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I Have CALLED YOU FRIENDS

About the Cover:

Jesus does not treat us as servants but as friends. He does not withhold from us what the Father is doing but openly shares His loving intention. The Father's love is this: "That He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16). That love spills over into doing what Jesus has commanded and loving one another, especially all fellow friends of Jesus.



JOHN 15:15

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The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Theme For Worship: In our Gospel Lessons, Jesus lays out the full extent of His love for His disciples and for us all. “Greater love has no one than this, that someone lays down his life for his friends ” tells us powerfully what Jesus does for us, and what we are called to do for others. So what does it look like to lay down our life for Jesus? We’ll explore that idea this morning.

♪ Pre-Service Music
Ringing of the Bells
Welcome

Spiritwind

♪ Opening Song: “Everything I Am”

(Sung 2 times)

Everything I am, everything I have,
Everything I can, I bring to You.
For You alone are worthy,
So I come to give You praise,
And everything I am I bring to You.

The Invocation

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

C Amen

Nicene Creed

C 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 \dagger of the world to come. Amen.

Sunday School Teacher Appreciation

Collect of the Day

P Let us pray.

P & C Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Service of the Word

First Reading

Acts 10:34–48

³⁴Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), ³⁷you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.” ⁴⁴While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. ⁴⁵And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. ⁴⁶For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, ⁴⁷“Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” ⁴⁸And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 John 5:1–8

¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. ⁴For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. ⁵Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? ⁶This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. ⁷For there are three that testify: ⁸the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree.

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Holy Gospel

John 15:9–17

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 10th chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

⁹[Jesus said:] “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. ¹²“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³Greater love has no one than this, that someone lays down his life for his friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. ¹⁷These things I command you, so that you will love one another.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

♪ Sermon Song: “Jesus is the Answer”

Chorus: Jesus is the answer

**For the world today
Above Him there’s no other
Jesus is the way
Jesus is the answer
For the world today
Above Him there’s no other
Jesus is the way**

- 1. If you have some questions
In the corners of your mind
Traces of discouragement
And peace you cannot find
Reflections of your past
Seem to face you ev’ry day
But this one thing I do know
Jesus is the way** *Repeat Chorus*

Sermon: “Greater Love has no one than this”

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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 *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 Offertory

--Spiritwind

Announcements

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:

“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.

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

1. Let us break bread together on our knees,
Let us break bread together on our knees;
When I fall down on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord have mercy on me!
2. Let us drink wine together on our knees,
Let us drink wine together on our knees.
When I fall down on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord have mercy on me!
3. Let us bow ‘round the altar on our knees,
Let us bow ‘round the altar on our knees.
When I fall down on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord have mercy on me!
4. Let us praise God together on our knees,
Let us praise God together on our knees.
When I fall down on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord have mercy on me!

**Benediction
Silent Prayer
Postlude**

PARTICIPANTS May 5, 2024		
Altar Guild: Jackie Hanson & Carolyn McQuillan		
	8:00 a.m.	10:30a.m
Greeters	The People of Immanuel	Jackie Hanson
Musicians	Linda Conrad; <i>Organist</i> C-J Motisi, <i>Pianist & Soloist</i>	Angela Pringnitz; <i>Spiritwind coordinator</i>
Pastor	Rev. Marty Marks	Rev. Marty Marks
Children’s Message	---	Pastor Marty
Acolyte	Alexis Cruz	Chloe Marks
Lay Reader	Tom Sawyer	Alyssa Landshaft
Radio Narrator	Julie Ann Fuchs	---
Videographer/Sound	Doug Nelson	Kylie Von Schnase
Slides	Glenn Fuchs	Doug Nelson
Ushers	Chris Cook, Taylor McWilliams & Russ Peterson	Will Michels, Bryan Faivre & Dan Lohmeier
Communion Assistant	Russ Peterson & Ken Boldt	Brian Pringnitz & Kyle Von Schnase

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 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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