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## The Third Sunday after Easter

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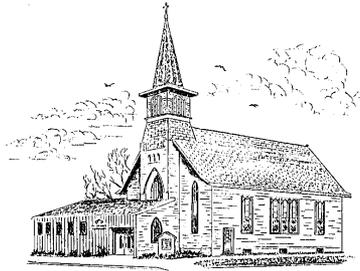
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**WELCOME** To all of you who are visiting our service this morning, we extend a most cordial welcome in Jesus' name. It is our hope that you will feel at home in our midst and will be blessed by our message of Christ crucified and risen for the sins of the world.

If you are looking for a church home or would like to know more about our beliefs and practices, please see the pastor. He will be glad to visit with you at your convenience.

**Organ Prelude** Mrs. Kathy Lueck

**Hymn** 210 *The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done*

**Order of Service** Page 5ff. in The Lutheran Hymnal

**Epistle Lesson** 1 Peter 2:11-20 Beloved, I beg *you* as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul, having your conduct honorable among the Gentiles, that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by *your* good works which they observe, glorify God in the day of visitation. Therefore submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake, whether to the king as supreme, or to governors, as to those who are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and *for the* praise of those who do good. For this is the will of God, that by doing good you may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men— as free, yet not using liberty as a cloak for vice, but as bondservants of God. Honor all *people*. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king. Servants, *be* submissive to *your* masters with all fear, not only to the good and gentle, but also to the harsh. For this *is* commendable, if because of conscience toward God one endures grief, suffering wrongfully. For what credit *is it* if, when you are beaten for your faults, you take it patiently? But when you do good and suffer, if you take it patiently, this *is* commendable before God.

**Gospel Lesson** John 16:16-23 “A little while, and you will not see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me, because I go to the Father.” Then *some* of His disciples said among themselves, “What is this that He says to us, ‘A little while, and you will not see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me’; and, ‘because I go to the Father’?” They said therefore, “What is this that He says, ‘A little while’? We do not know what He is saying.” Now Jesus knew that they desired to ask Him, and He said to them, “Are you inquiring among yourselves about what I said, ‘A little while, and you will not see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me’? Most assuredly, I say to you that you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice; and you will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will be turned into joy. A woman, when she is in labor, has sorrow because her hour has come; but as soon as she has given birth to the child, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. Therefore you now have sorrow; but I will see you again and your heart will rejoice, and your joy no one will take from you. “And in that day you will ask Me nothing. Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you.

**Hymn** 732 *Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds*

**Sermon** 1 John 3:1-2 “Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore, the

world does not know us, because it did not know Him. Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.”

# The Real You...

## The Offertory

## The Offering

Hymn 751 *God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It*

## Prayer + The Lord's Prayer

## The Benediction

Hymn 625:1-3 *Oh, Blest the House, Whate'er Befall*

**MOTHER'S DAY** The floral arrangements on the altar were given in honor of all mothers. We should rightly thank the Lord for the rich blessings given to us through them. If your mother is on this earth, be sure to show her that you appreciate all that she did for you. All Moms will also receive a carnation at the end of the service.

**WORKDAY** Thanks to all who helped clean up the properties this past Tuesday. Your efforts are appreciated.

**SUMMER BIBLE CLASS** Family Bible Class will begin on the Sunday after Memorial Day. The plan is to read and discuss sections from The New Answers Book. You will find copies in the entryway if you'd like to read ahead or at home. The books are free.

**CDS CARNIVAL** Anyone who is interested in heading-up/helping set up for the carnival on May 17 should speak with Mrs. Strike.

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**CLC Midwest Women's Retreat** Greetings! We wanted to provide an update regarding the Midwest Women's Retreat 2022. Due to feedback we have received and in talking with the retreat location coordinator, we have cancelled this year's retreat and postponed it to 2023. We are still waiting on a date for next year.

Going forward, we are looking for volunteers to take over the planning and running of the Midwest Women's Retreat. Both of us intend to step down from this role, but are willing to help transition the responsibilities to the new coordinators in 2023. Please email (emradichel@gmail.com) if you are interested in taking over this retreat.

Thank you, Erin Radichel and Sarah Radichel

**Concluding Activities at Immanuel:** Friday, May 20, will be the final day of classes at Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary. In giving the LORD God glory for the various achievements by students and student groups, Class Day will be held at 3 pm. The band will play during this event. At 7:30 pm there will be a concert of sacred music sung by the Mass Choir and Tour Choir at Messiah Lutheran Church. On Saturday, May 21, there will be the concluding Graduation worship service at 10 am at the ILC Fieldhouse. We pray that the students will take what they have learned from the Word of God and treasure the Gospel by expressing their gratitude to the LORD Immanuel in their daily walk with Him.

**CLC NEWS** Pastor John Hein, Fridley, has the call to Winter Haven, FL. Pastor David Ude, Appleton, WI has the call to Lynnwood WA. With more pastoral retirements pending, the need for more workers is crucial. Pray that the Lord will provide us with the manpower and solutions needed ahead.

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**USHERS** 05/08 Kendall B., Kraig B., Larry B. Jonathen L.  
05/15 Phil S., Zachary S., Nathan V., Anthony F.  
05/22 Trevor B., Tim Z., Joshua E., Christian K., David R.

**CLEANING** (Wk. 5) D. Voit, N. Voit  
The Ruthenbecks