



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sunday, May 5, 2024, 9:30am

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Welcome to
worship! Please
complete a
Connection Card
and place the
card in the
offering plate.
Thank you!

This Sunday's image of the life the risen Christ shares with us is the image of friendship. We are called to serve others as Jesus came to serve; but for John's gospel, the image of servanthood is too hierarchical, too distant, to capture the essence of life with Christ. Friendship captures the love, the joy, the deep mutuality of the relationship into which Christ invites us. The Greeks believed that true friends are willing to die for each other. This is the mutual love of Christian community commanded by Christ and enabled by the Spirit.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please stand as you are comfortable in body or spirit)

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.
Amen.

Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life.

Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

(Please be seated)

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS TO THE CONGREGATION

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these people, one with us in the body of Christ, whom we welcome as new members into the life and ministry of this congregation.

Jazman Argall, Joan Coduti, Les Coduti, Amy Mayo, Trevor Mayo, Levi Mattson, Charlotte Nelson, Drew Nelson, Elliot Nelson, Nathan Nelson, Diane Skewis, Amanda Vigneau, Andrew Vegneau, and Anna Vegneau have joined our congregation.

APOSTLE'S CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

In baptism, we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God. We are called to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

Sisters and brothers in Christ, do you intend to continue in the covenant of your baptism among God's people in this place?

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

People of God, do you promise to support and pray for these new members in their life in Christ?

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us. Welcome.

Let us welcome these sisters and brothers in Christ to this community of faith.

We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

GATHERING SONG

All Are Welcome

#641

GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

(Please be seated)

WORD

FIRST READING: Acts 10:44-48

⁴⁴While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. ⁴⁵The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, ⁴⁶for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷"Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" ⁴⁸So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Word of God. **Word of Life. Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 98

¹Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done marvelous things, whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

²**O LORD, you have made known your victory, you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

³You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

⁴**Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

⁵Sing to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song.

⁶**With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout with joy before the king, the LORD.**

⁷Let the sea roar, and all that fills it, the world and those who dwell therein.

⁸**Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to judge the earth.**

⁹The LORD will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity.

SECOND READING: 1 John 5:1-6

¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, ⁴for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. ⁵Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? ⁶This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

Word of God. **Word of Life. Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand as you are comfortable in body or spirit)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

While Peter shares the good news of Jesus with a Gentile soldier and his family, the Holy Spirit comes upon them. Recognizing that the Spirit works inclusively in the lives of both Jews and Gentiles, Peter commands that these Gentiles also be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands. (Ps. 98:4)

God's children believe that Jesus is the Messiah and love God by keeping God's commandments.

Thus, the world is conquered not through military might but through love and faith.



On the night of his arrest, Jesus delivers a final testimony to his disciples to help them in the days ahead. Here, he repeats the most important of all his commands, that they love one another.

GOSPEL: John 15:9-17

The holy gospel according to...
Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ⁹“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. ¹²“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

(Please be seated)

SERMON

Pastor Bre Kinnunen

(Please stand as you are comfortable in body or spirit)

HYMN OF THE DAY *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love*

#708

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

A brief silence

Your Holy Spirit falls upon all who hear the word. Fill your church with the gifts of your Spirit and give understanding hearts to those who strengthen our commitments with our ecumenical and interreligious partners. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

You speak and the face of the earth is renewed. Revive your creation, that habitats and every kind of living thing might flourish. Protect endangered species and help us to care for all your creatures. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Your world is divided and the nations rage. Grant wisdom and vision to world leaders, that they may seek justice, peace, and the good of all. Strengthen international partnerships and cooperation. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Your children are in need. Comfort all those who suffer, especially those afflicted by anxiety, depression, and mental illness. Help us to be conduits of your love in our care for one another. *(We pray especially for . . .)* God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Your work is done in this place with our hands. Bless the ministries of this congregation (*ministries may be named*), that we may embody your love for the world. Inspire those who plan and lead worship, council members, committee members, and volunteers.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We give you thanks for our new members whom you have drawn to yourself by the love of Jesus Christ and whom we have welcomed into this household of faith. Keep us close together in your Spirit, in the breaking of bread and the prayers, and in service to others.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Your blessed saints now rest in you. Give us thankful hearts for those who have gone before us (*especially*). At the last, bring us all together around your heavenly banquet table.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord. **Amen.**

SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

(Please be seated)

MEAL

OFFERING/NOISY OFFERING

(Please stand as you are comfortable in body or spirit)

OFFERING SONG *Jesus Loves Me!*

#595

OFFERING PRAYER

Risen One, **you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen.**

THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God,

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, ... with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table.

COMMUNION HYMNS	<i>Although I Speak with Angel's Tongue</i>	#644
	<i>Beautiful Savior</i>	#838

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. Amen.

SENDING

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Bre Kinnunen

(Please stand as you are comfortable in body or spirit)

BLESSING

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope † bless you now and always. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF May 5—May 12, 2024

***FELLOWSHIP HOUR:** Are you willing to help with Fellowship hour? Donations that are needed are bakery items, crackers, cheese, fruit, or whatever suits your fancy, & cleanup! Your Fellowship Hour committee for May is Staff Support. If it fits your schedule to bring items before Sunday morning, there are shelves in the refrigerator tagged for Coffee Hour or leave on the counter marked "Coffee Hour". Please contact **Christine Koski** with your date and any item you wish to bring. **THANK YOU ALL FOR VOLUNTEERING!**

***TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY** All are welcome to come to our study on **TUESDAYS** from 7:30pm-9:00pm at Pasquali's in Negaunee. We welcome you to drop in as your schedule allows. Each week's discussion will be structured as a stand-alone study. **This week's Bible Study will be Exodus 17:1-7—Water from a Rock**. Bring your questions, confusions, and doubts! If you have questions, call or text 540-435-4915.

***WELCOME CHILDREN & FAMILIES** We don't mind the noise. We're glad you're here! The family room across the hall has toys if that would be helpful. Activity bags are also available for the children to use during the service.

***VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** will take place from **June 10-14, 2024**. Registration forms are available on Immanuel's website. Forms are available for both students and volunteers who would like to participate in this important ministry. Our coordinating team has made good progress in planning. Several congregations from the area are cooperating. **Please text Paulette Patron (906)361-1562 or leave a message with the Office for more details. Registration has been extended to May 24.**

***COUNTERS NEEDED** We are in need of additional captains and counters starting this summer. Please contact the church office if you are interested. Training is available.

***HABITAT FOR HUMANITY** Immanuel will be providing lunch during the week of **July 29-August 2** for the volunteers of Habitat for Humanity. The volunteers are staying at Immanuel that week. Please contact Linda Sjolund or the Church Office if you would be willing to help.

***THE FREE STORE** is an interfaith, non-profit group supporting people in the greater Marquette area who express a need for free clothing, linens, personal hygiene items, and household cleaning supplies. Over 1,600 famines are registered to shop for free. And the number continues to grow. At this time they especially need bedding including sheets in all sizes, blankets and comforters. A tub for our donations can be found by the stewardship corner.

***ELEVATOR UPDATE** The elevator is finally functional and ready to use! There are operating instructions mounted near each door. The elevator is for adult use only please.

***CPR/AED TRAINED** This past week we had 11 people trained in CPR/AED. This now makes 21 total from our congregation who are trained. Thank you to **Reuven Romback, Luanne Skrenes and Brian Kurin** for making this possible.

***LIONS PANCAKE BREAKFAST** The Negaunee Lions will be having their **54th Annual Pancake Breakfast today, May 5th from 8:00am to 1:00pm at the Negaunee Lakeview School Cafeteria**. Profits from this event help support the youth of our community along with the Negaunee Public Schools. The menu includes pancakes, eggs, sausage, fruit, coffee, milk, and juice. Take-out is also available. Tickets are available from any Lions member or at the door. Prices are \$10 for a single person and \$30 for a family. Please come and enjoy a great breakfast!

***REQUEST FOR VOLUNTEERS** The Retired Senior Volunteers Program (RSVP) of Marquette County would like to ask for your help. They are in need of volunteers aged 55 and older to transport seniors in the community to their non-emergency medical appointments. You are able to decide when and how often you would like to transport. RSVP provides training, mileage reimbursement of 67 cents a mile, and excess accident and liability insurance while volunteering. Please call RSVP at 906-315-2658 for more information or to sign up.

***MARQUETTE MALE CHORUS** will present "Harmonies and Melodies: Music of Bacharach, Mancini, and Mercer" on **May 17, 2024, at 7:30pm**, at Messiah Lutheran Church in Marquette. The Male Chorus is directed by Wayne Hanmer, accompanied by Dawn Betts. There is a suggested donation of \$10. For more information please call 906-249-9867.

***NEW MEMBER RECOGNITION** We will welcome all new members during the 9:30 service **today Sunday, May 5**. The new members will be recognized during the service and cake will be served during fellowship following the service. Chyrl Hemmila and Luanne Skrenes will be available to take pictures of all of the new members. They will also be available to take pictures of anyone else that would like to update their directory photos.

HONORING GRADUATES** On **May 19th**, we will honor all graduates during and after the 9:30 am worship service. Together we'll celebrate and pray God's blessings on and through these dear brothers and sisters in Christ. Our tentative High School graduates for 2024 are: ***Courtney Beckman, Cassidy Crabb, Owen Debelak, Emily DeMarois, Madison Frustaglio, Alec Nelson, and Eliza Williams. *Congratulations to all of you!* If you know of persons graduating from high school, college, trade school, etc., please call the office and let us know (906) 475-9161.

***COMMUNITY MEAL** The next Community Meal will be on **Sunday, May 19 at 5:00pm**.

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Beginning Tuesday, May 28th, 2024 the church office hours change to the following:



Monday through Thursday  
8:00 a.m.- 12:00 Noon  
Or by appointment - call 475-9161



## ASSISTING IN SERVICE

SERVING IN WORSHIP: *Pastor Bre Kinnunen*

ORGANIST/PIANIST/MUSICIAN: *Vicki Lempinen*

Office Hours are 8:00am-2:00pm, Monday-Thursday (or by appt.)

### VOLUNTEERS ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE:

|                  |                                                   |                  |                                |
|------------------|---------------------------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|
| 9:30am GREETERS  | <i>Scott Couture<br/>Karen Couture</i>            | 6:00pm GREETERS  | <i>Jim Hetrick</i>             |
| 9:30am USHERS    | <i>Scott Couture<br/>Karen Couture</i>            | 6:00pm USHERS    | <i>Jim Hetrick</i>             |
| 9:30am LECTOR    | <i>Lisa Saari</i>                                 | 6:00pm LECTOR    | <i>Sheila Meier</i>            |
| 9:30am COMM ASST | <i>Stacy McEachern</i>                            | 6:00pm COMM ASST | <i>Kerri Puckett<br/>Youth</i> |
| 9:30am TECH TEAM | <i>Tyler Moore</i>                                | 6:00pm TECH TEAM | <i>Ben Raymond</i>             |
| COUNTERS         | <i>Alice Mutkala, Merry Bengry, Linda Sjolund</i> |                  |                                |
| COMMUNION SETUP  | <i>Debbie Hicks &amp; Lesli Williams</i>          |                  |                                |

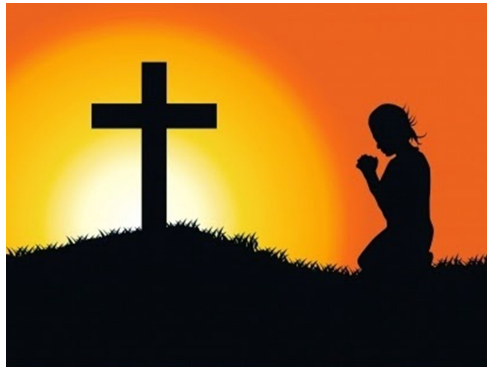
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### KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Pray For: *Lori Bell, Betty Carilli, Kevin Carlson, Karen Couture, Dan Hendrickson, Betty Kinnunen, Michael Kjellman, Anna Laurila, Don & Mary Leece, Marsha Lucas, Kathryn Madison, Diane Nault, Gerald Neldon, Ezra Newman, Kathy Palomaki, Shirley Pizziola, Cindy, Jim Ritzenhein, Jessica Roberts, Marlene Romback, Reuven Romback, Louise Spickerman, Kathy Stambaugh, Molly Taseris, and Bob Walker.*

Our Shut-ins: *Jonelle Collins, Rudy Gagnon, June Jarvi, Timothy Kjellman, Betty Lukkarinen, Butch Pynnonen, Dolores Reichel, Lillian Rivers, Paul Alan Smith, Elsie Suardini, and Lynne Tossava.*

Members in the Armed Service: *Luke DeWitt, Adrianna Gustafson, Michael Gustafson, Spencer Harvala, Hunter (Jessica) Hetrick, Tanner Romback, Michael Sedlock, Ethan Wallner, and all Armed Services Families.*



**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**May 5—May 12, 2024**

**YOU CAN FIND ALL ONLINE INFORMATION REFERENCED BELOW AT...**

**[www.ImmanuelNeqaunee.org](http://www.ImmanuelNeqaunee.org)**

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|                  | <b><i>Sixth Sunday of Easter</i></b>               |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b><i>New Member Recognition Day</i></b>           |
|                  | 9:30am      Worship Service/Noisy Offering         |
|                  | 9:30am      Sunday School                          |
|                  | 10:30am     Coffee & Fellowship                    |
|                  | 6:00pm      Worship Service in Fellowship Hall     |
|                  | 7:30pm      AA Group Meets (men & women)           |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | 10:00am     Bible Study                            |
|                  | 7:00 pm     Bible Study @ Pasquali's               |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | 6:00pm      Choir                                  |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | 10:00am     Quilting                               |
| <b>Friday</b>    | <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>                               |
|                  | 10:00am     AA                                     |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | 12:00-6:00pm Fellowship Hall Rental                |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b><i>Seventh Sunday of Easter</i></b>             |
|                  | <b><i>Mother's Day</i></b>                         |
|                  | 9:30am      Worship Service                        |
|                  | 9:30am      Sunday School                          |
|                  | 10:30am     Coffee & Fellowship                    |
|                  | 6:00pm      Worship Service in the Fellowship Hall |
|                  | 7:30pm      AA Group Meets (men & women)           |

*(FYI: Pastor Bre can be reached at 507-993-1909 or email: [upbre3@gmail.com](mailto:upbre3@gmail.com))*



Evangelical  
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in America

**IN MAY, our Monthly Mission is ELCA Missionary Support via Superior Central Conference.** Our Superior Central Conference 8 of the Northern Great Lakes Synod seeks financial help annually for support of their ministry. Over 240 ELCA missionaries serve in more than 40 countries around the world, invited by global church partners to work together hand-in-hand. Some are doctors in rural areas. Others teach children where there are few opportunities to go to school, or work in seminaries that prepare pastors and future church leaders. Others support, nurture and preach in some of the fastest growing Lutheran congregations in the world. And still others are young adults, engaging in a life-changing, year-long experience through the [Young Adults in Global Mission](#).

No matter where or how they serve, every one of these missionaries need your prayers, support and gifts to succeed in their work. Your gift connects you directly to these missionaries. You make their life-changing ministry happen.

Please join us in God's amazing work. Help grow the Lutheran Church around the world. If you wish to give to Immanuel's ELCA Missionary Support via Superior Central Conference, use the *May Monthly Mission envelope* from your offering envelope box or in some other way designate your gift. *Thank you for your generosity!*



Thank you for giving \$830.69 in April to  
**ELCA WORLD HUNGER.**

The recipients will be richly blessed with your generosity! Thank you!

# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

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JUNE 10-14  
MONDAY - FRIDAY  
9 A.M TO NOON



**DON'T MISS THE FUN:  
MUSIC, BIBLE STORIES,  
GROUP GAMES, FOOD,  
ARTS & CRAFTS AND  
OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES**



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