



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
MAY 9, 2021

**HYMN - 458 “May We Your Precepts, Lord, Fulfill”**

*We follow the Service of Word and Sacrament on page 26.*

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Father of lights, every good and perfect gift comes from you. Inspire us to think those things that are true and long for those things that are good, that we may always make our petitions according to your gracious will; 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 11:19-26**

<sup>19</sup>Now those who had been scattered by the persecution that broke out when Stephen was killed traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus and Antioch, spreading the word only among Jews. <sup>20</sup>Some of them, however, men from Cyprus and Cyrene, went to Antioch and began to speak to Greeks also, telling them the good news about the Lord Jesus. <sup>21</sup>The Lord’s hand was with them, and a great number of people believed and turned to the Lord.

<sup>22</sup>News of this reached the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. <sup>23</sup>When he arrived and saw what the grace of God had done, he was glad and encouraged them all to remain true to the Lord with all their hearts.

<sup>24</sup>He was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and faith, and a great number of people were brought to the Lord.

<sup>25</sup>Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, <sup>26</sup>and when he found him, he brought him to Antioch. So for a whole year Barnabas and Saul met with the church and taught great numbers of people. The disciples were called Christians first at Antioch.

**PSALM 98 on page 103**

**SECOND LESSON - 1 John 4:1-11**

<sup>1</sup> Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. <sup>2</sup>This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, <sup>3</sup>but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard is coming and even now is already in the world.

<sup>4</sup>You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world. <sup>5</sup>They are from the world and therefore speak from the viewpoint of the world, and the world listens to them. <sup>6</sup>We are from God, and whoever knows God listens to us; but whoever is not from God does not listen to us. This is how we recognize the Spirit of truth and the spirit of falsehood.

<sup>7</sup>Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup>Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. <sup>9</sup>This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup>This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. <sup>11</sup>Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

**VERSE OF THE DAY - John 14:23**

Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. Alleluia.

**GOSPEL - John 15:9-17**

<sup>9</sup>“As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love. <sup>11</sup>I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. <sup>12</sup>My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command. <sup>15</sup>I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. <sup>16</sup>You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear

fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. <sup>17</sup>This is my command: Love each other.

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## HYMN - 411 “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

## SERMON - John 15:9-17

### “Jesus Is Our Truest Friend”

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## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

## LORD’S PRAYER

**THE SACRAMENT** - *We invite those who agree with the teachings of this church and of the WELS to partake of the true body and blood of Jesus Christ.*

*Stand on the X marks in front of the first row of benches. Spread out across the full width of the sanctuary; three people (or two couples) per side. Return by the side aisles.*

## DISTRIBUTION

*We will have quiet organ music instead of singing. This was decided so that communicants can hear pastor during distribution.*

## BLESSING

## HYMN - 317 “O Lord, We Praise You”

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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:** Justin Black

**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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Monthly Calendar (under calendar) Weekly Bulletins (under service)

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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 with Communion
Monday:	6:30	p.m.	PTF
	7:00	p.m.	Leadership Team Meeting via Zoom
	7:30	p.m.	Bible Study
Wednesday:	4:15	p.m.	Confirmation
	7:00	p.m.	Council
Thursday	7:00	p.m.	Ascension Service at Zion
Sunday:	<b>9:00</b>	<b>a.m.</b>	<b>Sunday School</b>
	10:00	a.m.	Worship Service with Communion
			<b>CELBRATION SUNDAY</b>



## Ascension Service

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



### 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.*

## “Promise Sheets”

*Please return by May 16<sup>th</sup>*

*In the box by the Church Library*

*Thank you*



### 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:

School Musical Play - May 23 at 3p  
Closing Service and Awards Night – May 27 at 6:30p  
Last Day of School - May 28



**Summer Band** – see information on the table in the entry by the school bulletin board  
Immanuel Lutheran School and Children of Grace Preschool



## 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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