



Greater love

has no one
than this... (John 15:13)



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Easter 6

Good morning and welcome to our visitors! We appreciate your joining our worship family this morning, and we invite you to sign our guest book. If you would like more information about our church, please contact the pastor at 414-427-9337.

**Choir...8:00 A.M...Sunday family worship...9:00 A.M.
Sunday school and Bible class...10:15 A.M.**

Today's Worship

"Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved" (Rom. 10:13).

Greeting and prayer:

Opening hymn 686: *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

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

C: Amen.

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.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful by nature. 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.

LORD, HAVE MERCY *Kyrie*



C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy



on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST *Gloria in Excelsis*



C: 1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise;
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,
3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,



Of heav'n - ly joy and peace on earth we sing.
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
At God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high:



We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise,
O Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won,
Who, with the Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored,



Lord God, al - might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.
Re - ceive our prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.
With all the heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

Prayer of the Day

P: Lord Jesus Christ, while we were still in our sins You chose us, laid down Your life for us, and called us friends. By Your great love for us, inspire us to love one another that we may abide in Your grace and may bear fruit according to Your promise; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Epistle lesson: 1 John 4:1-11

Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already.

Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

Gospel lesson: John 15:9-17

As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have

heard from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

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



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, Whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn 829: *Christ the Eternal Lord*

Sermon: Acts 11:19-26

Now those who were scattered because of the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to no one except Jews. But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who on coming to Antioch spoke to the Hellenists also, preaching the Lord Jesus. And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number who believed turned to the Lord.

The report of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad, and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose, for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were added to the Lord.

So Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church and taught a great many people. And in Antioch the disciples were first called Christians.

Christians “Visiblize” Grace

I. By telling the good news

II. By encouraging one another



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
 new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me
 not a - way from Your pres - ence. Take not Your Ho - ly
 Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
 Your sal - va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir - it free.

Offering

Prayer of the Church

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

(Minute of silence)

P: We thank God for the Christian Church and pray that God's people may live confidently, and joyfully share the message of salvation in word and deed. Gathered by the Holy Spirit, we pray that we may be blessed with all grace and give evidence of the fruit of the Spirit in our lives. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Living Lord, satisfy our spiritual hunger and thirst with the precious food of Your body and blood in the Sacrament. May it renew and strengthen us to live daily as Your disciples. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: We pray for the voters of the congregation and for Your presence at our quarterly meeting today. Holy Spirit, guide us to carry out Your will for the spread of Your kingdom around the world and our own growth in faith and understanding. May Christ's love be seen in our mutual encouragement and service. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: We pray for our families, neighborhoods, and communities. We ask the blessing of our generous Lord on all who share in our Christian fellowship and join with us in worship. We thank You for uniting Scott McLaurin and Becky McKenney in Your gift of marriage yesterday. Be their rock and refuge throughout the years to come. We pray for all who are part of the household of faith, whose presence here today supports and strengthens us. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: We pray for those with special concerns and needs: for Kent Quade, who is in the hospital ICU recovering from complications after heart surgery. Grant him Your comfort and healing. We pray for those who are grieving, the unemployed, and all those who needs are known only to You. Grant that we may bring Your blessing to situations of need in all places. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Most merciful God, we thank You for all those faithful people whose words and actions have guided us in the past, especially remembering those no longer with us on earth, who now share in Your eternal presence. Direct us to walk Your servant way until that day when we stand in Your glorious presence in heaven.

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Hymn 838: *The Saints in Christ Are One in Every Place*

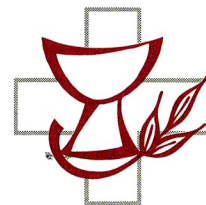
THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

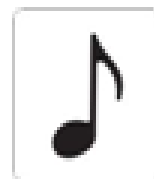
P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.



P: It is truly good, right, and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whom to know by faith is everlasting life. Therefore, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!*



Words of Institution

Distribution Hymns: 629, 633, 617.

Nunc Dimittis (LSB 937)

*Lord, bid Your servant go in peace,
Your word is now fulfilled.
These eyes have seen salvation's dawn,
This child so long foretold.*



*This is the Savior of the world,
The Gentiles' promised light,
God's glory dwelling in our midst,
The joy of Israel.*

*With saints of old, with saints to come,
To You we lift our voice;
To Father, Son, and Spirit blest
Be honor, love, and praise.*

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord with gladness.

C: My heart has now be - come Your dwell - ing, O bless - ed,
ho - ly Trin - i - ty. With an - gels I, Your prais - es
tell - ing, Shall live in joy e - ter - nal - ly. Lord, may Your
bod - y and Your blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

Benediction:

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C: Amen.

Closing hymn 919: *Abide, O Dearest Jesus*

Announcements

Voters meeting today

The quarterly voters meeting will get underway after Sunday school/Bible class. Information packets are on the hall counter. Agenda items include adopting a budget for the next fiscal year beginning July 1. All voters are encouraged to set aside this time for the Lord's work. Others are always welcome to sit in on the meeting.

Smile!

Photos for the church member board will be taken after the service this morning. Anyone is welcome to have their photo taken. See Hannah Barthels for more information.

The Lord lives and rules over all

40 days after Easter, the risen Lord ascended to heaven to sit at the right hand of the Father, while at the same time promising to be with his Church always. **Our Ascension Day service will be held at 6:30 p.m. Thursday.**

Education Sunday next week

Next Sunday's service will be devoted to praising the Lord for the gift of Christian education. Pastor Andrew Schaller from Luther Memorial, Fond du Lac, will be our guest speaker. Refreshments will follow the service. No Sunday school or Bible class.

ILC activities

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 in their daily walk with Him.

Retirements

Professor Mark Kranz has announced his retirement effective at the end of the current academic year. His faithful service to our church and our school will be acknowledged during the ILC Class Day/Graduation festivities on May 17-18. Our custom is to present a monetary gift as a token of our appreciation. CLC members are invited to contribute to this gift which will be presented to him at Graduation (May 18). Please make your checks payable to Immanuel Lutheran College and indicate: "Prof. Kranz Retirement." Send your gift to: Immanuel Lutheran College, 501 Grover Road, Eau Claire, WI 54701.

Ann Sprengeler has taught at Faith Lutheran, Markesan, for 35 years. A farewell celebration will be held May 19, starting at 12:30.

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.

Looking Ahead...

♣Today:

11:00 A.M: Voters meeting.

♣Thursday:

6:30 P.M: Ascension Day service.

♣Saturday:

9:00 A.M: Adult information.

♣Next Sunday:

9:00 A.M: Education Sunday.

♣May 14th:

6:30 P.M: School Fun Night.

♣May 16th:

Last day of school.

6:00 P.M: Church council.

Bible Readings:

5/5	1 Kings 12-13; Luke 24:36-53
5/6	1 Kings 14-15; John 1:1-28
5/7	1 Kings 16-18; John 1:29-51
5/8	1 Kings 19-20; John 2
5/9	1 Kings 21-22; John 3:1-21
5/10	2 Kings 1-3; John 3:22-36
5/11	2 Kings 4-5; John 4:1-30



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J/H Barthels
J/S Serba

Fruits of Faith

	Last Week:	To Date:
Budgetary Offerings:	\$4,327.36	\$341,455.48
Budgetary Needs:	\$8,380.21	\$375,089.23
Over (Under) Budget:	(\$4,052.85)	(\$33,633.75)
ILCSAF:	\$100.00	\$900.00
Missions*:	\$25.00	\$3,106.75
MDF:	\$30.00	\$1,865.00

*Offerings in memory of David Lau
Attendance Last Sunday: 100

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