



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

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 2, 2021

### **HYMN - 369 “Beautiful Savior”**

*We follow the Common Service beginning on page 15.*

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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.

### **FIRST LESSON - Acts 8:26-40**

<sup>26</sup>Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Go south to the road—the desert road—that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” <sup>27</sup>So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of the Kandake (which means “queen of the Ethiopians”). This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship, <sup>28</sup>and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the Book of Isaiah the prophet. <sup>29</sup>The Spirit told Philip, “Go to that chariot and stay near it.”

<sup>30</sup>Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. “Do you understand what you are reading?” Philip asked. <sup>31</sup>“How can I,” he said, “unless someone explains it to me?” So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.

<sup>32</sup>This is the passage of Scripture the eunuch was reading: “He was led like a sheep to the slaughter, and as a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he did not open his mouth. <sup>33</sup>In his humiliation he was deprived of justice. Who can speak of his descendants? For his life was taken from the earth.”

<sup>34</sup>The eunuch asked Philip, “Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?” <sup>35</sup>Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus.

<sup>36</sup>As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water. What can stand in the way of my being baptized?” <sup>38</sup>And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him. <sup>39</sup>When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him again, but went on his way rejoicing. <sup>40</sup>Philip, however, appeared at Azotus and traveled about, preaching the gospel in all the towns until he reached Caesarea.

### **PSALM 67 on page 91**

### **SECOND LESSON - 1 John 3:18-24**

<sup>18</sup>Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth. <sup>19</sup>This is how we know that we belong to the truth and how we set our hearts at rest in his presence: <sup>20</sup>If our hearts condemn us, we know that God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. <sup>21</sup>Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God <sup>22</sup>and receive from him anything we ask, because we keep his commands and do what pleases him. <sup>23</sup>And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us. <sup>24</sup>The 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.

### **VERSE OF THE DAY - John 14:6**

Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord. Alleluia.

### **GOSPEL - John 15:1-8**

<sup>1</sup> “I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. <sup>2</sup>He 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. <sup>3</sup>You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Remain 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.

<sup>5</sup>“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. <sup>6</sup>If 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. <sup>7</sup>If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

## APOSTLES' CREED

**HYMN - 168 "With High Delight Let Us Unite"**

**SERMON - John 15:1-8**

**"Bear Much Fruit"**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**HYMN - 452 "Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus"**

**BLESSING**

**HYMN - 562 "I Love to Tell the Story"**

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OFFERING - *Offerings will be received at the back of church as you leave the sanctuary. Thank you!*

### Serving today at Immanuel:

**Organist:** Jane Vacek **Elder:** Steve Plamann

**Video Taping:** Mark DeVries **Power Point:** Mike Heine

**Altar Guild:** Sharon Smith and Wendy Hellwig

**Ushers:** Andy Weber, Jon Hoff, Justin Black, Bruce Trick, Don Dettman, Dylan Weber, Travis Gauer, Nolan Hoff

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### Living in God's Grace this Week

Today, Sunday:	<b>9:00</b>	<b>a.m.</b>	<b>Sunday School</b>
	10:00	a.m.	Worship Service <i>Stewardship Presentation – A Focused Life</i>
	11:00	a.m.	Group Presentation @ ILC
	2:00	p.m.	Group Presentation via Zoom
Monday:	7:30	p.m.	Bible Study
Wednesday:	4:15	p.m.	Confirmation
	7:00	p.m.	Ladies Aid – Everyone Welcome!
	8:00	p.m.	School Board
	<b>9:00</b>	<b>a.m.</b>	<b>Sunday School</b>
Sunday:	10:00	a.m.	Worship Service



## Ascension Service

Thursday, May 13 at 7 p.m. at Zion



The Ladies' Aid will have their annual **Favorite Hymn Sing and Salad Luncheon**, for our meeting on Wednesday, May 5th. *All ladies are invited to come and join us.*



### 2021 Graduates

Do you have a son or daughter (and/or yourself) graduating this year from college, vocational school, high school or Kindergarten? If so, we would like to include them on the "Board of Honor" and recognized on Graduation Sunday. Please contact Julie Thompson by May 16<sup>th</sup> (mail box 75) with the following information: Picture, School Graduation from & Future Plans.



## Celebration Sunday

Every soul, man, woman and child is cordially invited to attend our upcoming Celebration Sunday. We encourage everyone to attend.

**Sunday, May 16 at 10 a.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church**

*Treats will be provided after the service.*



**Today – May 2**  
**“A Focused Life”**

## “Promise Sheets”

**Please return by May 16<sup>th</sup>**  
**In the box by the Church Library**  
**Thank you**

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### MLC is seeking applicants

Summer 2021 campus employment opportunities have been posted on the MLC website at [mlc-wels.edu/summerjobs](http://mlc-wels.edu/summerjobs). Interested individuals may apply directly to the supervisor(s) listed in the respective position(s). Applicants may apply for one or multiple positions. Applications can be printed or downloaded from the website, and are linked in each posting. Please contact Human Resources at [hr@mlc-wels.edu](mailto:hr@mlc-wels.edu) if you have any questions.



**Altar Guild** – We are in need of a volunteer(s) for the month of **June**. If you are able to assist, please contact Julie Thompson. Thank you.



**Our MLC Befriend a Student, Emily Ash**, will be graduating from the college on May 15. She and her fiancé, Andrew, are praying for a joint call to teach that same day. They will be getting married in June.

Emily has spent the year practice teaching. First in Springfield, MN Public School under Jena (Telecky) Veenstra teaching kindergarten, then in Doral, FL at Divine Savior Academy where she taught 4<sup>th</sup> grade. In the new year she was at Lake Crystal, MN Secondary School and finally at Michigan Lutheran Seminary in Saginaw MI until May 7.

We have a Graduation bag on the School table for anyone wishing to donate to a graduation gift for our Befriend a Student of the last 5 years. *Thank you.*



### 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!**

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Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Children of Grace Pre-School

NEW WEBSITE: [www.hutchinsonlutheralschool.com](http://www.hutchinsonlutheralschool.com)  
<https://www.facebook.com/immanuel Lutheran school hutchinson>



*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*



- **\*\*New\*\* Caseys Rewards.** – Go to [www.caseys.com](http://www.caseys.com)
- [cocacola.com/give](http://cocacola.com/give) – for Coke products, enter the code
- **Country Hearth – Loaves4Learning**
- **Ink Cartridges** – There is a collection box in the entryway.
- **School Mall Fundraiser** - [www.SchoolMall.com](http://www.SchoolMall.com)
- **Amazon Fundraiser** - [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com)
- **Cash Wise Points**– enroll at [www.cashwise.com](http://www.cashwise.com)



There are a few **Cash Wise Coupon books** here at school if anyone would like to buy one, \$20 each

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

## School Calendar of Events:

~~Sunday, April 25 at 3p~~ School Musical Play  
Rescheduled for May 23 at 3p



**Summer Band** – see information on the table in the entry by the school bulletin board  
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## Promise Sheet

*For God loves a cheerful giver (2 Corinthians 9:7)*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

This is my financial commitment to Immanuel Lutheran School **Building ~ Faith ~ Foundations** fund appeal for the three-year period from May, 2021, to April, 2024. This commitment is for a special gift and is above my offerings for church.

In gratitude for God's many blessings:

1. My/our total gift is: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
2. My/our commitment will be given this way:
  - a. Initial gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Remaining balance of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to be given [ ] weekly; [ ] monthly; [ ] quarterly; [ ] annually; [ ] as I am able

Signature(s) \_\_\_\_\_

*This is a statement of intent and may be altered if my circumstances change.*

- [ ] My non-cash gifts may include: stocks, property, vehicle, etc.  
 [ ] In addition to the above gifts, I anticipate matching gifts of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ each year from my employer:

[ ] Please contact me about using electronic funds transfer, an easy way to gift funds.

[ ] I am interested in knowing more about planned giving (wills / estate) for school or church.

[ ] I am unable at this time to financially support Immanuel's *Building ~ Faith ~ Foundations* emphasis, but will pray for God's blessings upon it and all ministry efforts.

### INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE PROMISE SHEET:

Line 1: Enter the total amount of your commitment to *Building ~ Faith ~ Foundations* emphasis over the commitment period. Remember that this amount does not include your regular first-fruit offerings.

Line 2A: Enter the dollar amount of any gift returned with your Promise Sheet.

Line 2B: Subtract Line 2A from Line 1. Include date giving will begin.

*We thank you for the investment in our ministry! If questions arise or you wish to modify this intent at any time, please contact the school office (320-587-4858) or Brian Gephart (269-932-5117).*

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