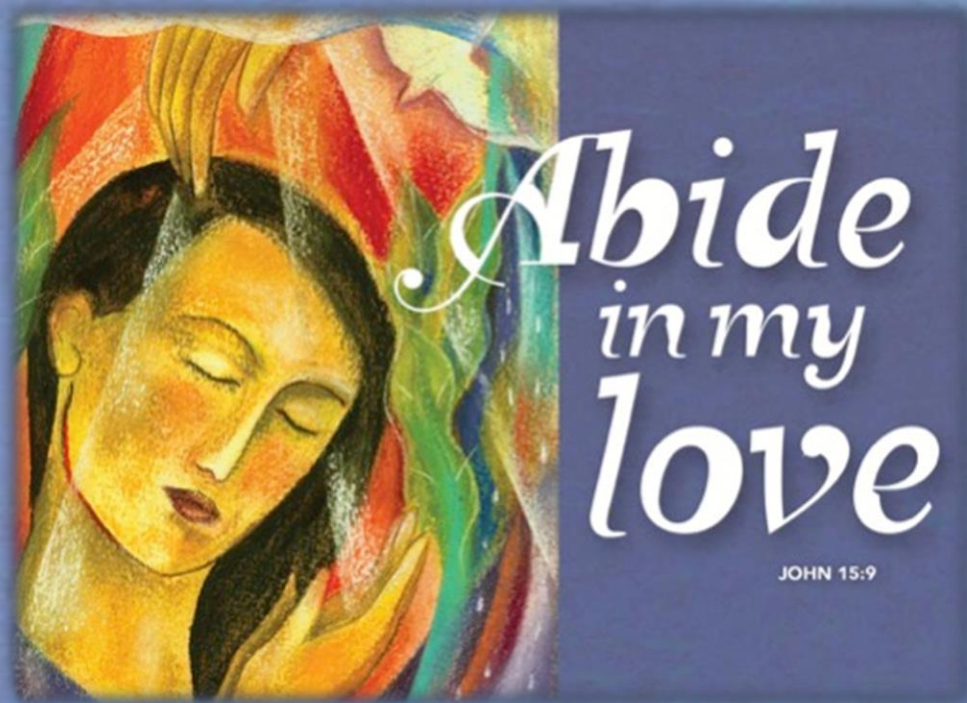


Welcome to Immanuel Lutheran!



**6th Sunday of Easter – May 6, 2018
8:30 a.m.**

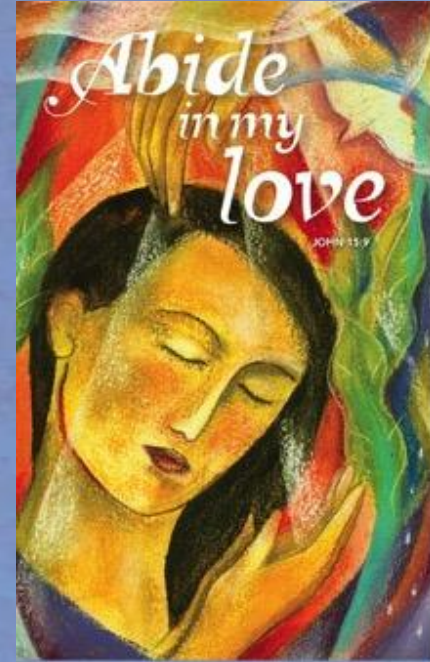
Call to Worship

This is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!



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Opening Song – “We Are Called” *ELW 720*

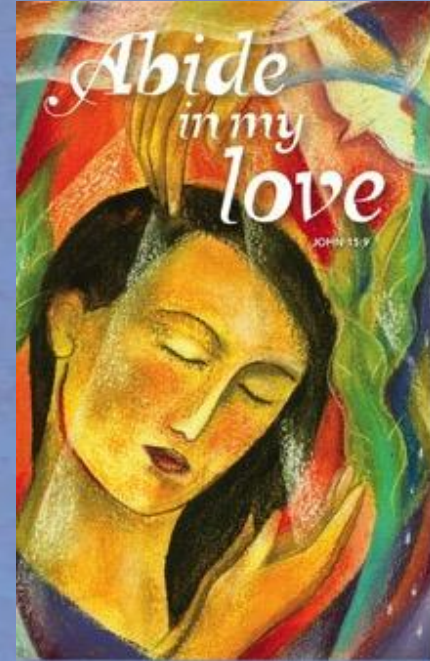
1 Come! Live in the light!

Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!

We are called to be light for the kingdom,
to live in the freedom of the city of God.

Refrain

We are called to act with justice,
we are called to love tenderly;
we are called to serve one another,
to walk humbly with God.



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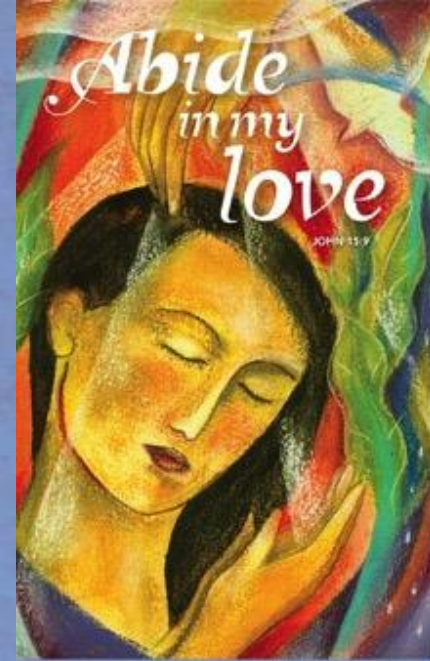
2 Come! Open your heart!

Show your mercy to all those in fear!

We are called to be hope for the hopeless
so hatred and blindness will be no more.

Refrain

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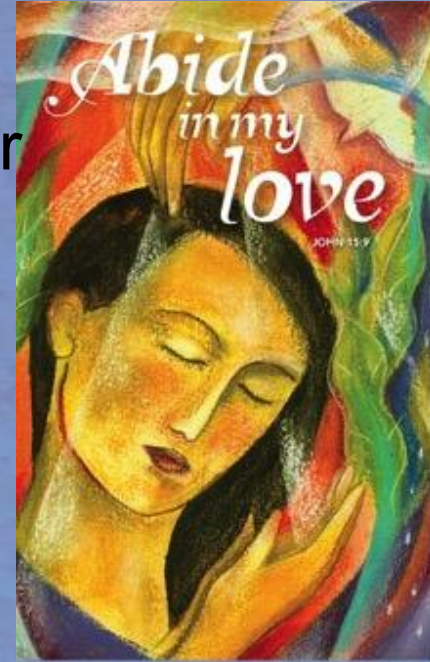
3 Sing! Sing a new song!

Sing of that great day when all will be one!

God will reign, and we'll walk with each other
as sisters and brothers united in love.

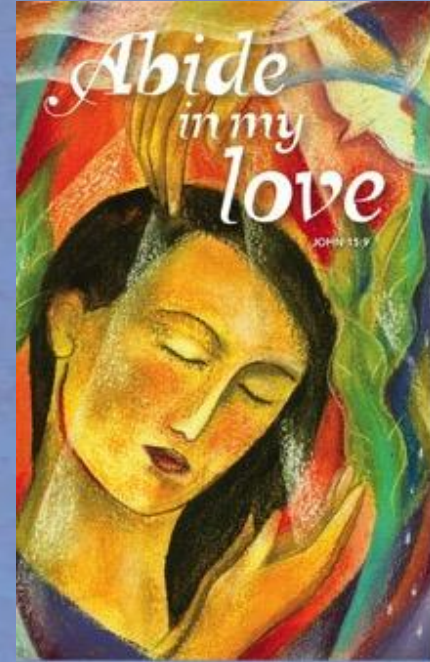
Refrain

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to walk humbly with God.



Welcome

- Please take a moment to sign the *Friendship Pads*.
- We will be celebrating *holy communion*. All are welcome.



Living in God's Grace as a Neighbor to the World

Confession and Forgiveness

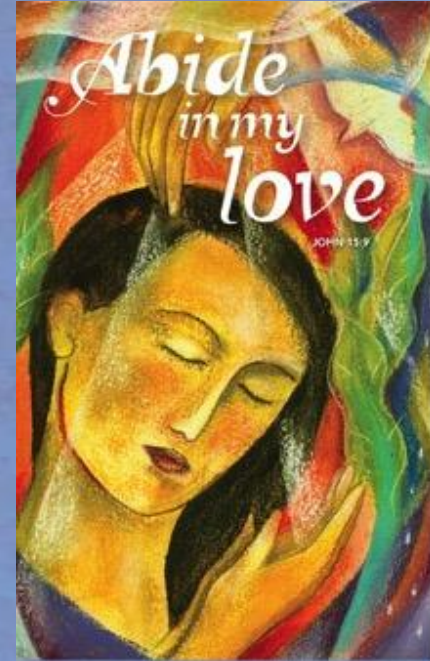
In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known, and from whom no
secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our
hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you and worthily
magnify your holy name, through Jesus
Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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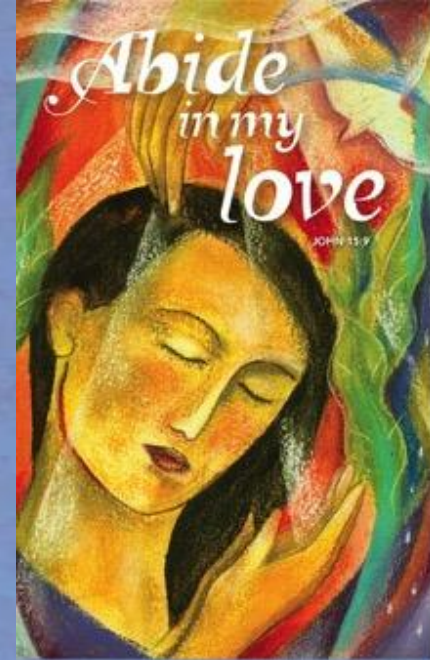
Confession and Forgiveness

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.

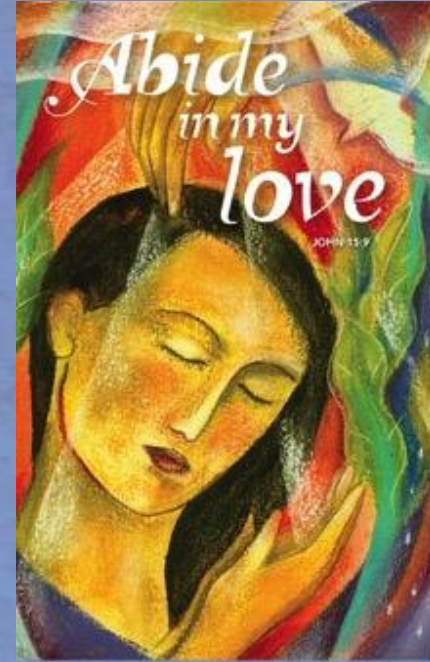
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Confession and Forgiveness

We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. 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.

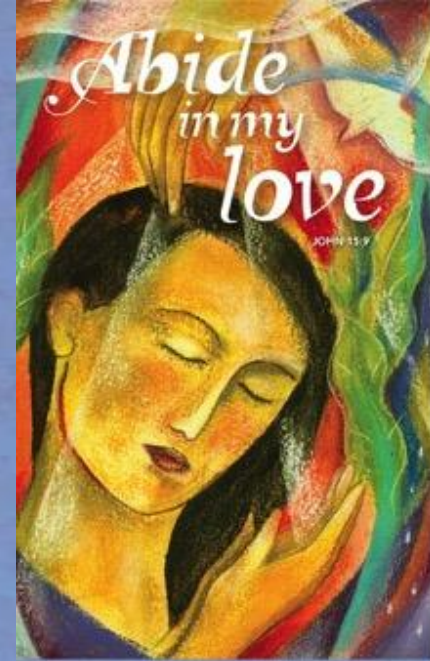


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Confession and Forgiveness

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.



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Proclamation of the Resurrection

Christ is risen!

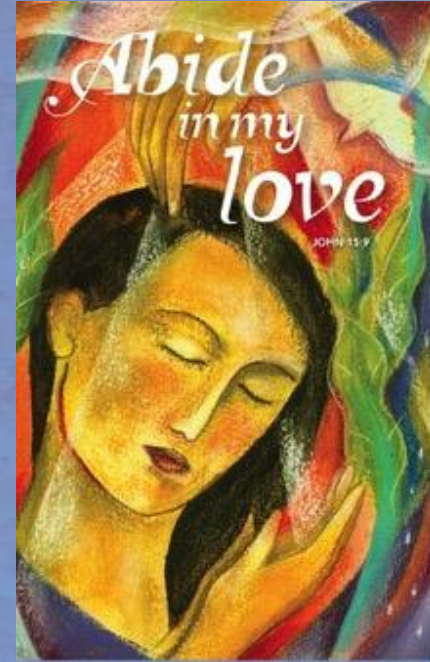
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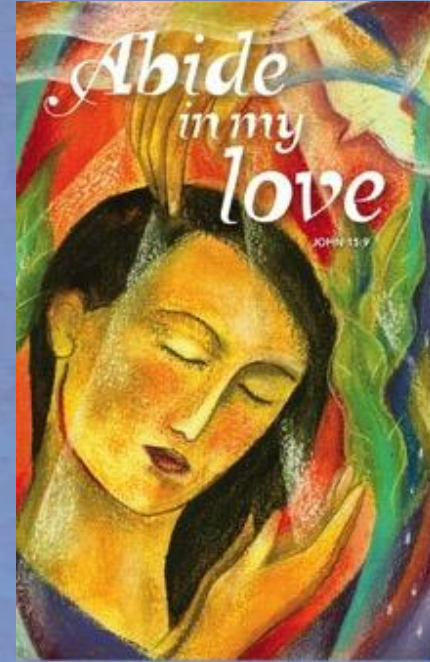


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Canticle of Praise *ELW 380 (v. 1, 5)*

Please join in singing:

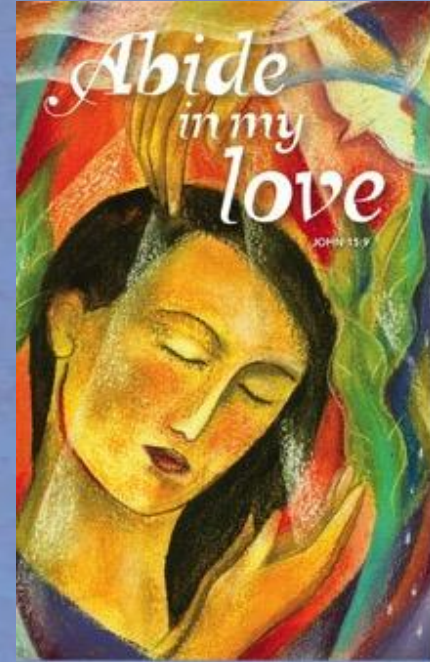
Hallelujah! Jesus lives!
He is now the Living One;
from the gloomy halls of death
Christ, the conqueror, has gone,
bright forerunner to the skies
of his people, yet to rise.



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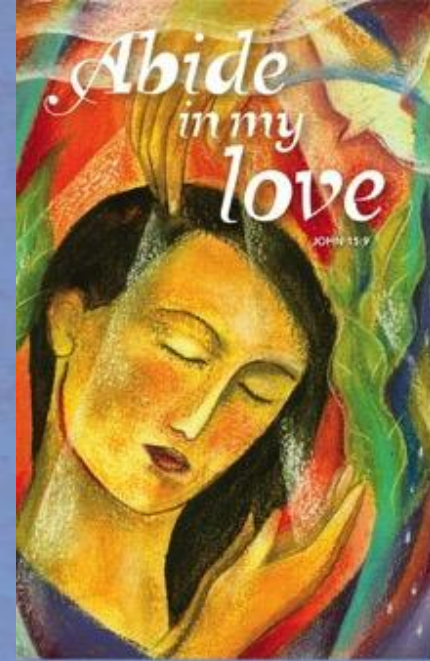
Hallelujah! Angels, sing!
Join with us in hymns of praise.
Let your chorus swell the strain
which our feebler voices raise:
Glory to our God above
and on earth his peace and love!



Apostolic Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

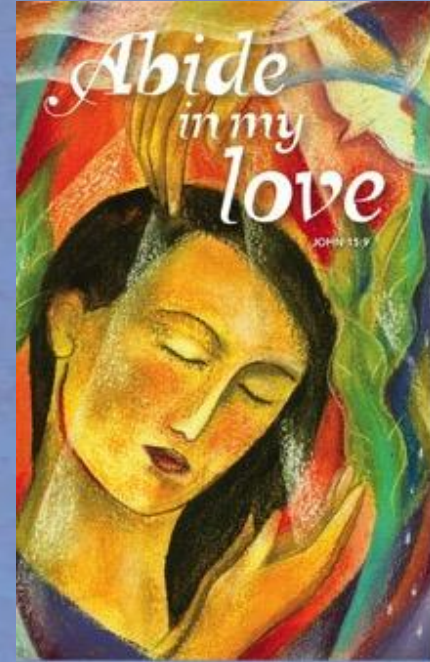


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Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. O God,

you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



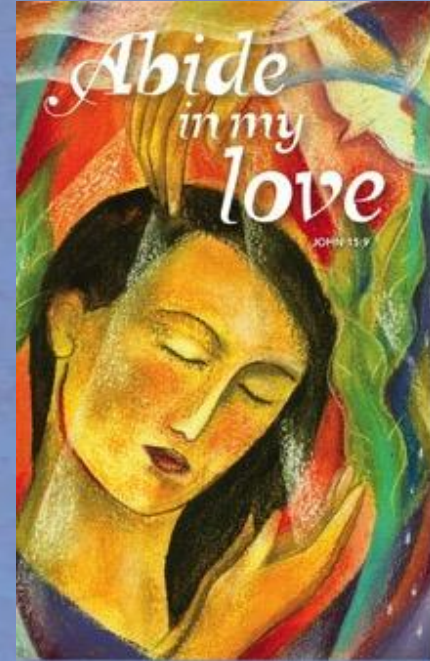
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Lessons

1st Lesson – Acts 10:44-48

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Psalm 98

- 1 Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done marvelous things, whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.
- 2 **O LORD, you have made known your victory, you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

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Psalm 98

³ You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

⁴ **Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

⁵ Sing to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song.

⁶ **With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout with joy before the king, the LORD.**

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Psalm 98

- 7 Let the sea roar, and all that fills it, the world and those who dwell therein.
- 8 **Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to judge the earth.**
- 9 The LORD will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity.

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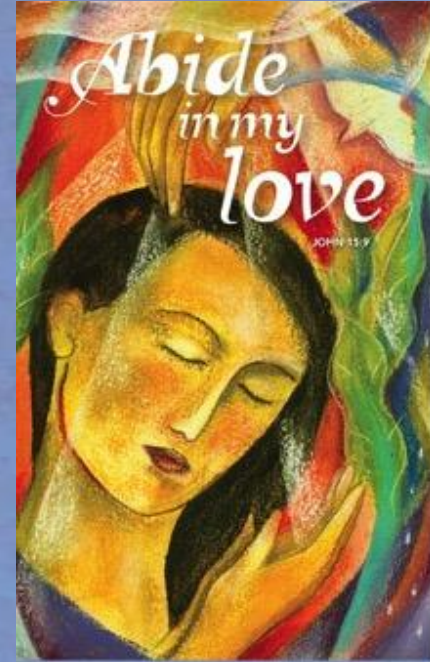
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2nd Lesson – 1 John 5:1-6

Gospel – John 15:9-17

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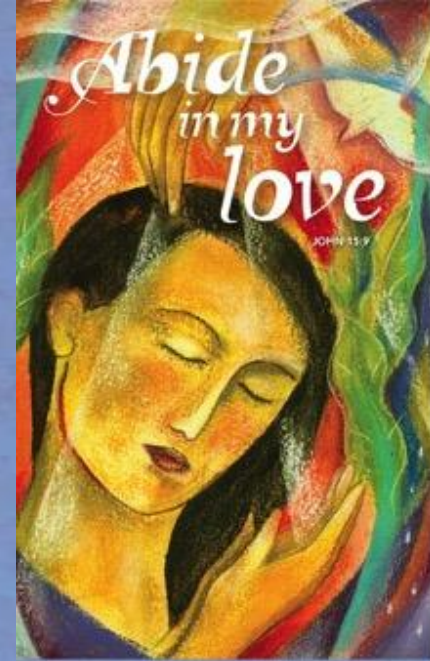


Children's Time

All those young (and young at heart) are welcome to come forward for a special time with the Pastor

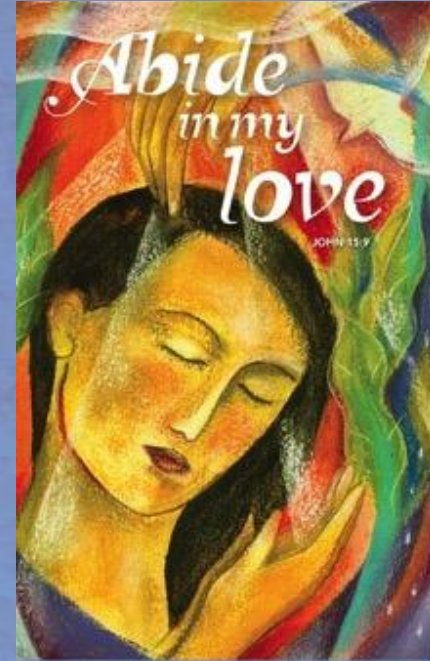
Sermon

“What a Friend”



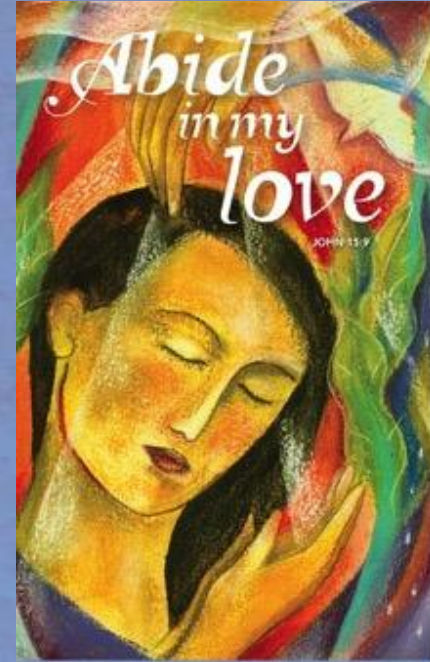
Song of the Day – “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” *ELW 742*

1 What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
ev'rything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit;
oh, what needless pain we bear--
all because we do not carry
ev'rything to God in prayer!



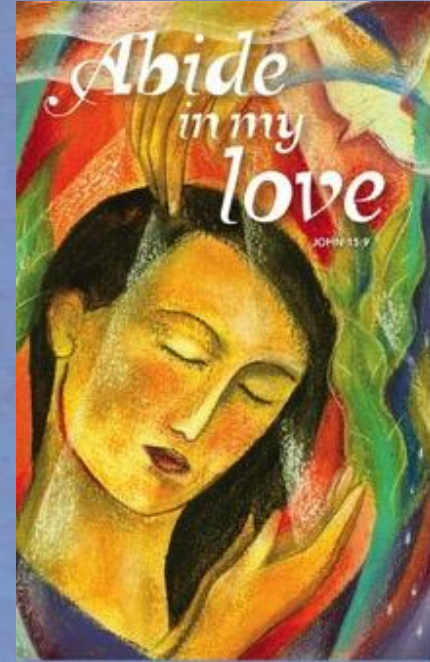
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2 Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged--
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness--
take it to the Lord in prayer.



Song of the Day – “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” *ELW 742*

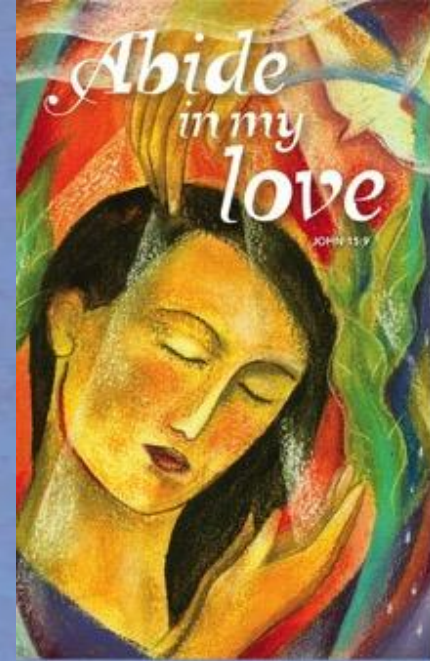
3 Are we weak and heavy-laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge--
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do your friends despise, forsake you?
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In his arms he'll take and shield you;
you will find a solace there.



Apostles' Creed

We are made God's people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father
almighty, creator of heaven and
earth.**



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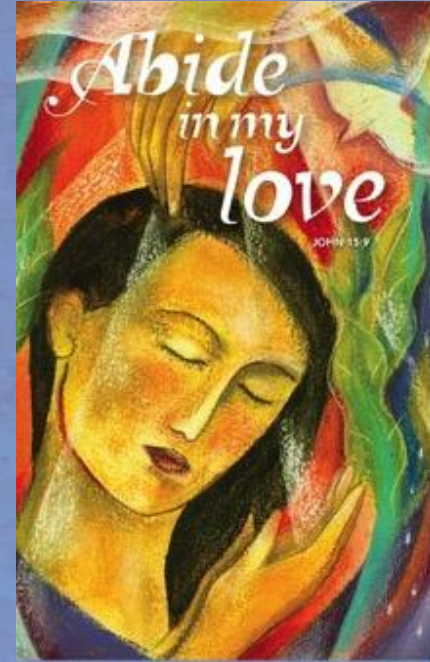
Apostles' Creed

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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Apostles' Creed

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**



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Immanuel Lutheran Prayer Concerns



- Members – Prayers of joy for **Karina Noelle Ganz** (*new daughter of Ben & Alex Ganz, born April 13*); **Family of Don Schultz, Jessica Albert, Donna Albers, Fountain Neal, Gene Williams**
- Friends & Family – **Family of Clara DeLong** (*Lucy Nicholson's daughter*); **Brandi Bailey** (*Jean Albert's granddaughter*); **Ron Yenerich** (*Connie Williams' brother*); **Hannah York** (*LuAnn Kromm's niece*); **Robert Hornung** (*LuAnn Kromm's brother*)
- Our Leaders - *ELCA Bishop - Elizabeth Eaton; NIS Bishop - Jeffrey Clements; Heart of Illinois Lutheran Parish Pastor Jeff Schlesinger*

Are there additional prayer requests?

Prayers of Intercession

Rejoicing in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we pray for the witness of the church, the wholeness of creation, and all who are in need.

Each petition concludes:

...O God.

Your mercy is great.

We entrust all our prayers to you, gracious God. Receive them by the power of the Holy Spirit and the love of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

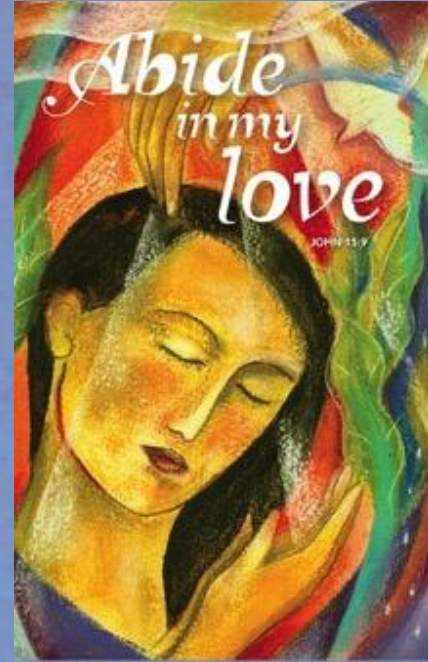
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Sharing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you
always.

And also with you.

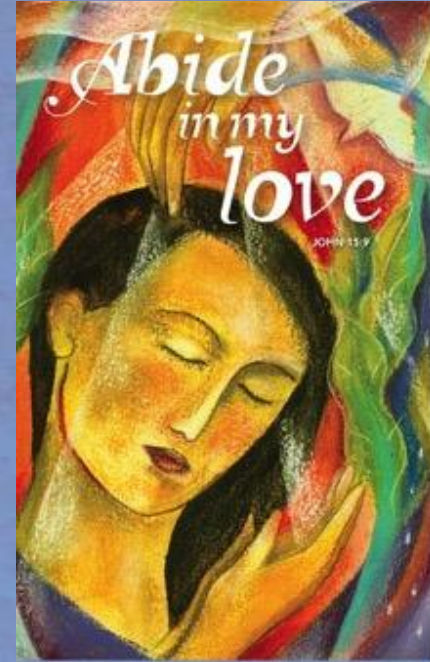
*Please turn to those around you and
share a sign of God's peace.*



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Offering

*We respond to God's grace by offering what God has first given us so that the good news of Jesus may continue to be proclaimed through the ministries of Immanuel Lutheran Church. **Thank you** for your generous response.*

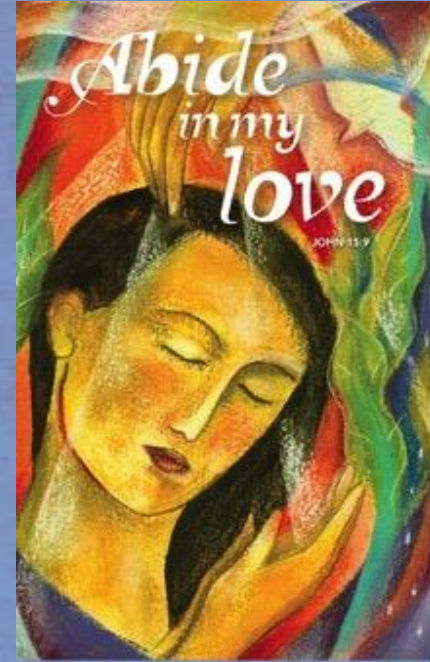


Offering Song – “Give Thanks”

please join in singing...

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
give thanks to the Holy One, give
thanks because he's given Jesus
Christ, his Son.

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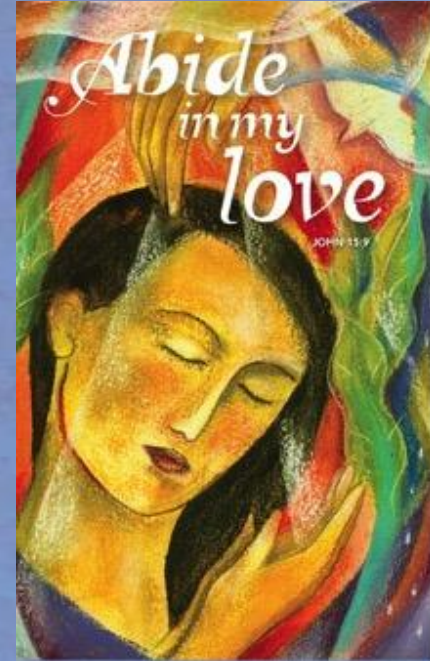
Offering Song – “Give Thanks”

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And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am rich," because of what the Lord has done for us.

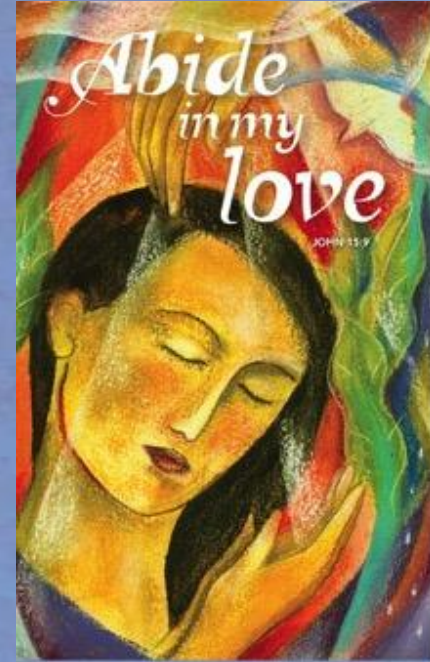
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Give thanks!



Offering Prayer

Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God,
ruler of heaven and earth. Day by
day you shower us with blessings.
As you have raised us to new life in
Christ, give us glad and generous
hearts, ready to praise you and to
respond to those in need, through
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.



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Communion

The Lord be with you.

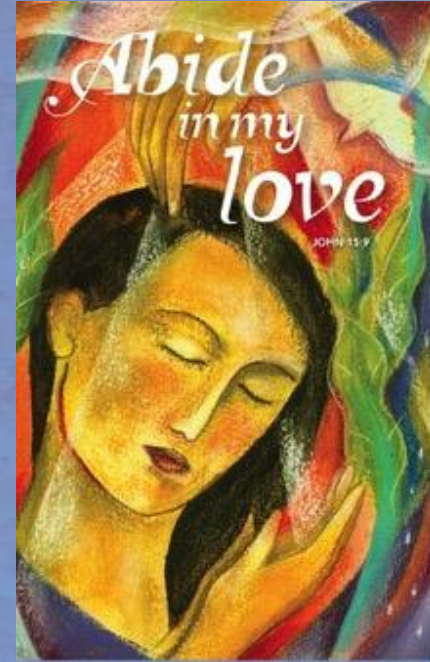
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and
praise.**

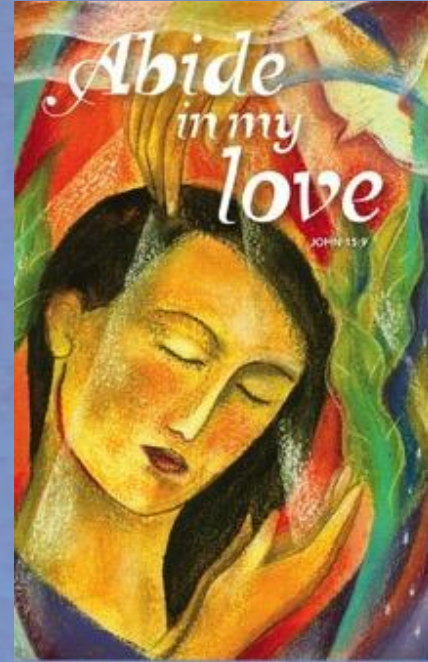


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Communion

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

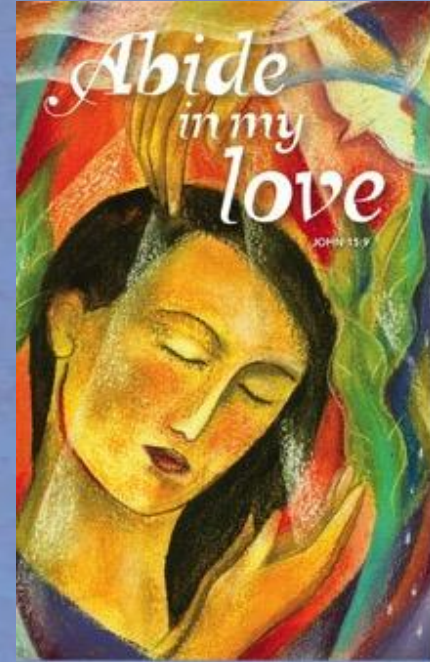


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Communion

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.



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Communion

please join in singing:

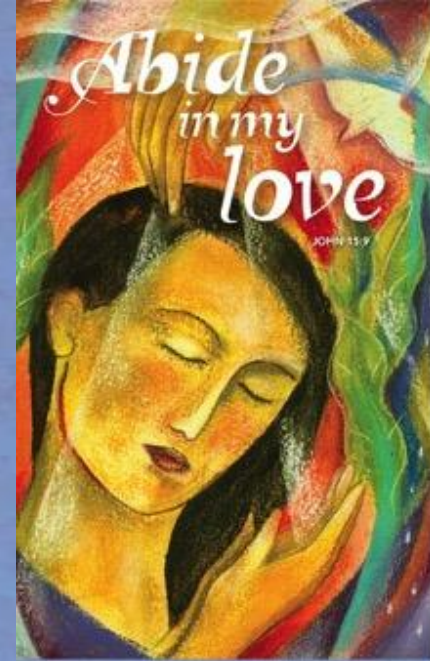
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Communion

The table is set. The gifts are ready. Come and receive God's grace.



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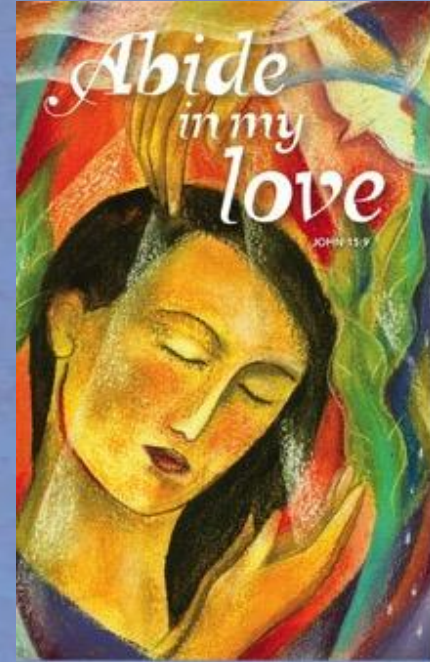
Communion: Lamb of God *ELW p. 146*

please join in singing:

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

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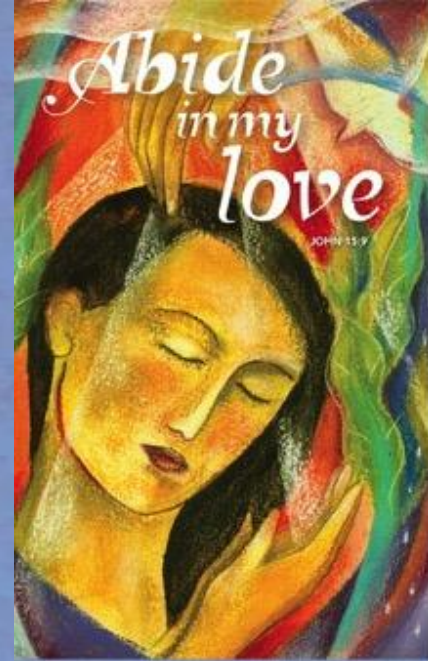
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.



Communion Distribution

As we receive the bread and cup today, we receive grace upon grace from Jesus: forgiveness, new life and salvation.

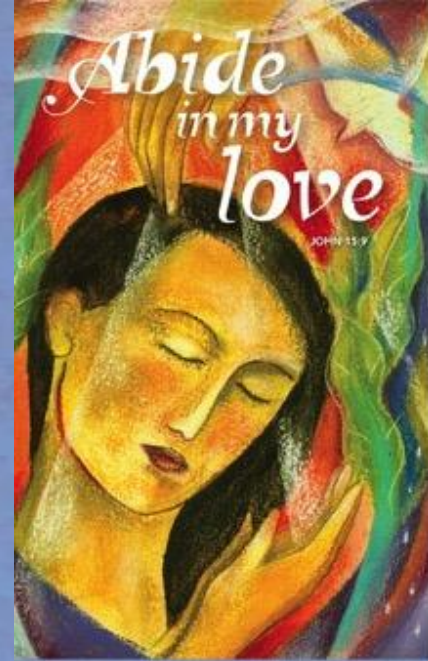
*Come and hold your hands out and receive God's goodness with the holy word of thanks:
"Amen!"*



Communion Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which you have now received, strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

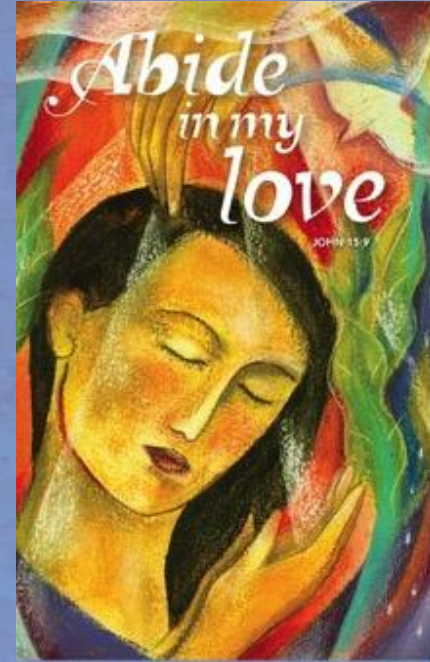
Amen.



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Prayer after Communion

Let us pray. Life-giving God,
in the mystery of Christ's resurrection
you send light to conquer darkness,
water to give new life, and the bread of
life to nourish your people. Send us
forth as witnesses to your Son's
resurrection, that we may show your
glory to all the world, through Jesus
Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

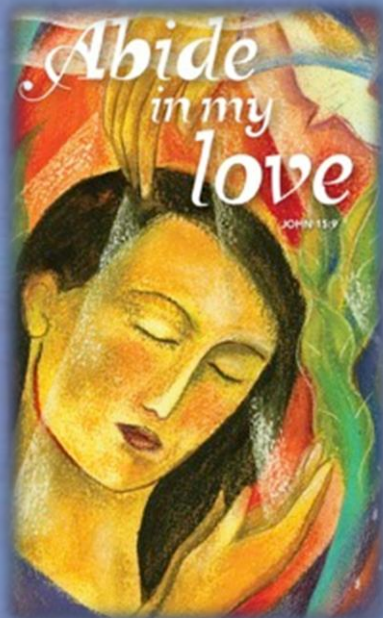


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Announcements - *Upcoming Activities*

- **Sunday 5/6/18**
 - 1:00 p.m. – NICE Walk @ Indian Creek High School
 - 4:00 p.m. – Paw Paw HS Baccalaureate @ Immanuel
 - 6:30 p.m. – Confirmation @ Immanuel
- **Thursday 5/10/18** – Council @ Immanuel, 6:30 p.m.
- **Friday 5/11/18** – Bible Study @ Immanuel, 9:00 a.m.
- **Saturday 5/12/18** – 1st Lutheran NICE Volunteer, 8:00 a.m.
- **Sunday 5/13/18**
 - 8:30 a.m. – Worship @ Immanuel
 - 9:45 a.m. – Sunday School @ Immanuel
 - 10:30 a.m. – Worship @ First

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Take a nice walk for N.I.C.E.



When?



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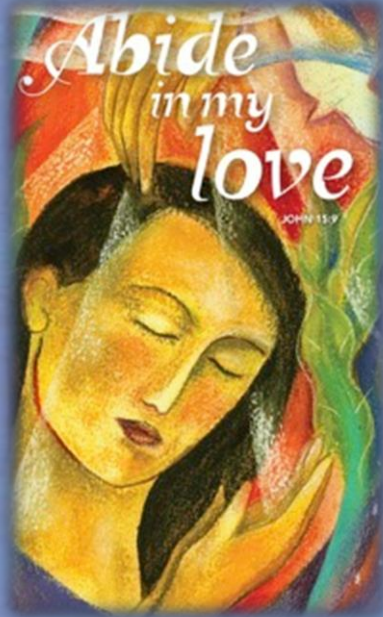
Where?

Indian Creek High School

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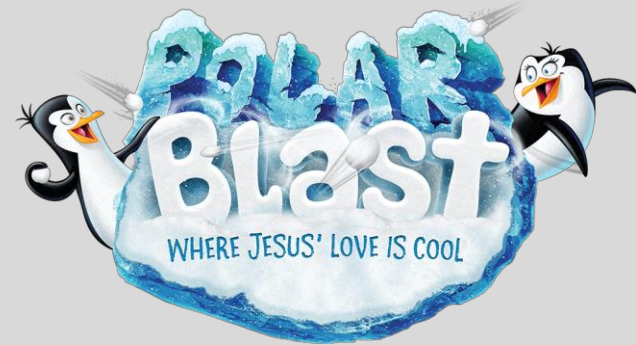
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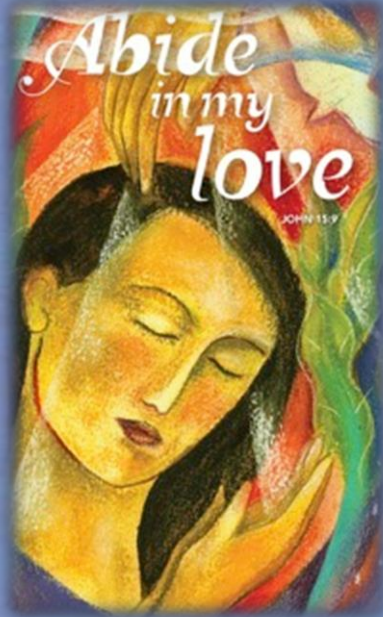
2018 Vacation Bible Camp

June 10-13

Registration begins May 1st

**Check bulletin and newsletter
for details**

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May 6, 2018

Announcements

May is 1st Lutheran's

NICE Center Volunteer Month

Please come join us to help one or more of the Saturdays during the month. This is a very important ministry of the area congregations to reach out to those with food instability.

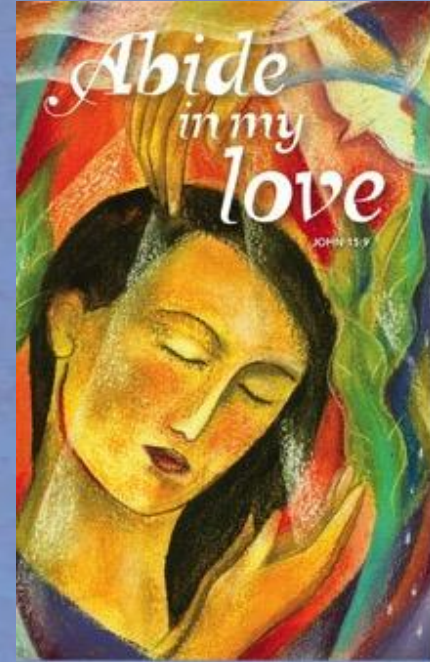
Benediction

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

May God who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy. Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

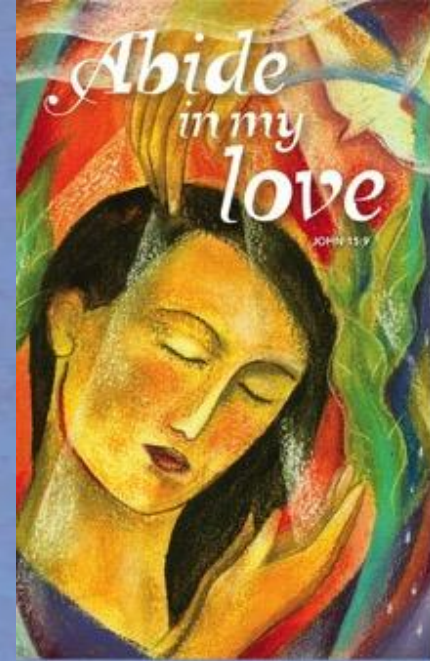
Amen.



Closing Song – “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

ELW 836

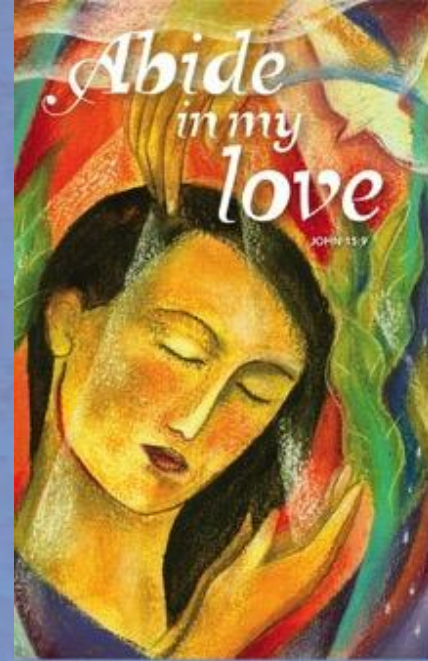
- 1 Joyful, joyful we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee,
praising thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.



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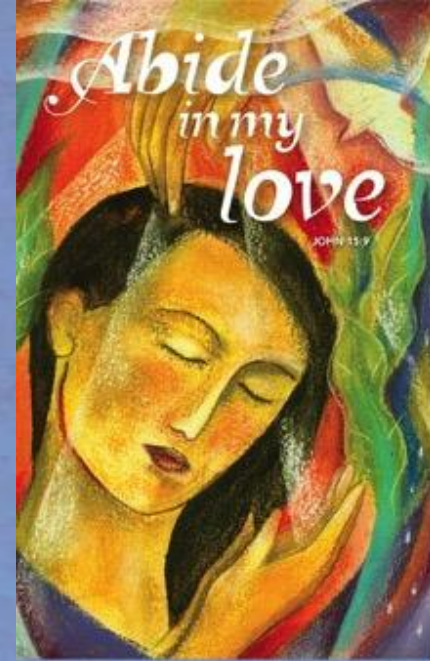
2 All thy works with joy surround thee,
earth and heav'n reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee,
center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird, and flowing fountain
call us to rejoice in thee.



Closing Song – “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

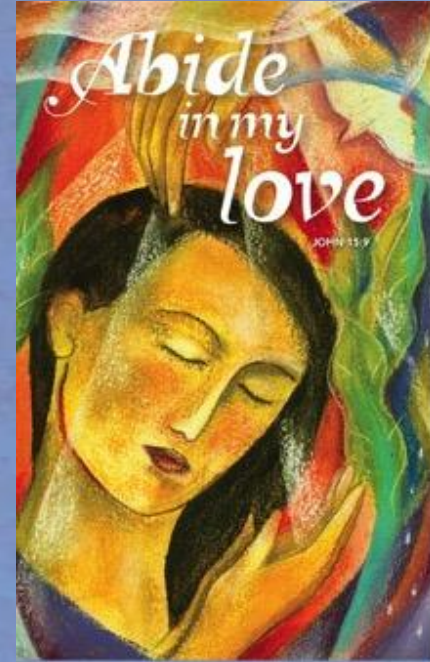
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3 Thou art giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living,
ocean-depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother,
all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine!



Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the risen Lord!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!



Worship leader reads regular print, *congregation responds with* **bold print.**