May 5, 2024 6th Sunday of Easter



PEACE

WITH

GOD

WE HAVE

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→ Opening Prayer →

Hymn: TLH #24 "Lord of My Life, Whose Tender Care"

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

C Amen.

Confession of Our Sins

Pastor

Congregation

We come before God recognizing that we are sinful & need His forgiveness.

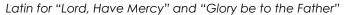
- P We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.
- Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from conception. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin and take away my guilt.
- P God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will!

C Amen!

The Introit

Ps. 66:1-2, 17, 19-20; Is. 48:20

- [With a voice of singing,] declare this with a shout of joy to the end of the earth. Alleluia. The Lord has redeemed his servant Jacob! Alleluia.
- Shout for joy to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name.
- PI cried to him with my mouth, and high praise was on my tongue.
- But truly God has listened; he has attended to the voice of my prayer.
- P Blessèd be God, because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me!
- Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.





Requested Prayers & the Collect Prayer of the Day

A prayer to God that collects together the thoughts and theme of the day.

P 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.

John 16:25-30

²⁵ "I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no

longer speak to you in figures of speech but 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 will ask the Father on your behalf; ²⁷ for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. ²⁸ I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father." ²⁹ His disciples said, "Ah, now you are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech! ³⁰ Now we know that you know all things and do not need anyone to question you; this is why we believe that you came from God."

Isaiah 55:6-11

"Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; 7 let the wicked

forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. ⁸ For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. ⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. ¹⁰ "For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, ¹¹ so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

P Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.

These words are written that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

G 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 Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into Heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the Holy Christian Church, the Communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn: TLH #383:1-3 "Seek Where Ye May to Find a Way"

James 1:22-27

²² But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. ²³ For if

anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. ²⁴ For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. ²⁵ But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing. ²⁶ If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person's religion is worthless. ²⁷ Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.

"Sunday Christians" vs. Real Christians: Which Are You?

I. "Sunday Christians" hear the Word and forget it II. Real Christians hear the Word and do it!

The Offertory

In this prayer we offer our hearts, asking God for the best gift, the Holy Spirit.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence. Take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation. Uphold with Your Spirit free.

→ The Offering of Thankful Hearts →

Hymn: TLH #453 "We Are the Lord's; His All-Sufficient Merit"

+ The General Prayer & The Lord's Prayer +

- P The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts!
- **G** We lift them up to the Lord.

The Order of Holy Communion



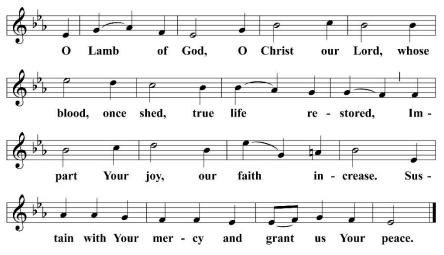
P It is truly good, right, and beneficial that we should, at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, everlasting God. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:



P Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread. And when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take, eat. This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

In the same way He took the cup, after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always!



Communion Today is for Members Only Please

We don't judge anyone's faith, but we do stand up for our own. The Bible teaches what we call "Close Communion," that is, God wants you to commune only with those people with whom you are agreed in ALL the Bible's teachings. This belief is based upon 1 Corinthians 1:10 & 11:26-30, among other Bible passages. Therefore, if you are a guest with us today, and BEFORE you come up to commune with us, please speak with our Pastor to find out about communing with us in the future!

→ The Distribution of the Lord's Supper →



The blessing given by God for His people.

The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace.

Amen!

Hymn: TLH #309 "O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee"

Thank you to those who came for work day yesterday!

CLC Call News: Mrs. Laura Wales has accepted the call to be Part-Time Kindergarten Teacher at Grace Lutheran in Fridley, MN, her current congregation. <> Pastor David Ude, Living Hope Lutheran, Appleton, WI, is still considering the call to Grace Lutheran, Sleepy Eye, MN. <> Teacher Mathew Kranz, Immanuel Lutheran School, Mankato, MN, is still considering the call to Berea Lutheran School, Inver Grove Heights. MN. <> Teacher Neil Bernthal, Immanuel Lutheran School, Winter Haven FL, is still considering the call to Messiah Lutheran School, Eau Claire, WI. <> Teacher Ross Kok of Holy Cross Lutheran, Phoenix, AZ is still considering the call to be principal and teacher of Luther Memorial, Fond du Lac, WI.

Concluding Activities at Immanuel: Friday, May 17, will be the final day of classes at Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary. In giving the LORD God glory for the various achievements by students and student groups, Class Day will be held at 3 pm. The band will play during this event. At 7:30 pm there will be a concert of sacred music sung by the Concert Choir and Tour Choir at Messiah Lutheran Church. On Saturday, May 18, the concluding Graduation worship service will take place at 10 am at the ILC Fieldhouse. We pray that the students will take what they have learned from the Word of God and treasure the Gospel by expressing their gratitude to the LORD Immanuel in their daily walk with Him.

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

May $6^{th} - 11^{th}$, 2024

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." -Psalm 119:105

Mon John 14:13-17 Even before His crucifixion, Jesus promises to send another Counselor who will be their strength and stay in the day of opposition. He will bring to mind the words of their Counselor Jesus.

Tues John 14:18-21 Not only the Spirit of truth and the words of Christ will be given to His disciples, but He Himself will also come to them. Their relationship to Him and to the Father will be one of love!

Wed Revelation 3:14-22 The church of Laodicea was in a wealthy area, not unlike America in the modern world. It was not hard, therefore, for them to forget their unseen spiritual riches in Christ. Earnestly He calls them to repent and enjoy true wealth with Him.

Thurs Isaiah 54:7-13 The Lord's anger over His people's sin was short-lived compared to the everlasting mercy toward them (v7-9). As great as the Lord's anger over sin is, much greater is the love He lavishes on mankind, bringing greater peace and prosperity than we could ever imagine (v10-13)!

Fri Hebrews 8:1-2 The glory of our great High Priest is shown in His position by the right hand of the throne of heaven. He is our unseen High Priest, for He serves us in heaven's sanctuary, not one built by people.

Sat 2 Peter 1:2-4 The great and precious promises that God has given us in Jesus are so glorious because they not only speak of grace and peace but also give us the same, by which we escape from the corruption in the world.