



## 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

**Immanuel Lutheran Church, Forest City, Iowa**

Pastors: Rod Hopp, Zech Anderson, Intern Elizabeth Carr

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May 14, 2023 9:15am

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*Building community in the name and likeness of Jesus Christ.*

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*Jesus does not abandon his followers. Through the Holy Spirit, Jesus comes to abide with his disciples of every generation. As Pentecost draws near, we are reminded that the risen Christ dwells in us as the Spirit of truth. We receive this Spirit in baptism and pray that in our gathering around the Lord's table the Spirit will transform us to be the body of the risen Christ in the world.*

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

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PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**C: Amen.**

L: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence for reflection.*

L: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sin, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

L: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**C: Amen.**

GATHERING SONG: **"In Christ Alone"**

1. In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light my strength my song.  
This Cornerstone this solid Ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love what depths of peace, when fears are stilled when strivings cease;  
My Comforter my All in All, here is the love of Christ I stand.
2. In Christ alone who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe.  
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save.  
Till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied,  
For every sin on Him was laid, here in the death of Christ I live.

3. There in the ground His body lay, light of the world by darkness slain.  
Then bursting forth in glorious Day, up from the grave He rose again.  
And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me.  
For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.
4. No guilt in life no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me.  
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand.  
Till He returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

CCLI Song #3350395; Keith Getty { Stuart Townend; 2001 Thankyou Music

**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.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**BLESSING OF MOTHERS**

**FIRST READING:** Acts 17:22-31 *Paul's message to the Athenians*

**PSALM:** Psalm 66:8-20 (read responsively)

<sup>8</sup>Bless our God, you peoples; let the sound of praise be heard.

<sup>9</sup>**Our God has kept us among the living and has not allowed our feet to slip.**

<sup>10</sup>For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us just as silver is tried.

<sup>11</sup>**You brought us into the net; you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.**

<sup>12</sup>You let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and water,  
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

<sup>13</sup>**I will enter your house with burnt offerings and will pay you my vows—**

<sup>14</sup>those that I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.

<sup>15</sup>**I will offer you burnt offerings of fatlings with the smoke of rams;  
I will give you oxen and goats.**

<sup>16</sup>Come and listen, all you who believe, and I will tell you what God has done for me.

<sup>17</sup>**I called out to God with my mouth, and praised the Lord with my tongue.**

<sup>18</sup>If I had cherished evil in my heart, the Lord would not have heard me;

<sup>19</sup>**but in truth God has heard me and has attended to the sound of my prayer.**

<sup>20</sup>Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, nor withheld unailing love from me.

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:13-22 *The days of Noah, a sign of baptism*

GOSPEL: John 14:15-21 *Christ our advocate*

Announcement: Glory to you, O Lord. Conclusion: Praise to you, O Christ.

KIDS SINGING: "Oh Won't You Sit Down"

CHILDREN'S SERMON

HONORING HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES / VIDEO

SERMON

Pastor Zech

SONG OF THE DAY: *Songs mom or grandma may have taught us*

**"Jesus Loves Me!"**

#595 (vs. 1&refrain) ELW

**"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"**

#742 (vs. 1,2)

**"This Little Light of Mine"**

#677 (vs. 1,2)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: *L: Hear us, O God. C: Your mercy is great.*

**Ruby Sue** Albertsen

**family of Naomi** Klinge

**Dawn** Quame

**Liam** Bartleson

**Judy** Lemke

**Jon** Ranheim

**Hazel** Barloon

**Chris** McCormick

**Ashley** Rayhons

**Hayden** Despenas

**Jill** (Lewison) Nedved

**Dale** Rayhons

**Bill** Hamm

**family of Carolyn** Newcom

**Tim** Schmidt

**Sonja** Johnson

**Dorothy** Olson

**Missionary Karen** Anderson

**Sharon** Kampman

**Lisa** Overlie

**Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Magallanes**

SHARING OF THE PEACE: *L: The peace of Christ be with you always. C: And also with you.*

OFFERING: "Rhosymedre"

Bell Choir

OFFERTORY: **"Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks"**

*Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord;*

*Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.*

Jesus is Lord of all the earth; he is the king of creation. *(refrain)*

Spread the good news o'er all the earth: Jesus has died and has risen. *(refrain)*

OFFERING PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION / LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

**SENDING SONG: “Every Move I Make”**

Ev’ry move I make, I make in You. You make me move. (Jesus.)  
Ev’ry breath I take I breathe in You. Ev’ry step I take I take in You.  
You are my way. (Jesus.) Ev’ry breath I take I breathe in You.

La, la, la, la, la, la, la; La, la, la, la, la, la, la, la. (repeat 3x)

*Waves of mercy waves of grace. Ev’rywhere I Look, I see Your face.  
Your love has captured me. Oh my God, this love, how can it be?*

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**BLESSING / DISMISSAL: Go in peace. Serve the Risen One. Thanks be to God.**

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**Worship Participants:**

Assisting Minister: Olivia Banta

Song Leaders: Renae Hopp, Noah McLaughlin

Piano: Linda Ferjak

Audio/Video: Ken Ferjak/Karl Wooldridge

Communion Set Up: Ruth Melby

Bell Choir Director: Ruth Melby

Band: Geno Lopes-guitar, Antonio Lopes-drums, Jason Slater-

Reader: David Readinger

Ushers: Chad, Marcy & Keaton Hanson

Greeter: Shirley Rollefson

Altar Care: Mary Lund

Communion Servers: Michael Bohl, Keith Walker

Promiseland Music: Emily Walker, Elizabeth Bohl

**Today’s 9:15 worship is broadcast** at 11:00am over KIOW 107.3 FM. Broadcast is given in memory of Carol Johnson from her three children.

***Congratulations to the 2023 Forest City Graduates! Blessings to this Immanuel group that will be honored at worship on Sunday (May 14), along with a video shown tonight and on Sunday.***

Katelyn Beenken

Kyra Gibbs

Ellie Jenkins

Carson Strukel

Justin Brock

Melia Golwitzer

Kellen Moore

Braden Swearingen

Dominic Bronson

Randall Grunzke

Adrian Paulsen