

DO NOT LET
YOUR HEARTS
♥ BE TROUBLED ♥
trust in
♥ God ♥
John 14:1

5th Sunday of Easter

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Forest City, Iowa

Pastors: Rod Hopp, Zech Anderson, Intern Elizabeth Carr

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in person | live stream | on the radio

May 7, 2023 9:15am

Building community in the name and likeness of Jesus Christ.

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.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG: **“Lord God, We Praise You”**

#558 ELW

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.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

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SPECIAL MUSIC: “Another Child to Hold” Ray Boltz

Pastor Jeff Ungs

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.

FIRST READING: Acts 7:55-60 *The martyrdom of Stephen*

PSALM: Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 (read responsively)

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 *God’s people chosen to proclaim God’s mighty acts*

GOSPEL: John 14:1-14 *Christ the way, truth, and life*

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

CHILDREN’S SERMON / SERMON

Pastor Hopp

HYMN OF THE DAY: **“You Are the Way”**

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WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS APPRECIATION LITURGY

L: The body of Christ is made up of many members.

C: Not all have the same function.

L: We are blessed with many members who care for the worship of the body of Christ at Immanuel Lutheran Church.

C: We thank God for them.

L: They give of their time and talents.

C: Without their efforts and gifts, we could not be all God calls us to be.

L: Paul writes of the Macedonian Christians who wanted to share in ministry: "They gave themselves first to the Lord and, by the will of God, to us." (2 Cor. 8:5)

C: Ministry flows from a commitment to serve the Lord.

L: By the will of God our worship volunteers are committed to the Lord and to us. God has worked mightily through them to bless us.

C: We thank God for them.

L: These siblings in Christ share their gifts with our family to bring our worship to life:

C: Greeters, ushers, assisting ministers, scripture readers, altar guild, communion preparers and servers, song leaders, offering counters, musicians, and sound and video technicians.

L: May God bless you in your labor of love and servant leadership. You strengthen the mission and ministry of God's church in the world.

C: We thank God for you! Amen

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

Ruby Sue Albertsen

Judy Lemke

Jon Ranheim

Liam Bartleson

Chris McCormick

Ashley Rayhons

Hazel Barloon

Jill (Lewison) Nedved

Dale Rayhons

Hayden Despenas

Dorothy Olson

Tim Schmidt

Bill Hamm

Lisa Overlie

Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Magallanes

Sonja Johnson

Dawn Quame

Missionary Karen Anderson

Sharon Kampman

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

OFFERING: "Stay with Us"

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: "The Church's One Foundation" #654
"Bread of Life from Heaven" #474

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

SENDING SONG: "I Know That My Redeemer Lives" #619 (vs. 1,2,7,8)

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

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Worship Participants:

Assisting Minister: Cindi Lehmann

Song Leaders: Zech Anderson, Jaci Thorson

Piano: Karen Post

Audio/Video: Ken Ferjak/Geno Lopes

Communion Set Up: Cindy Korth

Choir Director: Linda Ferjak

Reader: John Chisholm

Ushers: Arentson family

Greeter: Shirley Rollefson

Altar Care: Marla Betz

Communion Servers: Steve & Nancy Westerberg

Coffee Fellowship: Kingland & Beenken families

Today's 9:15 worship is broadcast at 11:00am over KLOW 107.3 FM. Broadcast is given in memory of Carl Matherly from Doris Johnson and family.

Altar flowers today are given in honor of Dorothy Olson's birthday (May 8) from her family.

Baptized today: Alora Elouise Ungs, born February 1, 2023, to Elijah & Amanda (Take) Ungs. Baptism sponsors for baby Alora are Isaac & Anita Ungs, and singing and assisting with the baptism service is grandpa Pastor Jeff Ungs.