

Immanuel Lutheran Church

May 5, 2024 - Fifth Sunday of Easter



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OPENING HYMN #726

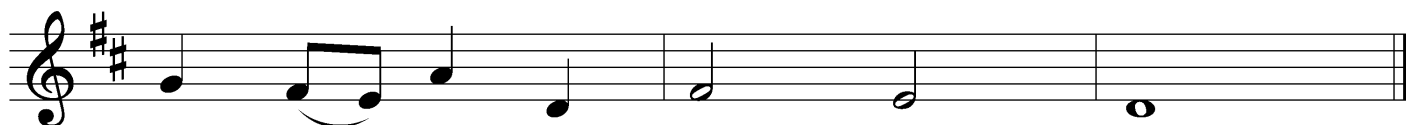
"Love In Christ Is Strong And Living"



1 Love in Christ is strong and liv - ing, bind - ing faith - ful
2 Love is pa - tient and for - bear - ing, clothed in Christ's hu -
3 Love in Christ a - bides for - ev - er, faint - ing not when



hearts in one; love in Christ is true and giv - ing,
mil - i - ty, gen - tle, self - less, kind, and car - ing,
ills at - tend; love, for - giv - ing and for - giv - en,



may his will in us be done.
reach - ing out in char - i - ty.
shall en - dure un - til life's end.

Text: Dorothy R. Schultz, b. 1934

Tune: Ralph C. Schultz, b. 1932

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Please stand.

INVOCATION AND OPENING SENTENCES

(John 3:16, 15:12-13)

M: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

M: God so loved the world, that he gave his one and only Son,

C: that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

M: Jesus commanded, "Love each other as I have loved you.

C: Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends."

CONFESSION OF SINS AND ABSOLUTION

M: Even though we know we are sinners, we often think of ourselves as being "not so bad," But this is an illusion. Especially in the light of Christ's command, we fail miserably. Our only hope is to approach the throne of the God of love, seeking his mercy in the name of the risen Christ.

C: Most merciful God, we have sinned against you and against our neighbor in thought, word, and deed. We have failed to love you and our neighbor as we ought. Though we deserve eternal punishment, we look to you for grace, remembering the sacrifice of your holy Son in our place. We repent and intend to follow your commands. Forgive our sin, O God, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

M: God has heard your confession and promise of repentance. God's love is not limited to good intentions; God acted to win salvation for us in the Christ he sent to save us! As a called servant of that Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Live and love in the joy of the Resurrection!

C: **Amen. Thanks be to God!**

LORD, HAVE MERCY

CW 190

M: In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C: **Lord, have mer - cy.**

M: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



C: **Lord, have mer - cy.**

M: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



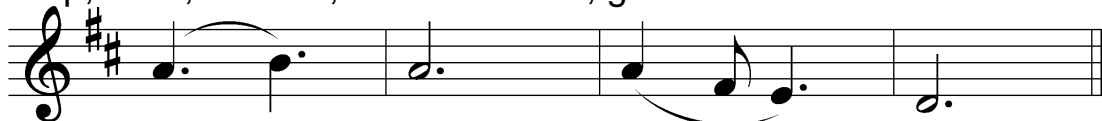
C: **Lord, have mer - cy.**

M: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



C: **Lord, have mer - cy.**

M: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



C: **A - men. A - men.**

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GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST

CW 191

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Glory to God in the Highest'. It consists of ten staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The score begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: 'Glo - ry to God in the high - est, glo - ry to God, and peace to his peo - ple on earth, and peace to his peo - ple on earth. Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the'.

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, glo - ry to
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us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the



Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer. For



you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the



Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus



Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the



glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, glo - ry to



God, and peace to his peo - ple on earth,



and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Let us pray.

O God, you are the giver of everything good. Inspire us, your humble servants, to long for what is right and, through your gracious guidance, accomplish it to your glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Be seated.

FIRST READING

Acts 9:36-42

³⁶In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha (in Greek her name is Dorcas); she was always doing good and helping the poor. ³⁷About that time she became sick and died, and her body was washed and placed in an upstairs room. ³⁸Lydda was near Joppa; so when the disciples heard that Peter was in Lydda, they sent two men to him and urged him, "Please come at once!"

³⁹Peter went with them, and when he arrived he was taken upstairs to the room. All the widows stood around him, crying and showing him the robes and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was still with them.

⁴⁰Peter sent them all out of the room; then he got down on his knees and prayed. Turning toward the dead woman, he said, "Tabitha, get up." She opened her eyes, and seeing Peter she sat up. ⁴¹He took her by the hand and helped her to her feet. Then he called for the believers, especially the widows, and presented her to them alive. ⁴²This became known all over Joppa, and many people believed in the Lord.

(NIV)

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 89: HYMN #602 sts.1,3 (*Early Service*)

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

**Sing from display or hymnal.*

CHOIR ANTHEM (*Late Service*)

"The Way Of Christ"

SECOND READING

1 John 4:7-11, 19-21

⁷Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. ¹⁰This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. ²¹And he has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister. (NIV)

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

1 Corinthians 13:13

Refrain

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

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

M: And now these three remain: faith, hope and love.

But the greatest of these is love.

C: Refrain

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HOLY GOSPEL

St. John 15:9-17

⁹“As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love. ¹¹I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. ¹²My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. ¹³Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command. ¹⁵I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. ¹⁷This is my command: Love each other. (NIV)

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

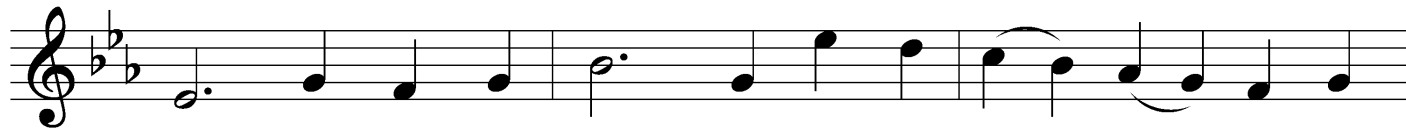
Be seated.

HYMN #728

"This Is My Will"



1 This is my will, my one com - mand, that love should
 2 No great - er love can be than this: to choose to
 3 I call you now no long - er slaves; no slave knows
 4 You chose not me, but I chose you, that you should
 5 All that you ask my Fa - ther dear for my name's



dwell a - mong you all. This is my will, that you should
 die to save one's friends. You are my friends if you o -
 all his mas - ter does. I call you friends, for all I
 go and bear much fruit. I chose you out that you in
 sake you shall re - ceive. This is my will, my one com -



love as I have shown that I love you.
 bey what I com - mand that you should do.
 hear my Fa - ther say you hear from me.
 me should bear much fruit that will a - bide.
 mand, that love should dwell in each, in all.

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SERMON TEXT

St. John 15:9-17

SERMON

"Love As Jesus Loves"

Please stand.

CONFESSON OF FAITH: NICENE CREED

C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Be seated.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

FRIENDSHIP CARD is available on the tables by the entrances and in the mailboxes of members.
If you are watching on-line please go to the description link and sign in.

OFFERING The offering plates are located by the entrances. You may also give electronically via
our website: immanuelfindlay.org or the App: GivePlus.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

CW 199

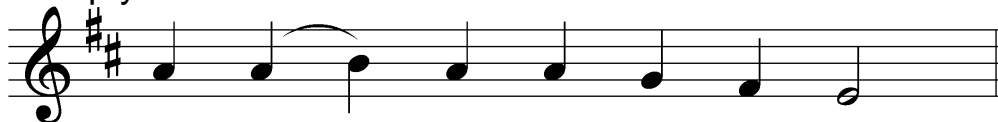
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M: The Lord be with you.



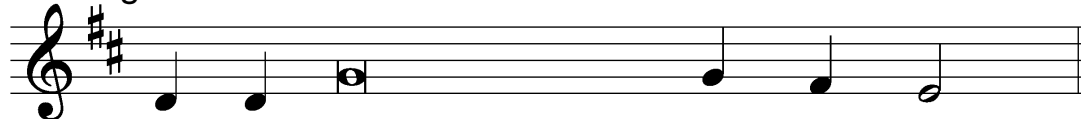
C: And al - so with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.



C: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

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M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who by his willing sacrifice on the cross took away the sins of the world and by his glorious resurrection restored everlasting life. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts,



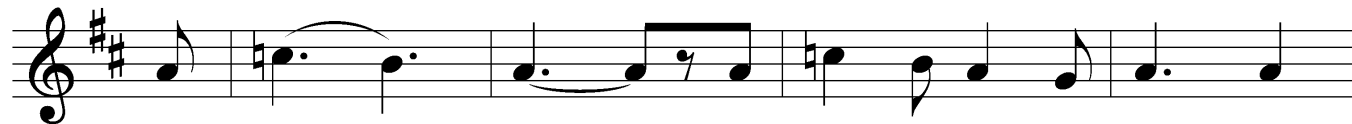
heav - en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

M: Blessed are you, Lord God, eternal King and gracious Father. In love you made us the crown of your creation. In mercy you planned our salvation. In grace you sent your Son to redeem us from sin.

We remember and give you thanks that your eternal Son, Jesus Christ, became flesh and made his dwelling among us, that he willingly placed himself under law to redeem those under law, that he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death on a cross, that he has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood in this Sacrament. Forgive our sins, increase our faith, strengthen our fellowship, and deepen our longing for the day when Christ will welcome us to his eternal feast. Praise and thanks and honor and glory be to you, O God our Father, and to your Son and to the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my + body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my + blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

LAMB OF GOD

CW 202

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; grant us, grant us peace.

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Be seated.



DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Visitors: Please see the Communion Statement on the back page of the bulletin before joining us for Holy Communion.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN #557

“Dear Christians, One And All, Rejoice”

The distribution hymns are on the display, in the hymnal, and at the back of the large print bulletin.

M: The true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you to life everlasting.

C: **Amen.**

M: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

C: **his mercy endures forever.**

M: Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,

C: **we proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.**

M: We give you thanks, Lord, for you have acted for our good by giving your very self to us in this blessed Sacrament. Strengthen us also with your Spirit, that we may be moved to grow in our work and witness for you. Having tasted your love, enable us to love in word and deed our circle of friends gathered here, our neighbors near and far, and even those who are unknown to us. We pray in your name.

C: **Amen.**

BLESSING

Hebrews 13:20-21

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN #731

"Oh, How Good It Is"



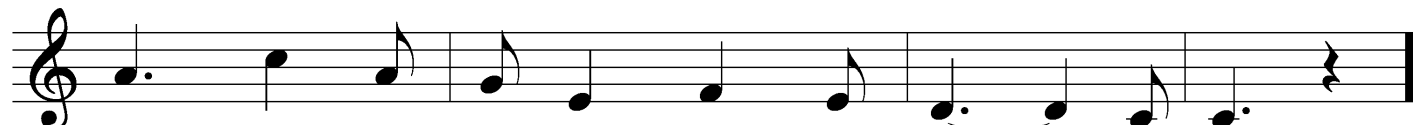
1 Oh, how good it is when the fam - 'ly of God dwells to -
 2 Oh, how good it is on this jour - ney we share to re -
 3 Oh, how good it is to em - brace his com - mand to pre -



geth - er in spir - it, in faith and u - ni - ty. Where the
 joice with the hap - py and weep with those who mourn. For the
 fer one an - oth - er, for - give as he for - gives. When we



bonds of peace, of ac - cept - ance and love are the
 weak find strength, the af - flict - ed find grace when we
 live as one we all share in the love of the



fruits of his pres - ence here a - mong us.
 of - fer the bless - ing of be - long - ing.
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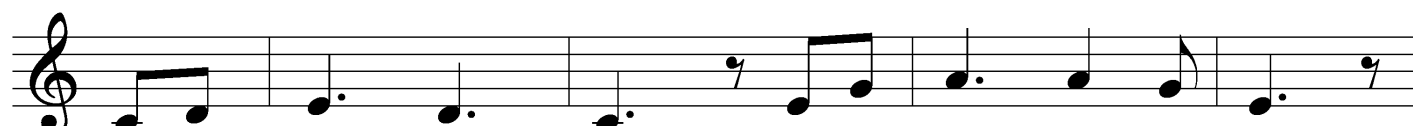
Refrain



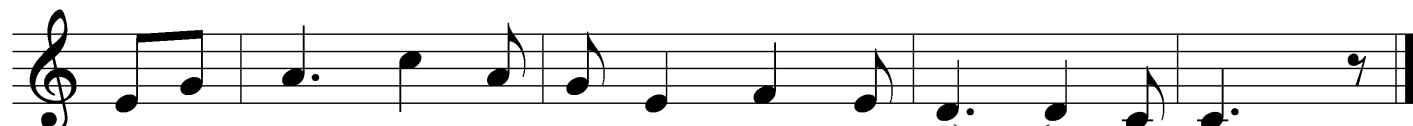
So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord,



and with one heart we'll live out his word,



till the whole earth sees the Re - deem - er has come,



for he dwells in the pres - ence of his peo - ple.

Text: Stuart Townend, b. 1963; Ross Holmes, b. 1984; Kristyn Getty, b. 1980; Keith Getty, b. 1974
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YOUTH CONFIRMATION is next Sunday, MAY 12, during late service. The confirmands will have their examination during Adult Sunday School. There will be cake and drinks in the parlor after late service. Please keep our confirmands in your prayers.

THURSDAY ZOOM BIBLE CLASS @ 7:00 PM Our Thursday Zoom Bible class begins again this week, studying the Holiness of the Lord. "Holiness" means being separate from sin; through Jesus, God is not only separate from evil himself, he separates us from evil. This is all part of God's Covenant with us--his loving promise to bless us in Jesus. Pastor will email out a Zoom link; copies of the study guide are available in the entryway.

| Greeters | East Door | North Door |
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| 5/5 8 AM | Volunteer | Volunteer |
| 10:30 AM | Brad & Sarah S. | Pam W. |
| 5/12 8 AM | Howard & Nancy | Volunteer |
| 10:30 AM | Diane L. | Vern & Marjorie H. |
| 5/19 8 AM | Bob H. | Volunteer |
| 10:30 AM | Jan S. | Laura & Mike B. |
| 5/26 8 AM | Karl & Lynn F. | Volunteer |
| 10:30 AM | Deana H. | Bill & Helen R. |

May Ushers: **8:00 AM Brad S., Howard W. **10:30 AM Bill R., Paul W.
Accompanist: Connie Krueger

Bible Study:

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| <i>Sunday</i> | Adult Bible Study | Trinity | 9:15 AM |
| <i>Wednesday</i> | Adult Bible Study | Luke's Gospel | 10:00 AM |
| <i>Thursday</i> | Adult Bible Study | God's Covenant With Us | 7:00 PM |

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| CALENDAR | Sunday | Worship & Holy Communion, 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM Youth & Adult Sunday School, 9:15 AM |
| | Wednesday | Adult Bible Class, 10:00 AM |
| | Thursday | Zoom Bible Class, 7:00 PM |
| | Friday | Japanese Bible & Cooking Class, 11:00 AM |
| | Sunday | Worship & Holy Communion, 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM Youth & Adult Sunday School, 9:15 AM Confirmation, 11:45 AM |

Trinity Lutheran School in Jenera is selling their school **75th Anniversary Cookbook** for \$20. If you would like to purchase a copy, contact their office @ 419-326-4685 to arrange payment and pick up. There will be a special church service on: **Sunday, May 19, 2024 at 8:00 AM or 10:30 AM** with Guest Preacher: Rev. Silas Schmitzer, who was a 1997 Trinity graduate. No RSVPs required to attend either worship service. A catered meal and program will begin at 12:00 in the school gymnasium. Displays will be set up to show how God has truly blessed the Gospel ministry through the school in Jenera. **Please RSVP for the meal by Monday, April 15th.** RSVP by email: tlsoffice@tlcjenera.org or by phone: 419-326-4685

Welcome! We join together here to thank God for a new week of promise and possibilities. Let us welcome the opportunity of worship. Let us greet one another joyfully and lovingly! If you are searching for a church home, please feel free to talk to the pastor after the service.

Large print bulletins are available at the back of the fellowship hall.

There are visitor welcome packets available in the narthex.

There are children's books, coloring pages, pencils, and crayons available at the back of the fellowship hall. Please return the books, clipboards, pencils and crayons.

Silence is golden. Please silence cell phones before worship.

If you would like items displayed on the bulletin board please contact the office.

When receiving communion, it's very helpful when you extend your hand to receive the wafer of bread. If there is anyone who would prefer to receive the wine mixed with water, please contact the pastor. We also have low-gluten wafers available; please speak with the pastor or an elder.

Celebrating Communion in Love—In love, Jesus gives his body and blood in Holy Communion. In love, Jesus tells us we are prepared for his meal when 1) we recognize our sins and need for forgiveness; 2) we confess Jesus as the only true God and Savior, without whom we would be lost for eternity; 3) we have been instructed in the Biblical truths of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection; 4) we believe that in the Supper Jesus gives us his real body and blood in the bread and wine; 5) we publicly confess our oneness of faith and full agreement of belief with those whom we receive the Supper. In love, Jesus cautions us that if we are not properly prepared, then we are rejecting his love and would receive his Supper to our harm. Therefore, in love for all, we at Immanuel follow the ancient, Biblical practice of Close Communion, offering the Supper only to those who have professed their agreement with our Wisconsin Synod fellowship. If you are interested in receiving the Supper with us, we invite you to speak with our pastor about the important necessary pre-Communion instruction.

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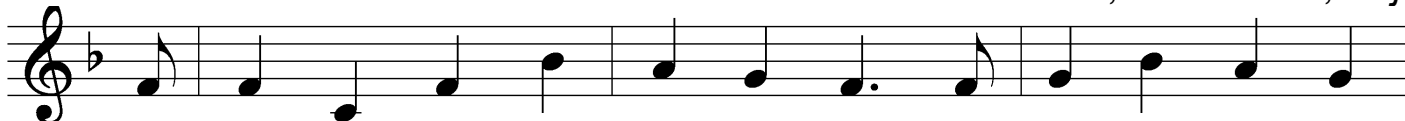
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DISTRIBUTION HYMN #557

“Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice”



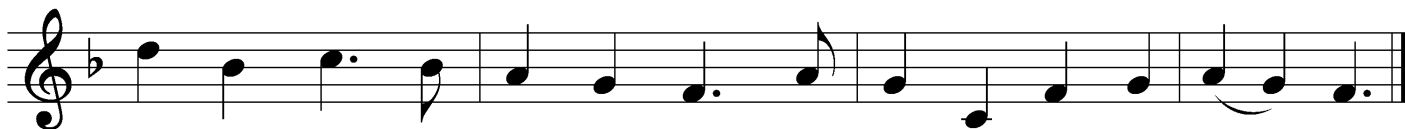
1 Dear Chris-tians, one and all, re - joice, with ex - ul - ta - tion
 2 Fast bound in Sa - tan's chains I lay; death brood-ed dark - ly
 3 My own good works a - vailed me naught, no mer - it they at -
 4 But God be - held my wretch-ed state be - fore the world's foun -



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
 tain - ing; my will a - gainst God's judg-ment fought, no hope for
 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. Yet deep and deep - er still I fell; life
 me re - main - ing. My fears in-crcased till sheer de - spair left
 my sal - va - tion. A fa - ther's heart he turned to me, sought



his right arm the vic - t'ry won. How dear - ly it has cost him!
 had be - come a liv - ing hell, so firm - ly sin pos - sessed me.
 on - ly death to be my share and hell to be my sen - tence.
 my re - demp - tion fer - vent - ly; he gave his dear - est trea - sure.

5 He spoke to his beloved Son:
 “It's time to have compassion.
 Then go, bright jewel of my crown,
 and bring to all salvation.
 From sin and sorrow set them free;
 slay bitter death for them that they
 may live with you forever.”

6 The Son obeyed his Father's will,
 was born of virgin mother,
 and, God's good pleasure to fulfill,
 he came to be my brother.
 No garb of pomp or pow'r he wore;
 a servant's form like mine he bore
 to lead the devil captive.

- 7** To me he spoke, “Hold fast to me,
I am your rock and castle.
Your ransom I myself will be;
for you I strive and wrestle.
For I am yours, your friend divine,
and evermore you shall be mine;
the foe shall not divide us.
- 8** “The foe will shed my precious blood,
me of my life bereaving;
all this I suffer for your good;
be steadfast and believing.
Life will from death the vict’ry win;
my innocence shall bear your sin,
and you are blest forever.
- 9** “Now to my Father I depart,
the Holy Spirit sending
and, heav’nly wisdom to impart,
my help to you extending.
He will a source of comfort be,
teach you to know and follow me,
and in all truth will guide you.
- 10** “What I on earth have lived and taught
be all your life and teaching;
so shall my kingdom’s work be wrought
and honored in your preaching.
Take care that no one’s man-made laws
should e’er destroy the gospel’s cause;
this final word I leave you.”

Text: tr. Richard Massie, 1800–1887, alt.; Martin Luther, 1483–1546

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