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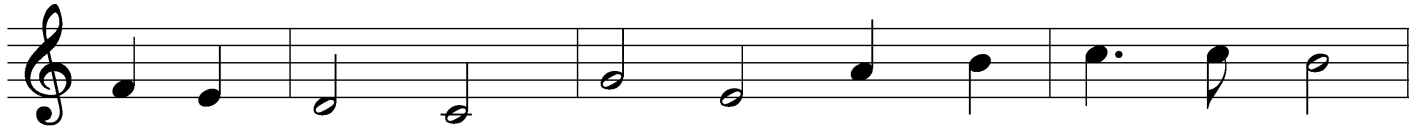
The Fifth Sunday of Easter



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Opening Hymn #444 sts.1-3*Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won*

1 Je - sus lives! The vic - t'ry's won! Death no long - er
2 Je - sus lives! To him the throne high o'er heav'n and
3 Je - sus lives! For me he died; hence will I, to



can ap - pall me. Je - sus lives! Death's reign is done!
earth is giv - en. I shall go where he is gone,
Je - sus liv - ing, pure in heart and act a - bid,



From the grave Christ will re - call me. Bright - er
live and reign with him in heav - en. God is
praise to him and glo - ry giv - ing. All I



scenes will then com - mence; this shall be my con - fi - dence.
faith - ful; doubt - ings, hence! This shall be my con - fi - dence.
need God will dis - pense; this shall be my con - fi - dence.

*Text: Christian F. Gellert, 1715–1769, abr.; tr. Frances E. Cox, 1812–1897, alt.
Tune: Johann Crüger, 1598–1662 Text and tune: Public domain*

Please stand.

Invocation

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

C: **Amen.**

Confession & Absolution

CW 155

M: Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

C: **Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.**

M: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

C: **Almighty and merciful Father,**

we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.

We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.

We have done those things that we should not have done,

and we have not done those things that we should have done.

Have mercy on us, Lord!

Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,

according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

(Silence for meditation and reflection)

M: God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Lord, Have Mercy

M: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

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

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

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 mercy.**

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

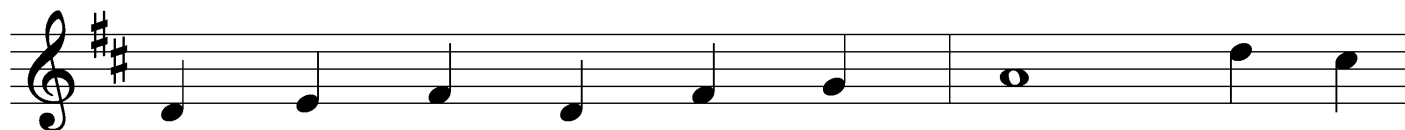
C: **Lord, have mercy.**

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

C: **Amen.**

Hymn of Praise #471 sts.1-3*Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds*

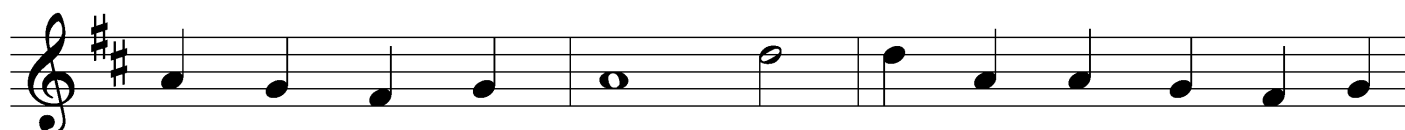
1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds in
2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings, there -
3 O fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love; set



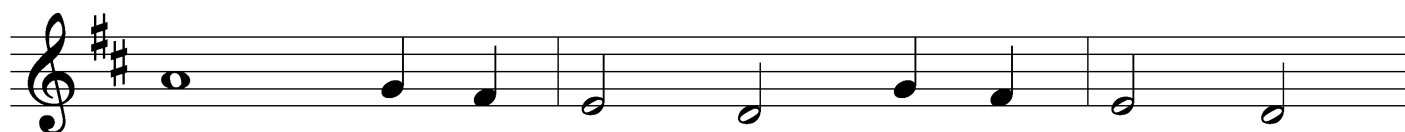
praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has
fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has
heart and will on things a - bove that we



tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of
tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Now still he
con - quer thro' your tri - umph; grant grace suf -



an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
comes to give us life and by his pres - ence stills all
fi - cient for life's day that by our lives we tru - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
strife. "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"



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

*Text: Paul Z. Strodach, 1876–1947, alt.
Tune: Geistliche Kirchengesäng, Köln, 1623*

Prayer of the Day

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Let us pray.

O God, you form the minds of your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that among the many changes of this world, our hearts may ever yearn for the lasting joys of heaven; 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 11:1-18

¹The apostles and the believers throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. ²So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him ³and said, “You went into the house of uncircumcised men and ate with them.”

⁴Starting from the beginning, Peter told them the whole story: ⁵“I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. I saw something like a large sheet being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to where I was. ⁶I looked into it and saw four-footed animals of the earth, wild beasts, reptiles and birds. ⁷Then I heard a voice telling me, ‘Get up, Peter. Kill and eat.’

⁸“I replied, ‘Surely not, Lord! Nothing impure or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’

⁹“The voice spoke from heaven a second time, ‘Do not call anything impure that God has made clean.’ ¹⁰This happened three times, and then it was all pulled up to heaven again.

¹¹“Right then three men who had been sent to me from Caesarea stopped at the house where I was staying. ¹²The Spirit told me to have no hesitation about going with them. These six brothers also went with me, and we entered the man’s house. ¹³He told us how he had seen an angel appear in his house and say, ‘Send to Joppa for Simon who is called Peter. ¹⁴He will bring you a message through which you and all your household will be saved.’

¹⁵“As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit came on them as he had come on us at the beginning. ¹⁶Then I remembered what the Lord had said: ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ ¹⁷So if God gave them the same gift he gave us who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to think that I could stand in God’s way?”

¹⁸When they heard this, they had no further objections and praised God, saying, “So then, even to Gentiles God has granted repentance that leads to life.” (NIV)

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 133B

How Very Good and Pleasant

How ver - y good and pleas - ant when we live in
u - ni - ty. It is like pre - cious oil, like
fresh morn - ing dew. We gath - er here to -
geth - er with our hearts and voic - es raised to
God, who's the cen - ter of our u - ni - ty in praise!

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features a melody with various note values including eighth, quarter, and half notes, as well as rests. A triplet of eighth notes is marked with a '3' over it in the second measure of the second staff. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes.

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Second Reading

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

¹If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. ²If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

⁴Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. ⁵It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. ⁶Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. ⁷It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

⁸Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. ⁹For we know in part and we prophesy in part, ¹⁰but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. ¹¹When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. ¹²For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

¹³And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love. (NIV)

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

M: We know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them.

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Holy Gospel

St. John 13:31-35

³¹When he was gone, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man is glorified and God is glorified in him. ³²If God is glorified in him, God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once.

^{33a}My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come.

³⁴“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.” (NIV)

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

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Hymn #469

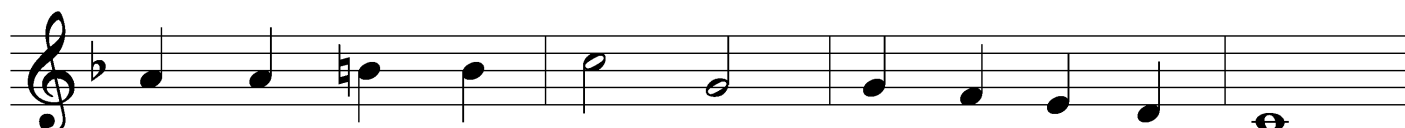
Welcome, Happy Morning



1 "Wel - come, hap - py morn - ing!" age to age shall say;
2 Mak - er and Re - deem - er, life and health of all,
3 Source of all things liv - ing, you came down to die,
4 Free the souls long pris - oned, bound with Sa - tan's chain;



"Hell to - day is van - quished; heav'n is won to - day!"
God from heav'n be - hold - ing hu - man na - ture's fall,
plumbed the depths of hell to raise us up on high.
all that now is fall - en raise to life a - gain.

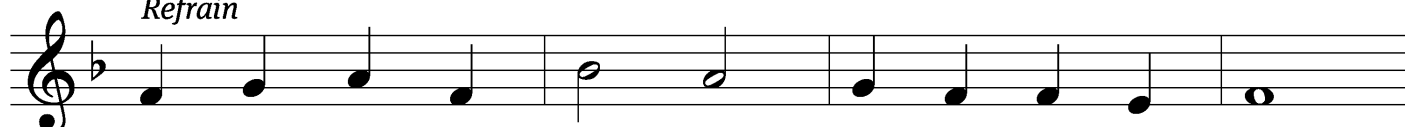


Lo, the dead is liv - ing, God for - ev - er - more!
of the Fa - ther's God - head you, the on - ly Son,
Come, then, true and faith - ful, come, ful - fill your word;
Show your face in bright - ness; shine in ev - 'ry land



Him, their true Cre - a - tor, all his works a - dore.
man - kind to de - liv - er man - hood did put on.
this is your third morn - ing— rise, O bur - ied Lord.
as in E - den's gar - den when the world be - gan.

Refrain



"Wel - come, hap - py morn - ing!" age to age shall say;



"Hell to - day is van - quished; heav'n is won to - day!"

Text: Venantius Fortunatus, c. 530–609, abr.; tr. John Ellerton, 1826–1893, alt.

Tune: Enchiridion Geistlike Lede und Psalmen, Lübeck, 1545

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Please stand.

Confession of Faith: Apostles' Creed

C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at
the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Be seated.

Prayer of the Church

M: God has made his dwelling place with man; he will dwell with us, and we will be his people; and God will be our God. In confidence of this, let us raise to him our prayers on behalf of those in need and all people.

Almighty Father, you met a divided world with one saving love and will, manifested in the incarnation, suffering, death, and resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ. Make us one people in him, and bless all efforts to come to the true unity of your Word by the power of your Spirit. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

M: Give your rich and abundant blessing to your Church, that she faithfully hold to your Word even amid trial and persecution, and give your blessing to all pastors and servants of the Church as they serve us in your name. Guide us by your grace, that we welcome the stranger and boldly speak your Word to those who have not heard it. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

M: Govern the nations, Lord, and bless our leaders, that they be people of good moral conscience and integrity, for the sake of the poor and the oppressed, and for the encouragement of virtue and good works. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

M: Accept our song of praise and the worship of our hearts, and with them the tithes and offerings of a grateful people, who rejoice in your mercies and in the daily provision of your love. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

M: Guard those in need, Lord, from the pain of body or mind, from the suffering of illness, and from the fear of death, [*especially . . .*]. Bring them the comfort of your presence, healing according to your will, patience in the day of trial, and deliverance at the last. Lord, in your mercy,
C: **hear our prayer.**

Other petitions may be added.

M: At your promise, we your people commend to you these concerns of our hearts, these prayers of your Church, and these petitions on behalf of all people as they have need, through the mercy and because of the merits of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: **Amen.**

Friendship Register is available by the entrances. If you are watching on-line please go to the description link and sign in.

Freewill Offering The offering plate is located by the back entrance. You may also give electronically via our website: immanuelfindlay.org or the App: GivePlus.

Sacrament Of Holy Communion

CW 165

(Visitors: See Communion statement on page 16)

Please stand.

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also 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.**

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:

Holy, Holy, Holy

CW 167



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san - na, ho -
san - na, ho-san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he,
bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho-san - na, ho-san - na, ho-san - na in the high - est.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

M: We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with 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."

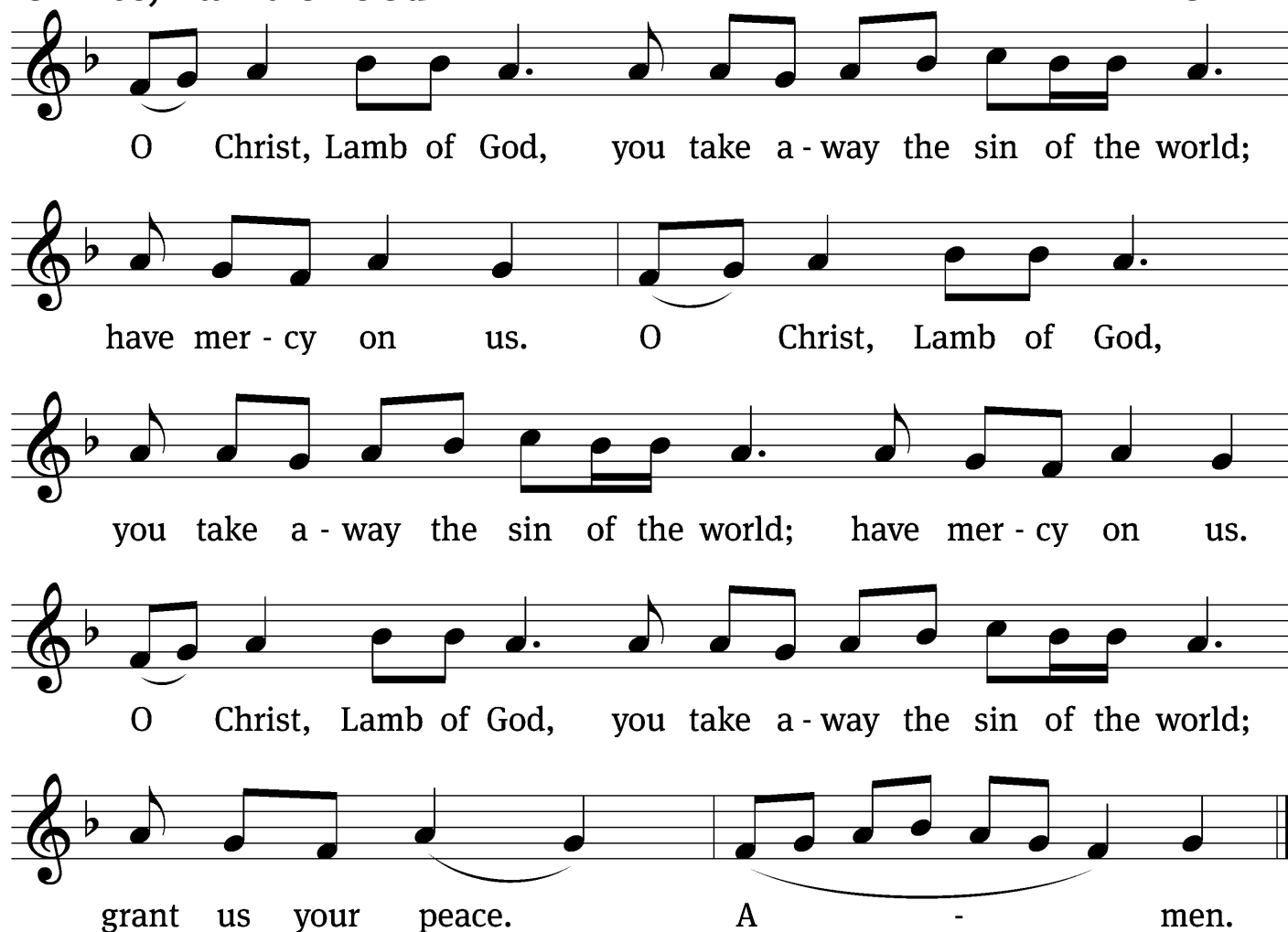
Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my + blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

O Christ, Lamb of God

CW 169



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. A - men.

Be seated.

Distribution of Holy Communion



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 thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Blessing

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 #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.

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Trinity Vacancy: Trinity Lutheran, Jenera will be vacant after June 1, as Pastor Nowak accepted a Call to Minnesota. Pastor Krueger will be serving as vacancy pastor. Through the summer, he and Vicar Fluegge will swap pulpits at the two churches. Pastor Matt Gruenewald from Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, is currently considering a Call to serve Trinity.

Voters’ Meeting is June 1 at 11:45 AM. Packets will be in the mailbox of members on Sunday, May 25. Please bring the packet with you to the Voters’ meeting, as extra copies will not be available. If you have a question about anything in the packet, please speak with someone who is on the church council.

Preschool Last day for students is Tuesday. All classes will give their song programs to their families during their regular class time on Monday and Tuesday.

Mom’s Day Out will have their last class on Thursday this week.

A VBS is being planned for Saturday, June 21st. If you can help, sign up in back.

Graduation Sunday will be held on June 8. Refreshments will be available after the services.

Next Vicar: our next vicar assignment will be announced at the Vicar Call Service at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary on Wednesday at 8:00 PM. You can watch at <https://vimeo.com/event/5087512>
And the Seminary Graduation Concert is Thursday at 8:00 PM. Watch here: <https://vimeo.com/event/5087647>

Lutheran Scholarship Granting Organization of Ohio (LSGOO)
If you are not taking advantage of the excellent opportunity to direct a portion of your Ohio tax liability directly to the Immanuel Preschool ministry, please check out www.lsgoohio.org or consult with one of the Immanuel Preschool LSGOO committee members. For the upcoming preschool year of 2025-2026 Immanuel has already funded 5 tuition scholarships for a total of \$5,800. The LSGOO Committee Members are: Eldon Betts, Don Lucas, and Howard Wilch.

Bible Classes: Join us Thursdays at 7:00 PM on Zoom for a study of how God forgives us; copies of the study guide are in back, and pastor will email a link this week.

BIBLE STUDY	<i>Sunday</i>	Adult Bible Study	Nicene Creed	9:15AM
	<i>Wednesday</i>	Adult Bible Study	Judges	10:00AM
	<i>Thursday</i>	Zoom Bible Study	God’s Forgiveness	7:00 PM

MAY

GREETERS

5/18 8:00

10:30

EAST

Howard & Nancy W.

Laura & Mike B.

NORTH

Volunteer

Denny & Sharon P.

5/25 8:00

10:30

Bob H.

Pam W.

Volunteer

Jan S.

MAY USHERS

8:00 Brad S., Howard W.

10:30 Don B., Paul W.

JUNE

GREETERS

6/1 8:00

10:30

EAST

Karl & Lynn F.

Diane L.

NORTH

Volunteer

Deana H.

6/8 8:00

10:30

Volunteer

Kay M.

Volunteer

Becky F.

6/15 8:00

10:30

Bob H.

Brad & Sarah S.

Volunteer

Helen R.

6/22 8:00

10:30

Volunteer

Marjorie H.

Volunteer

Jim & Jamie T.

6/29 8:00

10:30

Howard & Nancy W.

Denny & Sharon P.

Volunteer

Laura & Mike B.

JUNE USHERS

8:00 Volunteer

10:30 Kris Alge, Dave Zellers

CALENDAR

Sunday

Worship & Holy Communion, 8:00AM & 10:30AM

Adult & Youth Sunday School, 9:15AM

Confirmation, 6:30PM

Monday

Church Council, 6:30 PM

Last day for 4 & 5 year olds preschool

Tuesday

Last day for 3 year olds preschool

Wednesday

Adult Bible Class, 10:00 AM

Vicar Call Service, 8:00 PM

Thursday

Zoom Bible Class, 7:00 PM

Last day for Mom's Day Out

Friday

Saturday

Sunday

Worship & Holy Communion, 8:00AM & 10:30AM

Adult & Youth Sunday School, 9:15AM

Welcome! We join together here to thank God for a new week of promise and possibilities. Let us greet one another joyfully and lovingly! If you are searching for a church home, 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.

Bulletin Board: If you would like items displayed, 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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