



Fifth Sunday of Easter

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Forest City, Iowa

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May 18, 2025 9:15am

Building community in the name and likeness of Jesus Christ.

Easter initiates a new day. It anticipates a new heaven and a new earth. The risen Christ is making all things new. In the mystery of holy baptism God has made new people of us. Today Jesus invites us to see everyone in a new light—through the lens of love.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

pg. 94-96 ELW

GATHERING HYMN: **“Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service”**

#712

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.**

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pg. 147-148

HYMN OF PRAISE: **“This is the Feast”**

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Acts 11:1-18 *Peter’s vision: God give the Gentiles repentance that leads to life*

PSALM: Psalm 148 [read responsively]

¹ Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise God in the heights.

² **Praise the Lord, all you angels; sing praise, all you hosts of heaven.**

³ Praise the Lord, sun and moon; sing praise, all you shining stars.

⁴ **Praise the Lord, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens.**

⁵ Let them praise the name of the Lord, who commanded, and they were created,

⁶ **who made them stand fast forever and ever,
giving them a law that shall not pass away.**

⁷ Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps;

⁸ **fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing God’s will;**

⁹ mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars;

¹⁰ **wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds;**

¹¹ sovereigns of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world;

¹² **young men and maidens, old and young together.**

¹³ Let them praise the name of the Lord,

whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over earth and heaven.

¹⁴ **The Lord has raised up strength for the people and praise for all faithful servants, the children of Israel, a people who are near the Lord. Hallelujah!**

SECOND READING: Revelation 21:1-6 *New heaven, new earth: springs of living water in the new Jerusalem*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION pg. 151

*Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.*

GOSPEL: John 13:31-35 *Jesus gives a new commandment: Love one another as I have loved you*
Announcement: **Glory to you, O Lord.** Conclusion: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN’S SERMON / SERMON Pastor Jeniffer Tillman

HYMN OF THE DAY: **“When Love is Found”**

When love is found and hope comes home, sing and be glad that two are one.
When love explodes and fills the sky, praise God and share our maker’s joy.
When love has flow’red in trust and care, build both each day that love may dare
To reach beyond home’s warmth and light, to serve and strive for truth and right.
When love is tried as loved-ones change, hold still to hope though all seems strange,
Till ease returns and love grows wise through list’ning ears and opened eyes.
When love is torn and trust betrayed, pray strength to love till torments fade,
Till lovers keep no score of wrong but hear through pain love’s Easter song.
Praise God for love, praise God for life, in age or youth, in husband, wife.
Lift up your hearts. Let love be fed through death and life in broken bread.

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APOSTLES’ CREED pg. 105

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

Marj Anderson	Jan Buffington	Jill (Lewison) Nedved
Liam Bartleson	Ivy Mae Callow	Tim Schmidt
Taylor Bartleson	Hayden Despenas	family of Terry Skjeie
Joan Beebe	Matt Grieff	Joan Swanson
Randall Betz	family of Don Heidemann	Lucky Truong
	Doris Johnson	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: “O Love” Choir

OFFERTORY: **“Canticle of Thanksgiving”** pg. 219-220

OFFERING PRAYER

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION / THE LORD’S PRAYER

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 “Lamb of God” #595
 “Jesus Loves Me!” #362 (vs. 1-4, 6-7)
 “At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing” #482
 “I Come with Joy”

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING / PRAYER

SENDING HYMN: **“Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing”** #389

BLESSING: Alleluia! Christ is risen.
 Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!
 The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign, ✠ Savior,
 and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL: Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia!
 Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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Today’s worship service is broadcast at 11:00am over KIOW 107.3 FM. Broadcast today is given in memory of Don & Verla Missal from Tim & Julie Missal.

Worship Participants:

Altar Care: Colleen Schmidt	Sound/Video Tech: /Ken Ferjak
Assisting Minister: Cindi Lehmann	Organ/Piano: Karen Post
Scripture Reader: Mary Kingland	Song Leaders: Mark & Joy Newcom
Communion Set Up: Ruth Melby	Ushers: Ben & Nicki Arentson family
Greeter: Shirley Rollefson	Communion Servers: Elizabeth Bohl, Emily Walker
Choir Director: Linda Ferjak	

IMMANUEL’S APRIL GENERAL OFFERINGS:

April 2025 General Offerings: \$42,960.17	April 2024 General Offerings: \$36,965.14
Monthly Budget: \$40,033.83	YTD Actual 2024: \$137,215.48
YTD Actual 2025: \$136,458.58	Currently we are (\$12,171.81)
	Last year we were (\$12,881.35)