

-WE RESPOND TO GOD-

Reflection Time
Apostles' CreedPg. 33 (Blue)

Blessing of the School Kits

Offering
OffertoryPg. 35 "Let the vineyards..." (Blue)
The Prayers of the Church
Sharing of the Peace

-ORDER FOR HOLY COMMUNION-

Communion Invitation - All baptized Christians, who believe that Jesus Christ comes to us in and through the bread and wine of Holy Communion are invited to participate in the Lord's Supper. Young persons not yet communing are asked to fold their hands and receive a blessing from the pastor. Those communing are asked to hold out their hand, palm up. Grape juice is available for those who prefer it; simply cover your hand over the cup, and the pastor will serve you grape juice. Welcome to the Lord's Table!

Great ThanksgivingPg. 36ff (Blue)
Sanctus #617a "Holy, Holy, Holy Lord" (Blue)
Words of InstitutionPg. 37 (Blue)
The Lord's PrayerCongregation Sings ("Debts," "Debtors")

Distribution of the Lord's Supper

Lamb of GodPg. 39 (Blue)
Hymns During Communion #701, 766, 698, 771, 777 (Blue)
CanticlePg. 40 (Blue)
PrayerPg. 41 (Blue)

-WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD-

Announcements

The BenedictionPg. 41 (Blue)
Dismissal
Pastor: Go in peace, Share the Good News.
Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Closing Hymn #721 "Go, My Children, with My Blessing" (Blue)
Postlude

SAVED
By Grace,
CALLED
To Serve



I WILL NOT LEAVE YOU ORPHANS
JN. 14:18

All Members: Ministers

6th Sunday of Easter
April 27, 2008 - 9:00 a.m.

Immanuel Lutheran Church
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ENABLING OUR MINISTRY

MinistersAll Members	Communion AssistantHarlan Davenport
Presiding MinisterDaniel Belgum-Blad	LectorJennifer Schwartz
Council PresidentBob Starz	AcolyteHannah Bolton
OrganistMarion Kingery	UshersRoger & Jo Holm
SecretaryJanelle Eisenbacher	Bob & Andrea Carruthers
SextonsPaul & Rolayne Beerman family	GreetersMark Borchert family
Offering CounterDaryl Winkelman	Coffee ServersBob & Peggy Starz
Altar GuildSandy Edwards, Marty Kragebring	Shirley Walsh, Dale Anderson

ORDER OF SERVICE

*As we enter the Sanctuary, let us speak to God.
As we worship, let God speak to us.
As we leave, let us speak to each other.*

-WE GATHER, PRAISE & PRAY TO GOD-

Prelude Music

Welcome

Confession-AbsolutionPg. 10 (Blue)

Opening Hymn#793 “Shout for Joy, Loud and Long” (Blue)

GreetingPg. 28 (Blue)

KyriePg. 28 (Blue)

Hymn of PraisePg. 29 (Blue)

Prayer of the Day - Read in Unison

O God, from whom all good things come: Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to think those things which are right, and by your goodness help us to do them; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

-GOD SPEAKS TO US-

First LessonActs 17:22-31

^{17:22} Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. ^{17:23} For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ^{17:24} The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ^{17:25} nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ^{17:26} From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ^{17:27} so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him--though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ^{17:28} For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.' ^{17:29} Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ^{17:30} While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ^{17:31} because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

Second LessonI Peter 3:13-22

^{3:13} Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ^{3:14} But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ^{3:15} but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; ^{3:16} yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. ^{3:17} For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. ^{3:18} For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ^{3:19} in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ^{3:20} who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. ^{3:21} And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you--not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ^{3:22} who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Gospel Acclamation“Thy Word”
“Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.” (Sing Twice)

Holy GospelJohn 14:15-21

Congregation Responds“Glory to You, O Lord”

^{14:15} "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ^{14:16} And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ^{14:17} This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. ^{14:18} "I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ^{14:19} In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ^{14:20} On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ^{14:21} They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

Congregation Responds“Praise to You, O Christ”

Hymn#687 “Gracious Spirit, Heed our Pleading” (Blue)

Sermon

THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL

Today-Sunday-April 27 - 6th Sunday of Easter

9:00 a.m.Worship/Holy Communion
 10:00 a.m.Fellowship
 10:15 a.m.Sunday School
 10:30 a.m.Adult Study

Tuesday 8:00 a.m.Women's Morning Bible Study @ Immanuel

Wednesday 9:00 a.m.Fold Outreach
 5:45 p.m.Confirmation

Thursday 8:00 a.m.Men's Morning Bible Study @ Immanuel

Next Sunday-May 4 - 7th Sunday of Easter

9:00 a.m.Worship/Holy Communion
 10:00 a.m.Fellowship
 10:15 a.m.Sunday School
 10:30 a.m.Adult Study

May Day Festival May 1

The Atwater LAHBNP is sponsoring a May Day Festival Thursday, May 1, from 5-7 p.m. at the Atwater Community Center. There will be a light supper, entertainment and a video. Open to the public.

WELCA Synodical Convention May 3

Any woman from Immanuel who would like to attend the WELCA Synodical Convention in Willmar on May 3, Saturday starting at 8:30 a.m., can contact Andrea Carruthers. It is being held at Calvary Lutheran Church in Willmar. Andrea, Robin Johnson and Shirley Walsh will be attending and welcome more members. Immanuel WELCA will pay the registration fee. Deadline is today.

GLLM Job Opening

Green Lake Lutheran Ministries is looking for a person to do home style cooking at St. Andrew Village (family camp), located on Lake Andrew in New London. The position runs for 5 weeks of the summer. If interested, please contact the camp for an application. 320-796-2181.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Offering from Sun., April 20, 2008 - 9:00 a.m.

Attendance	156
Regular Offering	\$1803.00
Benevolence	\$100.00
Building Fund	\$95.00
Pony Express	\$155.00
Sunday School	\$31.10
Sunday School Remodel Project	\$325.00
TOTAL	\$2519.10

April Ministry Goal*\$10,897.47
 Needed (To Date) To Meet April Ministry Goal\$-229.63

*Our Ministry Goal is the amount we need each month to undertake & accomplish the ministries & mission we have agreed to as God's called and sent people.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome To Worship At Immanuel!

We invite all visitors to sign our guest book at the entry of the church. We hope that you will find Christian friendliness which brings you back to worship with us again.

Prayer Concerns

Our church and other area churches; our community; our Synod Bishop, Jon Anderson, and Synod staff, the SW Minnesota and the ELCA Synod; our nation; our companion synod: The South Eastern Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Southern Africa; we remember the people of Palestine and Israel; those serving in the armed services; and that all people on earth may lay down their arms and work for peace and justice for all; our missionaries: James and Carol Sack, serving in Japan; (Please let us know if you have specific prayer requests).

SW MN Synod Fund for Leadership Support

Today is our special offering for the Southwest Minnesota Synod "Fund for Leadership Support." Your gifts will help provide seminary scholarships to those training to become pastors; educational debt relief for pastors serving our synod; pension equity for those below Synod salary guidelines.

Reservations for Mother's Day Luncheon

Reservations for the May 10 Mother's Day Luncheon can be made starting today during the coffee hour. Sign up and pay \$6.00 per person. Friends and family members are encouraged to come as guests of Immanuel women to celebrate motherhood and listen to speaker Pastor Linda Lagergren, who comes back to Immanuel to present "A Patchwork Journey of Faith." NOTE: Please plan to bring a special quilt of your own and attach a short story about the quilt to it. We will be displaying the quilts in the Sanctuary during the luncheon.

Quilt Auction Begins Today

The silent quilt auction begins today. Many beautiful quilts, made by Immanuel quilters, are on display in the Narthex. Last bids will be received May 18. All proceeds from the silent auction will be given to our youth for their summer mission trip.

School Kit Blessing

Today we will have a blessing of the School Kits that our WELCA (Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church) has put together. We ask that God would richly bless all the children (and their families) who receive these and other kits from ELCA congregations. If you are interested in helping with this in the future, contact WELCA president Andrea Carruthers.

National Day of Prayer 2008

The 57th Annual National Day of Prayer will take place Thursday, May 1, 2008. The theme for this year is "Prayer! America's Strength and Shield" and is based on the verse from Psalm 28:7 which states: "The Lord is my strength and shield; my heart trusts in Him and I am helped."