

**THE LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD**  
**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH – HAY CREEK**  
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**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**May 18, 2014**

**Confirmation Sunday**

**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.

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Prelude  
 Welcome  
 Ringing of the Bell  
 Opening Hymn: #599, "O Gracious Lord, with Love Draw Near"

Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

Troait of the Day, prayed responsively .....worship insert  
 Collect of the Day, spoken by Pastor

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Vanessa Sue Frazier - Isaiah 40:31

Kayla Joyce Stumpf - Philippians 4:13

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First Reading .....Acts 6:1-9; 7:2a, 51-60

Choral Prayer for the Confirmands: "And This I Pray"

(Philippians 1:9-11) Daniel E. Gawthrop

Second Reading ..... 1 Peter 2:2-10

Alleluia #952

Holy Gospel .....John 14:1-14

Hymn of the Day: #562, "You Are the Way; Through You Alone"

Sermon: "Living and Dying in the Forgiveness of Jesus Christ"

Offering

Prayer of the Church

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

Confession and Absolution

P: Beloved in the Lord! Since you propose to come to the Holy Supper of Christ, draw near with a true heart and confess your sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ to grant you forgiveness.

*(Silence for self-examination)*

P: Holy and gracious God,

**C: I confess that I have sinned against You. Some of my sin I know - the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed - but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ I implore You for pardon. Forgive me, renew me, and lead me, so that I 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 the Word, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

Lord's Prayer ..... back cover of the hymnal

Words of Institution

Peace

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

**C: Amen.**

Distribution Hymns:

#637, "Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord"

#629, "What Is This Bread"

#687, "Thine Forever, God of Love"

#919, "Abide, O Dearest Jesus"

Post-Communion Prayer

Benediction

Closing Hymn: #686, "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Chimes/Silent Prayer

Announcements

Postlude