

Whoever has my commands  
and keeps them is the one  
who loves me.

The one who loves me will  
be loved by my Father,  
and I too will love them  
and show myself to them."

John 14:21 NIV

# 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!*

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

## OPENING HYMN

*“Built on the Rock”*

**LSB 645**

*Please stand...*

## INVOCATION

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

**C** Amen.

## BLESSING OF THE RED PARAMENT

**P** Beloved in the Lord: “The LORD reigns; He is robed in majesty; the LORD is robed; He has put on strength as His belt.” “Splendor and majesty are before Him; strength and beauty are in His sanctuary.” It is therefore fitting that we implore the Lord’s blessing as we clothe the altar of His sanctuary from which He strengthens and preserves us in the true faith.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** The altar guild presents this red parament for dedication in loving memory of our sister in Christ, Eileen Huckstadt. Eileen served her Lord through her faithful service on the altar guild. The color red in the Church is used especially on Pentecost and other festival days to symbolize the work of the Holy Spirit, often associated with fire, power, and the strengthening of God’s people in faith. It is also a reminder of the bold witness of believers and the ongoing work of the Spirit in the life of the Church. In this way, the red paraments reflect both the Spirit’s active presence among us and the faithful service of those, like Eileen, who quietly and devotedly carried out their work for the glory of God.

**P** O Lord God Almighty, You instructed Moses Your servant to make hangings and fine linens for use in Your tabernacle. We implore You to sanctify this red parament for the adornment of Your Church; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**P** The Lord Almighty, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless this red parament.

**C** Amen.

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.
- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

## INTROIT

- P** Your word is a lamp to my feet
- C** and a light to my path.
- P** Forever, O LORD, your word
- C** is firmly fixed in the heavens.
- P** Your faithfulness endures to all generations;
- C** you have established the earth, and it stands fast.
- P** By your appointment they stand this day,
- C** for all things are your servants.
- P** If your law had not been my delight,
- C** I would have perished in my affliction.
- P** I will never forget your precepts,
- C** for by them you have given me life.
- C** 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.

## KYRIE

**P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**P** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, & for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



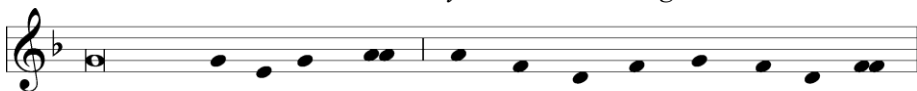
**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



**C** A - men.

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS – “Glory to God in the Highest”



**A** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



**C** Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,



You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

## SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray together.

**C** 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. Amen.

*Please be seated...*

## FIRST READING

Acts 17:16-31

**L** The First Reading for The Sixth Sunday of Easter is from Acts, chapter 17.

<sup>16</sup>While Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. <sup>17</sup>So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. <sup>18</sup>Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, “What does this babbler wish to say?” Others said, “He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities”—because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection. <sup>19</sup>And they took hold of him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, “May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? <sup>20</sup>For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean.” <sup>21</sup>Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing

something new. <sup>22</sup>So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: “Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. <sup>23</sup>For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription, ‘To the unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. <sup>24</sup>The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, <sup>25</sup>nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. <sup>26</sup>And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, <sup>27</sup>that they should seek God, in the hope that they might feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, <sup>28</sup>for “‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, “‘For we are indeed his offspring.’ <sup>29</sup>Being then God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. <sup>30</sup>The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup>because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## EPISTLE READING

**1 Peter 3:13-22**

**L** The Epistle is from First Peter, chapter three.

<sup>13</sup>Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? <sup>14</sup>But even if you should suffer for righteousness’ sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, <sup>15</sup>but in your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; <sup>16</sup>yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. <sup>17</sup>For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God’s will, than for doing evil. <sup>18</sup>For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup>in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup>because they formerly did not obey, when God’s patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. <sup>21</sup>Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup>who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

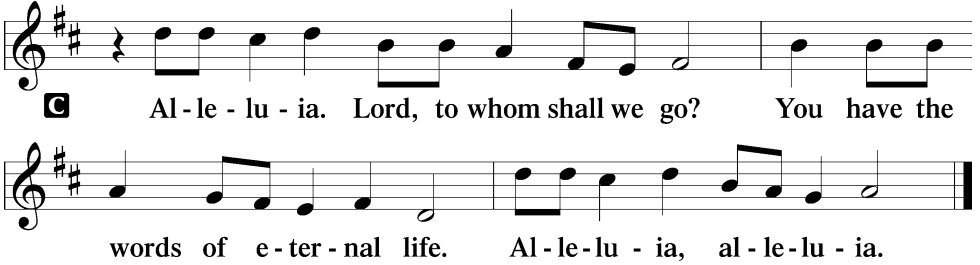
**C** Thanks be to God.

# CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

by Sue Heidle

*Please stand...*

## ALLELUIA



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## HOLY GOSPEL

**John 14:15-21**

**L** The Holy Gospel, according to St. John, the fourteenth chapter.



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>15</sup>[Jesus said:] “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, <sup>17</sup>even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you. <sup>18</sup>“I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. <sup>19</sup>Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup>In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup>Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.”

**L** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

*Please be seated...*

**HYMN OF THE DAY** “Dear Christians, One and All” vs. 1-5 **LSB 556**

## SERMON

**HYMN** “Dear Christians, One and All” vs. 6-10 **LSB 556**

**Please stand...**

## **THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**C** 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 Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**The third day He rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven**

**and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.**

**From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

## **MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER**

**P** Gracious Heavenly Father, on this day we thank you for the gift of life you gave us through our mothers. We thank you for providing them to love us, care for us, and share Your word with us. Bless mothers everywhere with love, patience, wisdom, understanding, and strength so that they can raise their children to love and honor You. On this Mother's Day, some people yearn for their mothers who have died. Others hearts are broken because they have wanted to have children but have not been able or because of the loss of a child. Give them strength to focus on You, keeping You first in their hearts. Your love alone can satisfy all their longings. Be with them and comfort them. In Jesus' name we pray.

**C** Amen.

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

*We pray for the hospitalized this past week:* None known.

*We pray for strength and healing for:* Mandy Ponder Russian, Jeff Toms, Sandra Courson, Mike Heidle, John and Ruth Roderick, Bev Page, Dawn Campbell, Linda Pasquale, 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, Harvey Heerssen, 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, Keri Blankenbeckler, Mike & Linda Borgward, Eric Wittmann, and Frank Hutnicke.

*Please be seated...*

## OFFERING

*Please stand...*

## OFFERTORY

*“He Is Arisen! Glorious Word”*

**LSB 488**

## 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.

## LUTHER’S MORNING PRAYER

**C** I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. 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.

## BENEDICTION

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



**C** A - men.

## EASTER ACCLAMATION

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
**C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

## CLOSING HYMN

*“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”*

**LSB 821**

## POSTLUDE



*And  
baptism ...*

*now saves you ... through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.*

*1 Peter 3:21, NRSV*

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Lord,

thank you for the women  
who have loved us,  
prayed for us  
and walked with us  
in faith.



Happy  
Mother's  
Day

