

## WELCOME VISITORS

We're glad you're here. If this is your first visit, please sign our Guest Book by the front door. To ensure pastoral care, we also invite you to fill out an attendance slip each time you are with us. **Large print copies of the hymns** are available. Please ask an usher if you desire a copy. **Restrooms** are in the basement in the southeast (back/left) corner.

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If you are not a member of the LCMS, please introduce yourself to our pastor or an Elder before the service so that they might hear your faith before we share Communion with you. If you wish to participate without taking communion, please feel free to come forward and cross your arms across your chest to receive a blessing from the pastor during communion.

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## SPECIAL PRAYERS

*Please keep the following people in your prayers this week.*

Tim Guido, Pat Hart, Brooks Kats, Beverly Myhre, Larry Nardoni, Susan Paul, Caroline Pfeifer, Judy Slavik, Carolyn Stadt, Joy Sutor, and Calvin Yoder

O Lord, Heavenly Father, please watch over those we pray for, extending to each of them your healing hand. We ask this and all things through Your Son, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

## Immanuel Schedule Week of April 28

<b>Sunday (04-28)</b>	8:00 am	Divine Service [at ILC]
	9:30 am	Bible Study [at SP]
	10:30 am	Divine Service [at SP]
<b>Monday (04-29)</b>	10:00 am	Men's Bible Study [at SP]
<b>Thursday (05-02)</b>	7:00 pm	Women's Bible Study [at SP]
<b>Sunday (05-05)</b>	8:00 am	Divine Service [at ILC]
	9:30 am	Bible Study [at SP]
	10:30 am	Divine Service [at SP]

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## Pentecost Readers Needed

In celebration of Pentecost on Sunday May 19, we are looking for some volunteers to read or recite John 3:16 (*"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."*), but in different languages. If you are interested, we have a sign-up sheet on the Narthex Bulletin Board. Simply sign-up for one of the languages listed, or even for one that is not listed (write the language and your name).

*[This Is Going To Be An Interesting Service !!]*

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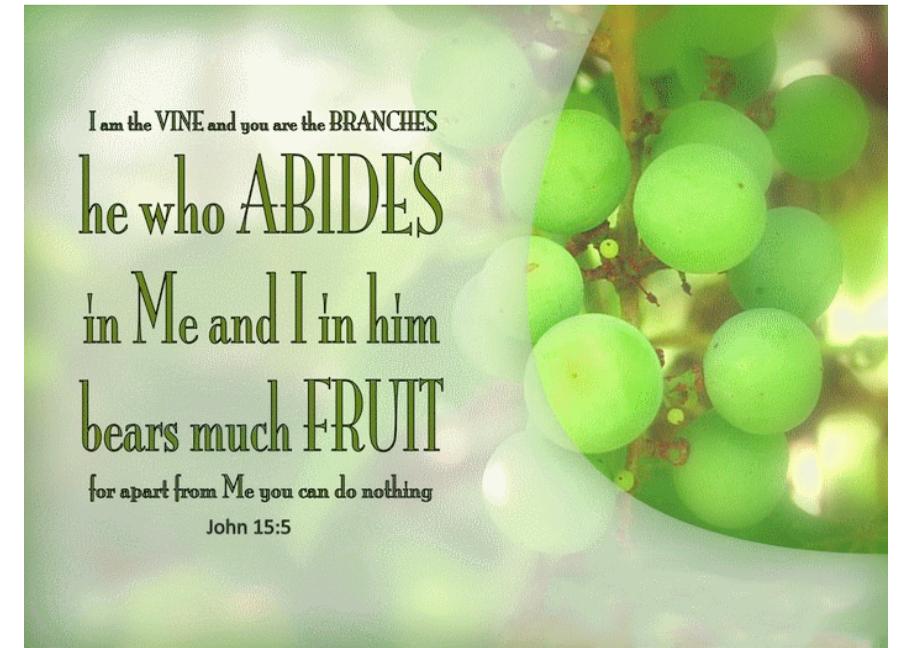
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## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER + IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH



Almighty God, through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ you have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our Risen Lord who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

### APRIL 28, 2024 A.D.

Hymns For Divine Service: *Lutheran Service Book*  
465, 633 [Sts. 1-4,8], 611, 601, 585 – DS Setting 1, Pg. 151

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**MEMBER FAMILY VISITS:** To help Pr. Wendt get to know all of our members, he is asking to meet with each family to sit down and talk with him. Please reach out to him directly to coordinate a date and time. He would like to complete these meetings before the end of April.

**NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY:** Immanuel and St. Paul's will be combining forces and creating a combined Church Directory for our congregations. One section for Immanuel and one section for St. Paul's, all in one book.

It will be produced for us by Cathedral Directories for FREE! Anyone interested in placing an advertisement for their business, or a personal message in support of our new directory can contact the church office (by email at [ilcsteger.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:ilcsteger.secretary@gmail.com)), or directly contact Jake Allport at 248-545-4330 (or email at [jallport@cathedraldirectories.com](mailto:jallport@cathedraldirectories.com)). A business card can also be used in creating a new ad. Sometimes members aren't aware of other members business, but would love to support them. Advertisers do not need to be members of our church.

To ensure everyone's information is correct, please review your details in our last directory, or if you wish to now include mobile numbers or email, please contact the office (email at [ilcsteger.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:ilcsteger.secretary@gmail.com) preferred) or provide your updated info and preferences on the back of your attendance card. No information will be shared with 3rd parties. Please submit all updates by May 5. If you have any questions, please contact Paul Sengstock.

**MICRO-PANTRY:** If you're able, please consider donating non-perishable food items to our Micro-Pantry for those in need. Please consider your own tastes when purchasing items for the food pantry. Donated items can be brought into church on Sunday, left inside the pantry itself, or left at the church office door. We greatly appreciate the donated items as do those in need who use the pantry.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS [Cont.]

**DID YOU KNOW?:** Did you like Pastor's sermon? Or maybe you missed it this week. Did you know that you can request a printed copy of the sermon notes for you to keep and refer to? Just contact our office (email [ilcsteger.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:ilcsteger.secretary@gmail.com) is preferred) and we will send it to you. We also post the audio of all sermons on our website so you can listen to it too. Audio sermons are available online for four weeks. Enjoy !!

**PORTALS OF PRAYER:** The April-June editions are in the Narthex. There are small and medium print versions available. Please feel free to take a copy.

**WELCOME:** Today we welcome Ron Emery as our organist and thank him for joining us and assisting with our Divine Service today.

### **SERVING THIS MONTH:**

Elders / Ushers: Paul Sengstock / Erwin Hanck  
Altar Guild: Barbara Coy, Lois Genova, and Becky Mann

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** Donated to the glory of God

**CHANCEL CANDLES:** Donated by Dennis and Christine Meyer in loving memory of all departed members of our family.

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**STEWARDSHIP SENTENCE:** John 15:2 – “Every branch of mine that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit.” God is interested in the fruit that we bear in good works, and He even prunes us so that we may bring forth more fruit. Trusting in our Lord's work for us, being grafted by grace into His vine, we desire to be more like Him, to grow into His image. That's growth in fruit bearing — and it always comes with some pruning.

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# Fifth Sunday of Easter

## April 28, 2024

**Introit Psalm 145:1–2, 8, 10, 21; antiphon: John 16:16**

- P** A little while, and you will see me no | longer; \*  
and again a little while, and you will | see me.
- C** I will extol you, my | God and King, \*  
and bless your name forever and | ever.
- P** Every day I will | bless you \*  
and praise your name forever and | ever.
- C** The Lord is gracious and | merciful, \*  
slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.
- P** All your works shall give thanks to you, | O Lord, \*  
and all your saints shall | bless you!
- C** My mouth will speak the praise | of the Lord, \*  
and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and | ever.
- C** Glory be to the Father and | to the Son \*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;  
as it was in the be- | ginning, \*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
- P** A little while, and you will see me no | longer; \*  
**C** and again a little while, and you will | see me.

### Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And also with you.

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**P** Let us pray.

O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## First Reading

Acts 8:26–40

<sup>26</sup> An angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” This is a desert place. <sup>27</sup> And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship <sup>28</sup> and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. <sup>29</sup> And the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over and join this chariot.” <sup>30</sup> So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” <sup>31</sup> And he said, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. <sup>32</sup> Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this:

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter  
and like a lamb before its shearer is silent,  
so he opens not his mouth.

<sup>33</sup> In his humiliation justice was denied him.  
Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth.”

<sup>34</sup> And the eunuch said to Philip, “About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” <sup>35</sup> Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. <sup>36</sup> And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?” <sup>38</sup> And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. <sup>39</sup> And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing.

<sup>40</sup> But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

## 1 John 4:1–21

<sup>1</sup> 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. <sup>2</sup> By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, <sup>3</sup> 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. <sup>4</sup> 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. <sup>5</sup> They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. <sup>6</sup> 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.

<sup>7</sup> Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup> Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. <sup>9</sup> 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. <sup>10</sup> 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. <sup>11</sup> Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup> No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

<sup>13</sup> By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. <sup>14</sup> And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. <sup>15</sup> Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. <sup>16</sup> So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. <sup>17</sup> By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. <sup>18</sup> There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. <sup>19</sup> We love because he first loved us. <sup>20</sup> If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. <sup>21</sup> And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

**Alleluia and Verse**

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**C** Alleluia.

Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia, alleluia.

## Holy Gospel



### John 15:1–8

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

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

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<sup>1</sup> [Jesus said:] “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. <sup>2</sup> Every branch of mine that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup> Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup> Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. <sup>5</sup> I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup> If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup> If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup> By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.”

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

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

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