

-WE RESPOND TO GOD-

Hymn of the Day . . . #579 "Lord, You Give the Great Commission" - V. 1,3,5 (Red)
Apostles' CreedPg. 127 (Red)

Offering
Offertory #184 "Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord..." (Red)

"Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.

**Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,
that we may be fed with the bread of life.**

Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer.

Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come."

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. 129 (Red)

Sanctus #525 "You Are Holy, You Are Whole" (Red)

Words of InstitutionPg. 130 - #11 (Red)

The Lord's PrayerCongregation Sings ("Debts," "Debtors")

Distribution of the Lord's Supper

Lamb of GodPg. 135 (Red)

Hymns During Communion #462, 471, 472 (sing 3 times), 779 (Red)

Post-Communion PrayerPg. 136 (Red)

-WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD-

Announcements

Blessing

Pastor: As the earth keeps turning, hurtling through space, and night falls and day breaks from land to land, Let us remember that in waking, sleeping, being born and dying we are part of one world, one humanity. Let us go from here in peace and serve the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Closing Hymn #720 "We Are Called" (Red)

Postlude



All Members: Ministers

**7th Sunday of Easter
May 4, 2008 - 9:00 a.m.**

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ENABLING OUR MINISTRY

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| MinistersAll Members | Communion AssistantRobin Johnson |
| Presiding MinisterDaniel Belgum-Blad | LectorJulie Madsen |
| Council PresidentBob Starz | AcolyteRebecca Nelson |
| OrganistMarion Kingery | UshersBob & Peggy Starz |
| SecretaryJanelle Eisenbacher | Russ, Marty, & Ryan Peterson |
| SextonsPaul & Rolayne Beerman family | GreetersDennis & Sharon Goehring |
| Offering CounterJennifer Schwartz | Coffee ServersPat Fluck, Doris Berscheid |
| Altar GuildLeslie Blom, Karin Sorenson | Lila Snavey, Rhonda Garcia, Jane Hovey |

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 PREPARE TO WORSHIP-

Prelude Music
Thanksgiving for BaptismPg. 97 (Red)
Gathering Song#723 “Canticle of the Turning” - V. 1,4 (Red)

-WE PRAISE GOD-

KyriePg. 120 (Red)
Hymn of PraisePg.121 (Red)

Prayer of the Day - Read in Unison

God, our creator and redeemer, your Son, Jesus prayed that his followers might be one. Make all Christians one with him as he is one with you, so that in peace and concord we may carry to the world the message of your love; through 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 1:6-14

^{1:6} So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" ^{1:7} He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ^{1:8} But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." ^{1:9} When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ^{1:10} While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ^{1:11} They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." ^{1:12} Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. ^{1:13} When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ^{1:14} All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Second LessonI Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11

^{4:12} Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ^{4:13} But rejoice in so far as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. ^{4:14} If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you. ^{5:6} Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. ^{5:7} Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. ^{5:8} Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. ^{5:9} Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. ^{5:10} And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. ^{5:11} To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

Gospel AcclamationPg. 124 “Alleluia...” (Red)

Holy GospelJohn 17:1-11

Congregation Responds“Glory to You, O Lord”

^{17:1} After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ^{17:2} since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ^{17:3} And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ^{17:4} I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ^{17:5} So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. ^{17:6} "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ^{17:7} Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ^{17:8} for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ^{17:9} I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ^{17:10} All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ^{17:11} And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

Congregation Responds“Praise to You, O Christ”

Sermon

Silence for Reflection

*We pause to reflect on how God is at work through the Word and Sacraments,
in and through our lives and faith community, and in the world...*

THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL

Today-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
 5:00 p.m.Christian Education Ministry Team Meets

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

Wednesday 5:45 p.m.Confirmation

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

Saturday 11:00 a.m.Mother's Day Luncheon

Next Sunday-May 11 - Day of Pentecost

9:00 a.m.Worship
SUNDAY SCHOOL KIDS SING/ASSIST WITH WORSHIP- TEACHER RECOGNITION
 10:00 a.m.Fellowship
 10:15 a.m.Sunday School (Last Day for the Year)
 10:30 a.m.Adult Study

Kids First - Referendum Info

The Kids First Committee for the ACGC communities would like to inform everyone that the school referendum vote will take place on Wednesday May 21, 2008 at the ACGC JSHS building from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m.

Anyone may inquire about the referendum vote, absentee ballots, and more at the ACGC District Office. *(note: Kids First is an independent committee that helps to distribute information, and also works at joining our families together, to make a positive educational future for our children.)*

Quilt Auction Continues

Many beautiful quilts, made by Immanuel quilters, are on display in the Narthex. Bidding ends May 18. All proceeds from the silent auction will be given to our youth for their summer mission trip.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Offering from Sun., April 27, 2008 - 9:00 a.m.

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| Attendance | 104 |
| Regular Offering | \$2435.50 |
| Leadership Support | \$25.00 |
| Building Fund | \$75.00 |
| Pony Express | \$10.00 |
| Sunday School | \$24.00 |
| Sunday School Remodel Project | \$1525.00 |
| Bible Camp | \$1200.00 |
| TOTAL | \$5294.50 |
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| April Ministry Goal* | \$10,897.47 |
| Needed (To Date) To Meet April Ministry Goal ... | \$-5064.87 |

*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 visitors to sign our guest book in the entry of the church. We are glad you have chosen to worship with us today, and hope you be back to worship with us again. If you would like more information about Immanuel, contact the pastor or a Council member. We invite you for coffee, juice and treats in the Fellowship Hall (basement) following worship.

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).

Reservations for Mother's Day Luncheon

Reservations for the May 10 Mother's Day Luncheon can be made 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.

Adult Study Today

Adult Study meets today at 10:30 a.m. to study the astonishing and hard-hitting book of James. Anyone is welcome.

End of Sunday School Celebration

Next Sunday, we will be celebrating the conclusion of another successful and fun Sunday School year! The Sunday School youth will be singing during worship and assisting with worship, and our teachers will be recognized. Following worship, the students will be planting a tree.

VBS & Night Camp Registrations Due Next Sunday

Registrations for VBS and Night Camp week are due next Sunday, May 11. PreK-4th graders can register for SonHarvest VBS, and 5th-6th graders can register for Night Camp. Forms are available on the table outside the church office. Cost is \$5/child. VBS week is June 1-5, from 5:20 - 8:00 p.m. each evening.

TEACHER NEEDED

We are still in need of a 3rd grade Vacation Bible School teacher. VBS is June 1-5. Please contact the church office if you can help!