



## Emmanuel Lutheran Church

May 6, 2018  
Easter 6

Common Service with Communion  
*Christian Worship* p. 15

Richard Durow, Guest Pastor • Linda Noack, Organist  
Roger Vomhof, Vacancy Pastor

### ***To Our Visitors***

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- The restrooms are in the fellowship hall. Turn to your left when exiting the church.
- We are happy to have children in our worship. Cloth bags with age appropriate books and activities are available. Please ask an usher.

### ***Calendar for This Week***

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#### **Today**

10:30 am Bible Class, Sunday School and Ignite Youth Group

#### **Tuesday**

5:00 pm Board of Outreach  
6:00 pm Board of Elders

#### **Wednesday**

3:15 pm Confirmation Class

4:45 pm Confirmation Class

## **Thursday**

10:30 am Bible Class

7:00 pm Ascension Service

## **HYMN**

*O God of Mercy, God of Might* CW 499

## **FIRST LESSON:** Acts 11:19-26

<sup>19</sup> Now those who had been scattered by the persecution that broke out when Stephen was killed traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus and Antioch, spreading the word only among Jews. <sup>20</sup> Some of them, however, men from Cyprus and Cyrene, went to Antioch and began to speak to Greeks also, telling them the good news about the Lord Jesus. <sup>21</sup> The Lord's hand was with them, and a great number of people believed and turned to the Lord.

<sup>22</sup> News of this reached the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. <sup>23</sup> When he arrived and saw what the grace of God had done, he was glad and encouraged them all to remain true to the Lord with all their hearts. <sup>24</sup> He was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and faith, and a great number of people were brought to the Lord.

<sup>25</sup> Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, <sup>26</sup> and when he found him, he brought him to Antioch. So for a whole year Barnabas and Saul met with the church and

taught great numbers of people. The disciples were called Christians first at Antioch.

**PSALM OF THE DAY:** Psalm 98, CW p. 103

**SECOND LESSON:** 1 John 4:1-11

Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. <sup>2</sup> This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, <sup>3</sup> but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard is coming and even now is already in the world.

<sup>4</sup> You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world. <sup>5</sup> They are from the world and therefore speak from the viewpoint of the world, and the world listens to them. <sup>6</sup> We are from God, and whoever knows God listens to us; but whoever is not from God does not listen to us. This is how we recognize the Spirit of truth and the spirit of falsehood.

<sup>7</sup> Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup> Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. <sup>9</sup> This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup> This is love: not that we

loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. <sup>11</sup> Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

**GOSPEL:** John 15: 9-17

<sup>9</sup> “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. <sup>10</sup> If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love. <sup>11</sup> I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. <sup>12</sup> My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup> Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. <sup>14</sup> You are my friends if you do what I command. <sup>15</sup> I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. <sup>16</sup> You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. <sup>17</sup> This is my command: Love each other.

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

*I’m But a Stranger Here* CW 417

## **SERMON**

Sermon Text: Revelation 21: 1-6

Theme: Jesus is Making Everything New for Us.

I. Our new home

- II. Our new relationship
- III. Our new confidence

## **DISTRIBUTION HYMN**

*Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared* CW 312

## **CLOSING HYMN**

*Forever with the Lord* CW 213

## ***Guest Speaker Today***

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Pastor Richard Durow of North Hudson, a retired pastor, is our guest speaker today. May our gracious God bless his message to you. Pastor and Mrs. Vomhof plan to return home this evening.

## ***Ascension Day Service***

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We will observe the Ascension of our Savior into heaven with a special service this week on Thursday, May 10 at 7 pm. Come and hear why Christ's ascension is such an important teaching of the Bible and what comfort His ascension gives us believers.

## ***Women of Emmanuel Upcoming Events***

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### ***Monthly Meeting***

Tuesday, May 15 at 7 pm

## ***Church and School Cleaning Team for May***

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Leader: Maynard Huth  
Stephen Gartzke, Tom Parker, Tom Spreeman,

## ***Other Items of Interest***

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Attendance last Sunday: 93

Fellowship refreshments next Sunday: Wegner

## ***Paid Office Manager Position Open at Christian Life Ministries in Little Canada***

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Use your God given gifts of time and talents to work up to 30 hours per week Monday – Friday (infrequent weekends for events). Oversee general daily, monthly, and annual office operations in support of the board and staff of CLM (New Day Pregnancy Center and New Day Thrift Store).

Must be WELS/ELS in good standing, exhibit excellent interpersonal skills, proficient computer skills, data entry, bookkeeping and familiar with Quick Books is helpful. Hourly rate begins at \$12/hr. or greater, depending on experience. (The position has potential for up to 40 hours per week and higher hourly rate, if the individual fulfills the Ministry Advancement Coordinator responsibilities - working with donors, congregations and church contacts.) Please send resume to Christian Life Ministries 2756 Lake Shore Ave. Little Canada, MN 55117, attention Laura Gruetzmacher or contact us at 651-649-3538 for more information. Please respond on or before May 21st.



CREATION MOMENTS  
Proclaiming Evidence for Truth

## Why Do We Smile?

A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; – Ecclesiastes 3:4

Did you know it's practically impossible to laugh without smiling at the same time? Try it sometime. Oh, you can make laughing sounds without smiling, but you can't laugh for real. Well, if you're anything like me, you just might laugh out loud when you hear what evolutionists are now telling us about why babies smile and laugh.

According to evolutionists at Kyoto University, babies smile not because they are amused or because they are trying to communicate with their parents. Babies smile for the same reason that monkeys smile – "to facilitate the development of cheek muscles, enabling humans, chimpanzees, and Japanese monkeys to produce smiles, laughs, and grimaces." They add, "Spontaneous smiles don't express feelings of pleasure in chimpanzees and Japanese monkeys; rather, the smiles are more similar to submissive signals and grimaces rather than smiles." According to study author Masaki Tomonaga, "We can infer that the origin of smiles goes back at least 30 million years, when old world monkeys and our direct ancestors diverged."

Really now! Do evolutionists honestly expect us to believe this? There's nothing funny about evolutionary nonsense

like this. The reason we smile – even when we're babies – is because God created human beings as emotional creatures capable of expressing an incredibly wide range of feelings. When's the last time you thanked God for such a wonderful gift?

Ref: "Smiling baby monkeys and the roots of laughter," ScienceDaily, 8/4/16. Fumito Kawakami, Masaki Tomonaga, Juri Suzuki. The first smile: spontaneous smiles in newborn Japanese macaques (*Macaca fuscata*). *Primates*, 2016; DOI: 10.1007/s10329-016-0558-7.

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