

June 2, 2019

Ascension

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Acolyte: Joel Bernthal

*why do you stand looking into heaven?*

THIS JESUS, WHO WAS  
TAKEN UP FROM YOU INTO HEAVEN,  
WILL COME THE SAME WAY  
AS YOU SAW HIM  
GO INTO HEAVEN



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<sup>1</sup> " The LORD says to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool." <sup>2</sup> The LORD sends forth from Zion your mighty scepter. Rule in the midst of your enemies! <sup>3</sup> Your people will offer themselves freely on the day of your power, in holy garments; from the womb of the morning, the dew of your youth will be yours. <sup>4</sup> The LORD has sworn and will not change his mind, "You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek." <sup>5</sup> The Lord is at your right hand; he will shatter kings on the day of his wrath. <sup>6</sup> He will execute judgment among the nations, filling them with corpses; he will shatter chiefs over the wide earth. <sup>7</sup> He will drink from the brook by the way; therefore he will lift up his head.

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✠ Order of Divine Worship ✠

OPENING PRAYER

**HYMN: TLH #212:1,4,7**

**"A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing"**

**P** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** *♩* A - - - men.

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:**

*We come before God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.*

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**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

**C** *♩* **Who made heaven and earth.**

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

**C** *♩* **And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.**

**P** Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C** **O most merciful God, who hast given Thine only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Thy Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of Thee and of Thy will and true obedience to Thy Word, to the**

end that by Thy grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**P** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in His name He gives power to become the sons of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

**C**  A - - - men.

### INTROIT

*Ps. 47:1-2, 5, 8; Acts 1:11*

*A collection of passages that set the tone for the service.*

**P** Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? Alleluia.

**C** This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw Him go into heaven. Alleluia.

**P** Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

**C** For the LORD, the Most High is to be feared, a great king over all the earth.

**P** God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

**C** God reigns over the nations; God sits on His holy throne.



### GLORIA PATRI

*Latin for "Glory be to the Father"*



**C** Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;

as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

**VERSE OF THE DAY***Ps. 47:5; 68:18a*

Alleluia. God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet. Alleluia. You ascended on high, leading a host of captives in Your train. Alleluia.

**THE KYRIE***Latin for "O Lord"*

**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
 on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

**GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST***TLH #237:1*

- C** All glory be to God on high, Who hath our race befriended! To us no harm shall now come nigh, The strife at last is ended. God showeth His good will to men, And peace shall reign on earth again; O thank Him for His goodness!
- P** Let us pray. ... and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** A - - - men.

**FIRST ASCENSION READING – Luke 24:44-53** Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." <sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, <sup>46</sup> and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, <sup>47</sup> and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup> And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high." <sup>50</sup> And he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. <sup>51</sup> While he blessed them, he parted from

them and was carried up into heaven. <sup>52</sup> And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, <sup>53</sup> and were continually in the temple blessing God.

**SECOND ASCENSION READING – Acts 1:1-11** In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, <sup>2</sup> until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. <sup>3</sup> He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. <sup>4</sup> And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me; <sup>5</sup> for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." <sup>6</sup> So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" <sup>7</sup> He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. <sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." <sup>9</sup> And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup> And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, <sup>11</sup> and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."



## Reception into Membership

*Robert and Annette Custodio*



## CONFESSION OF FAITH

*The Nicene Creed*

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also**

for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, Whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**HYMN: WS #737**

**“Up Through Endless Ranks of Angels”**

**SERMON – Colossians 3:1-4** If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup> Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. <sup>3</sup> For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup> When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

### **The Ascension Gives Us Our Perfect Pitch**

- I. It's perfect for revealing the false notes of the sinful world
- II. It's perfect for tuning our hearts to the glorious life to come

### **OFFERTORY**

*In this prayer we OFFER God our hearts, asking Him for that best of all gifts, the Holy Spirit.*

- ☞** **♪ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

**HYMN: TLH #215:1,3,5**

**“Draw Us to Thee”**

### **- OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS –**

*Followed immediately by the Offering Hymn printed below:*

**OFFERING HYMN: TLH #441:1**

**“We Give Thee But Thine Own”**

- ☞** **♪ We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;  
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.**

## PRAYER and the LORD'S PRAYER

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- C** Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.
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### Order of Holy Communion

- P** Holy Communion is called the Lord's Supper (1 Cor. 11:20), the Lord's Table (1 Cor. 10:21), and the Sacrament of the Altar (1 Cor. 11:24). What is the Sacrament of the Altar?
- C** It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, given to us Christians under the bread and wine to eat and to drink, as it was instituted by Christ Himself.

**HYMN: WS #755:1**

**"What Is This Bread?"**

- C** ♪ What is this bread? Christ's body risen from the dead: This bread we break, This life we take, Was crushed to pay for our release. Oh, taste and see- the Lord is peace.

### ✠ The Institution of the Lord's Supper ✠

- P** But where is this written?
- C** The holy evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke, and the apostle Paul write this way:
- P** "Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread; and, when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples saying, 'Take, eat. This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me.'
- C** In the same way He took the cup, after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying,
- P** 'Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.'"

**HYMN: WS #755:2**

**"What Is This Bread?"**

- C** ♪ What is this wine? The blood of Jesus shed for mine; The cup of grace, Brings His embrace, Of life and love, And so I sing: Oh taste and see- The Lord is King.

## ✠ The Blessings of the Lord's Supper ✠

- P** What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?
- C** The words, "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins," show us that God gives forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation through the Sacrament.
- P** For where there is forgiveness of sins,
- C** There is also life and salvation!

**HYMN: WS #755:3**

**"What Is This Bread?"**

- C** ♪ So who am I, That I should live and He should die, Under the rod. My God, my God, Why have You not forsaken me? Oh taste and see- the Lord is free.

## ✠ The Power of the Lord's Supper ✠

- P** How can eating and drinking do such wonderful things?
- C** Eating and drinking actually do nothing. It is the words, "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins" which do this.
- P** These words, together with the bodily eating and drinking, are the main part of the Sacrament.
- C** Whoever believes these words has exactly what they say: forgiveness of sins.

**HYMN: WS #755:4**

**"What Is This Bread?"**

- C** ♪ Yet is God here? Oh, yes! By Word and promise clear. In mouth and soul, He makes us whole- Christ, truly present in this meal. Oh, taste and see- the Lord is real.

## ✠ The Reception of the Lord's Supper ✠

- P** When is one properly prepared to receive this Sacrament?
- C** Customs in connection with eating and clothing are indeed a fine preparation.
- P** However, a person is truly worthy and well-prepared who has faith in these words, "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins."
- C** Whoever does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared. The words, "for you," require nothing but believing hearts.

- C** ♪ Is this for me? I am forgiven and set free! I do believe, That I receive, His very body and His blood. Oh, taste and see- the Lord is good.

**Please Note:** The Lord's Supper is described in 1 Corinthians 11:23-32 as a most precious medicine for the soul. Like all medicines, of course, it must be used at the right time for the right purpose by the right person, lest it do more harm than good. That is one reason we ask our visitors...please speak to the pastor before you commune with us. Thank you!

### THE DISTRIBUTION

*Approach at the usher's direction.*

- P** Take and eat. This is the true body of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.  
Take and drink. This cup is the true blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.  
May this body and blood strengthen and preserve you in the true faith, unto life everlasting. Depart in peace. Amen.



✠ Thanksgiving for the Lord's Supper ✠

- C** ♪ What can I say, To ever thank Him for His grace? I'll take my place, Among His saints, And join my tongue in word and song. Oh, taste and see, Praise God with me!

## *ILS Promotion and Graduation*

### Kindergarten

Katrina Bernthal

### Second Grade

Levi Chambers

Zaiden Robinson

### Third Grade

Erick Andino

Seth Bernthal

Zachary Conn

Clayton Hargrove

### Fourth Grade

Edward Andino

Landon Goodwin

### Fifth Grade

Grant Bernthal

Destiny Douglas

### Sixth Grade

Mason Goodwin

Matthew Lewis

### Seventh Grade

Ella Bernthal

### Eighth Grade

Logan Earp



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**ILS Children Sing**

**“O, Lord, Be My Rock”**

### **THE BENEDICTION:**

*The blessing given by God for His people (Numbers 6:24-26).*

**P** The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace.

**C** *♪ Amen, amen, a – men.*

**HYMN: WS #800**

**“Go My Children”**

## **✠ Announcements ✠**

**Congratulations** to our graduate and to all the students who moved on to the next grade level. We praise the Lord for giving us the opportunity to run a Christian day school here at Immanuel, and we pray that He continues to give us the opportunity. Thank you to the teachers for all their tireless efforts, to the students for working hard at their studies, and to the parents for entrusting us with your children. Lord’s blessings on your summer!

## **Pastor Will Be Out of**

**Town** from June 10<sup>th</sup> through the 28<sup>th</sup>. The 13<sup>th</sup> through the 16<sup>th</sup>, I will be running the Arise and Shine retreat in northern Minnesota. The 18<sup>th</sup> through the 20<sup>th</sup>, I will be at the CLC General Pastor's Conference in Eau Claire, WI. My family and I will be on

vacation from the 21<sup>st</sup> through the 29<sup>th</sup>, visiting family and friends on our way back down to Florida. Immanuel will have lay readers for the services on June 16<sup>th</sup> and June 23<sup>rd</sup>, and there will be no Orlando service on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. If you need to contact me at all during this time, please do so.

**VBS** has been scheduled for July 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>. If you know any children you would like to invite, or if you can help, please do so. We are also looking for donations of snacks and money. Thanks!

**The 2019 Arise and Shine Retreat** is coming quickly! Our theme for this year is "Confidence!" In this post-truth age that we live in, so many have a hard time knowing what to believe. The Lord does not want us to have uncertainty but rather calls us to be confident in Him and His Word. If you are in your 20's or 30's and are looking for a relaxing getaway weekend of fun and fellowship, consider signing up for this retreat. The cost is \$140 per adult and \$100 per child. The retreat will be held June 13-16 in Pillager, MN. Be sure to sign up by May 31, and you will receive a retreat t-shirt. For more information, visit our website: <http://ariseandshineretreat.com>.

**CLC Call News** Immanuel teacher graduate, June Schmid, has received the call to St. John's Lutheran School, Okabena, MN. <> Teacher David Bernthal has returned call to Faith Lutheran School, Markesan, WI. He has also returned the call to Holy Trinity Lutheran School, West Columbia, SC. Finally, David has also asked for a peaceful release from his call to Luther Memorial School, Fond du Lac, WI. <> Teacher Paul Tiefel III of Messiah Lutheran School, Eau Claire, WI, has received the call to Holy Trinity Lutheran School, Columbia, SC. Paul will be notifying the Messiah congregation of his call this coming weekend.

**Candidates for Immanuel Professor Call:** The Board of Regents for Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary

## **Looking Ahead...**

- ✝ **June 2:** Promotion Sunday
- ✝ **June 2:** Communion and Fellowship Snack
- ✝ **June 9:** Orlando Service
- ✝ **June 10-29:** Pastor out of town
- ✝ **June 23:** NO Orlando Service
- ✝ **July 8-14:** VBS

invites “all pastors, professors, male teachers, and voting members of member congregations of the Church of the Lutheran Confession” (CLC Constitution) to nominate an individual or individuals to fill the vacancy which will be created by the retirement of Professor Paul Sullivan at the end of the 2019-20 academic year. The position would require the ability to teach in a variety of areas, which may include high school and college courses in religion, social sciences, and church history. To fill a current need on campus, this individual would need to be able to provide spiritual counsel and encouragement to students in the Word of God, understanding and addressing the particular challenges that students often face today, and someone who is seminary trained. The position would, God-willing, commence with the 2020-21 academic year. Those submitting nominations are strongly encouraged to verify that the individual would be willing to be nominated and would need to include information regarding their nominee’s educational background and teaching and/or professional experience, also indicating how the person might help our school in supervising extracurricular activities or serving in administrative positions. Nominations are to be received by email or letter no later than midnight July 15, 2019 (letters postmarked July 1, 2019) to: Mr. James Burkhardt; 217 Windy Lane; Rockwall, TX 75087; email: [jeb6217@yahoo.com](mailto:jeb6217@yahoo.com).

**Shut-in/Encouragement List** **Emily Kuehne** suffers from total blindness and severe knee pain when standing or walking. **Patti Meno** continues to receive treatment for her kidney condition and is awaiting a transplant. **Ray Seger** remains shut-in. **Bill Issitt III** remains mostly housebound while recovering from several health problems. **Johanna Jaehnigen** remains mostly housebound, being no longer able to drive. **Crystal Shaw** has many blood clots in her heart, lungs, and legs, and is receiving treatment to prevent a heart attack. **Bill Hartmann’s** health is deteriorating. Please keep Bill and Liz in your prayers. **Bill Issitt Sr.** has been moved to a rehab facility in Winter Haven, we pray the Lord blesses him in his recovery. **Loye Issitt** continues to receive dialysis treatment.

### **Last Week (5/19) WH – 32**

General = \$1,081 | Property Improvement = \$50 | Tuition = \$350  
Benevolence = \$10 | Scholarship = \$10      **Total Offering = \$1,501**

**June Usher:** Rudy Enriquez

| **Acolyte (6/2):** Mason K.

| **Cleaner (6/1):** Goodwin