# Immanuel Lutheran Church

LIGHT OF CHRIST CHINESE LUTHERAN MISSION

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### SUNDAY MORNING - COPY FOR AT-HOME WORSHIP



I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord!" Psalm 122:1



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#### Worship Notes Seventh Sunday of Easter – June 1, 2025

We welcome our members and guests who are worshiping with us today, and pray God's rich blessings upon you during this time of worship!

#### THEME

Jesus and His Father are inseparably one, without beginning or end. It is Jesus' desire that the disciples and subsequent generations of believers are solidified as one – believing, confessing, and nurturing in divine love, glory, and mercy. Loving unity in the Church is essential. Judas abandoned Christ's love, alienating himself from the disciples. Such futile destruction! Through Word and Sacrament God hold love and unity in careful balance in His Church. Such astonishing, underserved intervention!

#### ORDER OF WORSHIP

Today we follow Setting One of the Divine Service. Our hymn of praise, the first setting of the *great* hymn of praise taken from Revelation 5 and 19, is *"Worthy is Christ"* or, as we more commonly know it, *"This is the Feast"*. The setting is by Dr. Richard Hillert.

#### HYMN OF THE DAY

Our Hymn of the Day this weekend, *Christ is the World's Redeemer*, is part of a longer Latin hymn ascribed to the revered Irish saint, St. Columba. The first part of the hymn describes what Christ *is* to believers, and the second part describes what Christ has *done* for the redemption of mankind. We sing this text to a very familiar tune by Samuel Wesley, AURELIA, that is commonly associated with *The Church's One Foundation*, although Wesley originally composed it in 1864 as the setting for *Jerusalem the Golden*.

#### What our Church Believes, Teaches and and Confesses regarding The Lord's Supper

The Bible teaches that Jesus gives us His very body and blood along with bread and wine in Holy Communion<sup>1</sup>, and that these are means by which He forgives our sins<sup>2</sup>, strengthens us for daily living, and draws us into closer fellowship with Him and other believers. The Bible also teaches us to examine ourselves prior to receiving the meal<sup>3</sup>. For those receiving Holy Communion, examine yourself with these questions:

Do I believe that I am a sinner and am I sorry for my sins?

Do I believe that Jesus Christ is God's Son and my personal Savior?

*Do I believe that Christ's true body and blood are present in this holy meal for my forgiveness?* 

Do I truly intend with the help of God to correct my sinful life?

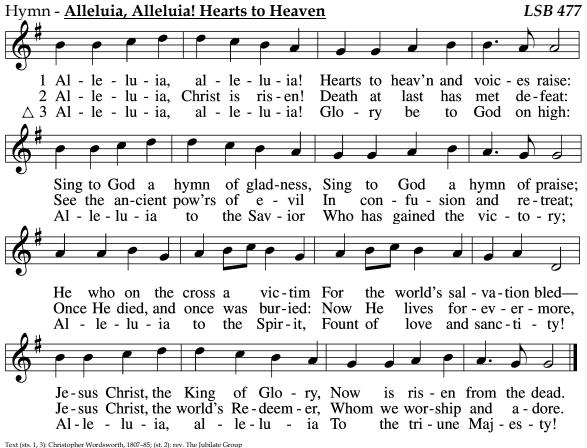
Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes. Those who are not members of a Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod congregation and have not communed at Immanuel previously are asked to speak with a pastor prior to the service. Those who are of a different confession (i.e., church body)<sup>4</sup> or are unsure about communing, are invited to come forward during distribution with their hands folded in prayer, or held close to the chest and receive a blessing.

<sup>1</sup>Matthew 26:26-29; Mark 14:22-25; Luke 22:14-20, 1 Corinthians 11:23 <sup>2</sup>Matthew 26:28; 1 John 1:7; 1 Peter 1:18-19 <sup>3</sup>1 Corinthians 11:28-32 <sup>4</sup>1Corinthians 10:17; 1 Corinthians 11:26

### **Seventh Sunday of Easter**

Divine Service, Setting One - LSB 151

#### Prelude, Ringing of the Church Bells, & Welcome to Worship



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The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

#### Invocation, Confession of Sins, and Absolution

- In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **C** Amen.
- **P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- **C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.
- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the 
  → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **C** Amen.





#### Salutation and Collect of the Day

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- ▶ Let us pray. O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- **C** Amen.

#### Acts 1:12-26

#### Matthias is chosen as an apostle.

<sup>12</sup>Then [the apostles] returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. <sup>13</sup>And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. <sup>14</sup>All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

<sup>15</sup>In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, <sup>16</sup>" Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. <sup>17</sup>For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." <sup>18</sup>(Now this man bought a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. <sup>19</sup>And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) <sup>20</sup>"For it is written in the Book of Psalms,

"'May his camp become desolate, and let there be no one to dwell in it'; and

"'Let another take his office.'

<sup>21</sup>So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, <sup>22</sup>beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us – one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection." <sup>23</sup>And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. <sup>24</sup>And they prayed and said, "You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen <sup>25</sup>to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." <sup>26</sup>And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

#### Epistle

#### Revelation 22:1–20

#### "I am coming soon ... I am the Alpha and the Omega."

<sup>1</sup>Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb <sup>2</sup>through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. <sup>3</sup>No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him.

**First Reading** 

<sup>4</sup>They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. <sup>5</sup>And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

<sup>6</sup>And he said to me, "These words are trustworthy and true. And the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, has sent his angel to show his servants what must soon take place."

<sup>7</sup>" And behold, I am coming soon. Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book."

<sup>8</sup>I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. And when I heard and saw them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who showed them to me, <sup>9</sup>but he said to me, "You must not do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers the prophets, and with those who keep the words of this book. Worship God."

<sup>10</sup>And he said to me, "Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is near. <sup>11</sup>Let the evildoer still do evil, and the filthy still be filthy, and the righteous still do right, and the holy still be holy."

<sup>12</sup>"Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay everyone for what he has done. <sup>13</sup>I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." <sup>14</sup>Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates. <sup>15</sup>Outside are the dogs and sorcerers and the sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood. <sup>16</sup>"I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star."

<sup>17</sup>The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come." And let the one who hears say, "Come." And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price.

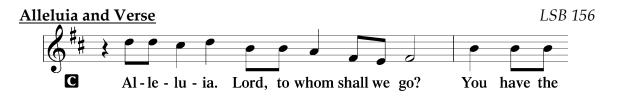
<sup>18</sup>I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book, <sup>19</sup>and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book.

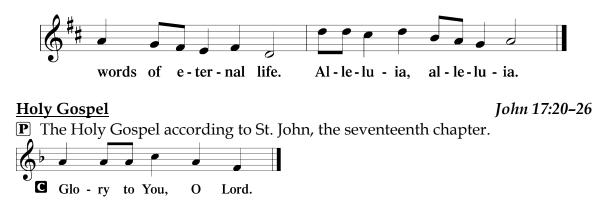
<sup>20</sup>He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

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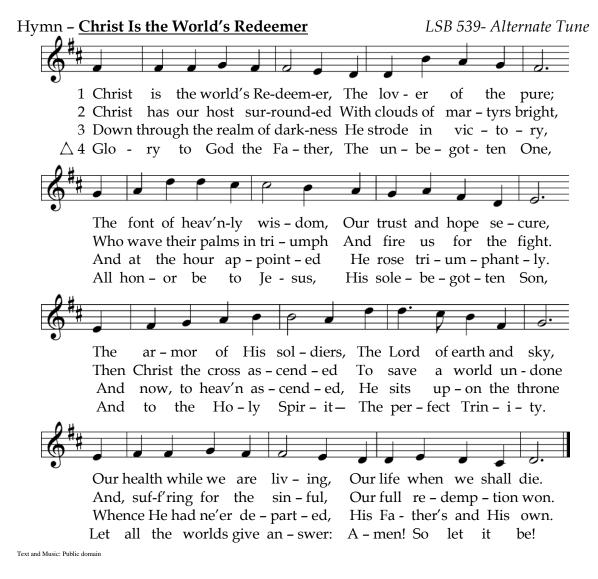
#### Jesus prays for those who will believe.

<sup>20</sup>[Jesus said:] "I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, <sup>21</sup>that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. <sup>22</sup>The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, <sup>23</sup>I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. <sup>24</sup>Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I an, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. <sup>25</sup>O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me. <sup>26</sup>I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."



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#### Sermon

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#### The Nicene Creed

# **C** I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

#### Prayer of the Church

- ▶ Lord God, You desire not the death of a sinner, but rather that he would turn from his evil way and live. Judas went his own way, unto perdition. We beg You to call back to Yourself those who have strayed from among us, and to give us joy to welcome them. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.

After each petition:

P Lord, in Your mercy,C hear our prayer.

Our prayers conclude:

■ O Lord, heavenly Father, we gratefully remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation.

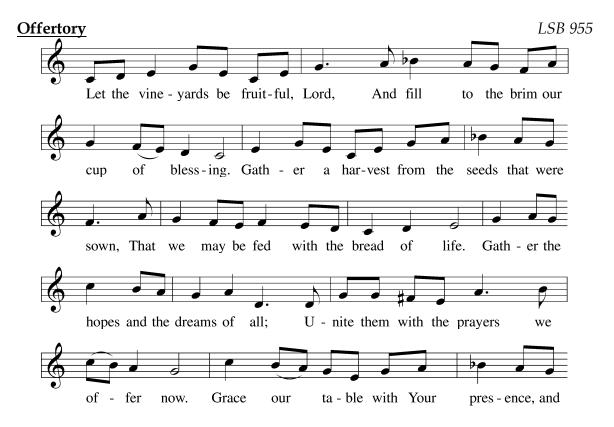
Rejoicing in His victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own High Priest. Gather us together from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

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#### We Worship the Lord with Our Offerings

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 It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



#### Lord's Prayer

- **P** Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- C Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

#### **Communion Confession**

 P The Lord's Supper is God's gift for Christians who are properly instructed. In communing, we want people to receive Christ's body and blood for their good. This means that as you come to the Lord's Table you affirm with each communicant that Jesus is your Savior and Lord; and with Lutheran Christians you confess:
 **C** I recognize and confess that I am a sinner. I repent of my sin and ask God's forgiveness.

I believe that Jesus Christ is my only Lord and Savior from sin, Satan and death.

I believe that the risen Christ is really present in the Sacrament and, under the form of the bread and wine, I receive His true body and blood for the forgiveness of my sins and the strengthening of my faith and life.

(Augsburg Confession – Article X)

I resolve to dedicate my life to the service of my Lord in His Body, the Church, by regular group worship, sacrificial giving, thankful living and sharing the Gospel with others.

(Romans 12:1)

#### **Consecration - The Words of Our Lord**

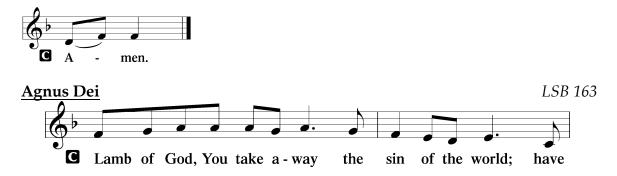
P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

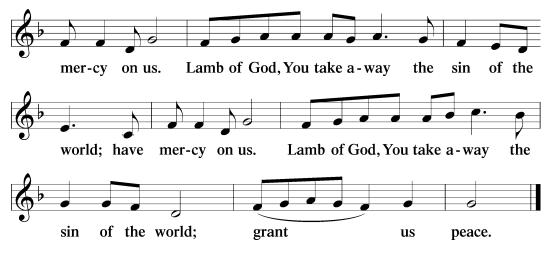
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

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#### Pax Domini

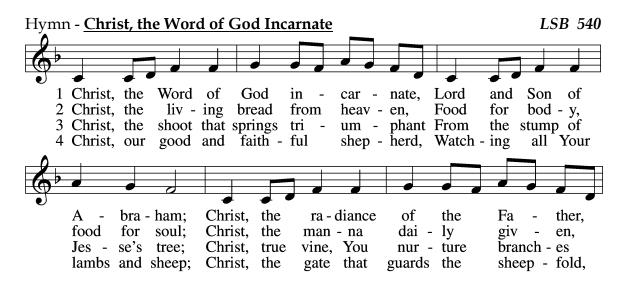
**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

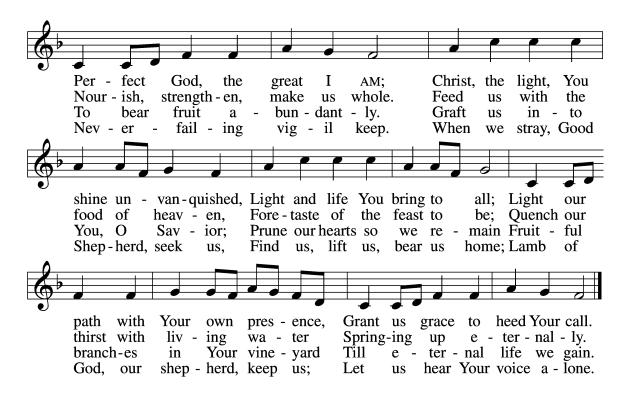




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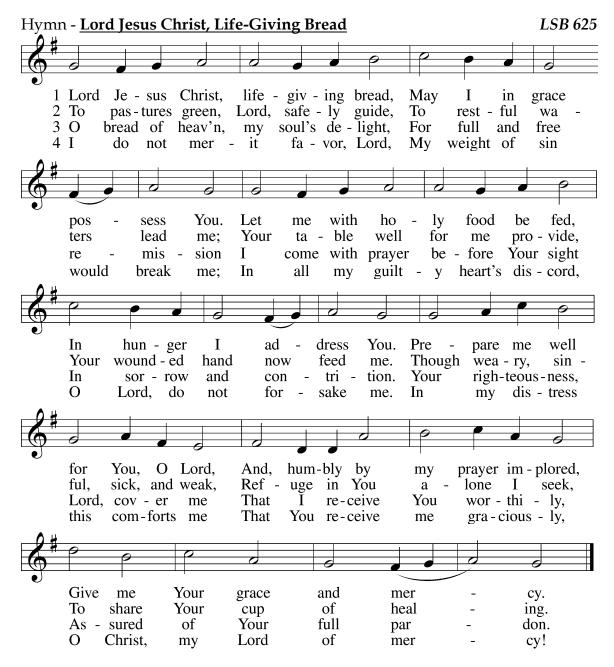
#### **Reception of the Lord's Supper**



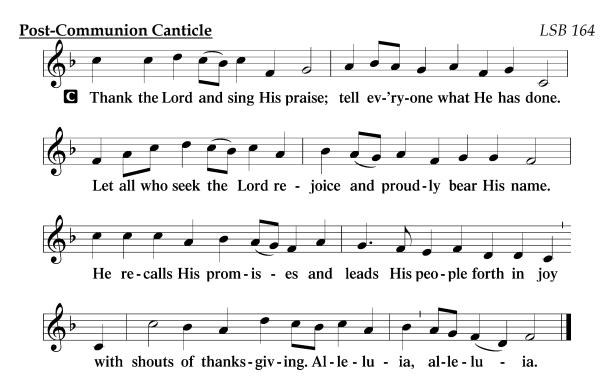


5 Christ, the way that leads unfailing To the Father's home on high,
Christ, the truth that frees the captive, Christ, the life that cannot die.
Mediator to the Father, Sacrifice and great High Priest:
Lead us to Your heav'nly mansions, There to share Your wedding feast.

6∆Christ, the Alpha and Omega, Christ, the firstborn from the dead, Christ, the life and resurrection, Christ, the Church's glorious head: Praise and thanks and adoration And unending worship be To the Father and the Spirit And to You eternally.



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#### **Post-Communion Collect**

- **P** Let us pray:
- **C** We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

#### **Benediction**

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 The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and 
 *+* give you peace.



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#### Silent Prayer, Announcements, and Postlude

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#### You may prepare for next weekend when we observe Pentecost by reading:

#### Genesis 11:1-9

The tower of Babel

#### Psalm 143

"I meditate on all that You have done."

#### Acts 2:1-21

The apostles receive the Holy Spirit on Pentecost.

#### John 14:23-31

"The Helper, the Holy Spirit, ... will teach you all things."



# At Immanuel Lutheran Church, we are committed to living out our mission:



## "Connected in Jesus | Compassion for All"

#### Serving This Morning:

Presiding Minister & Preacher: Organist: Acolytes:

Elders: Ushers: cher: Pastor Rory Karg Clayton Klein 8:00 – Jack Mohrmann & Oscar Niewald 10:30 – Elliott Willerton 8:00 – Jacob White 10:30 – Jeff Nixon Team C – Andy Kruse & Gregg Knehans, Head Ushers

Chancel Flowers

The flowers in the chancel this weekend are given to the praise and glory of God by Brice and Lisa Williams in thanksgiving for His many blessings!

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PLACE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL THE CHART IS AVAILABLE IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL!

PLEASE COMPLETE ONE OF THE GREEN SLIPS GIVING THE REASON FOR PLACING FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL!