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Church Park

in the



Immanuel Lutheran Church



***Making known by Word and Action
The Healing Presence of God
And Christ Jesus
With us and with the world***



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When we celebrate Holy Communion we are eating and drinking the true body and blood of our Savior, Jesus Christ, for the forgiveness of our sins. Because the Bible says it is possible for someone to eat and drink to their harm if their understanding of the sacrament is lacking, we ask our visitors to speak with our Pastor before communing here for the first time. Ask an usher to help you find our Pastor before the service begins, or call during the week.

WELCOME to all guests and members; we are glad that you are here to worship with us and hope you will return often as *our friends in Christ!*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING THE PEACE – *We share a brief greeting of the Lord's peace.*

OPENING HYMN SING

Rejoice in the Lord Always

Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say rejoice.

Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say rejoice.

Rejoice, Rejoice, and again I say rejoice.

Rejoice, Rejoice, and again I say rejoice. *Repeat*

God Is So Good

God is so good, God is so good.

God is so good He's so good to me.

He loves me so, He loves me so,

He loves me so, He's so good to me.

He answers prayer, He answers prayer,

He answers prayer, He's so good to me.

We Are The Church

Refrain

I am the church! You are the church! We are the church together!

All who follow Jesus, all around the world, yes, we're the church together!

1 The Church is not a building, the Church is not a steeple.

The Church is not a resting-place, the Church is a people! *Refrain*

2 And when the people gather there's singing and there's praying,

there's laughing and there's crying sometimes, all of it saying: *Refrain*

INVOCATION AND OPENING SENTENCES

P In the name of God the Father:

C Praise to our creating God!

P In the name of His Son, Jesus:

C Praise to our redeeming God!

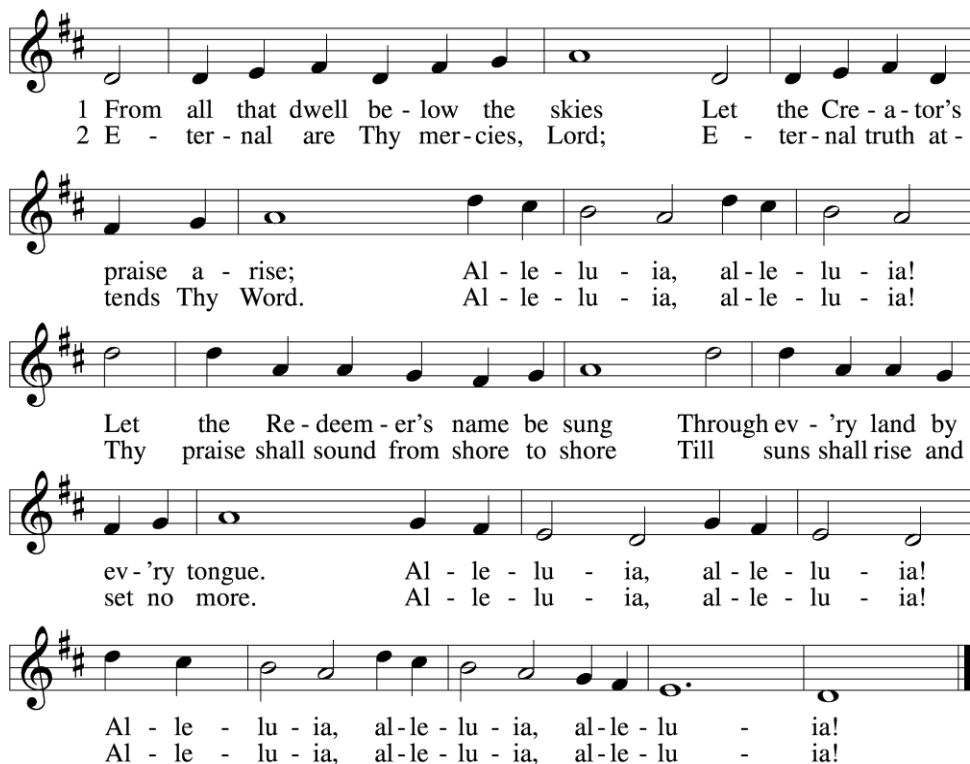
P In the name of God the Spirit:

C Praise to our renewing God!

P Let us join our thankful voices,

C Amen! Amen! Praise the Lord!

HYMN OF PRAISE – “From All That Dwell Below the Skies” vs. 1 – 2



1 From all that dwell be-low the skies Let the Cre-a-tor's
2 E-ter-nal are Thy mer-cies, Lord; E-ter-nal truth at-

praise a-rise; Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!
tends Thy Word. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

Let the Re-deem-er's name be sung Through ev-'ry land by
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore Till suns shall rise and

ev-'ry tongue. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!
set no more. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray together.

C Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth and the life that we may boldly confess Him to be the Christ and steadfastly walk in the way that leads to life eternal; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE – “From All That Dwell Below the Skies” vs. 3

3 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!

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 51:1-6

L The Old Testament Reading for the Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost is from Isaiah, chapter fifty-one.

¹“Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness, you who seek the Lord: look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. ²Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, that I might bless him and multiply him. ³For the Lord comforts Zion; he comforts all her waste places and makes her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. ⁴“Give attention to me, my people, and give ear to me, my nation; for a law will go out from me, and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples. ⁵My righteousness draws near, my salvation has gone out, and my arms will judge the peoples; the coastlands hope for me, and for my arm they wait. ⁶Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and they who dwell in it will die in like manner; but my salvation will be forever, and my righteousness will never be dismayed.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

Romans 11:33 – 12:8

L The Epistle is from Romans, chapters eleven and twelve.

³³Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! ³⁴“For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?” ³⁵“Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?” ³⁶For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen. ¹I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. ³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, ⁵so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. ⁶Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; ⁷if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; ⁸the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes,

in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

by Mary Ellen Fricke

PSALM OF PRAISE – Psalm 150

P Praise God!

C Praise God!

P Praise Him in His holy temple, in the firmament of His power.

C Praise God!

P Praise Him for His mighty acts and His excellent greatness.

C Praise God!

P Praise Him with the blast of the trumpet, with lyre, with harp, with timbrel and dance.

C Praise God!

P Praise Him with strings and organs and with loud resounding cymbals.

C Praise God!

P Let everything that has breath praise Him.

C Praise God!

P Praise the Lord!

C Alleluia!

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 16:13-20

L The Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew, the sixteenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹³Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” ¹⁴And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” ¹⁵He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” ¹⁶Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” ¹⁷And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” ²⁰Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY – “*Christ Is Our Cornerstone*”



1 Christ is our cor - ner - stone, On Him a - lone we build;
 2 Here may we gain from heav'n The grace which we im - plore,
 Δ 3 Oh, then, with hymns of praise These hal - lowed courts shall ring;



With His true saints a - lone The courts of heav'n are filled. On His
 And may that grace, once giv'n, Be with us ev - er - more Un - til
 Our voic - es we will raise The Three in One to sing And thus



great love Our hopes we place Of pres - ent grace And joys a - bove.
 that day When all the blest To end - less rest Are called a - way.
 pro - claim In joy - ful song, Both loud and long, That glo - rious name.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY – “*Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me*”



1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in Thee;
 2 Not the la - bors of my hands Can ful - fill Thy Law's de - mands;
 3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; Sim - ply to Thy cross I cling.
 4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, When mine eye - lids close in death,



Let the wa - ter and the blood, From Thy riv - en side which flowed,
 Could my zeal no res - pite know, Could my tears for - ev - er flow,
 Na - ked, come to Thee for dress; Help - less, look to Thee for grace;
 When I soar to worlds un - known, See Thee on Thy judg - ment throne,



Be of sin the dou - ble cure: Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
 All for sin could not a - tone; Thou must save, and Thou a - lone.
 Foul, I to the foun - tain fly; Wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in Thee.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

We pray for the hospitalized this past week: Chris Purviance.

We pray for the family and friends of those who died: none known.

We pray for strength and healing for: Terry Moore, Michael Beauvois, Lori Acree, Pam Hull, Marlene Hilligoss, Mandy Ponder Russian, Jeff Toms, Sandra Courson, Mike Heidle, Bev Page, Dawn Campbell, Rosalie Finet, Leslie Stone, Del Krueger, Margie Souza, Dan Rull, Darlene Collins, Paul Teegarden, Dan Burmeister, Richard Wahlfeldt, Heather Christensen, Martha Elliott, Angie Lucas, Charlotte Schendel, Walter Harbison, Makenna Eversole, Justin Fleming, Kevin Mixer, Jim Souza, Gregg Sacotnik, Joyce Owens, Joan Fleming, Linda Grinestaff, Jason Toms, Gabby Reynolds, Toby Ceader, Sarah Koester, Tom Reese, Dottie Kliner, Mary Seifrig, Bruce Garrison, Carol Schafer, Tamara Fisher, Marilina Hutchison, Sarah and Patty Calderon, Jason Dawson, Kathy Howey, Linda Borgwald, Keri Blankenbeckler, and Frank Hutnicke.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C 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.

BENEDICTION

P The Lord is good and His love endures forever.

C His faithfulness continues through all generations.

P May the grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN – “Onward Christian Soldiers”



1 On - ward, Chris - tian sol - diers, March - ing as to war,
2 Like a might - y ar - my Moves the Church of God;
3 Crowns and thrones may per - ish, King - doms rise and wane,
4 On - ward, then, ye faith - ful, Join our hap - py throng,



With the cross of Je - sus Go - ing on be - fore.
Broth - ers, we are tread - ing Where the saints have trod.
But the Church of Je - sus Con - stant will re - main.
Blend with ours your voic - es In the tri - umph song:



Christ, the roy - al mas - ter, Leads a - gainst the foe;
We are not di - vid - ed, All one bod - y we,
Gates of hell can nev - er 'Gainst that Church pre - vail;
Glo - ry, laud, and hon - or Un - to Christ, the king;



For - ward in - to bat - tle See His ban - ners go!
One in hope and doc - trine, One in char - i - ty,
We have Christ's own prom - ise, And that can - not fail.
This through count - less a - ges Men and an - gels sing.



On - ward, Chris - tian sol - diers, March - ing as to war,



With the cross of Je - sus Go - ing on be - fore.

***Join us after the service today for a potluck picnic!
Everyone is welcome – including guests and those who
weren't able to bring a dish. Please stay and enjoy the
fellowship with us...there is plenty of food for everyone!***