

Immanuel Lutheran Church * St. Charles, MO
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The Ascension of Our Lord
Sunday, May 21, 2023—8:00 & 9:30 am &
Monday, May 22, 2023—6:30 pm

** - Congregation will rise*



Opening Hymn

“Christ the Eternal Lord” - #829

At 8:00 Adult Choir will sing verses 2 & 4

***Order of Worship “Divine Service Setting III”**

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***Hymn of Praise**

“We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God” - #941 v. 1, 3-4

First Reading

Acts 1:1-11

¹In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, ²until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³To them he presented himself alive after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

⁴And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, “you heard from me; ⁵for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” ⁹And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, ¹¹and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

Response: This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading

Ephesians 1:15-23

¹⁵For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, ¹⁷that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom

and of revelation in the knowledge of him, ¹⁸having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might ²⁰that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. ²²And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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***Alleluia**

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The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.
(Sung) Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

***Holy Gospel**

Luke 24:44-53

⁴⁴Then [Jesus] said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

⁵⁰Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. ⁵¹While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵²And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, ⁵³and were continually in the temple blessing God.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **(Sung) Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

***Nicene Creed**

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Hymn

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus” - #821 v. 1-2, 4-5

Sermon

“Lord, will you at this time _____?” - Acts 1:1-11

Offering

Offering Anthem (8:00)

“All Praise to Christ, Our God and King” - Scott

*All praise to Christ, our God and King divine,
Whose rightful crown did once for us decline,
That in our darkened hearts his grace might shine.
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!*

He came to us in lowliness of thought;
By him the outcast and the poor were sought;
And by his death was God's salvation wrought.
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!

Let us then learn his great humility;
He was a servant that we might be free,
And gave himself to death on Calvary.
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!

Lord, by your might new life and strength endow;
At God's right hand you are exalted now
And giv'n the name to which all knees shall bow.
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!

Let ev'ry tongue confess with one accord
In heav'n and earth that Jesus Christ is Lord;
And God the Father be by all adored.
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!

***Offering Prayer**

***Prayer of the Church**

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***Special Intercessions**

See insert for special prayers

***Service of the Sacrament**

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Distribution

Distribution Anthem (8:00)

“People Need the Lord” - Steve Green

*Ev'ry day they pass me by, I can see it in their eyes.
Empty people filled with care, headed who knows where.
On they go through private pain, living fear to fear.
Laughter hides the silent cries only Jesus hears.*

*Refrain: People need the Lord, people need the Lord.
At the end of broken dreams He's the open door.
People need the Lord, people need the Lord.
When will we realize people need the Lord.*

*We are called to take His light to a world where wrong seems right.
What could be too great a cost for sharing life with one who's lost?
Through His love our hearts can feel all the grief they bear.
They must hear the words of life only we can share. Refrain*

Distribution Hymns

“See, the Lord Ascends in Triumph” - #494
“Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray” - #623

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***Closing Hymn** “On Christ’s Ascension Now I Build” - #492

***Postlude**

Participants

PreacherRev. Ryan Taylor
Liturgist Vicar Jon Bartels (8:00 & 6:30); Rev. Scott Schmieding (9:30)
Organist.....Mr. Andrew Schempf (Sunday); Mr. Warren Kilz (Monday)
ChoirAdult Choir (8:00)
Musicians..... Brass Ensemble (8:00)
Acolyte..... Caitlyn Miller (8:00); Grace Mooney (9:30)
Sound Technician.....Ethan McCollister (8:00); John Brandt (9:30)



*Altar flowers are in honor of the
20th Anniversary of the
2003 Confirmation Class*

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Walking with Jesus

*And whoever does not take his cross and follow me
is not worthy of me.*

*Whoever finds his life will lose it,
and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.*

- Matthew 10:38-39

Prayers for the Weekend of
May 20-22, 2023

In our prayers this week:

- † Thanksgiving that Maddie Barrington has accepted Immanuel's Call to teach the Inspire Grade 5 & 6 class beginning in the 2023-2024 year.
- † Immanuel's Class of 2023 as they graduate on Thursday, May 25th.
- † Calvin Lee Henson, Andrew Michael Rizzillo, Lucas Taylor Rizzello, Jayce Alexander Rizzello and Reese Michael Rizzello who are all being welcomed into God's family this weekend through Holy Baptism.
- † The family of Brandy Thoroughman, granddaughter of Vern Pearson, who died on May 13th;
The family of Mary Ann Gardels who died on May 14th.
The family of Gayle Kampmann at the death of her sister, Marilyn Sprung, who died on 16th.
The family of Nathan Johnston at the death of his father, Jim Johnston.
- † Jody Baden who has entered hospice care;
Jim Johnston who has entered hospice care.
- † Hospitalized this past week: Janice Heitmann, Sue Roos, Al Mahnken

Updated Card Party Info

The cost per person to attend Immanuel's Card Party on June 19th is \$15/person and includes lunch & prizes. Please contact Kathy Bull (314.369.6123) to RSVP or with any questions. See Connections for more info about time, place and volunteer/donation opportunities.

PRAYER

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On-going prayers:

- † Thanksgiving for all the blessings we receive from God!
- † Pastoral Call Committee as they work to find an Associate Pastor .
- † All expectant mothers and their unborn babies, especially: Ally Walters Garrison, Lilly (Bull) Tanck, Jamie (Walsh) Drovetti, Paige (Poggemeier) Ledford, Melody Tune, Jennifer Segelle
- † For Christ's help and hope for those fighting cancer: Becki Anderson, Tim Aubuchon, Claire Brown, Jodi Lombardo Bubenzer, Lindsay Collins, Wes Crawford, Ronald Davis, Teresa Doer, Tiffany Fenner, Christopher Goodman, Jean Gruber, Tom Hacker, Dorothy Hallemeier, Jancie Heitmann, Amber Hellstrand, Bob Hodson, Andrea King, Kathy Lamper, Pat Leezer, Martha Martenson, Dean McAlexander, Morris Mitchell, Steve Murphy, Mary Ellen Pratt, Bob Rau, Jane Reilly, Gary Rice, Meagan Rouland, Rev. Mike Schempf, Roger Schroeder, Julie Stevens, Dale Stivison, Judith Strohl, Sheri Swadley, Frank Thompson, Richard Toedebusch, Rob Viehland, Jim Weidner
- † Safe travels for all those who are traveling—to/from college, vacation, etc.
- † The "Sandwich Generation" as they care for aging parents and for children/grandchildren.
- † Immanuel's homebound members and those in skilled nursing.
- † All those suffering from illness & injury, both short-term and long-term.
- † Comfort Dog Ministry, as they spread the love of Christ, especially the Zillah Comfort Dog Team.
- † Deaf Ministry and all the many opportunities and open doors God is providing for expansion—training for overseas deaf ministers, continuing the Deaf Outpost and bringing more deaf to Jesus!
- † For all missionaries as they spread God's Word, especially the Clausing family serving in Tanzania, Katie Bradley serving in the Philippines, Emma Nagy serving in Taiwan.

Prayer requests or updates may be sent to cschikore@immanuelstcharles.org or you may phone the Church Office (636.946.2656).