
FULL VERSION
May 7, 2023
10:30 AM In
Person
& Facebook Live.

About the Cover:

Christ, Immanuel (“God with us”), is the “chosen and precious” cornerstone who holds His whole Church together. The Lord has fit us, like stones of varying shapes and sizes, into His Church as living stones solidly built upon Christ. “The gates of hell shall not prevail against it” (Matthew 16:18). Because Christ is our cornerstone, we know that His Church will endure to the end.

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THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Theme for Worship: This morning we will hear Jesus tell His disciples that He is going to prepare a room for them in His father's house. This familiar metaphor for heaven has much larger implications for us that we will explore. We'll hear how being part of God's household comes about through Jesus and how we now share in the work of the household! *****

♪ Pre-Service Music
Ringing of the Bells
Welcome

Spiritwind

♪ Opening Song: "Father Welcomes"

Chorus: Father welcomes all His children to His fam'ly through His Son.
Father giving His salvation, life forever has been won.

1. Little children come to Me, for My kingdom is of these.
Life and love I have to give, mercy for your sin. *Chorus*
2. In the water, in the Word, in His promise, be assured;
Those who are baptized and believe shall be born again. *Chorus*
3. Let us daily die to sin; let us daily rise with Him
Walk in the love of Christ our Lord, Live in peace of God. *Chorus*

The Invocation

P We begin in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen

The Service of Holy Baptism for Alexandria Margaret Reed and Owen Anthony Prokop

P Our Lord invited, encouraged and commanded Baptism, saying to His disciples in the last Chapter of Matthew: "All authority in heaven and on Earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make Disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you."

From Scripture we learn that we are all sinful and unclean and have become separated from God. Through the water and the Word, God uses Baptism to mark us as His children while restoring our relationship with Him. Through such ordinary means of water and His Word, God creates faith, strengthens it, and promises to bless His children.

- P** Hear how our Lord Jesus has opened the Kingdom of God to little children.
 “People were bringing little children to Jesus to have Him touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, He was indignant. He said, ‘Let the little children come to Me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. I tell you the truth; anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it!’ (Luke 18:15-17)
- P** Alexandria and Owen, receive the sign of the holy cross both upon your forehead and upon your heart to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.

The Charge to Sponsors and Parents

P As parents and sponsors, you have been blessed by God with the honor and also the responsibility of raising Alexandria and Owen to know Him and help them grow in the faith that will be implanted and begun in baptism. You are to include them in your prayers, encourage and support them in their walk with the Lord. Sponsors, this will especially fall to you if they should lose their parents.

You are to raise them to know God’s Word, and bring them for instruction in the application of that Word, through Christ’s body, the Church. As they grow in years you are to see that they are instructed in the Christian faith, prepared to participate in the Lord’s Supper, and regular in attendance of the services held in God’s house where God will continue to build them up as His children. You are to instruct by your own life and actions and model the life Christ has asked us to live, always knowing that forgiveness and reconciliation are also yours when your modeling goes astray.

This then do you intend gladly and willingly to do?

Sponsors and parents: We do so intend with the help of God.

P Because Owen and Alexandria cannot speak for themselves, we shall all speak together the confession of faith they are being baptized into, realizing that as the body of Christ, we are all pledging to Owen and Alexandria and their family that we will help, support and encourage them in their walk with Christ.

P Do you renounce the Devil and all His works and all of his ways?

C I do renounce them.

P Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

C Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son?

C Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.

P Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

C Yes, I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

P Do you desire to be God's child and receive all the benefits He promises to grant in and through baptism and remembering daily the restored relationship with God through His forgiveness that will be yours?

C I do.

P Who brings these children to be Baptized?

Parents: We do.

P How are they named?

Parents: Alexandria Margaret Reed, Owen Anthony Prokop

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism is performed

P Receive this Baptismal Napkin to show that Christ has taken away and borne Owen and Alexandria's sin and put upon them His perfect righteousness.

P Receive also this burning light symbolizing the light of Christ that has come into Owen and Alexandria through Baptism this day.

P Let us pray. Almighty and most merciful God and Father, we thank and praise You that You graciously preserve and enlarge Your family and have granted Owen and Alexandria new birth in Holy Baptism and made them members of Your Son, Jesus Christ, and heirs of Your heavenly kingdom. We humbly ask that as they have become Your children You will keep them in their baptismal grace that according to Your good pleasure they may faithfully grow to lead a Godly life to the praise and honor of Your Holy Name and finally with all Your saints obtain the promised inheritance in heaven.

C Amen

Congregational Leader: Through Baptism God has added Alexandria Margaret Reed and Owen Anthony Prokop to His people to proclaim the wonderful deeds of our Savior, who has called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.

C We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow members of the body of Christ, children of the same heavenly Father, to work with us in His kingdom.

Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

P & C O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

First Reading

Acts 6:1–9; 7:2a, 51–60

¹Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. ²And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, “It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. ³Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. ⁴But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.” ⁵And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. ⁶These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them. ⁷And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith. ⁸And Stephen, full of grace and power, was doing great wonders and signs among the people. ⁹Then some of those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called), and of the Cyrenians, and of the Alexandrians, and of those from Cilicia and Asia, rose up and disputed with Stephen. . . . ²And Stephen said: “Brothers and fathers, hear me. . . . ⁵¹You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you. ⁵²Which of the prophets did not your fathers persecute? And they killed those who announced beforehand the coming of the Righteous One, whom you have now betrayed and murdered, ⁵³you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it.” ⁵⁴Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth at him. ⁵⁵But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶And he said, “Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.” ⁵⁷But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. ⁵⁸Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” ⁶⁰And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 Peter 2:2–10

²Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation—³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. ⁴As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, ⁵you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For it stands in Scripture: “Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.” ⁷So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,” ⁸and “A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. ⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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Children’s Message

Pastor Marty

Holy Gospel

John 14:1–14

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 14th chapter.

¹[Jesus said:] “Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ²In my Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to where I am going.” ⁵Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” ⁸Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.” ⁹Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves. ¹²“Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. ¹³Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord

C Praise to You O Christ..

♪ Sermon Song: “Consuming Fire”

1. There must be more than this
O breath of God come breathe within
There must be more than this
Spirit of God we wait for You
Fill us anew we pray
Fill us anew we pray

Chorus: Consuming fire fan into flame
A passion for Your name
Spirit of God fall in this place
Lord have Your way
Lord have Your way with us

2. Come like a rushing wind
Clothe us with power from on high
Now set the captives free
Leave us abandoned to Your praise
Lord let Your glory fall
Lord let Your glory fall

Chorus: Consuming fire fan into flame
A passion for Your name
Spirit of God fall in this place
Lord have Your way
Lord have Your way with us
Lord have Your way
Lord have Your way with us

Sermon: “Becoming part of God’s Household”

Rev. Marty Marks

Confession and Absolution

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

The Offering/ Announcements *The plates are brought forward*

(An offering plate is available in the narthex; plates will not be passed during the worship service. Immanuel has the ability to accept offerings through online giving. Families can easily give one-time or set up as recurring gifts. Simply make a secure donation via electronic check by visiting www.ImmanuelDeKalb.com. If you choose to set up a recurring gift, you will be prompted by email to create your own online donor account to manage your gifts.)

The Intercessory Prayers

The Leader says prayers for specific and general concerns of God's people, following each petition with "Lord in your mercy" to which the congregation responds with "Hear our prayer."

The Lord's Prayer

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 forever and ever. Amen**

The Celebration of the Lord's Supper

(The Lord's Supper is celebrated in this service in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us. If you share this confession, we invite you to commune with us. If you have doubts or questions concerning this confession of our faith community, we ask that you withhold participation until receiving clarification or instruction from our pastor. The pastor will also offer a blessing to any unconfirmed children who desire it.)

P The Sacrament of Holy Communion delivers to us the forgiveness of sins earned for us by the sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross. His real Body and Blood come to us in, with and under the bread and wine. Not only are our sins forgiven through this meal, our faith is strengthened, and the Holy Spirit guides us to be better and more effective servants to God. To help prepare our hearts and minds as we receive these gifts, please join me in praying:

P & C **Father I trust in Your Son, Jesus, as my Savior. As I prepare to receive His real Body and Blood into me, please make my heart inclined to receive it in a way pleasing to You. Create a true sense of repentance in my heart and a sincere desire to follow You after it is received. Please empower me to serve You better in a sense of unity with You and with others. Amen.**

The Words of Institution

P Our Lord Jesus Christ on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples and said, “Take, eat, this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me. In the same way, also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: Drink of it all of you; this is My blood of the new testament, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do as often as you drink it in remembrance of Me.

P Come, the table is prepared, and the Lord awaits.

C **We come in the name of Jesus.**

The Sacrament is Distributed for Us to Receive

♪ Distribution Songs:

♪ “Change My Heart, O God”

Change my heart,
O God, Make it ever true.
Change my heart,
O God, May I be like You.

You are the Potter,
I am the clay
Mold me and make me,
This is what I pray.

Change my heart,
O God, Make it ever true.
Change my heart,
O God, May I be like You. *(Repeat)*

(End)

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♪ “Feed Us Now”

1. Feed us now, Bread of life,
in this holy meal;
Let us know your love anew:
We hunger for you.
Feed us now, Bread of life,
Come and live within;
Let your peace be ours today,
Lord Jesus, we pray.
2. Piece of bread, glass of wine:
Lord, this food is good!
Love and mercy come to us;
Your promise we trust.
Piece of bread,
glass of wine;
Who can understand
How His mercy works in these?
Yet, Lord, we believe.

3. **God is here, O so near,
Nearer than our thoughts.
Stay with us where'er we go;
Lord, help us to grow.
God is here, O so near,
In this heaven's meal.
May we always feed on you - On the bread that is true.**

♪ **“Freely, Freely”**

1. **God forgave my sin in Jesus' name,
I've been born again in Jesus' name;
And in Jesus' name I come to you
To share His love as He told me to.**

Chorus: **He said, Freely, freely you have received:
Freely, freely give.
Go in my name, and, because you believe,
Others will know that I live.**

2. **All pow'r is giv'n in Jesus' name,
In earth and heav'n in Jesus name;
And in Jesus name I come to you
To share His pow'r as He told me to. *Chorus***

Benediction

Silent Prayer

Postlude

PARTICIPANTS – May 7 , 2023		
Altar Guild: Carolyn McQuillan		
	8:00 a.m.	10:30a.m
Musicians	Linda Conrad; <i>Organist</i> C-J Motisi; <i>vocalist, pianist</i>	Angela Pringnitz; <i>Spiritwind coordinator</i>
Pastor	Rev. Marty Marks	Rev. Marty Marks
Acolyte	Ken Boldt	Haley Banks
Lay Reader	Shannon Coulombe	Amy Haeseker
Radio Narrator	Julie Ann Fuchs	---
Videographer/Sound	Glenn Fuchs	Doug Nelson
Slides	Mark Mistic	Nathan Allen
Usher	Russ Peterson, Tom Sawyer & Dennis Martinez	Ann Nelson & Bryan Faivre
Communion Assist.	Roger Maas & Chris Cook	Will Michels & Dan Lohmeier
Greeters	The people of Immanuel	The people of Immanuel

THE WORSHIP SERVICE IS BROADCAST EACH SUNDAY AT 10:30 A.M. ON WLBK 1360.

Altar Flowers: “In Celebration and praise to God for Raegan Tiggelaar’s birthday,” by her family.

Radio Broadcast: “To the glory of God for all His many blessings,” by The people of Immanuel.

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These checks may be placed in the offering plate or mailed to the church office.

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