

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 7, 2017

HYMN - 153 “Alleluia! Jesus Lives”

We follow *Service of the Word* on page 38.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Good Shepherd who laid down your life for the sheep. Lead us now to the still waters of your life-giving Word that we may abide in your Father’s house forevermore; for you live and reign with him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

FIRST LESSON - Acts 6:1-9; 7:2,51-60

¹ In those days when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenistic Jews among them complained against the Hebraic Jews because their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food. ² So the Twelve gathered all the disciples together and said, “It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God in order to wait on tables. ³ Brothers and sisters, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them ⁴ and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word.”

⁵ This proposal pleased the whole group. They chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit; also Philip, Procorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas from Antioch, a convert to Judaism. ⁶ They presented these men to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

⁷ So the word of God spread. The number of disciples in Jerusalem increased rapidly, and a large number of priests became obedient to the faith.

⁸ Now Stephen, a man full of God’s grace and power, performed great wonders and signs among the people. ⁹ Opposition arose, however, from members of the Synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called)—Jews of Cyrene and Alexandria as well as the provinces of Cilicia and Asia—who began to argue with Stephen.

^{7:2} To this he replied: ⁵¹ “You stiff-necked people! Your hearts and ears are still uncircumcised. You are just like your ancestors: You always resist the Holy Spirit! ⁵² Was there ever a prophet your ancestors did not persecute? They even killed those who predicted the coming of the Righteous One. And

now you have betrayed and murdered him— ⁵³ you who have received the law that was given through angels but have not obeyed it.”

⁵⁴ When the members of the Sanhedrin heard this, they were furious and gnashed their teeth at him. ⁵⁵ But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶ “Look,” he said, “I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.”

⁵⁷ At this they covered their ears and, yelling at the top of their voices, they all rushed at him, ⁵⁸ dragged him out of the city and began to stone him. Meanwhile, the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul.

⁵⁹ While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” ⁶⁰ Then he fell on his knees and cried out, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he fell asleep. (NIV)

HYMN - 360 “The Lord’s My Shepherd; I’ll Not Want”**SECOND LESSON - 1 Peter 2:19-25**

¹⁹ For it is commendable if someone bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because they are conscious of God. ²⁰ But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God. ²¹ To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.

²² “He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.” ²³ When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. ²⁴ “He himself bore our sins” in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; “by his wounds you have been healed.” ²⁵ For “you were like sheep going astray,” but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls. (NIV)

VERSE OF THE DAY - John 10:14

Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me. Alleluia.

CHOIR - “Jesus is the Friend Who Always Will Be There”**GOSPEL - John 10:1-10**

¹ “Very truly I tell you Pharisees, anyone who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. ² The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ The gatekeeper

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opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵ But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger's voice." ⁶ Jesus used this figure of speech, but the Pharisees did not understand what he was telling them.

⁷ Therefore Jesus said again, "Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸ All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. ⁹ I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. (NIV)

HYMN - 375 "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

SERMON - Acts 6:1-9; 7:2,51-60

"It Takes Humility and Courage to Follow Jesus"

APOSTLES' CREED

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN - 374 "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

PRAYER

HYMN - 369 "Beautiful Savior"

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**Serving today:**

**Organist:** Jane Vacek

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

**Video:** Mike Heine **Recording:** Carl

**Ushers:** Bruce Trick, Kyler Adams, Tessa Adams, Dawn Nass, Don Dettman, Andy Weber, Brad Weber, Dylan Weber, Travis Gauer, Jon Hoff

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## Living in God's Grace this Week

|            |                     |      |                              |
|------------|---------------------|------|------------------------------|
| Today:     | 9:00                | a.m. | Sunday School                |
|            | 10:00               | a.m. | Worship                      |
|            | <i>After church</i> |      | <i>Birthday Celebrations</i> |
| Monday:    | <b>7:00</b>         | p.m. | Bible Study                  |
| Tuesday:   | 2:00                | p.m. | Bible Study at Grace         |
|            | 7:00                | p.m. | Bible Study at Grace         |
|            | 7:00                | p.m. | PTF                          |
| Wednesday: | 6:00                | p.m. | Building Committee at School |
|            | 7:00                | p.m. | Council                      |
| Sunday:    | 9:00                | a.m. | Sunday School                |
|            | 9:45                | a.m. | Hymn Sing                    |
|            | 10:00               | a.m. | Worship                      |

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**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.



### 2017 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 on June 4<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Julie Thompson by May 14<sup>th</sup> (mail box 75) with the following information: Picture, School Graduation from & Future Plans.



The Events Committee would like to celebrate  
**April, May and June Birthdays  
of the congregation.**

**TODAY** after church we will be serving cake and coffee in the meeting room. *Please join us for fellowship.*

**Free Will Offering – May 14 and May 21:** to help off-set the expenses for a training from the Ministry Leadership Institute for our teachers and school board. **Ministry Leadership Institute** provides leadership-related training and coaching support for WELS leadership teams, pastors, and principals. Through Spirit-guided leadership development efforts, centered on Christ, MLI helps ministries with their Matthew 28 purpose through growth in leadership abilities, approaches, and attitudes, while providing vital tools for the leader’s ministry toolbox.

For more information about MLI see: <https://ministryleadershipinstitute.com>



**Immanuel will have a hymn sing before worship on Sunday, May 14th starting about 15 minutes before the service begins, the elder for that Sunday will ask for people to suggest hymns for the congregation to sing.**

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

Check the table in the entry way for the school’s *Friday Note*.  
*Help yourself!*

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[www.lutheransonline.com/lo/ilsmustangs](http://www.lutheransonline.com/lo/ilsmustangs)

**Check us out on Facebook!**

<https://www.facebook.com/immanuel.lutheran.school.hutchinson>

**Friday notes available on the table in the entry way - Help yourself!**

### School Fundraising:



BoxTops – Found on most General Mills, Betty Crocker, Hamburger Helper, Totino’s, Pillsbury, products (etc). Just need to be cut out. Loaves4Learning – From the makers of Country Hearth & Village Hearth Bread. They are UPC’s usually found on bread bags. Cut off from bag. Cashwise receipt points - At the bottom of the



receipt will have ‘Labels for Learning’ and number of points. Just need the bottom of the receipt. Ink cartridges - Empty cartridges from computer printers Kwik Trip Milk Moola – Only caps with the Milk Moola symbol or bag top. Accepting only clean milk caps Only milk caps from Milk Moola. There is a collection box on the table by the meeting room.



**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*



**Schwan’s Cares Fundraiser for the School:**

**New** Schwan's Campaign ID - 31146

Look for the picture of the teachers and kids by the school sign when signing in to Schwans Cares and searching for the campaign starting February 1.



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**Upcoming Activities for Immanuel Lutheran School
and Children of Grace Preschool:**

May 9 - PTF

May 10 – Softball Tournament in Gaylord

May 12 – Track and Field in Hutchinson

May 15 – ILS All School Field Trip

May 15 at 7 p.m. – Closing Service for ILC School Year

May 16 – Last day of school of ILC

Mark your calendars....

**Monday Night Services begin
Monday, May 15th at 7 p.m.**

Thursday Bible Class at 10 a.m. starts: May 18



Ascension Service

Thursday, May 25th at 7 p.m. at Zion

Vacation Bible School: July 10 to July 14

Outdoor Service: July 16 at the Fairgrounds

Orange Spectacular: July 21, 22, 23

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**Grace Lutheran Church is coordinating a trip to a  
Twins Game:**



I have reserved tickets for **Tuesday, August 8**. It is a **7:10pm** start time against Milwaukee. The seats are in section 101 (8 at the top and the top 3 rows for a total of 41 seats) and the price is \$36 plus bus fare.

**\*Bus Fare\***- We will be taking a coach bus and the price depends on how many sign up.

**Sign up as soon as possible** so if I need to add or reduce seats I have the time to do so. I do not need any money until the beginning of July.

Please sign on the sheet in the entry way or contact myself.

Thanks,

Teresa with Grace Lutheran Church  
320-305-9262

There is a TV antenna which was removed from the School in good condition. If anyone is interested, please contact one of the Trustees. A donation to the school would be appreciated. Thank you.