

# IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

*"God With Us"*



*Sixth Sunday of Easter*

May 9<sup>th</sup> 2021

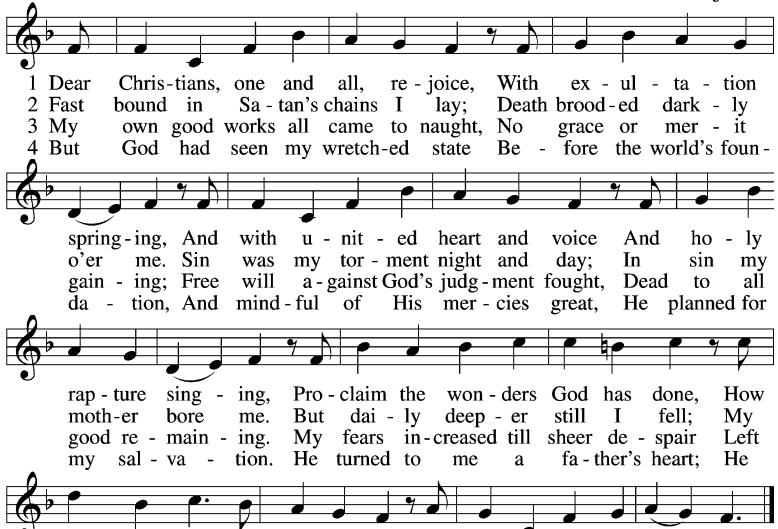
*To God be glory for 141 years of His grace at Immanuel and  
60 years of proclaiming Jesus on our radio broadcast!*

Prelude  
Ringing of Bells  
Welcome

# Confession and Absolution

Hymn of Invocation #LSB 556 *sts. 1-4*

*Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice*



1 Dear Chris-tians, one and all, re-joice, With ex-ul-ta-tion  
2 Fast bound in Sa-tan's chains I lay; Death brood-ed dark-ly  
3 My own good works all came to naught, No grace or mer-it  
4 But God had seen my wretch-ed state Be-fore the world's foun-  
spring-ing. And with u-nit-ed heart and voice And ho-ly  
o'er me. Sin was my tor-ment night and day; In sin my  
gain-ing; Free will a-gainst God's judg-ment fought, Dead to all  
da-tion, And mind-ful of His mer-cies great, He planned for  
rap-ture sing-ing. Pro-claim the won-ders God has done, How  
moth-er bore me. But dai-ly deep-er still I fell; My  
good re-main-ing. My fears in-creased till sheer de-spair Left  
my sal-va-tion. He turned to me a fa-ther's heart; He  
His right arm the vic-t'ry won. What price our ran-som cost Him!  
life be-came a liv-ing hell, So firm-ly sin pos-sessed me.  
on-ly death to be my share; The pangs of hell I suf-fered.  
did not choose the eas-y part But gave His dear-est trea-sure.

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*Stand*

*The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

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

**C** Amen.

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

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

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,
- C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- P** Upon your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

## Service of the Word

### Introit

*Psalm 66:1–2, 8–9, 20; antiphon: v. 16*

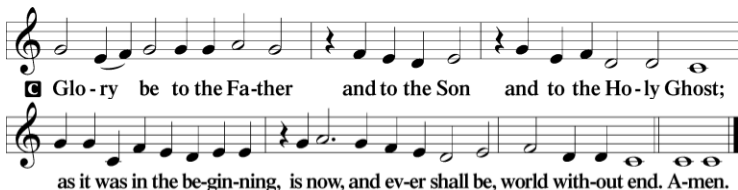
Come and hear, all you who fear God,  
and I will tell what He has done for my soul.

**Shout for joy to God, all the earth;  
sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise!**

Bless our God, O peoples;  
let the sound of his praise be heard,  
who has kept our soul among the living  
and has not let our feet slip.

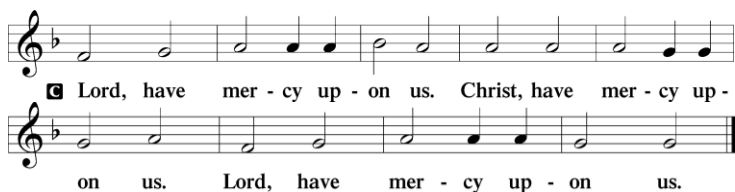
**Blessèd be God,  
because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his  
steadfast love from me!**

Come and hear, all you who fear God,  
and I will tell what He has done for my soul.



**G** Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;  
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

## Kyrie



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

## Gloria in Excelsis



Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward  
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,  
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.  
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.  
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.  
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -  
on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.  
Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you

**P** Let us pray.

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.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

## First Reading

*Acts 10:34–48*

<sup>34</sup>Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), <sup>37</sup>you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup>And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup>And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

<sup>44</sup>While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. <sup>45</sup>And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. <sup>46</sup>For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, <sup>47</sup>“Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” <sup>48</sup>And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

1 John 5:1–8

<sup>1</sup>Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. <sup>2</sup>By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. <sup>3</sup>For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. <sup>4</sup>For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. <sup>5</sup>Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

<sup>6</sup>This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. <sup>7</sup>For there are three that testify: <sup>8</sup>the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Alleluia



**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel

John 15:9–17

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.

**C** Glory be to you, O Lord.

<sup>9</sup>[Jesus said:] “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

<sup>12</sup>“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>Greater love has no one than this, that someone lays down his life for his friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup>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. <sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>These things I command you, so that you will love one another.”

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

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

## Nicene Creed

**C** 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 also 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 of the Day #LSB 430 sts. 1-5

# My Song Is Love Unknown

1 My song is love un-known, My Sav-ior's love to  
 2 He came from His blest throne Sal-va-tion to be-  
 3 Some-times they strew His way And His sweet prais-es  
 4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and  
 5 They rise and needs will have My dear Lord made a-

me, Love to the love-less shown That they might love-ly  
 stow; But men made strange, and none The longed-for Christ would  
 sing; Re-sound-ing all the day Ho-san-nas to their  
 spite? He made the lame to run, He gave the blind their  
 way; A mur-der-er they save, The Prince of Life they

be. Oh, who am I That for my sake  
 know. But, oh, my friend, My friend in-deed,  
 King. Then "Cru-ci-fy!" Is all their breath,  
 sight. Sweet in-ju-ries! Yet they at these  
 slay. Yet cheer-ful He To suf-f'ring goes

My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?  
 Who at my need His life and spend!  
 And for His death They thirst and cry.  
 Them-selves dis-please And 'gainst Him rise.  
 That He His foes From thence might free.

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## Sermon

*Title: God's Love; Our Joy*

*Scripture: John 15:9-17*

## Hymn for Reflection #LSB 655 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

1 Lord, keep us stead-fast in Your Word; Curb those who  
 2 Lord Je-sus Christ, Your pow'r make known, For You are  
 3 O Com-fort-er of price-less worth, Send peace and

by de-ceit or a sword Would wrest the king-dom from Your  
 Lord of lords a-lone; De-fend Your ho-ly Church that  
 u-ni-ty on earth; Sup-port us in our fi-nal

Son And bring to naught all He has done.  
 we May sing Your praise e-ter-nal-ly.  
 strife And lead us out of death to life.

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## Prayers of the Church

### Lord's Prayer

### Benediction

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.

**C** Amen.

### Hymn to Depart #LSB 563

### *Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness*

sts. 1–5

The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with line numbers 1 through 5 on the left side of the first staff.

1 Je - sus, Thy blood and righ - teous - ness My beau - ty  
2 Bold shall I stand in that great day, Cleansed and re -  
3 Lord, I be - lieve Thy pre - cious blood, Which at the  
4 Lord, I be - lieve, were sin - ners more Than sands up -  
5 When from the dust of death I rise To claim my

are, my glo - rious dress; Midst flam - ing worlds, in  
deemed, no debt to pay; Ful - ly ab - solved through  
mer - cy seat of God Pleads for the cap - tives,  
on the o - cean shore, Thou hast for all a  
man - sion in the skies, This then shall be my

these ar - rayed, With joy shall I lift up my head.  
these I am From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.  
lib - er - ty, Was al - so shed in love for me.  
ran - som paid, For all a full a - tone - ment made.  
on - ly plea: Je - sus hath lived and died for me.

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# The Lord's Week

Sun. 9:00am  
10:15am

Divine Service on KMMO AM 1300  
BC

Mon.. 1:00pm  
6:00pm

Finance Board  
Property Board

Tues. 5:15pm

Board of Missions

Thurs. 7:00pm

Ascension Service at Holy Cross, Emma

Sun 9:00am  
10:15am  
6:15 pm  
7:30pm

Holy Communion Service on KMMO AM 1300  
Voters Meeting  
5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Confirmation  
7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation



**Holy Cross after-school program:** If you will be needing after-school care for the 2021-2022 school year, Holy Cross in Emma has 7 openings. They will likewise have bus service from all three local schools to bring your kids directly there. For inquiries, call Holy Cross office.

## **SAVE THE DATE: VBS—Wednesday, June 16th, 5:30-7:00**

- VBS will take place this summer for *one night only* on June 16<sup>th</sup>. (*Rain date-June 17<sup>th</sup>*)
- This will take place outside, and we will begin with a meal for the children.
- The food will be served as a sack lunch. Kids, bring your picnic blankets!
- Thrivent cards are welcome to help cover the cost.
- There is a signup sheet in the Narthex for volunteers/donations.

**Please turn into the office names of your graduates** (6<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade; high school, college.) If a college student please include name of school & degree. If other graduate is not from Sweet Springs \$-7 please include name of the school. Deadline; May 24<sup>th</sup>. Will run in May 30<sup>th</sup> bulletin.



Thank you for your gift to Lutheran Bible Translators and those who do not yet have God's Word in the language of their heart.

God's blessings. Dr. Mike Rodewald, Ex. Director

## **Those Serving**

Musician.....Ron Baker  
Acolyte.....Chase Koch  
Radio and Sound.....Steve Vickrey, Ron Meyer, Pete Melies  
Ushers.....Gary Anderson, Brian Vogelsmeier, Jared Eichholz  
Church Secretary.....Judy Teufel  
Church Custodian.....  
Pastor.....Rev. Alan Mueller

## ATTENDANCE & GIVING APRIL 2021

Sunday Church Attendance							
Date	9:00am		Total	2020 WK	Amount	2021 WK	Amount
Apr. 4	187		187	14	\$ 3,302.50	14	\$5,711.00
Apr. 11	105		105	15	\$ 3,848.00	15	\$2,925.00
Apr. 18	101		101	16	No Service	16	\$3,065.00
Apr. 25	100		100	17	\$ 3,839.00	17	\$2,686.00
Total Giving for the Weeks of 14-17					\$10,989.50		\$ 14,387.00
Total On-Line Giving for the Weeks of 14-17					\$ 1,735.80		\$ 1,155.92
Total for Lent					\$ 710.00		\$ 971.00
Total Giving for the Weeks of 14-17					\$ 13,435.30		\$ 16,513.92
Total Giving (offering & tithes) YTD					\$ 52,245.39		\$ 64,412.38
Adult Bible Class				<div>Church Budget 2021 \$168,855</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Needed tithes and offerings for April 2021 \$12,989.</li><li>• Actual amount of tithes and offerings April 2021 \$16,514.</li><li>• April 2021 exceeded budget \$3,525.</li></ul>			
Date	Members	Guests	Total				
Apr. 4	No Class Easter						
Apr. 11	11	1	12				
Apr. 18	14	5	19				
Apr. 24	13	2	15				
Sunday School							
Date	Total Attending						
	Children	Adults					
Apr. 11	10	6					
Total Attending		16					

Changes in Membership April 2021					
	Baptisms	Confirmations	Transfers		Deaths
			IN	OUT	
April	0	0	0	0	0

# PRAYER

## Members of Immanuel

Carol Thurman, and Ronnie Vogelsmeier

## Family and Friends of Immanuel

Nancy Abbuhl, Tiffany Scott Baker, Cindy Bernard, Shirley Colson,  
Melissa Eckhoff, Corey Finkeldei, Tabby Green, Linda McFadden,  
Ember McKeage, Neil Meador, John Richmond, Terry and Judy Thomsen

## Shut-ins and Nursing Home Residents

Millie Heins, LoWanda Pinkepank, and Martha Jane Vogelsmeier (LGSNH)  
Dolores Fischer (GSNH Apartments)  
Dorothy Krause (The Villa)

## Mission Workers

Josh, Coco, John, and Sophia Lange (China),  
Rev. Peter & Kristie Kolb (Thailand),  
Jim & Claudia Dahlke (Mission of Christ Network), those serving POBLO

## Military

MaKenna Eckhoff, and Chad Ziegelbein



Whether you are a lifelong member or visiting for the first time we are honored to have you here this morning. Please feel free to contact the office regarding questions of membership or of a spiritual or personal matter. *You may contact the office at: 660-335-4141.*

If you get a chance check us out online at:

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