



*Sixth Sunday of Easter  
and Mother's Day  
Immanuel Lutheran Church  
May 10, 2026*

**Welcome** to this place of praise and prayer. We gather today in celebration of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, as part of God's family.

- ❖ We would appreciate having you sign our guest book so that we can remember your presence with us. Please note that in the ELW the page numbers are printed at the bottom of the page and hymn numbers are located at the top. The order of worship is outlined on the following pages.
- ❖ The offering reminds us that all of life is a gift of God. We are stewards of that gift. In response, a portion of our income is given as an act of worship to do God's work in the world. Immanuel is a first-fruits congregation. That means that every Sunday when the offering is taken in, we give first to the mission and the ministry of the ELCA. We don't wait to see if we can pay our bills before we give away for God's mission. It is our hands doing God's work, for the sake of the world our Lord loves.
- ❖ We serve Holy Communion on the first Sunday of the month and at all festivals. We offer an open invitation to all baptized believers to participate. It is our understanding that Christ offers his body and blood with the bread and wine to forgive sin and strengthen faith and life. If you receive communion in your home church, you are welcome to receive communion here.
- ❖ We have a toddler worship area in the middle-right section of our pews. This area is intended for children ages 0-3 accompanied by an adult(s) to sit during worship. Children 4K-6<sup>th</sup> Grade are welcome to join us for Sunday school during worship downstairs. This is a space for families to be fully engaged in worship, while providing quiet activities for young children to accommodate their natural need to move and be busy. Please follow posted guidelines for use of this space. Thank you!
- ❖ We have accommodated seating available in the middle-left and the front-right sections of our pews. Please feel free to utilize this space for those who may need it!

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## GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

### Prelude

### Welcome And Worship Announcements

\*Please note all **bold** text throughout the service are congregational responses

*(Please stand as you are able)*

### Thanksgiving for Baptism

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Merciful God,  
you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come.  
You lead us beside still waters.

**We thank you for the waters of creation:  
morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves.  
We thank you for the waters that nourish us.**

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys.

**We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection.  
We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow.**

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows.

**Break down barriers that divide us.  
Fill us with the breath of peace.**

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism,  
and for making us a new creation.

We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## Kyrie

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## Hymn of Praise (with intro)

*When at Last the Rain Falls* vs. 1, 2, repeat 1

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## 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.**

## WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture readings, preaching, and song*

## First Reading: Acts 17:22-31

*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 the dead.*

<sup>22</sup> Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. <sup>23</sup> For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an 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, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, <sup>25</sup> nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. <sup>26</sup> From one ancestor he made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, <sup>27</sup> so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble about for him and find him—though indeed he is 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, too, are his offspring.' <sup>29</sup> "Since 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. <sup>30</sup> While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup> because 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 assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

### **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.*

<sup>13</sup> Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? <sup>14</sup> But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, <sup>15</sup> but 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, <sup>16</sup> yet do it with gentleness and respect. Maintain a good conscience so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. <sup>17</sup> For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. <sup>18</sup> For 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, <sup>19</sup> in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup> who 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 lives, were saved through water. <sup>21</sup> And 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, <sup>22</sup> who 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!**

**Hymn** (children come forward)

*Halle, Halle, Hallelujah*

**#172**

## Word for Kids

*(Please stand as you are able)*

**Gospel Acclamation**

*Lord, I Lift Your Name on High*

**#857**

**Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord, I love to sing your praises.**

**I'm so glad you're in my life, I'm so glad you came to save us.**

**You came from heaven to earth to show the way, from the earth to the cross, my debt to pay, from the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky; Lord, I lift your name on high.**

## **Gospel Reading: John 14:15-21**

*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.*

The holy gospel according to John, chapter 14. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to the disciples: <sup>15</sup> "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup> And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. <sup>17</sup> This 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.

<sup>18</sup> "I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. <sup>19</sup> In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup> On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup> They who have my commandments and keep them are 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."

This is the gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ!**

*(Congregation may be seated)*

## **Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day**

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

**#631**

**Apostles' Creed**

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## **Prayers of the People**

The response to each prayer will be, "Lord, in your mercy,"  
Congregation reply will be, "**hear our prayer.**"

## **Sharing of the Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**  
*You are welcome to send a text or email to share peace with others.*

## **Offering**

*(Offerings may be placed in the wooden offering box as you leave the sanctuary)*

## **Offering Response (with Intro)**

*Goodness Is Stronger than Evil*

**#721**

**Goodness is stronger than evil; love is stronger than hate;  
light is stronger than darkness; life is stronger than death;  
vict'ry is ours, vict'ry is ours, through God who loves us.  
Vict'ry is ours, vict'ry is ours, through God who loves us.**

## **Offering Prayer**

Blessed are you, O God, **maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts; ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

**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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## **SENDING**

*God Blesses Us and Sends Us in Mission for the World.*

## **Benediction**

**Announcements:** Mission Moment - Summer Eats Ministry

Dismissal

Go in peace, you are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Thank you to Today's Volunteers!

We would love to have your help during our worship service. Please sign up at the kiosk in the church narthex or on the church website under the sign-up link on the home page. Thank you!

When at Last the Rain Falls  
*Al caer la lluvia*



1 Al ca - er la llu - via re - sur - ge con ver - dor  
2 El co - quí se\_a - le - gra, se sien - te muy fe - liz;  
1 When at last the rain falls, our world turns liv - ing green.  
2 All the pret - ty song - birds re - joice and sing your praise,



to - da la flo - res - ta. ¡Re - nue - va la crea - ción!  
can - ta\_en su\_a - la - ban - za: "co - quí, co - quí, co - quí."  
Lit - tle flow - ers blos - som, the air is warm and clean.  
war - ble hymns ex - qui - site, through sun - ny spring - time days.



Mi - ra\_el ro - jo li - rio; el duen - de ya bro - tó.  
El pi - ti - rre can - ta y tri - na\_el rui - se - ñor.  
See the gor - geous lil - y its ra - diant blooms dis - play;  
Night - in - gales and tree - frogs sing praise when it grows dark,



¡Be - lla pri - ma - ve - ra que\_a - nun - cia su ful - gor!  
¡Cuán a - le - gre men - te a - la - ban al Crea - dor!  
may I just as bold - ly praise God in my own way.  
on - ly cease at day - break, and then we hear the lark.



To - da flor sil - ves - tre, la ma - ya, el cun - dea - mor:  
All the lit - tle flow - ers and ten - der curl - ing ferns



¡có - mo ma - ni - fies - tan la glo - ria del Se - ñor!  
show their mak - er's glo - ry, each praise to God re - turns.



¡Có - mo se te\_a - la - ba en to - da la cre - a - ción!  
Sing, all of cre - a - tion, your mak - er prais - es ac - cord!



Yo qui - sie - ra\_ha - cer - lo en for - ma\_i - gual, Se - ñor.  
I al - so will of - fer my songs to you, O Lord.

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