

“How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.” (Genesis 28:17)

Welcome to Immanuel Lutheran Church & School! In the Divine Service, we enter our Lord’s presence to be served by Him through Word & Sacrament. The service is not something we do for God. The liturgy is God’s work to bless and enliven us: He gives, we receive (Hebrews 8:1-6).

Today we celebrate the Lord’s Supper, in which we receive Christ’s Body and Blood under the forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins (1 Corinthians 11:22-25). As we celebrate this sacrament, we also give public confession to our unity in the Christian faith (1 Corinthians 10:16-17). Visitors who have not received Communion from Pastor Akers or Pastor Beinke are kindly asked to speak with one of them before approaching the altar for the first time. Children and adults who are not eligible for the Holy Communion may cross their arms, placing both hands on their shoulders, to indicate they would like to receive a blessing.

INTROIT *Cantate Domino* *Psalm 98:1a, 2b, 1b*



O sing unto the LORD a new song, alle- | luia;*
For He hath done marvelous things, alle- | luia.
His righteousness hath He openly showed in the sight of the | heathen.*
Alleluia, alle- | luia!
His right hand, and His | holy arm,*
Hath gotten Him the | victory.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

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COLLECT

O God, who makest the minds of the faithful to be of one will: grant unto Thy people that they may love that which Thou commandest and desire what Thou dost promise: that among the manifold changes of this world our hearts may there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

PROPHECY

Isaiah 12:1-6

THUS SAYS THE LORD GOD: In that day you will say:

“O LORD, I will praise You;
Though You were angry with me,
Your anger is turned away,
And You comfort me.
Behold, God is my salvation,
I will trust and not be afraid;
‘For YAH, the LORD, is my strength and song;
He also has become my salvation.’ ”

Therefore with joy you will draw water
From the wells of salvation.

And in that day you will say:
“Praise the LORD,
Call upon His name;
Declare His deeds among the peoples,
Make mention that His name is exalted.
Sing to the LORD,
For He has done excellent things;
This is known in all the earth.
Cry out and shout, O inhabitant of Zion,
For great is the Holy One of Israel in your midst!”

GRADUAL *Surrexit Dominus vere* *Luke 24:34; 1 Corinthians 5:7b-8a, c*



The Lord is | risen indeed,*
And hath appeared to | Peter.
Christ our Passover is sacri- | ficed for us.*
Let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread
of sincerity and truth. Alle- | luia.

DIVINE SERVICE SETTING THREE

LUTHERAN SERVICE BOOK PG. 184

HYMN OF INVOCATION **#466**
“Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia”

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

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EPISTLE *

SEQUENCE HYMN **#459-460**
Sung responsively between pastor and people

HOLY GOSPEL *

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HYMN OF THE DAY **#555**
“Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice”

SERMON

OFFERTORY & OFFERING

Please sign the Record of Fellowship pad. If you’re visiting, please leave your contact information so we can acknowledge your visit.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“Scatter the Darkness...” **#481**
“At the Lamb’s High Feast...” **#633**

NUNC DIMITTIS—BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN **#475**
“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing”

* See inside of bulletin

EPISTLE

James 1:17-21

DEARLY BELOVED: Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning. Of His own will He brought us forth by the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures.

So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath; for the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God.

Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

Immediately, the Sequence hymn **LSB #459-460** is sung responsively between pastor and people.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 16:5-15

AT THAT TIME, Jesus said to His disciples: “Now I go away to Him who sent Me, and none of you asks Me, ‘Where are You going?’ But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you. And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: of sin, because they do not believe in Me; of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you. All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you.”

The Fourth Sunday after Easter (*Cantate*)

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