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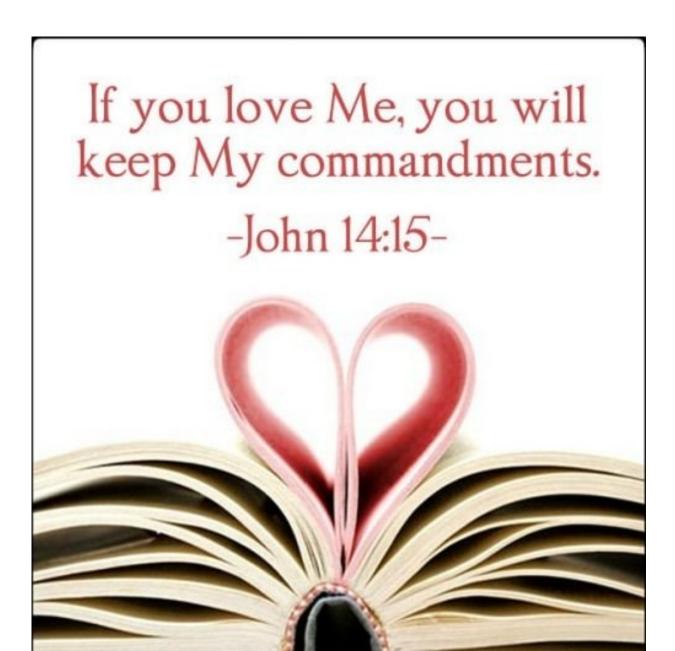
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IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

37515 Park Trail, Almelund, MN 55012
Pastor Justin Fenger
Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 14, 2023

A welcoming community rooted in Christ, growing in faith and serving with joy!



Welcome to Immanuel!

Thank you for joining **PRELUDE**: us for our worship service. Whoever you WELCOME ANNOUNCEMENTS: are, whatever you've done, or where ever you are in life. You INTRODUCTION: are welcome here at Immanuel. God's grace is given freely, not earned. So whatever journey you are on, God led you here for coming and hope

Visitors, welcome to interested in knowing more about our speak to Pastor Justin or call the church office! Contact info is bulletin.

We Encourage all Children who can read, to follow along in the bulletin during our worship service.

GATHERING

Today's Service is using ELW; Red Book

are loved by God The disciples feared for a day when Jesus might no longer walk with them. which means, You Never fear. Jesus promised an Advocate to remain with them forever.

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION:

- P: God our parent, Mother and Father of all, through Jesus we have become your children, no longer alone, unwanted or unloved.
- today. We thank you C: We are humbled by your adoption of us; we are delighted to belong, to be part of your wider world church family.
- to see you again P: Help us as we settle into our roles within this family; may we be tolerant of each other, mindful of our differences, willing to give and take to keep the peace.
- worship! If you are C: We are sorry for those times when we are selfish and unkind, for those times when we are rude and thoughtless, for those times when we cause disunity and strife within our families.
- congregation please P: Forgive us, O God, remind us that we are united by your son, Jesus, that we all belong in your family, and that it is up to each of us to play our part to maintain unity.
- on the back of this C: Help us to learn to live together in harmony and unity.
 - P: Help us to look to our advocate to guide and support us in our daily living.
 - C: As you, our parent, redeemer and guide are one, may we be one with all our family and with you also, now and always. Amen.

OPENING HYMN: #392 ELW Alleluia! Sing to Jesus (v.v.1,2,5)

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Almighty and ever-living God,

you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

In The Morning When I Rise; Momoh Freeman **SPECIAL MUSIC:**

CHILDREN'S SERMON:

FIRST READING:

In Athens, Paul faces the challenge of proclaiming the gospel to Greeks who know nothing of either Jewish or Christian tradition. He proclaims that the "unknown god" whom they worship is the true Lord of heaven and earth who will judge the world with justice through Jesus, whom God has raised from Hearing devices are the dead.

²²Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. ²³For as I went through the city and P = Pastor looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar L=Leader with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by Sections in **bold** are human hands, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed any- to be read by the thing, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. congregation. ²⁶From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.' ²⁹Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given Today's Scripture assurance to all by raising him from the dead." **PSALM:**

follow the service and take part in a way that feels right to you.

available from an usher.

Acts 17:22-31 We invite you to

C = Congregation

R = Reader

	Acts	17:22-31
Psalm 66:8-20	Psalm	66:8-20
	1 Peter	3:13-22
l .	John	14:15-21

Today's Hymns

Hymn	#392 (ELW)
Hymn	#292 (ELW)
Hymn	#631 (ELW)
Hymn	#661 (ELW)

and has not allowed our feet to slip. R: For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us just as silver is tried.

R: Bless our God, you peoples; let the sound of praise be heard.

C: You brought us into the net; you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.

R: You let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and water, but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

C: I will enter your house with burnt offerings and will pay you my vows

R: those that I promised with my lips

C: Our God has kept us among the living

and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.

C: I will offer you burnt offerings of fatlings with the smoke of rams; I will give you oxen and goats.

R: Come and listen, all you who believe, and I will tell you what God has done for me.

C: I called out to God with my mouth, and praised the Lord with my tongue.

this week!

14 **Keith Parsons** 18 Pam Olson 19 Waylon Schultz Weston Schultz Pastor Marla Amborn

Happy Birthday R: If I had cherished evil in my heart, the Lord would not have heard me:

> C: but in truth God has heard me and has attended to the sound of my prayer.

R: Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, nor withheld unfailing love from me.

SECOND READING:

1 Peter 3:13-22

The author of 1 Peter encourages Christians to remain faithful even in the face of defamation and persecution. In baptism we are made clean to act in accordance with what is right.

¹³Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; ¹⁶yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. ¹⁸For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. ²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, 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, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Love Has Come v. 1 #292 ELW John 14:15-21 **GOSPEL:**

Glory to you, O Lord

In final words to his disciples on the night of his arrest, Jesus encourages obedience to his commandments and speaks of the Spirit, who will be with them forever.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] 15"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

¹⁸I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in Guest Pastor: me, and I in you. ²¹They who have my commandments and keep them are Walt Wietzke those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON:

#631 ELW **HYMN OF THE DAY:** Love Divine, All Loves Excelling v.v.1,2,3

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

God of grace,

hear our prayer.

OFFERTORY: #465 ELW As The Grains of Wheat

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS:

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

OFFERTORY PRAYER:

Parent God.

giver of all that we have accept all that we offer here today. Take these gifts of money and use them to provide opportunities for us to take your invitation to all people to come and join in your worldwide family. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER:

SENDING:

Go out into the world, the community you know, your workplaces and your homes with hearts open and ready to love those you meet. Go and reflect the welcome of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit whose heart closes no-one out but whose love is for all, always.

I Love to Tell the Story **CLOSING HYMN:** #661 ELW

DISMISSAL:

Go in peace. Serve the Risen One. Thanks be to God. Thank you for helping lead worship today!

Organist: Momoh Freeman

Reader: Sharon Thiel

Ushers: Steve & Laurie Peterson

Sound Tech: Nancy Nadeau

Camera Tech: Tracy Tolzmann

Children's Sermon: Pastor Walt

Teachers: Cami Peltier & Kris Koran

Altar Guild: White Tora Carlson & Diane Rothe

Coffee Servers: Youth Group

Immanuel Church Calendar This Week

Sunday, May 14 MOTHER'S DAY

and Online.
10:30 Coffee Servers:
Youth Group
11:00 Counters count offering

9:30 Worship Service Live

Monday, May 15 Newsletter Deadline

9-5 Office Hours 5:00 Stewardship Meeting 7:30 Zoom Bible Study

Tuesday, May 16

9-5 Office Hours 9:00 Worship Team meets 9:30 Naomi Circle @ Linda Mielke's 6:00 Joyful Noise Rehearsal

@ Trinity Wednesday, May 17

9-4:30 Office Hours
12:00 Deadline for bulletin
Info
10:00 Parish Care Meets
1:00 Newsletter is ready for
proofreading in room B
1:30 Prayer Shawl Meets

Thursday, May 18 1:00 Newsletter Assembly In the Fireside room

2:00 Bulletins Printed

Friday, May 19

Saturday, May 20

11:00 ILC Connection meets

@ Kaffe Stuga

Sunday, May 21

9:30 Communion Worship Service Live and Online W/ Joyful Noise. Sunday School is after children's sermon.

Youth meet after church!

10:30 Coffee Servers: 11:00 Counters count offering Reprinted from *Words for Worship*, copyright 2022 Augsburg Fortress. Used by permission. Scripture quotations (except psalms) from the New Revised Standard Version Bible, copyright 1989 Division of Christian Education of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota (LSS) invites you to join us at our Metro Benefit for Youth. Gather with us to support LSS Youth & Family Services in helping youth on their journey towards finding safety, stability, housing, opportunity and much more.

Tuesday, May 16, 2023

11:30 am Registration and Lunch*
12:15 pm Find Seats 12:30 pm Program 1:00 pm Checkout

Quincy Hall

1325 Quincy Street NE Minneapolis, Minnesota

*Lunch will be self-serve at food stations and will remain open during checkout after the program concludes. Please stay and enjoy!

For questions or assistance, please contact LSS Events at 651.432.4731 or events@lssmn.org.
We look forward to seeing you there, Friend!
With gratitude, Your neighbors from LSS

Naomi Circle meets on Tuesday, May 16th at 9:30 at Linda Mielke's.

Parish Care Team meets on Wednesday, May 17th at 10:00 am. AND The ILC Connection Meets @ Kaffe Stuga in Harris at 11:00 on Saturday, May 20th.

Sunday School:

The last day of Sunday school for this year is 5/21/23.

Memorial Day Dinner

Group A is in charge of the dinner this year. We are looking for more volunteers to help. We are also hopeful that the youth group will be available to help with clearing and clean up.

Look for the sign up board in the gathering area for food and money donations. Please check it and see where you can help.

Almelund Farmers Market Begins its 16th Season on Friday, May 26th at Rod's Country Corner!

Come Friday afternoons from 3-6pm and check out the local items... annuals, perennials and garden plants, asparagus, rhubarb, eggs, maple syrup, honey, breads, jams/jellies, craft items and other goodies! Products change with the season. New vendors are encouraged and welcomed to join this fun community get-together. If interested, contact Pat @ 651-583-2100.

The River Valley Christian Women's Connection

Invites you to attend our Annual Tea Luncheon being held On Monday, May 15, 2023 at 11:30 am.

Chisago Lake Lutheran Church 1 Summit Ave Center City, MN 55012

Come have a delicious lunch, enjoy a good program, and meet a new friend.

Cost \$15 for lunch and program.

Class of 2023 Baccalaureate Service

Wednesday, June 7, 7:00 p.m. North Branch Area High School Auditorium

All senior students, their families, and the public are invited and welcome to this non-denominational service. The service is not required but optional.

Baccalaureate is a time where the community and the area churches gather together to honor the graduating class.

This year's Baccalaureate will include music, scripture, speaker, prayer, and blessing for the Class of 2023.

Youth Group News

Heggies pizzas are coming in on May 17th! Youth has just 2 more meetings left this year. May 10th & MAY 31st @ 6:30pm MAY 21st Final Mission Trip meeting, after the service.

Next Christian Ed Meeting May 22nd 6:30pm to be put on the monthly calendar.

COFFEE SERVERS NEEDED FOR

May 21st as well as June 11th, 18th & 25th; please sign up next to kitchen, Thank you

May 7, 2023 Attendance: 70

Weekly Giving Update: May 7, 2023

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Benevolence	\$345.00
Building Fund	\$25.00
Loose	\$46.00
Sunday School	
Food Shelf	\$41.10
Online Serv. Fee	\$9.00

General

Total

The Zoom Bible Study. The Chosen Season 2 Bible Study, Mondays 7:30pm on Zoom. If interested please contact Pastor Justin

Tune in our Daily Texts, Monday through Saturday on our Facebook

Page @immanuellutheranchurchofalmenlund

A daily devotional time based on an Old and New Testament bible verse based on a Moravian Church tradition and Ground Up Grace Publications.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:

By end of day Monday, May 15th.

Please have all reports, announcements, thank yous and corrections in by this time.

PROOFREADING:

Of newsletter @ 1:00 Wednesday, May 17th. Your help will be greatly appreciated. All are welcome.

NEWSLETTER ASSEMBLY:

Will be Thursday, May 18th @ 1:00 in the Fireside Room.

Volunteers can fill newsletters with offering envelopes and label for mailing. On Sunday morning service; May 21st, members can pickup their own newsletter in the gathering area.

THANK YOU

Dear Marty,

Thank you so much for the beautiful prayer shawl! What a kind, thoughtful gesture. I will use it daily in my devotions. You are a true blessing to know.

Love, Mary



Come and support the many ministries of Luther Point Bible Camp!

If you have a donation for the auction please contact the camp office: 715-689-2347, info@LutherPoint.org

Sunday, August 6, 2023

11:00 a.m. Auction Preview Open

11:30 a.m. Worship

12:00 p.m. Lunch

1:00 p.m. Live Auction

August 6, 2023

May 14, 2023

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Life with the Spirit

What do we do when we feel abandoned by people we believed would always be there for us? When relationships end or coworkers betray us? When friends move or someone close to us dies? The impact of those losses can change our whole world. It can make us question our self-worth and make us wonder if we are really of any value. When this happens, it's easy to ask if what we do actually matters.

As Jesus prepares his disciples for what life will be like for them after he dies, he tells them to keep his commandments and assures them they will not be left orphaned. It's an important message for them to hear. They are about to experience the trauma of witnessing Jesus' betrayal and death, the fear of being wanted men hiding from the authorities, and the grief of feeling like they have lost their purpose in life. Their world is about to be thrown into chaos because the person who had led them, taught them, and taken care of them would now be gone.

Jesus' words are a promise that God's love is too great to leave them abandoned. "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever" (John 14:15-16). His words are also a promise that what they continue to do matters. Keeping his commandments isn't necessary for God to love them, but doing so will serve as a reminder of their love for Jesus and will open them up to experiencing the Advocate in their lives. Jesus' command to love God and our neighbor isn't a fee we have to pay for the Spirit to spend time with us. It is our response to the powerful good news that the Spirit is with us forever.

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Prayer for Others and Ourselves:

Parent God, redeemer and sustainer; three in one and one in three, you invite us to be part of a wider family community, a family that is diverse and spread around the world.

Hear us now as we bring before you our brothers and sisters, known and unknown to us who are in need of your help this day.

We pray for children and adults who have faced the death of a parent or parents. We would ask that you would draw them near to you that you would comfort them and let them know that they are not alone.

We pray for children and adults who live in abusive families, who long to be free of them but are afraid to be alone. We would ask that you would protect them and find a way to remove them from a place of harm.

We pray for children and adults who have never known what a family is, who were or are in care homes never knowing the joy and commitment of a family. We would ask that at some time in their lives they would experience the joy of a family relationship.

PLEASE JOIN US
SALAD LUNCHEON
DATE: Wed., June 14, 1023
TIME: 11:00 to 1:00
First Lutheran Church
1000 S. Jay Ave
Rush City, MN
(Free will Offering)
Take-out Available



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