

...let us love one another,
because love is from God;
everyone who loves
is born of God
and knows God.

-1 John 4:7 NRSV



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5th Sunday after Easter

PRESERVICE PRAYER Heavenly Father, we thank and praise You for the salvation which You have provided to a fallen world by sending your Son to suffer and die for us upon the cross. We rejoice in Your grace that in raising Jesus from the dead You have proclaimed Your satisfaction with the ransom price He paid, so that we have remission of sins and everlasting life. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that our faith in Christ as our Risen and Ever-living Lord may be strengthened unto eternal life. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE: (p. 22 Worship Supplement 2000)

HYMN 352 O Savior, Precious Savior

1 O Savior, precious Savior, Whom, yet unseen, we love;
O Name of might and favor, All other names above,
We worship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
We praise Thee and confess Thee Our holy Lord and King.

2 O Bringer of salvation, Who wondrously hast wrought,
Thyself the revelation Of love beyond our thought,
We worship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
We praise Thee and confess Thee Our gracious Lord and King.

3 In Thee all fulness dwelleth, All grace and pow'r divine;
The glory that excelleth, O Son of God, is Thine.
We worship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
We praise Thee and confess Thee Our glorious Lord and King.

4 Oh, grant the consummation Of this our song above
In endless adoration, And everlasting love!
Then shall we praise and bless Thee Where perfect praises ring
And evermore confess Thee, Our Savior and our King.

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.

P: God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.

C: If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Together let us pray.

C: Almighty God, merciful Father, we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. But we are sorry for our transgressions and pray You, of Your bountiful mercy, to be gracious and merciful unto us. Forgive us for Jesus' sake, renew us by Your Spirit, and lead us in the way everlasting. Amen.

P: Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. We are forgiven! With boldness and confidence we may approach the throne to find grace to help in time of need. In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

A NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Acts 11:19-26

Now those who were scattered after the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch, preaching the word to no one but the Jews only. ²⁰ But some of them were men from Cyprus and Cyrene, who, when they had come to Antioch, spoke to the Hellenists, preaching the Lord Jesus. ²¹ And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number believed and turned to the Lord.

²² Then news of these things came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent out Barnabas to go as far as Antioch. ²³ When he came and had seen the grace of God, he was glad, and encouraged them all that with purpose of heart they should continue with the Lord. ²⁴ For he was a

good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were added to the Lord.

²⁵ Then Barnabas departed for Tarsus to seek Saul. ²⁶ And when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. So it was that for a whole year they assembled with the church and taught a great many people. And the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch. (NKJV)

THE GOSPEL LESSON: John 15:9-17

“As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love. ¹⁰ If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father’s commandments and abide in His love.

¹¹ “These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and *that* your joy may be full. ¹² This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³ Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one’s life for his friends. ¹⁴ You are My friends if you do whatever I command you. ¹⁵ No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶ You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and *that* your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you. ¹⁷ These things I command you, that you love one another. (NKJV)

THE APOSTLES CREED

HYMN 349:1-4 Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

1 Jesus, Thy boundless love to me
No thought can reach, no tongue declare;
Unite my thankful heart with Thee
And reign without a rival there.
To Thee alone, dear Lord, I live;
Myself to Thee, dear Lord, I give.

2 Oh, grant that nothing in my soul
May dwell but Thy pure love alone!
Oh, may Thy love possess me whole,
My Joy, my Treasure, and my Crown!
All coldness from my heart remove;
My ev’ry act, word, thought, be love.

3 O Love, how cheering is Thy ray!
All pain before Thy presence flies;
Care, anguish, sorrow, melt away
Where'er Thy healing beams arise.
O Jesus, nothing may I see,
Nothing desire or seek, but Thee!

4 This love unwearied I pursue
And dauntlessly to Thee aspire.
Oh, may Thy love my hope renew,
Burn in my soul like heav'nly fire!
And day and night be all my care
To guard this sacred treasure there.

THE SERMON: 1 John 4:1-11

Theme: Preserving Among Us the Gospel of God's Love.

I. Discerning Between Truth and Error

II. Persevering in Christian Love

SERMON TEXT: 1 John 4:1-11

Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world. ²By this you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God, ³and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the *spirit* of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world.

⁴You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. ⁵They are of the world. Therefore they speak *as* of the world, and the world hears them.

⁶We are of God. He who knows God hears us; he who is not of God does not hear us. By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸He who does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son *to be* the propitiation for our sins.

¹¹Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. (NKJV)

PRAYER; THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN 397:1-4 O Love, who Madest Me to Wear

1 O Love, who madest me to wear
The image of Thy Godhead here;
Who soughtest me with tender care
Thro' all my wand'rings wild and drear--
O Love, I give myself to Thee,
Thine ever, only Thine to be.

2 O Love, who ere life's earliest dawn
On me Thy choice hast gently laid;
O Love, who here as man wast born,
And like to us in all things made--
O Love, I give myself to Thee,
Thine ever, only Thine to be.

3 O Love, who once in time wast slain,
Pierced thro' and thro' with bitter woe;
O Love, who, wrestling thus, didst gain
That we eternal joy might know--
O Love, I give myself to Thee,
Thine ever, only Thine to be.

4 O Love, who thus hast bound me fast
Beneath that easy yoke of Thine;
Love, who hast conquered me at last,
Enrapturing this heart of mine--
O Love, I give myself to Thee,
Thine ever, only Thine to be.

BENEDICTION

C: Amen.

HYMN 50:2 Thanks We Give and Adoration

2 Thanks we give and adoration
For Thy Gospel's joyful sound.
May the fruits of Thy salvation
In our hearts and lives abound;
Ever faithful, Ever faithful
To the Truth may we be found!

CALENDAR

TODAY: Thank you for coming to hear the Word.

Used bulletins should either be taken home or deposited in the wastepaper basket at the narthex door. Your offerings may be placed in the offering plate at the rear of the nave. **Adult Bible Class** is scheduled to follow the service.

WEDNESDAY: Catechism class via Zoom beginning at 4:00 p.m.

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship with Holy Communion at 9:30. Sermon text: Acts 1:1-11 Church Council is scheduled to follow the service.

FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

June 5: Minnesota Delegate Conference at Immanuel in Mankato from 10:00a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

June 24-27: CLC Convention in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. Convention is scheduled for a Thursday – Sunday.

SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: May 2 worship – 16 Bible class -- 8

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,285.00	Memorial offerings	
Offerings Received	\$720.00	Lincoln Cole for	
Needed for Year:	\$23,130.00	Prop. Imprv. Fund	\$50.00
Received for Year:	\$21,830.00		

May Church Cleaning – Congregation Spring Cleaning!

May Lawn Mowing – Hellickson

CLC NEWS: Pastor Tom Naumann, Mt. Zion, Detroit, MI has been called by Redeemer, Cheyenne, WY. <> Recently colloquized Pastor Johnathan Schnose has accepted the call to Bethel Lutheran Church, Morris, MN.<> Pastor Chad Seybt, Morning Star, Fairchild/Trinity, Millston/Peace with God, Onalaska has been called as a part-time pastor to St. Paul's, Melrose, WI.<> Pastor Nathanael Mayhew, Grace, Sleepy Eye/Faith, New Ulm returned the call to Living Savior,

Eden Prairie, MN. <> Pastor Caleb Schaller, Messiah, Eau Claire, WI has returned the call to Redeemer, Sister Lakes, MI.

Retirement Gift: Professor John Reim has announced his retirement effective the end of the current academic year. His faithful service to our church and our school will be acknowledged during the ILC Class Day/Graduation festivities on May 21-22. Our custom is to present a monetary gift as a token of our appreciation. CLC members are invited to contribute to this gift which will be presented to him at Graduation. Please make your checks payable to Immanuel Lutheran College and indicate: "Prof. Reim Retirement." Send your gift to: Immanuel Lutheran College, 501 Grover Road, Eau Claire, WI 54701

Porcupine Mountains Youth Camp-Out:

- * August 11-15, 2021
- * For Grades 8-12
- * Camp fee \$85 (from EC) or \$95 (from MN). Lodging and meals are included in this fee.

We'll camp at the Union Bay group campsite on Lake Superior. Activities will include devotions, group discussions, hiking, swimming, beach time, lots of different games, and many other activities. It's okay if you haven't camped before, we'll help you learn! We have a limit of 48 campers. Registration deadline is Monday, July 5th. Transportation will be provided from Eau Claire, WI. Once registration has closed, we'll send packing lists and forms to be completed by a parent or guardian. Check out the **Porcupine Mountains Camp-Out** Facebook page to see pictures. Register at www.tinyurl.com/Porkies2021 **Questions? Contact Adam Schmid: (608) 386-3714 aschmidy2003@gmail.com.**

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