

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Special Music
Third Sunday of Easter

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL PICNIC

Interim Pastor
Praise Band
May 1, 2022

Prelude

"The Heart of Worship"

- 1 When the music fades,
All is stripped away, and I simply come,
Longing just to bring something that's of worth,
That will bless Your heart.

I'll bring You more than a song,
For a song in itself, is not what You have required.
You search much deeper within, through the way things appear;
You're looking into my heart.
- Chorus: I'm coming back to the heart of worship,
And it's all about You, it's all about You, Jesus.
I'm sorry, Lord, for the thing I've made it,
And it's all about You, it's all about You, Jesus.*
- 2 King of endless worth,
No one could express how much You deserve.
Though I'm weak and poor, all I have is Yours,
Ev'ry single breath.

I'll bring you more than a song,
For a song in itself, is not what you have required.
You search much deeper within, through the way things appear;
You're looking into my heart.

*Chorus: I'm coming back to the heart of worship,
And it's all about You, it's all about You, Jesus.
I'm sorry, Lord, for the thing I've made it,
And it's all about You, it's all about You, Jesus.*

*Bridge
Chorus*

Welcome & Announcements

Brief Order for Confession & Forgiveness

- P: We begin in the name of our Triune God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Our God calls us beloved children, gathers us into one flock and guides us into all truth.
- C: Amen.
- P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Gracious God,
- C: **We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**
- P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God, strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. Amen.

Prayer of the Day

- P: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.
P: Let us Pray:

C: Restoring God, fed and nourished by your Word and at your table, strengthen us to serve as your Son's body in the world. Grant that we, like Peter, may follow your Son's command to feed his sheep; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Opening Hymn

"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

1 Let us talents and tongues employ
Reaching out with a shout of joy;
Bread is broken, the wine is poured,
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

*Chorus: Jesus lives again, Earth can breathe again
Pass the Word around, loaves abound!
Jesus lives again, Earth can breathe again
Pass the Word around, loaves abound!*

2 Christ is able to make us one
At the table he sets the tone
Teaching people to live to bless,
Love in word and in deed express.

*Chorus: Jesus lives again, Earth can breathe again
Pass the Word around, loaves abound!
Jesus lives again, Earth can breathe again
Pass the Word around, loaves abound!*

3 Jesus call us in, sends us out
Bearing fruit in a world of doubt
Gives us love to tell, bread to share;
God, Immanuel, everywhere.

*Chorus: Jesus lives again, Earth can breathe again
Pass the Word around, loaves abound!
Jesus lives again, Earth can breathe again
Pass the Word around, loaves abound!*

First Reading Acts 9: 1-6

Psalm Psalm 30

Second Reading Revelation 5: 11-14

Gospel John 21: 1-19

Sermon

Rev. Eric Milette

Hymn of the Day

"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"

Lord, I lift Your name on high. (Echo)
Lord, I love to sing Your praises. (Echo)
I'm so glad You're in my life. (Echo)
I'm so glad You came to save us. (Save us)

*Chorus: You came from heaven to earth,
To show the way;
From the earth to the cross,
My debt to pay;
From the cross to the grave,
From the grave to the sky,
Lord, I lift Your name on high. Repeat first verse*

After singing second time, repeat chorus 3 x's.

Repeat last line 3 x's

Confession of Faith

**We confess God is the creator of all people
and has created us to live in a covenant of love
established through the Word and Sacraments.**

**We confess that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God,
and he takes away the sins of the world.
By his name and grace we live our lives of mission and witness for the world.**

**We believe by the power of the Holy Spirit.
That Spirit calls us to be God's presence in our world.
Our mission is to bring the love of Christ and the power of his forgiving love
to all the world. When Christ comes again we will gather before God's throne
with all who believe and worship and praise God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit –
for all eternity. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Sharing of the Peace

- P: The peace of the Lord be with you all.
C: **And also with you.**
P: Let's share the peace of Christ with one another.

Offering and Hymn "Why Me, Lord?"

1 Why me, Lord, what have I ever done?
To deserve even one
Of the pleasures I've known.
Tell me, Lord, what did I ever do?
That was worth loving you,
Or the kindness you've shown.

*Chorus: Lord, help me Jesus. I've wasted it, so help me Jesus. I know
What I am... Now that I know that I needed you so help me
Jesus, my soul's in your hand.*

2 Try me, Lord. If you think there's a way,
I can try to repay.
All I've taken from you
Maybe Lord, I can show someone else,
What I've been through
Myself, on my way back to you.

*Chorus: Lord, help me Jesus. I've wasted it, so help me Jesus. I know
What I am... Now that I know that I needed you so help me
Jesus, my soul's in your hand.*

Offertory Prayer

- P: God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing.
Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through
Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and Lord.
C: **Amen.**

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

The Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Songs of Praise and Meditation during Holy Communion:

“One Bread, One Body”

*Refrain: One bread, one body, one Lord of all:
One cup of blessing which we bless,
And we, though many throughout the earth,
We are one body in this one Lord.*

1 Gentile or Jew, servant or free,
Woman or man, no more.

*Refrain: One bread, one body, one Lord of all:
One cup of blessing which we bless,
And we, though many throughout the earth,
We are one body in this one Lord.*

2 Many the gifts, many the works,
One in the Lord of all.

*Refrain: One bread, one body, one Lord of all:
One cup of blessing which we bless,
And we, though many throughout the earth,
We are one body in this one Lord.*

3 Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,
Gathered to one for all.

*Refrain: One bread, one body, one Lord of all:
One cup of blessing which we bless,
And we, though many throughout the earth,
We are one body in this one Lord.*

“In the Garden”

1 I come to the garden alone
While the dew is still on the roses,
And the voice I hear,
Falling on my ear,
The Son of God discloses.

*Chorus: And he walks with me, and he talks with me,
And he tells me I am his own,
And the joy we share as we tarry there,
None other has ever known.*

2 He speaks, and the sound of his voice
Is so sweet, the birds hush their singing,
And the melody that he gave to me,
Within my heart is ringing.

*Chorus: And he walks with me, and he talks with me,
And he tells me I am his own,
And the joy we share as we tarry there,
None other has ever known.*

3 I'd stay in the garden with Him
Tho' the night around me be falling,
But He bids me go, through the voice of woe,
His voice to me is calling.

*Chorus: And he walks with me, and he talks with me,
And he tells me I am his own,
And the joy we share as we tarry there,
None other has ever known.*

"Just As I Am"

- 1 Just as I am, without one plea,
But that thy blood was shed for me,
And that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 2 Just as I am, though tossed about
With many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 3 Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 4 Just as I am; thy love unknown
Has broken ev'ry barrier down;
Now to be thine, yea, thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Post-Communion Blessing & Prayer
Benediction

Closing Hymn

***"Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus"* (Caribbean style)**

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,
Just to take Him at His word,
Just to rest upon His promise;
Just to know, 'Thus saith the Lord.'

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him!
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!
Oh, for grace to trust Him more!

How I love to trust in Jesus,
Just to trust His cleansing blood.
Just in simple faith to plunge me
'Neath the healing cleansing flood!

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him!
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!
Oh, for grace to trust Him more!

Yes, I've learned to trust in Jesus,
And from sin and self to cease,
Now from Jesus simply taking
Life and rest and joy and peace.

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him!
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!
Oh, for grace to trust Him more!

I'm so glad I learned to trust Him,
Precious Jesus, Savior, Friend,
And I know that He is with me,
He'll be with me to the end.

Sending

Prayer before our meal

"Doxology"

Welcome to our worship in Jesus' name!

Your presence in worshiping the Lord is our joy! Thank you for your faith which brings you here; please come again.

Attendance and Prayer Card – Please complete any pertinent information. **If you have a Prayer Request, hand it to the usher during the first hymn**, otherwise place it in the offering plate later in the service. The attendance card is important in keeping an accurate count of your participation at each service.

Offerings & Attendance on 4/24/22 was \$3,566; there were 102 members & 3 visitors; 91 viewers watched on Facebook Live during services and throughout the week.

Holy Communion: All who are baptized and believe that Christ is truly present in the Sacrament are welcome to join us at the Lord's Table. Come forward at the direction of the usher. If you are unable to come forward to receive the Sacrament, please let the usher know, and the Sacrament will be brought to you. **Grape juice and gluten-free wafers are also available;** let the pastor or communion assistant know of your need as you are served. Any who have not been instructed in the Sacrament may come forward to receive a blessing.

THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL

Sun 10:00 am Worship at the Park with Holy Communion

Calling all graduates!!! If you will be graduating from high school, college or other program of higher learning, please contact the church office no later than Sunday, May 15th. We will be recognizing graduates on Sunday, May 22nd.

Raffle Items – The Festival Committee is asking for donations for their annual raffle on August 7, 2022. If you intend to provide an item, please contact Lillian Kosub.

The Nursery Room – We are looking for volunteers of all ages to watch the little ones in the nursery during the 8:00 and 10:30 am services. Please let us know if you can help

Day Camp will take place the week of June 13-17; that's six weeks away! We need of 4-5 helpers to assist the Cross Trails staff; please call the office if you are interested. You can register your child(ren) at <https://crosstrails.org/congregational-day-camp/>; then sign up under Day Camp 22 and Immanuel's name.

Vacation Bible School - Plans are underway now for our summer VBS, **June 26th to 30th, 2022 from 6:00 – 8:30 pm**. This year's theme is MONUMENTAL – Celebrating God's Greatness. Sign up the kids online at <https://vbspro.events/p/events/d41784>. **There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex** if you would like to volunteer. If you have any questions or would like to help, contact Rebe Penshorn or Renee Scull.

This week's NALC devotions: May 1 - 7

Sunday

- Exodus 18:1-12 ▪ 1 John 2:7-17 ▪ Mark 16:9-20 ▪ Psalms 93 & 150 (AM) ▪ Psalms 136 & 117 (PM)

Monday

- Isaiah 30:18-21 ▪ 2 Corinthians 4:1-6 ▪ John 14:6-14 ▪ Psalms 119:33-40 & 145 (AM) ▪ Psalms 124 & 115 (PM)

Tuesday

- Exodus 18:13-19:16 ▪ 1 Peter 5:1-14 ▪ Matthew 1:1-17; 3:1-12 ▪ Psalms 98 & 146 (AM) ▪ Psalms 66 & 116 (PM)

Wednesday

- Exodus 19:16-25 ▪ Colossians 1:1-23 ▪ Matthew 3:13-17 ▪ Psalms 99 & 147:1-12 (AM) ▪ Psalms 9 & 118 (PM)

Thursday

- Exodus 20:1-21 ▪ Colossians 1:24-2:7 ▪ Matthew 4:1-11 ▪ Psalms 47 & 147:13-21 (AM) ▪ Psalms 68 & 113 (PM)

Friday

- Exodus 24:1-18 ▪ Colossians 2:8-23 ▪ Matthew 4:12-17 ▪ Psalms 96 & 148 (AM) ▪ Psalms 49 & 138 (PM)

Saturday

- Exodus 25:1-22 ▪ Colossians 3:1-17 ▪ Matthew 4:18-25 ▪ Psalms 92 & 149 (AM) ▪ Psalms 23 & 114 (PM)

OUR PRAYER LIST

Those in our congregation: Larry Bailey, Willie Jean Boeck, Kyle Ferguson, *JoElla Heinsohn, Ann Makris*, Ronnie Moore, Phyllis Stensgaard, Martha Trotter and Terri Walker.

Those in our community: (will remain on list for three weeks unless otherwise instructed) Virginia Babcock, *Roy Baker*, Ivy Baumann, John Briscoe, Rodney Brown, Susan Bruno, Jay Bullington, Pennye Duewall, Jim Ellis, Lee Fritz, Rudy Gonzales, *Kim Jameson*, CJ Lambeck, Ashley Leyendecker Chelsey Lyssy, Kathy Markgraf, Austin Murray, Collins Ortmann, Edna Otto, Teresa Plesek, Geary Ransom, Carl (Kip) Richter, *Francis Slagle*, Russell Smith, Charlene Stacy, Sasha Tralka, Alene Wanek, Billy Willeford, Leemarie, Maggen, Gerald, Robert, Charles, Rose, Junior, Brandon, Lee, Miguel, Taylor, Misty, and *protect Preston, Brooke, Caitlin, Corbin, Brandon, Cassidy from any harm.*

For those grieving:

For peace, understanding, & acceptance for all:

For those affected by natural disasters:

For our building project:

For our country and for world peace:

For those affected by COVID, cancer, other illnesses

For those serving in military service here and abroad: Brian Alderson, Thomas Elder, Stephen Ferry, Eric Koepp, Stephan Mattke, Nathan Pianfetti, Farrah Schluter, Larkin Tremaine, Ashley Trompeter, and Michael Troy, Jr.