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## The Fifth Sunday after Easter

# ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

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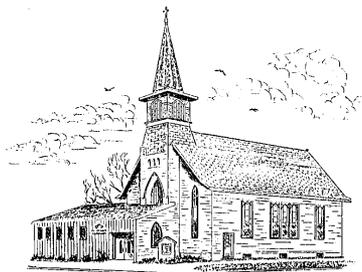
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**WELCOME** To all of you who are visiting our service this morning, we extend a most cordial welcome in Jesus' name. It is our hope that you will feel at home in our midst and will be blessed by our message of Christ crucified and risen for the sins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

As with other public buildings in MN, masks are required for churches. We also practice social distancing as recommended by our government. Please do not use any of the pews where the seat cushions have been turned on edge. Thank you.

**Prelude** Mrs. Lana Strike

**Hymn** 753 *Let the Children Come to Me*

**Ratification of Baptism** Danika Jo Ling, Baptized on March 26, 2021

**Hymn** 752 *Baptized in Water*

**Epistle Lesson** 1 Timothy 2:1-6 Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, *and* giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. For this *is* good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For *there is* one God and one Mediator between God and men, *the* Man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.

**Gospel Lesson** John 16:23-30 “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. Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.

“These things I have spoken to you in figurative language; but the time is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figurative language, but I will tell you plainly about the Father. In that day you will ask in My name, and I do not say to you that I shall pray the Father for you; for the Father Himself loves you, because you have loved Me, and have believed that I came forth from God. I came forth from the Father and have come into the world. Again, I leave the world and go to the Father.”

His disciples said to Him, “See, now You are speaking plainly, and using no figure of speech! Now we are sure that You know all things, and have no need that anyone should question You. By this we believe that You came forth from God.”

**Hymn** 457 *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

**Sermon** James 5:16-18 The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much. Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain; and it did not rain on the land for three years and six months. And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth produced its fruit.

## The Qualifications of an Effective Pray-er

**Hymn** 459 *Come, My Soul, Thy Suit Prepare*

**Prayer + The Lord's Prayer**

**The Benediction**

**Hymn** 785 *Children of the Heavenly Father*

**RATIFICATION** Danika Jo Ling was born to Coleman and Valerie Ling (nee Sanz) on March 25 of this year. She was baptized in the hospital the next day. The ratification is a public testimony before the congregation of what was done in the presence of her parents and pastor.

May the Lord, Who made Danika His own through the Sacrament of Baptism, graciously preserve her Christian faith throughout her life.

**HOSPITALIZED** Mark DeWall underwent surgery on Friday morning. Please remember him and his family in your prayers.

**NEW ADDRESSES** Herman and Lylas Eigenberg now reside in Lakeview Assisted Living in Heron Lake. If you'd like to visit them, it is necessary to call the office at least 24 hours in advance (507-793-2349).

Herb Brockshus recently moved into the Independent Living Center at the Prairie View Manor in Sanborn, IA. He also has a new phone number: (712)930-3000.

**BOOK STUDY** The next Women's Study Group is scheduled for Wednesday evening at 6:30. You are welcome to participate in person or online.

**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 from our Moms. 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.

**CLC NEWS** Pastor Johnathon Schnose will be installed as the regularly called pastor (vs. vacancy pastor) in Morris next Sunday, at 4 p.m. All area congregations are invited. Teacher Mikkela Hammond, Mountain View, CA has been called to be their second full-time teacher in Valentine. Immanu-

el, Mankato, MN modified the call of Mr. Matthew Kranz from 5th & 6th grade to fill their vacant high school position. They also modified the call of Mrs. Stephanie Roettger from Kindergarten to 5th & 6th grade. Pastor Caleb Schaller, Eau Claire, has returned the call to Sister Lakes, MI. Mrs. Beth Sandeen has returned the call to serve as ILC's part-time on-campus mentor, the female counterpart in the on-campus counseling program, beginning in the 2021-22 academic year. Mrs. April Sydow, Eau Claire, has now received this call. Teacher Nathan Buck, Clarkston, WA has accepted the call to teach the 5th-6th grades at Messiah Eau Claire. Pastor Nathanael Mayhew, Sleepy Eye/New Ulm returned the call to Eden Prairie.

**Women's Retreat West:** Plans are being made for the 2021 Women's Retreat West. The dates are September 17-19, 2021, at Chadron State Park near Chadron, Nebraska. We will be sending out more information in the near future, but if you have any questions, please feel free to contact Colleen Kalblinger ([womensretreatwest@gmail.com](mailto:womensretreatwest@gmail.com)) or Candy Ohlmann ([ocandice@hotmail.com](mailto:ocandice@hotmail.com)) We look forward to welcoming you back to Nebraska for a weekend of Christian inspiration, fun, and fellowship.

**Concluding Activities at Immanuel:** Friday, May 21, 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. On Saturday, May 22, there will be the concluding Graduation worship service at 10 am. Currently these are being planned for outside on the hill by the Fieldhouse. If there is inclement weather, these events could be held indoors with a limited attendance. As the dates get closer, more details and updates will be posted on the ILC website ([ilc.edu](http://ilc.edu)). 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.

The MN Delegate Conference has been scheduled for Saturday, June 5, in Mankato. The group will discuss the items that are coming before this summer's Convention. Representing St. John's at both the Delegate Conference and CLC Convention are Craig Ahrens and Phil Strike. The Convention runs from June 24-27.

**CLEANING** (Wk. 3) D. Ling, C. Rovere, S. Sumeay  
J. Albrecht, N. Albrecht, C. Ling