



**Immanuel Ev. Lutheran Church**  
**Immanuel Lutheran School &**  
**Children of Grace Preschool**  
20882 Walden Ave. Hutchinson, MN 55350

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**CONFIRMATION SUNDAY**  
MAY 14, 2023

**HYMN - 696 “Take My Life and Let It Be”**

*We follow Setting One on page 154.*

**CONFESSION**

**LORD, HAVE MERCY**

In place of GLORY BE TO GOD, sing 441:1,8 **“I Know That My Redeemer Lives”**

**The Word**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O risen Lord, you came to your disciples and took away their fears with your word of peace. Come to us also by Word and sacrament, and banish our fears with the comforting assurance of your abiding presence; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**FIRST READING – Acts 17:22-31**

<sup>22</sup> Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said: “People of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious. <sup>23</sup> For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO AN UNKNOWN GOD. So you are ignorant of the very thing you worship—and this is what I am going to proclaim to you.

<sup>24</sup> “The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands. <sup>25</sup> And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything. Rather, he himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else. <sup>26</sup> From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. <sup>27</sup> God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him,

though he is not far from any one of us. <sup>28</sup> ‘For in him we live and move and have our being.’ As some of your own poets have said, ‘We are his offspring.’

<sup>29</sup> “Therefore since we are God’s offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone—an image made by human design and skill. <sup>30</sup> In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. <sup>31</sup> For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead.”

**PSALM 66**

**SECOND READING – 1 Peter 3:13-22**

<sup>13</sup> Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? <sup>14</sup> But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. “Do not fear their threats; do not be frightened.” <sup>15</sup> But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, <sup>16</sup> keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander. <sup>17</sup> For it is better, if it is God’s will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil. <sup>18</sup> For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit. <sup>19</sup> After being made alive, he went and made proclamation to the imprisoned spirits—to those who were disobedient long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, <sup>21</sup> and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also—not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup> who has gone into heaven and is at God’s right hand—with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him.

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*Refrain*



**Verse:** If you love, me keep / my commands  
And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another  
advocate to / help you.

### Refrain

### GOSPEL – John 14:15-21

<sup>15</sup>“If you love me, keep my commands. <sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— <sup>17</sup>the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. <sup>18</sup>I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. <sup>19</sup>Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup>On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. <sup>21</sup>Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them.”

**HYMN – 557:1-5 “Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice”**

**SERMON – John 14:21**

**“Whoever Loves God, Obeys God”**

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**RITE OF CONFIRMATION – Avery Kohls**

**OFFERING**

**THE SACRAMENT** - *We invite those who hold membership in this church or any church in fellowship with WELS, to partake of the true body and blood of Jesus Christ.*

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

**606 “Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”**

**660 “Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face”**

**BLESSING**

**HYMN - 617 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”**

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### Serving today at Immanuel:

**Organist:** Jane Vacek                      **Elder:** Jason Horrmann  
**Video Taping:** Mark DeVries           **Power Point:** Lily DeVries  
**Altar Guild:** Sharon Smith and Wendy Hellwig  
**Ushers:** Andy Weber, Jon Hoff, Justin Black, Bruce Trick, Don Dettman,  
Dylan Weber, Travis Gauer, Nolan Hoff



## Ascension Service

Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. at Zion

### Living in God’s Grace this Week

Today, Sunday:	9:00	a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00	a.m.	Worship Service w/Communion CONFIRMATION
Monday:	<del>6:30</del>	<del>p.m.</del>	<del>Choir</del>
	7:00	p.m.	Bible Study
Wednesday:	<del>4:15</del>	<del>p.m.</del>	<del>Confirmation</del>
	7:00	p.m.	Council
Thursday:	7:00	p.m.	<b>Ascension Service at Zion</b>
Sunday:	9:00	a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00	a.m.	Worship Service w/Communion

### Contacts

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Monthly Calendar (under Church/calendar)

Weekly Bulletins (under Church/service)

Church Services Broadcasted Mondays at 10:00 am & Sundays at 9 pm on Nuvera channel 10 or Mediacom channel 107.3



<https://www.facebook.com/immanuelhutch>

Services are streamed live on Sundays at 10 a.m.



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Please join the Ladies Aid in a tour and presentation at Equul Access Wednesday, June 7, 6pm. Equul Access has partnered humans and horses to improve lives since 2002

and are located at 13769 Pheasant Road. We will eat at Squeaky's after the tour. If needed, we can carpool from Squeaky's at 5:30. Sign up sheet available in entry way.



**GILL – Sunday, May 21 at 5 p.m.**

**WELS Youth Night**

**Sartell Community Center**

*Grab your friends and join area youth for the Central Minnesota WELS Youth Night on May 21st, 2023 in Sartell, MN. Enjoy games, music, snacks and fellowship while digging into some tough topics that could impact your life every day. You will learn what the Bible has to say about them and find comfort and hope in God's promises. This event will give you the opportunity to grow your relationship with God while witnessing the power of a community of Christian youth. You are not alone! Please contact Pastor for more information on being involved with planning and/or attending the event. This event is free and non-WELS members are welcomed to join you.*

**Mark your calendars....**

**Monday Night Services begin**

**Monday, June 5 at 7 p.m.**

**Thursday Bible Class at 10 a.m. starts: May 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Vacation Bible School: July 10 to July 14**

**Outdoor Service: July 16 at the Fairgrounds**



As you all know, construction on the new school building

will start any day now. What you might not know is that we are using Builders for Christ for the majority of the building work. BFC is a volunteer program that helps churches and schools build by providing and coordinating volunteer labor.

The building teams consist of volunteers from all walks of life, including contractors, public servants, computer professionals, students, retired people, nurses, truck drivers, and more. The majority of the volunteers take a week of vacation and pay their own way, while working on the construction project. The host church/school is asked to support these volunteers by keeping snacks/beverages on hand as well as providing the noon lunch each day.

We are asking that all school families please contribute in some way to help provide what our workers need while they are building our new school.

- Donate snacks/beverages (can be brought into the school office)
  - Nuts
  - Chips
  - Crackers
  - Granola bars
  - Baked goods (workers will be onsite starting June 13th)
  - Water bottles
  - Gatorade
  - Coffee supplies
    - coffee grounds
    - dry creamers
    - sugar
- Sign-up to supply noon lunch
  - We need to supply lunch daily Tuesday through Saturday starting June 13<sup>th</sup> through August
  - A Sign-up Genius has been started for June, please sign up for any days that you'd be able to bring lunch to the teacherage for about 15-20 people depending on the week. We have someone lined up to serve and possibly could cook the meal as well if it is a freezer or refrigerated meal, these could also be brought in beforehand and kept in the teacherage or church fridge/freezer.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0A45ADAD2FAAFE3-builders>

- **Donate cash to purchase supplies**

**Questions: contact Brittany Clark at 320-587-4858**

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Preschool, Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

### School Calendar

- May 18 – ILS Softball Tournament at N. Mankato
- May 19 – ILS Softball Tournament
- May 19 – PreK to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade – School Trip to Como Zoo
- May 25 – 6p ILS Closing Service
- May 26 – ILS Last Day of School
- May 26 – School Dance at Cedar Mills Gun Club
- May 30 to June 2 – Sports Camp from 5:30p to 7p - \$35



**The school has a variety of fundraising options to help the school with various activities....won't you help?**

**SCRIP** A current list of the gift cards available thru the school is posted on the bulletin board. You pay the face value of the card and the school receives the % listed. We also carry Cash Wise/Coborns (\$25, \$50, \$100) which does not show on this list. The money earned provides your children with their field trips throughout the year. Remember the cards are available all year long. Thank you for your support of our School and Pre School.

*Karen Kohls*

- **Caseys Rewards.** – Go to [www.caseys.com](http://www.caseys.com)
- **cocacola.com/give** – for Coke products, enter the code
- **Country Hearth – Loaves4Learning**
- **Ink Cartridges** – There is a collection box in the entryway.
- **School Store Fundraiser** - [www.schoolstore.com](http://www.schoolstore.com)
- **Cash Wise Rewards**– enroll at [www.morerewards.com](http://www.morerewards.com)
- **BoxTops** – This is all digital. For us to get credit, you will need to download the Boxtops for Education App on your smart phone, search Immanuel Lutheran School, Hutchinson and scan your entire receipt.

**A complete listing with details is on the table in the entry way by the school display. Thank you for your help.**



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**BUILDING FAITH FOUNDATIONS - New School Building:**



Below is a link to our Thrivent page where you, family, alumni, and friends can donate to our building fund. Just click on the link, then push the Make Personal Donation button. We also have this information on our website ([www.hutchinsonlutherschool.com](http://www.hutchinsonlutherschool.com)) under Building Project with a Donation button that leads you to the same Thrivent page. For traditional check donations envelopes can be provided if you know someone that would rather go that route than online. **BUILDING PROJECT | Hutchinsonlutheran ([hutchinsonlutherschool.com](http://hutchinsonlutherschool.com))**

### Thrivent Choice Dollars®

Do you have Choice Dollars® available?  
Have you directed them? You can direct to thousands of organizations enrolled in the program - **including Immanuel Lutheran Church and School!**