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Sunday, May 7, 9:30 am/Monday, May 8, 6:00 pm, 2023

5th Sunday of Easter

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

TEMPLE TALK

Jonelle Collins

EASTER GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

GATHERING SONG

Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing

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GREETING

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.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

pp. 140-141

As we continue to celebrate the fifty days of Easter, today's gospel includes Jesus' promise that he goes to prepare a place for his followers in his Father's house. Our baptism commissions us to share Jesus' mission in the world. As 1 Peter reminds us, we are a holy people, called to proclaim the one who called us out of darkness into light. In words and deeds we bear witness to the risen Christ—our way, our truth, our life.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb
who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and
strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of
 God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,
 glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.
Refrain
 This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was
 slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.
Final refrain
 This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Stephen was one of the seven men chosen by the apostles to serve tables so that the apostles could be free to serve the word (Acts 6:1-6). Stephen does more than distribute food, however. For his preaching of God's word, he becomes the first martyr of the faith.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING: ACTS 7:55-60

⁵⁵Filled with the Holy Spirit, [Stephen] gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶"Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" ⁵⁷But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. ⁵⁸Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." ⁶⁰Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

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

PSALM 31:1-5, 15-16

¹In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness.

²**Incline your ear to me; make haste to deliver me.**

³Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold; for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me.

⁴**Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, for you are my tower of strength.**

⁵Into your hands I commend my spirit, for you have redeemed me, O LORD, God of truth.

¹⁵**My times are in your hand;**

rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

¹⁶Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love."

SECOND READING 1 PETER 2:2-10

²Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. ⁴Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." ⁷To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner," ⁸and "A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. ⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: JOHN 14:1-14

The holy gospel according to...

Glory to you, O Lord.

[[Jesus said to the disciples:]] ¹"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ²In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going." ⁵Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" ⁶Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and

*Into your hands,
O LORD, I
commend
my spirit.
(Ps. 31:5)*

*Christ is the
cornerstone
of God's sav-
ing work and
the founda-
tion of our
lives. We are
God's cho-
sen, holy
people who
continuously
celebrate
and declare
the mercy of
God we ex-
perience
through
Jesus Christ.*

On the night that he is to be arrested, Jesus shares final words with his disciples. As the one through whom God is known, he promises to go before them and act on their behalf.

Renew our lives that we may welcome and care for one another and that we may live and serve within the greater community of Negaunee and the world, witnessing to others your abundant love, grace, and welcome.

have seen him.”⁸ Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.”⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’?”¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works.¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves.¹² Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father.¹³ I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son.¹⁴ If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

...The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Jim Duehring

HYMN OF THE DAY

You Are the Way

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NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

God of life, strengthen your church to proclaim your gospel even in times of trouble. As we remember Stephen, we give thanks for diaconal ministry. Bless all deacons and strengthen them for their bridge-building ministry between church and world.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Creating God, you show your steadfast love through mighty waters, towering mountains, verdant fields, and arid deserts. Protect the earth's diverse habitats from the forces of pollution, erosion, extinction, and global warming. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Mighty God, your Spirit guides us into all truth. Give wisdom to world and local leaders and organizations as they begin, build, or renew relationships. Strengthen leaders and aid organizations in areas needing to be rebuilt following conflict, unrest, or natural disaster. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Loving God, you make your home among us. Abide with refugees, those experiencing homelessness, those fleeing war and poverty, and all who question if there is a home in your heart. We pray for all who are sick. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Assuring God, you accompany your people amid uncertainty and change. Uphold people in this community who have recently moved, changed jobs or schools, retired, or are going through transitions of any kind. Lead us in your ways. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Renewing God, you gather the saints at your heavenly banquet. We give you thanks for the care shown us by those who have gone before us. Grant confidence and comfort for all awaiting the place you have prepared. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

Amen.

SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

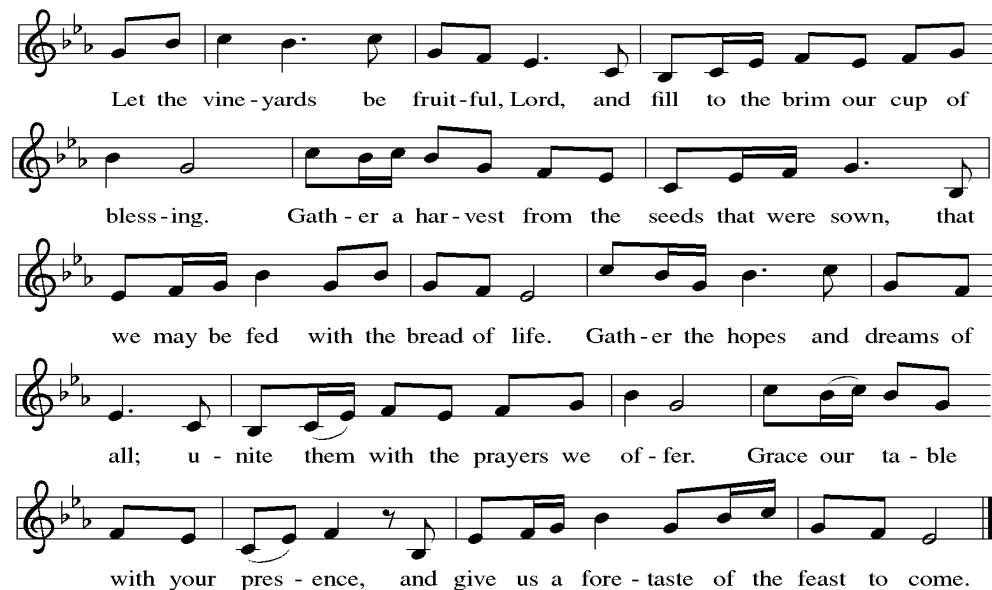
MEAL

OFFERING

OFFERTORY SONG

Let The Vineyards Be Fruitful, Lord

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Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that
we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of
all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble
with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Generous God, in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our Lord. Amen.



All baptized Christians who believe this true presence are welcome and encouraged to receive Holy Communion today. Parents, please assist your child (ren) if you wish them communed.

We believe that the true body and blood of Jesus Christ is in/with/under the bread and wine.

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...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

God of our weary years ... For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore, ... let the church say, Amen.

Amen.

Send your Holy Spirit ... let the church say, Amen.

Amen.

Join our prayers ... almighty Father, now and forever.

Amen.

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 dwells with us here. All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.

COMMUNION

Lamb of God

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Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMNS

Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks

WOV #671

Refrain

*Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord;
alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.*

- 1.) Jesus is Lord of all the earth; he is the king of creation.
- 2.) Spread the good news o'er all the earth; Jesus has died and has risen.
- 3.) We have been crucified with Christ; now we shall live forever.
- 4.) God has proclaimed the just reward; life for all people, alleluia.
- 5.) Come, let us praise the living God, joyfully sing to our Savior.

Refrain.

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I Know That My Redeemer Lives #619

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name. Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

The God of all, who raised + Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation. Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF May 7- May 14, 2023



***FELLOWSHIP HOUR:** Are you willing to help with Fellowship hour? Donations are needed such as bakery, crackers, cheese, fruit, or whatever suits your fancy, & cleanup! Your Fellowship Hour committee for May will be THE STAFF. 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 The Church Office (906) 475-9161 with your date & any item you wish to bring.

***FORTUNE LAKE SUMMER CAMP** Fortune Lake Registration is open for Summer Camp! Register now. Immanuel offers scholarships to campers of all ages. Contact Stacy McEachern for scholarship details! Call or text: **(906) 361-9123** or stacymc6@gmail.com. *Hurry. Get registered!*



IMMANUEL IS HAVING A DAY VISIT TO FORTUNE LAKE FOR ALL AGES! Everyone is invited to enjoy an intergenerational day at camp complete with Bible study, waterfront time, games, a picnic lunch, a visit to the canteen, camp songs, and loads of fun!

When: Tuesday June 27th from 10a - 2p CT. (9a - 1p ET)

Cost: will be covered with Immanuel's Fortune Lake scholarship fund.

RSVP: ASAP, with a June 7th deadline to Stacy McEachern
Call/text or email: (906)361-9123 or stacymc6@gmail.com

***SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CONVERSATION** Each Sunday morning at 11:00 am, a group is meeting for a discussion on the Bible lessons from the morning's worship service. They will be meeting in the Youth Room (downstairs) for 1 hour. A group has volunteered to lead this group. Today your leader is *Pastor Terry Cathcart*. On May 14th, the leader is also *Pastor Terry Cathcart*. On May 21st, *Walter Scanlon* is the leader. On May 28th, *Martha Hayward* is the leader. We will continue meeting after that with leaders assigned at that time.



***INVITATION FROM BETHANY IN REPUBLIC** All parishioners are invited to join Bethany for a Nature Prayer Service/Family **Hike** for their Conference **this Saturday, May 13th, @ 3 pm, starting at the Al Quaal Lodge in Ishpeming.** This is a collaboration between the UP Wild Church & the NGLS Youth Ministry. Every Conference will be doing a hike on the same day in different locations. *"Outside of Sunday Services, one of the places to feel most connected to God is in the wilderness. Join us for a Nature Prayer Service & Family Hike. There will be a short hike out on the Little Lake / Baby Lake Trail, have a prayer service, then a hike back. It's an easy & short trail, so inexperienced hikers need not fear. All are welcome. Hope to see you there!"* -Pastor Alex Ross, Bethany Lutheran Church, Republic, MI.



***VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)** The beginning date for Vacation Bible School will be June 12th, 2023. Watch for more details. We will be in need of enrollment helpers. For more information, contact Paulette Patron @ (906) 475-4776 or Diana Hetrick @ (906) 235-7110 or dianahetr@gmail.com. **NOTE: VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO MAKE THIS A "GO!". OTHERWISE, VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL CANNOT BE HELD. PLEASE VOLUNTEER NOW! EITHER CALL PAULETTE OR DIANA. THEY WANT YOUR CALL!**



WE ALSO NEED KIDS, KIDS, KIDS!!! REGISTER NOW!!!

***BAR CHURCH, 'Ruthless Elimination of Hurry', by John Mark Comer** This group meets on Thursdays at 7:30 pm. The dates scheduled are: May 11, & 25, 2023. There is also a Facebook group at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/841985297052095/> or scan the QR code. *"There is no need to prepare or bring anything with you. Come as you are, even if it's late. The book is not required to join us! We base all discussion on not having read anything, and you can access all scripture and guides on your phone. Drop-ins are welcome, and we love new faces! Bring a buddy, even if they aren't a member at Immanuel."* (says Kaitrin). If you have any further questions, please call or text Kaitrin Raymond at (540) 435-4915.



***STAFF SUPPORT COMMITTEE** This Committee is looking for volunteers. It serves as a “people-building” group charged with making sure that the ministry goals of the congregation are carried out mutually by the Staff leadership and Members. The Committee has no decision-making authority but serves as an advocate for the Staff before the Church Council. If you are interested in being a part of this Committee or need more information, please contact Christine Koski at 214-546-8179.



***COUNTERS** We could use a couple more counters (regular and those that would be captains) to help with our Tuesday morning counting. We usually have 2 persons at a time along with 1 captain. The counting occurs at 9 am on Tuesday mornings and takes about 1 - 2 hours, depending on the number of contributions envelopes that are accumulated each week. If you are interested, please call the office at 906-475-9161. Your help would be appreciated. Thank you.



***INSTANT CHURCH DIRECTORY** To view the directory online, go to members.InstantChurchDirectory.com and follow the prompts under “Sign In” to “Create a login now.” Use your email address that you included in your directory submission and confirm it following the instructions. If you did not submit an email for directory use, you won’t be able to access the directory online. There is also a free mobile app available for download at the Apple® App store in iTunes®, Google Play™ store and the Amazon Fire App Store. Simply search for “Instant Church Directory” to get the download. The same login protocol as above applies to the app. Need help/have questions? Please contact the church office: (906) 475-9161.



BIRTHDAY INVITATION—FELLOWSHIP HALL—TODAY

Jonelle Collins invites all of you to come to the Fellowship Hall after the 9:30 am service to help her celebrate her 92th birthday. Come & wish her a Happy 92nd Birthday and enjoy the fellowship.

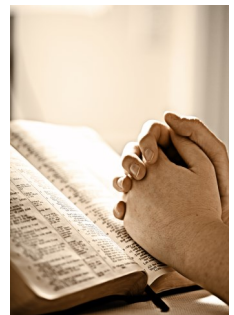


KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Pray For: *Lori Bell, Betty Carilli, Kevin Carlson, Renae Carlson, Dan Hendrickson, Michael Holman, Peggy Jackson, Betty Kinnunen, Michael Kjellman, Anna Laurila, Don & Mary Leece, Diane Nault, Gerald Neldon, Don Palomaki, Stephanie Penhale, Joyce Peterson, Shirley Pizziola, Jim Ritzenhein, Jessica Roberts, Tim Romback, Louise Spickerman, Debbie Thornberg, all COVID patients.*

Our Shut-ins: *Bettie Ahola, Jonelle Collins, Rudy Gagnon, Timothy Kjellman, Betty Lukkarinen, Leo Nirva, Butch Pynnonen, Dolores Reichel, Lillian Rivers, Paul Alan Smith, Lynne Tossava.*

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





VOLUNTEERS ASSISTING IN SERVICE

SERVING IN WORSHIP: *Pastor Jim Duehring*

ORGANIST/PIANIST/MUSICIAN: *Connie Scanlon*

Worship Services: Sunday @ 9:30 am / Monday @ 6:00 pm

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

ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE:

9:30 am USHERS/GREETERS	- <i>Deb Moyer</i> - <i>Alice Mutkala</i>
6:00 pm	- <i>Diana Hetrick</i> - <i>Jim Hetrick</i>
9:30 am LECTOR	- <i>Alice Mutkala</i>
6:00 pm	- <i>Jill Sladek</i>
9:30 am COMM. ASST'S	- <i>Randy Carlson</i> - <i>Julie Carlson</i> - <i>Deb Moyer</i>
6:00 pm	- <i>Jill Sladek</i>
9:30 am Tech Team	- <i>Not Assigned</i>

(Communion Set-up for May is Fae Collins)

**THE ENVELOPE BOXES FOR 2023
CAN NOW BE PICKED UP
FROM THE OFFICE.**

MAY'S MONTHLY MISSION

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 Pastors Mark and Cynthia Rich in 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 needs 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 \$ 1,021.00 in April to
ELCA World Hunger.
The recipients will be richly blessed with your generosity!
Thank you!**

