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The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 6, 2018

VISITORS – WE WELCOME YOU to this house of prayer this morning. May you feel at home among friends as we worship together. We invite you to sign your name in the guest book in the back of the church and hope you will return again soon.

This morning we celebrate the Sacrament of the Altar, a feast of forgiveness in which we partake of the true body and blood of Christ along with the visible elements of bread and wine. The Bible gives specific instructions about the Lord's Supper. As it can be received to one's blessing or to one's harm (1 Corinthians 11:27-29), the Lord's Table must be approached with a sincere faith and a Biblical understanding. That's why all who are new to the Lutheran faith are instructed about this sacred meal before attending the Lord's Supper. Moreover, this Sacrament is also a testimony of our oneness in what we believe (1 Corinthians 10:17). Therefore, we welcome to the Holy Supper all members of Immanuel who have been confirmed and those confirmed members of sister congregations with whom we are in fellowship through unity in teaching (LCMS and TAALC). All guests who wish to receive the Sacrament are asked to speak with Pastor Sorenson before the service. The faith that we believe and confess is a beautiful gift of God. If you are new to Immanuel, we warmly welcome and encourage you to learn about this faith.

Prelude

Ring of the Bell

Welcome

Introit of the Day, chanted responsivelyworship insert

Collect of the Day, spoken by Pastor

First Reading: Acts 10:34-48

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gradual of the Season, chanted by Pastor

Second Reading: 1 John 5:1-8

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Alleluia #952

Holy Gospel: John 15:9-17

Responses

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 15th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

(The reading of the Gospel)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day: #687, "Thine Forever, God of Love"

Sermon: "You've Got a Friend"

Offering

Prayer of the Church

P: Let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

The Rite of Confirmation pp. 272-274

Meya Sisce Callstrom Luke 1:37

William Kelly Langhans Isaiah 27:1

Caitlyn Kay Von Barga Jeremiah 29:11

Choral Confirmation Blessing: "The Family of Faith"

Joseph Martin

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.

The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

All around us, there are witnesses. We feel their embrace.
Their light shines upon us as we gather in this place.
The echoes of their voices still resound through these halls.
In the music of our memories, we hear their loving call.

Refrain

*Walk worthy, my daughter. Be faithful, my son;
for this is your moment. There is work to be done.
Be true to your calling. Be strong all your days.
You are part of the family, the family of faith.
You are part of the family of faith.*

Lord, we offer our thanksgiving for the saints of the faith:
those who laid down firm foundations of worship and praise,
those who gave us a vision, and stood for the right,
those who gave us a mission, and brought us to Christ.

Refrain

Let us be faithful to finish the work. Follow the Savior.
Be grateful to serve; for this is the season, and this is the place
to build for the harvest, shine in the darkness, shine as a light to
the world!

Refrain

You are part of the family of faith; family of faith!

Confession and Announcement of Grace

P: As we prepare to come to the Holy Supper of Christ, let us
confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
(silence for self-examination)

P: Holy and Gracious God,

**C: I confess that I have sinned against you in thought, word,
and deed. Some of my sin I know and I am ashamed.
But some is known only to You. In the Name of Jesus
Christ I implore Your forgiveness. Deliver and restore
me and help me to live a new life in Christ.**

P: The Almighty and merciful God grant unto you, being
penitent, pardon and remission of all your sins, time for
amendment of life, and the grace and comfort of His Holy
Spirit.

C: Amen.

Admonition to the Communicants

Lord's Prayer back cover of the hymnal

The Words of Institution

Peace

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

C: Amen.

Distribution

#629, "What Is This Bread"

#641, "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"

#618, "I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table"

Post-Communion Prayer

Benediction

Closing Hymn: #770, "What A Friend We Have in Jesus"

Chimes and Silent Prayer

Announcements

Postlude

ASCENSION DAY SERVICE

A special midweek worship service will be held this Thursday
night at 7:00 PM in celebration of the Ascension, forty days after
Easter. Holy communion will be offered. Please join as we
celebrate the most overlooked festival in the life of the Church.

LIFE QUOTE

May 6 "Young women within our churches are watching how we
as the Christian community treat unplanned pregnancy within our
own four walls. Yes, it is very important to educate our people on
the dangers of abortion and the value of life. But we will fail as
life advocates if we do not demonstrate compassion for those
among us who find themselves caught in the web of unplanned
pregnancy." *Diane E. Schroeder, former president of Lutherans
For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life •*

www.lutheransforlife.org