.

P Your congregation dwelt in it; You, O God, provided from Your goodness for the poor.

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE *(Children remain seated)*

EPISTLE *1 Peter 4:12-19; 5:6-11*

(Suffering as a Christian)

12 Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you; 13 but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy. 14 If you are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. On their part He is blasphemed, but on your part He is glorified. 15 But let none of you suffer as a murderer, a thief, an evildoer, or as a busybody in other people's matters. 16 Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let

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him glorify God in this matter. 17 For the time has come for judgment to begin at the house of God; and if it begins with us first, what will be the end of those who do not obey the gospel of God? 18 Now

“If the righteous one is scarcely saved,
Where will the ungodly and the sinner appear?”

19 Therefore let those who suffer according to the will of God commit their souls to Him in doing good, as to a faithful Creator. 6 Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, 7 casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you. 8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. 9 Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world. 10 But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you. 11 To Him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA and VERSE

C **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**These things are written that you may believe that
Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 17:1-11

(The High Priestly Prayer)

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

C **Glory to You , O Lord.**

Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: “Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You, 2 as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him. 3 And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. 4 I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do. 5 And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was. 6 “I have manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word. 7 Now they have known that all things which You have given Me are from You. 8 For I have given to them the words which You have given Me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came forth from You; and they have believed that You sent Me. 9 “I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours. 10 And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them. 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.

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,

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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.

HYMN OF THE DAY *O Christ, Our Hope, Our Hearts' Desire*

LSB 553

- 1 O Christ, our hope, our hearts' desire,
 Creation's mighty Lord,
 Redeemer of the fallen world,
 By holy love outpoured:
- 2 How vast Your mercy to accept
 The burden of our sin
 And bow Your head in cruel death
 To make us clean within.
- 3 But now the bonds of death are burst,
 The ransom has been paid;
 You now ascend the Father's throne
 In robes of light arrayed.
- 4 O let Your mighty love prevail
 To purge us of our pride
 That we may stand before Your throne
 By mercy purified.

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!

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SERMON

"The Hour Has Come"

(John 17:1)

OFFERING *(Please place your offering in the offering plate as you leave.)*

HYMN

God of Grace and God of Glory

LSB 850

1 God of grace and God of glory,
On Your people pour Your pow'r;
Crown Your ancient Church's story;
Bring its bud to glorious flow'r.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
For the facing of this hour,
For the facing of this hour.

2 Lo, the hosts of evil round us
Scorn the Christ, assail His ways!
From the fears that long have bound us
Free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
For the living of these days,
For the living of these days.

3 Cure Your children's warring madness;
Bend our pride to Your control;
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
Rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
Lest we miss Your kingdom's goal,
Lest we miss Your kingdom's goal.

4 Save us from weak resignation
To the evils we deplore;
Let the gift of Your salvation
Be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
Serving You whom we adore,
Serving You whom we adore.

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SHARING OF THE PEACE *"Peace be with you" (John 20:21)*
through ASL (American Sign Language)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and
for all people according to their needs.
Almighty and merciful God, we give thanks for Your mercy,
especially for the salvation You have prepared for the whole
world through the suffering and resurrection of Your Son,
Jesus Christ, our Lord. Enable us to walk by faith, enduring
all trials encountered because of that faith as we deny our-
selves, take up our cross, and follow Christ. Lord, in Your
mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P We pray that You rule and govern Your Holy Church
throughout the world, granting Your blessing to all You have

called to preach Your Holy Word, in order that we be preserved in the pure doctrine of Your saving Word, and that we bear witness to Your saving truth. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Give health, wisdom, and protection to all who are in authority of making, administering, and judging our laws in order that they rule according to Your goodwill and pleasure. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Give Your comfort to all who are in trouble, want, sickness, peril of death, or any other adversity. Grant courage and steadfastness especially to those who suffer for Your name's sake, that they receive and accept their afflictions in the confidence that You will acknowledge them as Your own. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Individual petitions may be added here.

P We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served You in Your Church on earth who now rest from their labors. Keep us in fellowship with all Your saints and bring us at last to the joys of Your heavenly kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

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

P The LORD bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN *From All That Dwell Below the Skies*

LSB 816

- 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!



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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DISMISSAL

P Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

C **Thanks be to God!**



Portals of Prayer for April to June are available on the table next to the gate.

Bible Study

Copies of the Bible study (1 Samuel 17 -David and Goliath) are available on the table to pick up and study as a family at home. They are also available on the church website - lutheranmercedes.com

Youth Confirmation Classes

Review of the Catechism will continue this summer at home.

The goal of Bible Lesson 1 is to have the books of the Bible memorized and the homework completed.

The lesson and homework are on the table next to the gate. They are also available on the church website.

<https://lutheranmercedes.com/youth-confirmation>

Memory Verse Challenge

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

This week's memory verse: Galatians 2:20

"I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."



Bi-Weekly Church Activity Schedule		
	May Sunday Servants:	June's Servants:
Elder:	Joe Winston	Earl Neuhaus
Altar Guild:	Billie Jo Neuhaus & Maribel Perez	BJ Neuhaus & M Perez
Music:	Bonny Winston	
This Week	Seventh Sunday of Easter	
Usher:	Dan Wehling	
Sunday:	Worship Service	9:00 am
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am
Next Week	Day of Pentecost	
Usher:	Don Vogel	
Sunday:	Holy Communion Worship Service	9:00 am
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am

Our Lord Jesus Is with Us in the Upper Room of His Church on Earth

On the night when He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus prayed for His apostles and His Church on earth. “The hour” had come when the Father would glorify His Son by the cross (John 17:1). Through the shedding of His blood, He would bring forgiveness for the sins of the world, and in His resurrection and ascension He would unite all Christians with the Father “that they may be one” with God (John 17:11). He manifested His name to the apostles and gave them the words of the Father to speak in His name. The apostolic witness of His cross and resurrection (Acts 1:21–22) gathers disciples together “with one accord” into the one Body of Christ (Acts 1:14). “Devoting themselves to prayer,” they wait upon the Lord in “the upper room” (Acts 1:13–14), the place of His Holy Supper. Strengthened by the Gospel, Christians bear the cross of Christ in patience and peace, rejoicing to share in His suffering, in order that they “may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed” (1 Peter 4:13).

5/17/2020		
Sunday Worship	16	
Plate:		\$ 75.00
Envelopes:		\$ 2,075.00
Donation:		
Love Gift		\$ 500.00
Memorial:		
	Total:	\$ 2,650.00
Bible Class:	N/A	N/A

Day of Pentecost Readings:

Numbers 11:24-30

Psalms 25:1-15

Acts 2:1-21

John 7:37-39