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THAN THIS

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH AND STUDENT CENTER

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10:30 a.m. In person
& Face Book live

ASCENSION SUNDAY

Theme for Worship: This morning we are commemorating the Ascension of Jesus. We'll hear how Jesus said His farewell and left final instructions with His disciples before ascending to heaven. Jesus instructs them to wait for the coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. We'll examine the earthly ministry of Jesus and see the "bookends" of God coming in human form and living among His children.

Pre-Service Music ♪

--*Spiritwind*

Ringing of the Bells

Pastor Marty Welcome

Opening Song ♪ "Refiners Fire"

Purify my heart, let me be as gold and precious silver.

Purify my heart, let me be as gold, pure gold.

Chorus: **Refiner's fire, My heart's one desire is to be holy,**

Set apart for You Lord. I choose to be holy,

Set apart for You my master, ready to do Your will.

Purify my heart, cleanse me from within

And make me holy. Purify my heart,

Cleanse me from my sin, deep within. (1 measure instrumental) Chorus

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The Invocation

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

C Amen

Apostles' Creed

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

Collect of the Day

P Let us pray. Almighty God, as Your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, ascended into the heavens, so may we also ascend in heart and mind and continually dwell there with Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The First Reading

Acts 1:1–11

¹In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, ²until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³To them he presented himself alive after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. ⁴And 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; ⁵for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.” ⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷He said to them, “It is not for you to know

times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. ⁸But 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.” ⁹And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, ¹¹and 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.”

A 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.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Children’s Message

--Pastor Marty

Holy Gospel

Luke 24:44-53

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 24th chapter.

C Glory to you O Lord

⁴⁴Then [Jesus] 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.” ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures,

⁴⁶and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And 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.” ⁵⁰Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. ⁵¹While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵²And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, ⁵³and were continually in the temple blessing God.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C** Praise to You O Christ

Sermon Song ♪ “God Will Make a Way”

**God will make a way where there seems to be no way,
He works in ways we cannot see,
He will make a way for me.
He will be my guide,
Hold me closely to His side, with love and strength for each new day,
He will make a way, He will make a way.**

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Sermon: “A Fitting Ending, for Now”

--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

(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.)

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 Closing Song ♪ "Carry the Call"

**Lord make us a light to the nations
Help us to shine like the Son
Lord we carry the message of Jesus
Help us to reach those
Who've yet to be won
We're called out of darkness
And into the light
A people that walk in the power
Of Your might**

**And we will run with the wind
Of Your Spirit
And we will answer the call
And we will flow with the river from Heaven
Wherever the river may fall
We'll carry the call**

**Lord give us a heart for the people
And help us to touch everyone
Lord give us a hand of compassion
That they might be drawn
To the love of Your Son**

**We're called out of darkness
And into the light
A people that walk in the power
Of Your might**

**Wherever the river may fall, Wherever the river may fall
We'll carry the call, We'll carry the call, We'll carry the call**

The Benediction

Silent Prayers

Postlude

--Spiritwind

TODAY'S PARTICIPANTS – May 9, 2021		
Altar Guild: Carolyn McQuillan & Jackie Hanson		
	8:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Musicians/Vocalists	Linda Conrad, <i>organist</i> C-J Motisi; <i>pianist, vocals</i>	Angela Pringnitz; <i>Spiritwind coordinator</i>
Acolyte	---	Chloe Marks
Lay Reader	Pat McKinley	Darlene Hillman
Children's Message	Pastor Marty	
Radio Narrator	Sue Harms	---
Sound Operator	Nathan Allen	Doug Nelson
Videographer	Kevin & Jackson Harms	Rachel Schmitt
Slide Operator	Nathan Allen	Doug Nelson
Usher	Dan Lohmeier	

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

Altar Flowers: “To the glory of God in celebration of Keith & Danika’s 5th anniversary today, and Nora’s 1st birthday on May 7th,” by Jim & Carol Nelson.

Radio Broadcast: “In loving memory of my mother, Bertha Conrad, and grandmother, Nora Miller,” by Linda Conrad on Mother’s Day.

TO BE A SPONSOR: Contact the office to reserve a date.

Cost: \$45 Flowers.

\$225 One-hour radio broadcast of the church service; \$125 Half-sponsorships are also available. Make your check out to Immanuel, with a notation on the memo line saying, “flowers,” or “radio.” These checks may be placed in the offering plate or mailed to the church office.

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