



Pentecost Sunday

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IMMANUEL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Reconciling in Christ Congregation

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PRELUDE (*Prayerful time for reflection.*)

^MISSION STATEMENT:

C: We of Immanuel are claimed, gathered, and sent by God to live Christ's example through worship, education, and service.

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.

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism. Merciful God, you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. You lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for the waters that nourish us (local waters may be named).

Blessed are you. **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys. We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow.

Blessed are you. **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows. Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace. Blessed are you. **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever. **Amen.**

^OPENING PRAYER

O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

Refrain



Ev - 'ry time I feel the spir - it mov - ing




in my heart, I will pray. Ev - 'ry time I feel the



spir - it mov - ing in my heart, I will pray.



1 Up - on the moun - tain my Lord spoke,
2 . . . All a - round me looked so fine,
3 . . . Jor - dan riv - er, chilly and cold,



out of his mouth came fire and smoke.
asked my Lord if all was mine.
chills the bod - y but not the soul.

Refrain

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

^KYRIE

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

Lord, have mer - cy; have mer - cy, O Lord.

^HYMN OF PRAISE

God of Promise, Let These Signs of Grace

Refrain

God of prom - ise, let these signs of grace

kin - dle in our hearts a song of praise.

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|---|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 | Life - giv - ing wa - ter | soak - ing our dry - ness, |
| 2 | Word of pro - claim - ing, | breath on the wa - ter, |
| 3 | Oil of a - noint - ing, | fra - grant with pow - er, |
| 4 | Bright light of Eas - ter | cleav - ing the dark - ness, |
| 5 | Robe of a - dop - tion | grow - ing God's fam - 'ly, |

drown - ing our sin each day, mak - ing us new -
 plant - ing your prom - ise - the voice from a - bove:
 nam - ing us ho - ly while hold - ing our pain -
 shin - ing up - on and with - in us to - day -
 wrap - ping our bro - ken - ness in the di - vine -

Refrain

mer - cy come stream - ing from you.
 "This is my child, my be - loved."
 mark of the life that we gain.
 bea - con of hope on the way.
 love be - come sym - bol and sign.

P: The Lord be with you

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray

^PRAYER OF THE DAY

God our creator, the resurrection of your Son offers life to all the peoples of earth. By your Holy Spirit, kindle in us the fire of your love, empowering our lives for service and our tongues for praise, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

First Reading:

Acts 2:1-21

Pentecost was a Jewish harvest festival that marked the fiftieth day after Passover. Luke portrays the Holy Spirit being poured out upon the disciples before the gathered and astonished people assembled in Jerusalem for the festival. Filled with the Spirit, the disciples were able to witness to the power of Christ's resurrection.

¹ When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. ² And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵ Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶ And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷ Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—in our own

languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹² All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³ But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵ Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷ 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. ¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹ And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰ The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. ²¹ Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "

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

Psalm:

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

²⁴ How manifold are your works, O Lord! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

²⁵ **Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too many to number, living things both small and great.**

²⁶ There go the ships to and fro, and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it.

²⁷ **All of them look to you to give them their food in due season.**

²⁸ You give it to them; they gather it; you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

²⁹ **When you hide your face, they are terrified; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.**

³⁰ You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; and so you renew the face of the earth.

³¹ **May the glory of the Lord endure forever; O Lord, rejoice in all your works.**

³² You look at the earth and it trembles; you touch the mountains and they smoke.

³³ **I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will praise my God while I have my being.**

³⁴ May these words of mine please God. I will rejoice in the Lord.

^{35b} **Bless the Lord, O my soul Hallelujah**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

Paul is helping the Corinthians understand the relationship between our God-given unity and Spirit-created diversity. The Spirit creates the unity of faith and gives all Christians diverse gifts for the common benefit of all. We need one another's diverse spiritual gifts because the same Spirit has given them to each person for the common good.

^{3b} No one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴ Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, ⁵ and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, ⁶ and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷ To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸ To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰ to another the working of powerful deeds, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

¹² For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

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

^GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Word of life, Je - sus Christ, all glo - ry to you!

Word of life, Je - sus Christ, all praise to you!

^HOLY GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel according to John the 20th Chapter

C: **Glory to you O Lord**

The risen Jesus appears to his disciples, offering them a benediction, a commission, and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ**

SERMON

Pastor. Scott Lee

^HYMN

God of Our Fathers



1 God of our fa - thers, whose al - might - y hand
 2 Your love di - vine has led us in the past;
 3 From war's a - larms, from dead - ly pes - ti - lence,
 4 Re - fresh your peo - ple on their toil - some way;



leads forth in beau - ty all the star - ry hand
 in this free land by you our lot is cast;
 make your strong arm our ev - er sure de - fense,
 lead us from night to nev - er - end - ing day;



of shin - ing worlds in splen - dor through the skies;
 oh, be our rul - er, guard - ian, guide, and stay;
 Your true re - li - gion in our hearts in - crease;
 fill all our lives with heav'n - born love and grace



our grate - ful songs be - fore your throne a - rise,
 your word our law, your paths our cho - sen way,
 your boun - teous good - ness nour - ish us in peace,
 un - til at last we meet be - fore your face,

^APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.*

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *(Kneeling as able.)*

Merciful God, receive our prayer.

^PEACE

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


C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us share a sign of peace with one another, as you feel comfortable.

OFFERING

We join other Christians in joyfully responding to God's goodness, through your personal giving. The ushers will pass the offering plates during this time. For those who don't feel comfortable passing the plates, we ask that you place your offering in the plates located at the front of the nave prior to the service, or after the service, in the plate on the table as you exit into the Hospitality area. Many people give electronically, and we thank all growing disciples in advance for their supportive giving.

^OFFERTORY HYMN



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the
 brim our cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
 seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
 Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
 prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,
 and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER

Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world. **Amen.**

+HOLY COMMUNION+

COMMUNION LITURGY (*sung*)

Words by Beth Quick

**Come, we that love the Lord. Let every voice be raised!
Lift up your hearts unto the Lord, lift up your hearts unto the Lord,
And give God thanks and praise, and give God thanks and praise.
We're called to God's table, Everyone come to the table!
The Spirit moving among us, the beautiful people of God!**

**God called us forth from dust. God's Spirit filled us with life.
God set us in a paradise, God set us in a paradise.
But we chose our own way, a path of pain and strife.
We're called to God's table, Everyone come to the table!
The Spirit's filling these dry bones. God's Spirit gives us new life.**

**God called us a throughout time. God sought us day after day.
God gave us judges, poets, kings. God sent us prophet's ponderings.
And then God sent us Christ, and then God sent us Christ.
We're called to God's table, Everyone come to the table!
The Spirit's filling these dry bones. God's Spirit gives us new life.**

**When Jesus shared a meal with all his dearest friends
 He took the bread, then took the cup, as giving thanks he raised them
 up. My life, my body given-remember till the end.
 We're called to God's table, Everyone come to the table!
 The Spirit moving among us, the beautiful people of God!**

**When Christ returned to God, he left us not alone.
 He sent us to the Holy Breath, the Comforter, the Advocate
 That we might, Spirit-led, go forth and change the world!
 We're filled with God's Spirit! Everyone's filled with God's Spirit!
 The Spirit's moving among us! We're Pentecost people today!**

^LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: The table is ready, come and eat..

C: Amen

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION *(By Intinction)*

*All baptized Christians are welcome to share the bread and wine of **Holy Communion**. After it is placed in your hand, dip your wafer in the wine (silver chalice) or grape juice (ceramic chalice). Sign a communion card from the pew rack and place it in the offering plate.*

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen

POST COMMUNION PRAYER *(sung)*

Words by Beth Quick

Pour out your Spirit, on gifts of bread and wine.

God, may these gifts become for us, yes, may these gifts become for us Christ's body, gift divine, Christ's body, gift divine.

We're filled with God's Spirit! Everyone's filled with God's Spirit!

The Spirit's moving among us! We're Pentecost people today!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

^BENEDICTION/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.**

^HYMN

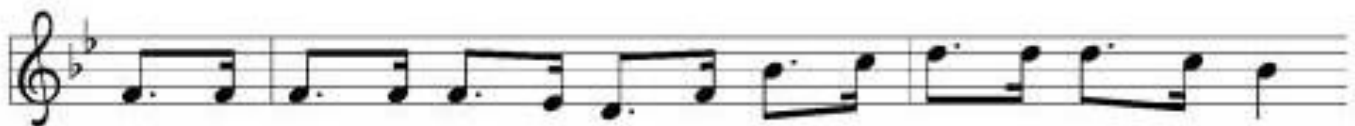
Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory



1 Mine eyes have seen the glo - ry of the com - ing of the Lord;
 2 He has sound - ed forth the trum - pet that shall nev - er call re - treat;
 3 In the beau - ty of the lil - ies Christ was born a - cross the sea,



he is tram - pling out the vin - tage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
 he is sift - ing out the hearts of men be - fore his judg - ment seat,
 with a glo - ry in his bos - om that trans - fig - ures you and me.



he has loosed the fate - ful light - ning of his ter - ri - ble swift sword:
 Oh, be swift, my soul, to an - swer him; be ju - bi - lant, my feet!
 As he died to make men ho - ly, let us live to make men free,



his truth is march - ing on.
 Our God is march - ing on.
 while God is march - ing on.

Refrain

Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah! Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah!



Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah! His truth is march - ing on.

^DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!



Geranium Dedications

Marian Tomosky

in memory of Dee Luty, Sylvia Hunsberger
and Viola Mayberry

Vicki Slotterback

in memory of loved ones

Robin Woodward

in memory of loved ones

Colleen Kelly

in memory of loved ones

Fran Fisher

in memory of loved ones



As a **Reconciling in Christ** congregation, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Norwood, commits to celebrating the love of God with ALL people as we are all made in God's image. We are committed to racial equity in our congregation, community, and country. Whatever your abilities, gender identity, sexual orientation, relationship status, race, culture, faith tradition or economic circumstance; whatever your past or present – you are welcome to share in God's love and our community.

Welcome Visitors! We are very glad you are with us today! It is a privilege to have you share our worship service. Please take a moment to fill out the Visitor Guest Book located at the top of the steps at our Chester Pike entrance. If you have any questions please ask any of the members, we'll be happy to help. Check out www.immanuelnorwood.org or our Facebook page. **Thanks for being with us!**



Supporting IMMANUEL's Mission with Our Generosity. We have three easy, virtual ways for people to donate to IMMANUEL. You will see on our Website and on our Facebook page "links" which you can click and make a secure donation. Here is a **QR code** which you can scan with your smart phone. Thank You for your continued generous support!



ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

Weekly Activities do not reflect building use by outside groups.

SUNDAY

Worship

11:00 AM

	Lector	Worship Assistant	Acolyte	Greeters
May 24		J. Kintsche		
May 31		K. McClellan	M. Stewart	B. Funk
Jun 7				C. Kelly
Jun 14				J.Morrison



April Income \$11,622

April Expenses \$11,186

Acme/ShopRite Gift Cards! They are used like cash at any of the area stores. There is no extra charge for the certificates. **Our church receives 5% of the coupons. Help us help our church!** See Mary Lyn Horne-Onimus for details.

ACME

Diakon (a social service of our local SEPA Synod) assists families (referred by Children and Youth Services) in providing adequate care for their children. They also facilitate the reunification of families when children return from foster care. The Outreach Committee has provided a bin in the hospitality area for donations to their work. Donations of new or very gently used baby and children's clothing and baby supplies (but not diapers, they have a source for that) would be gratefully accepted.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will be here before we know it!! Aug 10th – 14th, 9:00AM-11:30AM. You can be a part of the excitement. We do need more helpers to make this year a success. This year's program is "Snowball Mountain Challenge". "Ollie" will lead us through the week. If you're able to help out this year, please see Jeanne Warner.



AC for Sanctuary Repair Approved and HVAC Project Started! Council has approved an HVAC Project to upgrade the church's AC and work began after Easter. We'll be funding this effort with some of our investment funds and a loan from ELCA's Mission Investment Fund. Check out the display in the Hospitality area to see how you can help. See Karl McClellan or Fred Warner for more details. Thank you for your support!

TEE SHIRTS! It's time to order new tee shirts for us to share our loyalty to our congregation and to identify us as members for public events! The tee shirts will be available in unisex sizes from **extra small to Triple X Large**. They will be bright red (like the typical doors of a Lutheran Church) with white lettering and the Reconciling in Christ full color logo on the left sleeve. Cost will be **\$18 per shirt**, and orders will be due ***no later than May 31***. We expect to have the new shirts in time for the Norwood 4th of July Parade. There are forms on the hospitality table to place your orders. **Payment will be collected upon delivery in June.**



LGBTQ PARADE

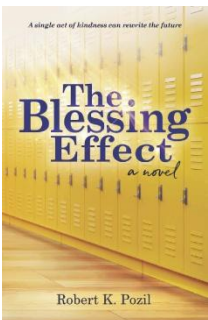


Immanuel will be supporting the **Media LGBTQ+ Pride Parade: June 6 from 12 – 2**. At this time, we expect to support the parade from the sidelines while displaying our Immanuel parade banner and wearing our Immanuel tee shirts. Last year we heard from several people that they would love to support Immanuel's participation, but walking wasn't an option for them. Check the June newsletter – we'll share details of exactly where we will set up to support the marchers.



Please join us on **Father's Day, June 21st**, after services, as we celebrate our fathers and father figures with refreshments, sponsored by the Social Ministry Committee.

SUMMER READING



Are you looking for a summer reading book? Sunday morning Bible Study group is recommending The Blessing Effect: A Single Act of Kindness Can Rewrite the Future by Robert K. Pozil.. Please join us in September when we will discuss the book. Have a great summer! For more info see Jeanne Warner.