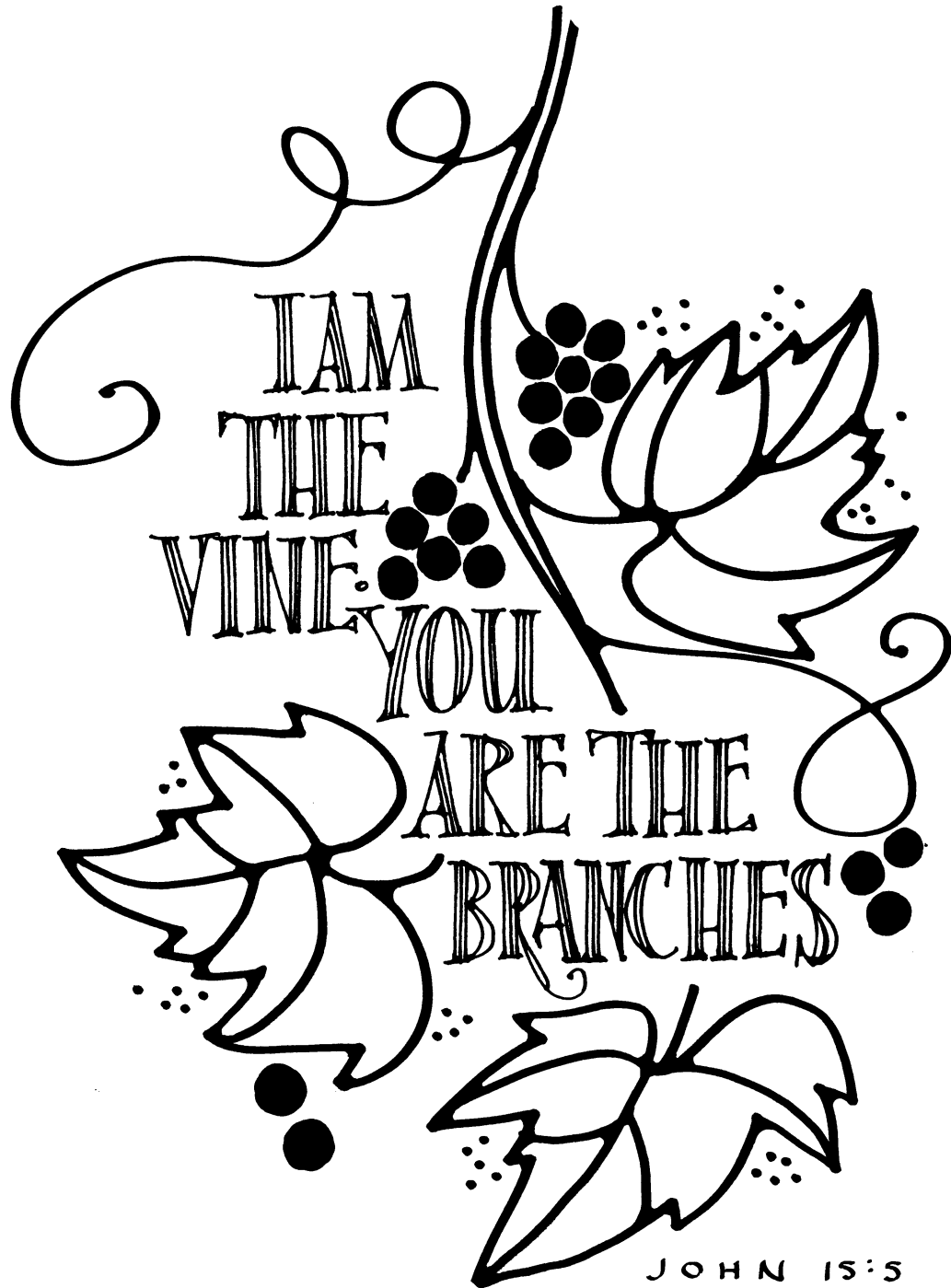


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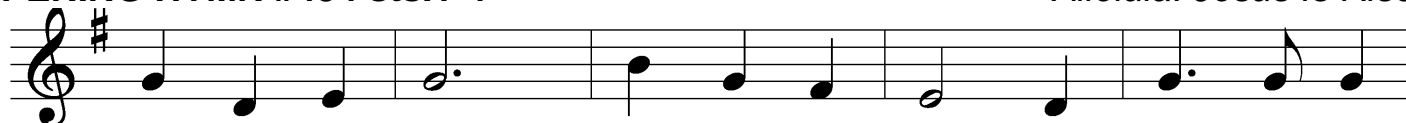
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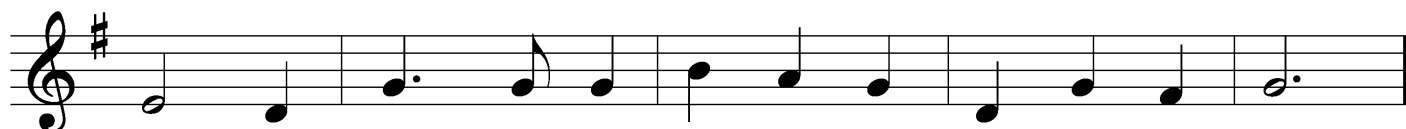
“Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen”



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en! Trum - pets re -
 2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter tell - ing the
 3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es; life in the
 4 Weep - ing, be gone; sor - row, be si - lent: death put a -



sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light! Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for -
 sto - ry to o - pen our eyes; break - ing our bread, giv - ing us
 Spir - it the fruit of the tree; heav - en to earth, Christ to the
 sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright. Cher - u - bim sing: “O grave, be



ev - er! Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
 glo - ry: Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.
 peo - ple, gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.
 o - pen!” Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.

Refrain



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise:



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

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Please stand.

INVOCATION AND OPENING DIALOGUE

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

C: Amen.

M: Christ has risen from the dead.

C: God the Father has crowned him with glory and honor,

M: He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;

C: He has put all things under his feet.

CONFESSION OF SINS AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF FORGIVENESS

M: In today's Gospel we will hear Jesus say, "I am the vine, you are the branches...and my Father is the gardener....Every branch that bears fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you." Through Baptism we were washed clean and made branches of Jesus, the vine. His word takes away our sins and makes us fruitful for his purposes. Without such mercy and grace we cannot live as branches of our life-giving Vine. Let us consider our need for such forgiveness and confess our sins.

M: Lord Jesus Christ, living Vine,

C: we confess that we have taken for granted your grace and mercy, poured out on us in Holy Baptism. We have not appreciated the gravity of our sins, the sacrifice of your life for us, and the full and free forgiveness which you offer in your grace. We have not recognized our heavenly Father's pruning as the loving action it truly is. By your Holy Spirit, increase in us true devotion to your will and a desire to bear fruit worthy of your holy name. Forgive us, restore us, and set our feet on the path of true discipleship.

M: "If our hearts condemn us, we know that God is greater than our hearts" (1 John 3:20). God sent Jesus as the payment for our sins. As a called servant of Christ I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

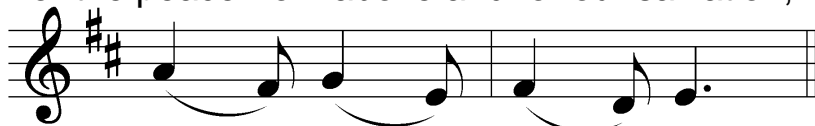
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M: In peace let us pray to the Lord.



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.



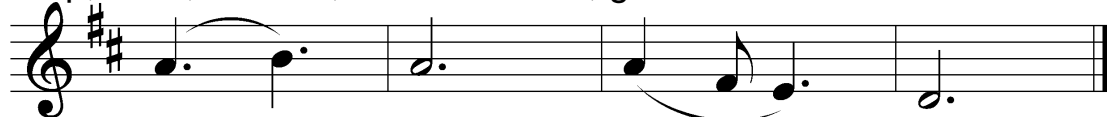
C: Lord, have mer - cy.

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.

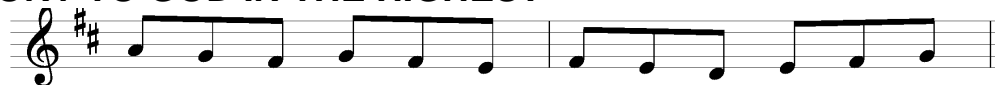


C: A - men. A - men.

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GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST

CW 191



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 seated 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 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 4:32-37

³²All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had. ³³With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all ³⁴that there were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales ³⁵and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need.

³⁶Joseph, a Levite from Cyprus, whom the apostles called Barnabas (which means "son of encouragement"), ³⁷sold a field he owned and brought the money and put it at the apostles' feet. (NIV)

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

"A New Name"

PSALM 63C (sung responsively as indicated)

“Lord, You Are My Hope And Stay”



C: Lord, you are my hope and stay; I will ev - er sing your praise.



M: You, God, / are my God,
earnestly I / seek you;

C: **I thirst for you, my whole being / longs for you,
in a dry and parched land where there is no / water.
I have seen you in the sanctu- / ary
and beheld your power and your / glory. Refrain**

M: Because your love is bet- / ter than life,
my lips will glori- / fy you.

C: **I will praise you as long / as I live,
and in your name I will lift / up my hands.
Because you / are my help,
I sing in the shadow / of your wings.
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. Refrain**

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SECOND READING

1 John 3:18-24

¹⁸Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.

¹⁹This is how we know that we belong to the truth and how we set our hearts at rest in his presence: ²⁰If our hearts condemn us, we know that God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God ²²and receive from him anything we ask, because we keep his commands and do what pleases him. ²³And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us. ²⁴The one who keeps God's commands lives in him, and he in them. And this is how we know that he lives in us: We know it by the Spirit he gave us. (NIV)

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

St. John 15:5

Refrain

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

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

M: I am the vine; you are the branches.
If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit.

C: **Refrain**

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HOLY GOSPEL

St. John 15:1-8

¹“I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. ²He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. ³You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. ⁴Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

⁵“I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. ⁷If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.” (NIV)

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

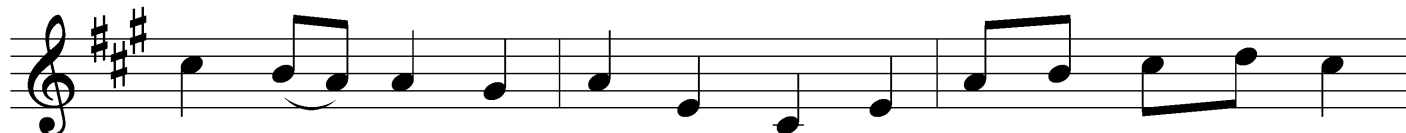
Be seated.

HYMN #681

"Christ Is With Me"



1 We were bur - ied with him in - to death, that as he was raised
 2 I have now been graft - ed to the vine, draw - ing life from roots
 3 I have now been cru - ci - fied with Christ, I no long - er live,



by God's glo - ry, we might walk in life made new by grace;
 rich in mer - cy, bear - ing fruit as I a - bide in him,
 Christ lives in me; now I live by faith in God's own Son—



hav - ing died with Christ, we shall live with him.
 fruit for - ev - er fresh, glo - ri - fy - ing God.
 one who loved me so, gave him - self for me.

Refrain



Christ is with me ev - 'ry - where I go;



nev - er to leave me, this I know.

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SERMON TEXT

Acts 4:32-37

SERMON THEME

"An Easter Nickname"

Please stand.

CONFESSSION OF FAITH: THE THIRD ARTICLE OF THE APOSTLES' CREED (SANCTIFICATION)

C: 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.

M: What does this mean?

C: I believe that I cannot by my own thinking or choosing
believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to him.

But the Holy Spirit has called me by the gospel,
enlightened me with his gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.

In the same way he calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies
the whole Christian Church on earth,
and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

In this Christian Church he daily and fully forgives all sins
to me and all believers.

On the Last Day he will raise me and all the dead
and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

This is most certainly true.

Be seated.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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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

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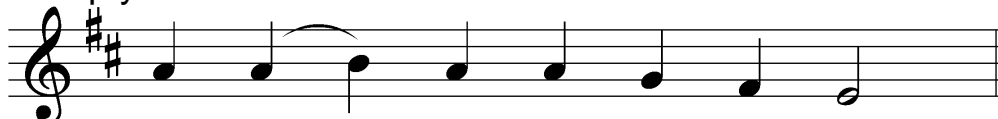
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M: The Lord be with you.



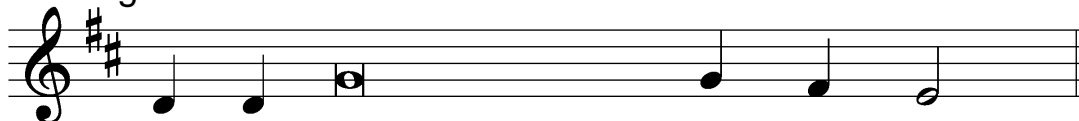
C: And al - so with you.

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.

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

M: Blessed are you, heavenly Father, for you did not leave your fallen creation to itself. You promised our first parents a Savior; you rescued Noah and his family from the flood. You sent prophets and apostles to speak your Word, pruning away error and nourishing fruitful living. Most of all, we give thanks that you sent your Son, who by the sacrifice of himself made forgiveness available to all who would call on him in faith. Grant us now to approach his table with joy and the full assurance of sins forgiven. To you, Father, along with the Son and Holy Spirit, be all praise and glory 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.

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

DISTRIBUTION HYMN #441

"I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

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, heavenly Father, that you have strengthened our faith through this Sacrament. Go with us now so that we may live out this day as fruitful branches of the Vine, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

BLESSING

Hebrews 13:20-21

M: May God the Father, who in grace created you and all things;
may God the † Son, who by his sacrifice made forgiveness available to you;
may God the Holy Spirit, who worked faith in your hearts to be able to call Jesus Lord – bless you and keep you this day and always.

C: **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN #595*“Fruitful Trees, The Spirit’s Sowing”*

1 Fruit - ful trees, the Spir - it's sow - ing, may we rip - en
 2 Lad - en branch - es free - ly bear - ing gifts the Giv - er
 3 Root - ed deep in Christ our Mas - ter, Christ our pat - tern
 4 Fruit - ful trees, the Spir - it's tend - ing, may we grow till



and in - crease, fruit to life e - ter - nal grow - ing,
 loves to bless; here is fruit that grows by shar - ing,
 and our goal, teach us, as the years fly fast - er,
 har - vests cease; till we taste, in life un - end - ing,



rich in love and joy and peace.
 pa - tience, kind - ness, gen - tle - ness.
 good - ness, faith, and self - con - trol.
 heav - en's love and joy and peace.

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PLEASE STAY for the WELS Connection video.

OUR FORMER VICAR, Rev. Samuel Pappenfuss, accepted the Call to Good Shepherd Lutheran in Midland, MI (907 Mattes Dr). He will be installed today, the 28th, at 4:00 pm. There is a meal following; please RSVP for the meal to pastor@bethellutheranbc.org.

THE LIBRARY has been cleaned out. There are books in the coat area that are free for the taking. We do not want them returned.

Ushers: **8:00 AM Bob H., Mike W. **10:30 AM Joe B., Mike S.
Accompanist: Connie Krueger

Greeters	East Door	North Door
4/28	8AM Bob H.	Volunteer
	10:30AM Deana H.	Bill & Helen R.

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

May Ushers: **8:00AM Brad S., Howard W. **10:30 AM Bill R., Paul W.
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Bible Study:	Sunday	Adult Bible Study	Trinity	9:15 AM
	Wednesday	Adult Bible Study	Luke's Gospel	10:00 AM

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	Choir Practice, 7:00 PM
	Sunday	Worship & Holy Communion, 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM Youth & Adult Sunday School, 9:15 AM Confirmation, 11:45 AM

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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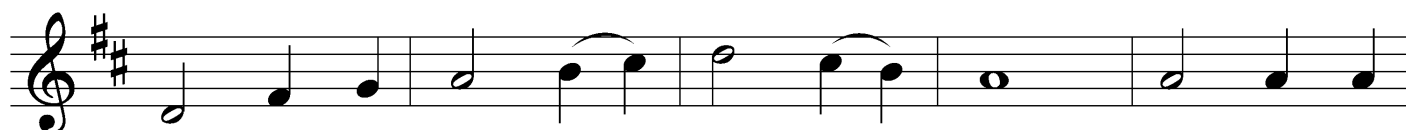
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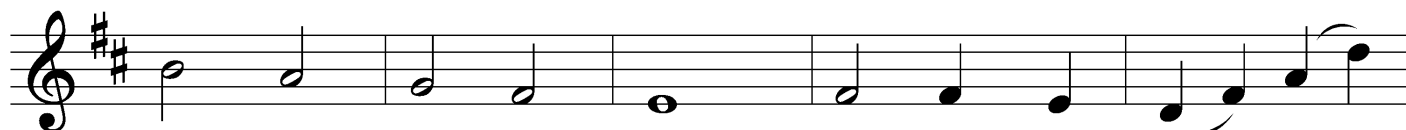
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1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort
 2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e -
 3 He lives to bless me with his love; he lives to
 4 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; he lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who
 ter - nal - ly to save; he lives all - glo - rious
 plead for me a - bove; he lives my hun - gry
 guide me with his eye; he lives to com - fort



once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!
 in the sky; he lives ex - alt - ed there on high.
 soul to feed; he lives to help in time of need.
 me when faint; he lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.

- 5 He lives to silence all my fears;
 he lives to wipe away my tears;
 he lives to calm my troubled heart;
 he lives all blessings to impart.
- 6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;
 he lives and loves me to the end;
 he lives, and while he lives, I'll sing;
 he lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.
- 7 He lives and grants me daily breath;
 he lives, and I shall conquer death;
 he lives my mansion to prepare;
 he lives to bring me safely there.
- 8 He lives, all glory to his name!
 He lives, my Jesus, still the same.
 Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:
 I know that my Redeemer lives!