

WEDNESDAY SERVICE

JUNE 20, 2018



# IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH



*Making known  
by Word and Action  
the Healing Presence of God  
in Christ Jesus with Us  
and with the World.*

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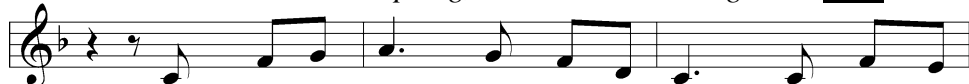
# Wednesday Evening Service

## June 20, 2018 ✠ 5 pm



*“Now the green blade rises from the buried grain”* is the first line of a well-known Easter carol. The wonder of God’s handiwork can be seen in the smallest things of God’s great creation. Even in a grain of mustard seed there is the promise of new life and fruitfulness. God provides for all of our needs out of love for His creatures. And He rejoices in the growth that occurs. As the *“rolling seasons in fruitful order move,”* (LSB 893:1) we celebrate that in Christ we have a central role in God’s amazing plan as we grow in love.

### OPENING HYMN “O Blessed Spring, where Word and Sign” **LSB 595**



1 O	bless-ed spring,	where Word and sign	Em - brace us
2 Through	sum-mer heat	of youth-ful years,	Un - cer - tain
3 When	au-tumn cools	and youth is cold,	When limbs their
4 As	win - ter comes,	as win - ters must,	We breathe our
5 Christ,	ho - ly Vine,	Christ, liv - ing Tree,	Be praised for



in - to Christ the Vine:	Here Christ en - joins	each one to
faith, re - bel - lious tears,	Sus - tained by Christ's	in - fus - ing
heav - y har - vest hold,	Then through us, warm,	the Christ will
last, re - turn to dust;	Still held in Christ,	our souls take
this blest mys - ter - y:	That Word and wa - ter	thus re -



be	A branch of this	life - giv - ing Tree.
rain,	The boughs will shout	for joy a - gain.
move	With gifts of beau - ty,	wis - dom, love.
wing	And trust the prom - ise	of the spring.
vive	And join us to	Your Tree of Life.

### INVOCATION AND OPENING SENTENCES

**P** In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**P** In You, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame;

**C** **in Your righteousness deliver me!**

**P** But I trust in You, O LORD; I say, “*You are my God.*”

**C** **My times are in Your hand.**

**P** Make Your face shine on Your servant;

**C** **save me in Your steadfast love!**

**P** Let us grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

**C** **Amen. Alleluia!**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

**P** O God our Father, since You have set forth the way of life for us in Your beloved Son, we confess with shame our slowness to learn of Him, our failure to follow Him, and our reluctance to bear the cross.

**C** Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.

**P** Forgive us for the poverty of our worship, our neglect of fellowship and of the Means of Grace, our hesitating witness for Christ, our evasion of responsibility in Your service, and our imperfect stewardship of Your gifts.

**C** Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.

**P** Forgive us that so little of Your love has reached others through us, that we have been thoughtless in our judgments, hasty in condemnation, grudging in forgiveness, slow to seek reconciliation, and unwilling to help our neighbors as we ought.

**C** Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your steadfast love. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and put a new and right spirit within us.

**P** Upon this your confession and by the command of our Lord, I, a called and ordained servant of Christ, forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C** Amen.

**P** Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. **C** Amen!



## HYMN OF PRAISE

*"I Love Your Kingdom, Lord"*

**LSB 651**



1 I love Your king - dom, Lord, The place of Your a - bode,  
 2 Be - yond my high - est joy I prize its heav'n - ly ways,  
 3 I love Your Church, O God, Your saints in ev - 'ry land,  
 4 For them my tears shall fall; For them my prayers as - cend;  
 5 Sure as Your truth shall last, To Zi - on shall be giv'n



The Church our blest Re - deem - er saved With His own pre - cious blood.  
 Its sweet com - mu - nion, sol - emn vows, Its hymns of love and praise.  
 Dear as the ap - ple of Your eye And grav - en on Your hand.  
 For them my cares and toils be giv'n Till toils and cares shall end.  
 The bright - est glo - ries earth can yield And bright - er bliss of heav'n.

**P** Let us pray:

Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**



## A black and white line drawing showing two hands holding a small seedling with two leaves. The background features a simple landscape with rolling hills, a tree, and a small cluster of flowers or seeds in the foreground.

## EPISTLE

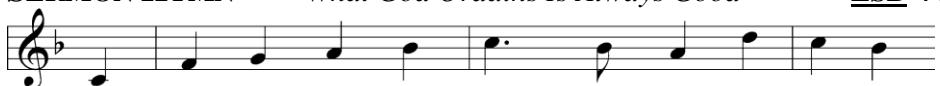
## I Corinthians 5:1–17

## GOSPEL

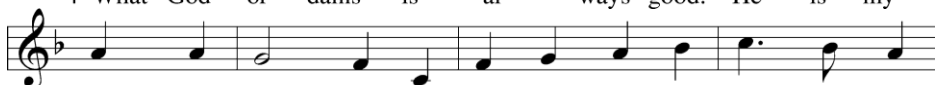
## st Mark 4:26–34

*“What God Ordains Is Always Good”*

LSB 760



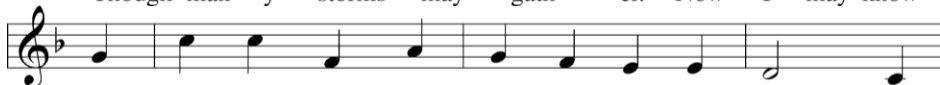
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2	What	God	or -	dains	is	al	-	ways	good:	He	nev -	er
3	What	God	or -	dains	is	al	-	ways	good:	His	lov -	ing
4	What	God	or -	dains	is	al	-	ways	good:	He	is	my



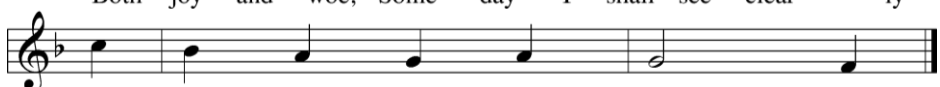
just and ho - ly. As He di - rects my life for me,  
will de - ceive me; He leads me in His righ - teous way,  
thought at - tends me; No poi - son can be in the cup  
friend and Fa - ther; He suf - fers naught to do me harm



I fol - low meek and low - ly. My God in - deed  
And nev - er will He leave me. I take con - tent  
That my phy - si - cian sends me. My God is true;  
Though man - y storms may gath - er. Now I may know



In ev - 'ry need Knows well how He will shield me;  
What He has sent; His hand that sends me sad - ness  
Each morn - ing new I trust His grace un - end - ing,  
Both joy and woe; Some - day I shall see clear - ly



To	Him,	then,	I	will	yield	me.
Will	turn	my	tears	to	glad	- ness.
My	life	to	Him	com	- mend	- ing.
That	He	has	loved	me	dear	- ly.

5 What God ordains is always good:  
 Though I the cup am drinking  
 Which savors now of bitterness,  
 I take it without shrinking.  
 For after grief  
 God gives relief,  
 My heart with comfort filling  
 And all my sorrow stilling.

6 What God ordains is always good:  
 This truth remains unshaken.  
 Though sorrow, need, or death be mine,  
 I shall not be forsaken.  
 I fear no harm,  
 For with His arm  
 He shall embrace and shield me;  
 So to my God I yield me.

**SERMON**      *“God Gives Growth to His Kingdom!”*

**HYMN OF RESPONSE**      *“Almighty Father, Bless the Word”*      **LSB 923**

1 Al - might - y Fa - ther, bless the Word Which through Your  
 2 We praise You for the means of grace As home - ward  
 3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all

grace we now have heard. Oh, may the pre - cious  
 now our steps we trace. Grant, Lord, that we who  
 crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye

seed take root, Spring up, and bear a - bun - dant fruit!  
 wor - shiped here May all at last in heav'n ap - pear.  
 heav'n - ly host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.





## DAILY PRAYER – EARLY EVENING

- P** Let my prayers rise before You as incense,  
**C** the lifting up of my hands  
as the evening sacrifice.

### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

{each petition ends “Lord, in Your mercy:”

response: “*hear our prayer!*”}

### LORD’S PRAYER

### EVENING PRAYERS

- P** Lord Jesus, stay with us, for the evening is at hand and the day is past. Be our constant companion on the way; kindle our hearts, and awaken hope among us, that we may recognize You as You are revealed in the Scriptures and in the breaking of the bread. Grant this for Your Name’s sake. **Amen.**
- C** I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. **Amen.**
- P** Let us bless the Lord.    **C** Thanks be to God.
- P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.    **C** Amen.

### SONGS BY REQUEST ...

And all the trees of the field

shall know that I am the

**LORD;**

I bring low the high tree,

and make high the low tree,

**dry up the green tree,**

and make the dry tree flourish.

*I am the lord; I have spoken,*

**and I will do it.”**

*Ezekiel 17:24*

