

Seventh Sunday of Easter ~ May 24, 2020

THEME: Our Savior assures us of his abiding care and presence.

HYMN 173: *“On Christ’s Ascension I Now Build”*

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PRAYER OF THE DAY: Almighty God, your Son our Savior was taken up in glory and intercedes for us at your right hand. Through your living and abiding Word, give us hearts to know him and faith to follow where he has gone; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

FIRST LESSON: 1 Peter 4:12-17 / 5:6-11 (EHV)

The glory and joy of Christ’s resurrection and ascension stand in contrast to the day to day reality of the world with its sufferings and temptations. However, the mature in Christ are not surprised that trials and suffering remain integral parts of their life in this world.

4:12 Dear friends, do not be surprised by the fiery trial that is happening among you to test you, as if something strange were happening to you. Instead rejoice whenever you are sharing in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. If you are insulted in connection with the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you. Make sure that none of you suffers as a murderer, a thief, a criminal, or as a meddler. But if you suffer for being a Christian, do not be ashamed, but praise God in connection with this name. For the time has come for judgment to begin with the household of God. Now if it begins with us, what will be the end for those who disobey the gospel of God? 5:6 Therefore humble yourselves under God’s powerful hand so that he may lift you up at the appointed time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Have sound judgment. Be alert. Your adversary, the Devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour. Resist him by being firm in the faith. You know that the same kinds of sufferings are being laid on your brotherhood all over the world. After you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who called you into his eternal glory in Christ Jesus, will himself restore, establish, strengthen, and support you. To him be the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen.

PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 8 (p. 67) (spoken / sung in unison)

THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 17: 1-11 (EHV) (Please stand)

Jesus closes his farewell discourse to his disciples on the night he was betrayed with his “High Priestly Prayer.” In it, the Lord prays that the Father will glorify the Son so that he may glorify the Father. Jesus’ prayer continues to comfort us today, for in it, the Lord shows once more how dear and precious his own are to him.

17:1 After Jesus had spoken these things, he looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the time has come. Glorify your Son so that your Son may glorify you. For you gave him authority over all flesh, so that he may give eternal life to all those you have given him. This is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you sent. I have glorified you on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do. Now, Father, glorify me at your own side with the glory I had at your side before the world existed. “I revealed your name to the men you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me, and they have held on to your word. Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. For I gave them the words you gave me, and they received them. They learned the truth that I came from you. They believed

that you sent me. “I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, because they are yours. All that is mine is yours, and what is yours is mine. And I am glorified in them. I am no longer going to be in the world, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you.”

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HYMN 170: *“Draw Us to Thee”*

SERMON TEXT: Acts 1:1-14 (EHV)

Luke recounts the ascension of Jesus and names the roster of apostles.

1:1 I wrote my first book, Theophilus, about everything Jesus began doing and teaching 2until the day he was taken up, after he had given instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. 3After he had suffered, he presented himself alive to the apostles with many convincing proofs. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and told them things about the kingdom of God.

4Once, when he was eating with them, he commanded them, “Do not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for what the Father promised, which 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 were together with him, they asked, “Lord, is this the time when you are going to restore the kingdom to Israel?”

7He said to them, “It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has set 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, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

9After he said these things, he was taken up while they were watching, and a cloud took him out of their sight. 10They were looking intently into the sky as he went away. Suddenly, two men in white clothes stood beside them. 11They said, “Men of Galilee, why are you standing here looking up into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.”

12Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mountain called the Mount of Olives, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day’s journey away. 13When they entered the city, they went to the upstairs room where they were staying. Peter and John were there, also James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, Simon the Zealot, and Judas the son of James. 14All of them kept praying together with one mind, along with the women, with Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

SERMON THEME: What Are You Looking For?

1. Because you know what Jesus did for you
2. Because you know what Jesus wants you to do

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HYMN 619: *“God Bless Our Native Land”*

PRAYER & BLESSING

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SILENT PRAYER & ANNOUNCEMENTS & DISMISSAL



May 24, 2020 Announcements

During Our Worship Service this morning we will be celebrating the Lord's Supper. Communion will be served to you in your pew.

Saturday & Sunday Worship Continues: Worship is offered as a sign-up for three mini-services at 5:00 p.m. Saturday or 9:00 a.m. or 10:00 a.m. Sunday. Please sign-up if you wish to attend. Please do not arrive more than 10 minutes before Worship is scheduled to begin. Please leave church immediately after Worship has concluded and kindly take your Worship bulletin with you. You are welcome to visit in our parking lot with fellow members.

To sign-up for Worship: Sign-up sheet is on the table at the back of church or call (920) 233-1379.

Our Tuesday Morning Bible Class has resumed and will continue throughout the summer.

Lamplighter Articles for Our June issue are due in the church office as soon as possible.

Northwestern Publishing is allowing a "free" download of their periodicals *Forward in Christ* and *Meditations*. If you do not have a paper copy, please consider going on-line to view. www.nph.net

Cinco de Junio (Fifth of June) Celebration unfortunately has been cancelled. We were optimistic, but it appears to be too soon for us to gather. However, keep in mind, our annual church picnic is scheduled for August 2 right here at Immanuel. Won't it be fun for us to finally have a fellowship?!

Pastor is available for personal counseling and/or individual communion. Call directly (920) 495-3259 to set-up a day and time that is convenient.

A Very Safe and Happy Memorial Weekend to our members and visitors as we remember veterans and loved ones that have gone before us. All gave some, some gave all.

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GIFTS		Office Hours this week:	
Budgeted Need per week	\$3,120.00	Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 8:00 a.m. - Noon	
Budgeted Received 05-17-20	\$1,359.00	This week at Immanuel:	
Budgeted Need to date	\$62,400.00	Tuesday	9:30 a.m. Bible Class
Budgeted Received to date	\$67,905.01	Saturday	5:00 p.m. Worship Service
Worship Attendance 05-17-20	24	Sunday	9:00 a.m. Worship Service
		Sunday	10:00 a.m. Worship Service
		Any Day	Call for private communion (920) 495-3259

"In times like these, it helps to recall there have always been times like these."

~Paul Harvey

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