

Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid. From now on you will catch men."

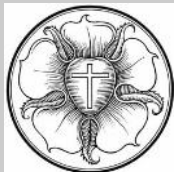
ST. LUKE 5:10

FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY



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Estates in Life

by Pastor Sutton

"FINALLY, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places" (Ephesians 6.10-12).

The Small Catechism identifies three estates in life: the church, the state, and the family.

This is made clear by the Table of Duties, the collection of Bible verses Dr. Luther carefully selected to "admonish" the "various holy orders and positions" about their duties and responsibilities. He calls them "holy" orders and positions - they have been given by God, they come down to earth as heavenly gifts - even though the office holder of a "holy order and position" are in fact sinners.

In the Table of Duties, the Church is covered in "To Bishops, Pastors, and Preachers" and "What Hearers Owe Their Pastors." The state is covered with verses "Of Civil Government" and "Of Citizens." The family is covered with "To Husbands", "To Wives", "To Parents", "To Children", "To Youth", and "To Widows". Luther touches the family's economy with "To Workers of All Kinds" and "To Employers and Supervisors." "To Everyone" reminds all three estates that at all times all are to "love your neighbor as yourself" (Romans 13.9) and pray, intercede for, and give thanks for all people around them in whatever estate they hold office or vocation. Every so often, you should review and meditate upon the Table of Duties.


Each of these estates functions quite differently, but are equally necessary for the sake of a healthy society. For example, the church gives gifts of grace (i.e., Gospel). The Church dispenses the forgiveness of sins on account of Jesus Christ, on His behalf. Meanwhile, the state bears the sword to maintain order and peace (i.e., Law) and is not in the business of forgiving sins. The family nurtures and provides (i.e., Mercy) - practicing and reaching out to each other with the forgiveness and love of Christ. Parents raise children to love God and His Word, and at the same time raise them to love, honor, and esteem their parents and other authorities (such as the state) who derive their authority from the office of parent - in other words, to be good Christians and citizens.


What happens when one of these three estates in life fail, are absent, negligent, or are silent/silenced? Tragically, we are seeing this in our culture


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Esprit de corps indicates a sense of union and of common interests and responsibilities, as developed among a group. Our community of Immanuel is centered in the Lord Jesus Christ as He comes to us in the Holy Scriptures and the Sacraments.

Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church is an historic and centrally located parish—called, gathered, and strengthened by Christ's Word and Sacraments—confessional in doctrine, evangelical in orientation, orthodox in liturgy, cosmopolitan in membership; serving the Terre Haute community and the students of Indiana State University and Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, and reaching out to the nations since 1858 as a parish of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good

by Kantor Schultz

THE Hymn of the Day for the Seventh Sunday after Trinity is "Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good" (819). This hymn is by Johann J. Schütz (1640-1690) and was published in 1673 in Frankfurt-am-Main. He cites Deuteronomy 32.3-4 as inspiration for the hymn, which originally had nine stanzas. Our hymnal includes stanzas 1, 3, 4, 5, and 8.

The missing stanzas originally included:

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| <p>2. The angel host, O King of kings,
Thy praise forever telling,
In earth and sky all living things
Beneath Thy shadow dwelling,
Adore and praise their Maker's might,
Whose wisdom orders all things right;
To God all praise and glory!</p> | <p>6. When earth can comfort us no more
Nor human help availeth,
The Maker comes Himself, whose store
Of blessing never faileth,
And bends on them a Father's eyes
Whom earth all rest and hope denies;
To God all praise and glory!</p> |
| <p>7. Thus all my pilgrim way along
I'll sing aloud Thy praises
That men may hear the grateful song
My voice unwearied raises:
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart!
Both soul and body, bear your part!
To God all praise and glory!</p> | <p>9. Then come before His presence now
And banish fear and sadness;
To your Redeemer pay your vow
And sing with joy and gladness:
Though great distress my soul befell,
The Lord, my God, did all things well,—
To God all praise and glory!</p> |

The tune is by Melchior Vulpius (1560/70-1615) for a hymn paraphrase of Psalm 117 called "Lobt Gott den Herren, ihr Heiden all" by Joachim Sartorius (1548-1600). The memorable rhythmic pattern was characteristic of Vulpius' tunes. This tune was published with Johann Schütz's text in 1609.

Vulpius first served as cantor in Schleusingen, and then spent the remainder of his career as cantor in Weimar. He was a prolific composer, writing about 200 motets and hundreds of hymn tunes. ✕

The Visitation

Thursday, July 2, 2020

Divine Service 10:30am



Continued from page 1 and society today. The family has long been under attack by the devil – and far too many children in our broken world have one parent absent. Sometimes this happens by disaster or accident, unexpected sickness or untimely death – but far too often due to the sins of the parents. The state is ever tempted to step into realms it is not meant for – regulating religious expression and practice, for example – while falling negligent and silent, failing in too many places to protect life, liberty, property, and income. The Church is especially weak – failing to distinguish Law and Gospel properly for people, failing to teach and pass on the Scriptural Christian faith, failing to speak with a loud voice against the attack of Satan upon the family and the state.

When one of these estates is absent or negligent, is it not interesting how many in society will demand the other two estates compensate, or pick up the slack? Politicians turn their podiums into pulpits and make for poor pastors, who usually, in our country, try at best to lead us towards a godless American civic religion with no authentic Christian morality advocated for, and at worst lead us towards a godless, soulless society where the state becomes “god” and “father” of all.

Pastors today are too often expected to abandon the Word and Sacraments to nurture as fathers – and so take towards life coaching and motivational speaking rather than preaching the Law and Gospel rightly distinguished. And the state is asked to provide more than a safety net, but to ensure stability in place of father and mother, and now, to put away the sword – “defund the police.”

Alas, pastors are not politicians! Politicians are not pastors! Police officers are neither pastors nor fathers nor social workers (and social workers cannot be police)! When politicians and police officers are expected to be parents, they cannot fulfill their role in the estate of the govern-

ment to bear the sword for order and peace.

And when pastors turn their pulpits into political podiums or motivational speaking platforms, they fail to administer the gifts of God's grace via the Word and Sacraments. And when fathers and mothers fail to provide for and nurture their families, they inevitably put a burden on the church and the state to be parents in their stead. In the end, when one estate suffers, all estates suffer.

Do we have hope, any answers? Surely we see our society crumbling around us on just these lines!

The Scriptures call us to our baptismal faith in Jesus Christ. We are called to lead our life as God gives it to us to live, according to His commandments, in our every vocation. To repent when we fail, and flee to Jesus for forgiveness. To believe that the Holy Spirit sanctifies us each day to live ever more holy and righteous lives confident of our salvation by Jesus' blood and merit.

By God's grace, we do our part where we are called to be – in our parish, in our community, in our family. Knowing we cannot solve nationwide and world-wide problems, we can do our part where God calls us to be, and advocate for our Savior and His Word of life and light.

“Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication” (Ephesians 6.13-17). ✠

Go Ye, Therefore by Vicar Keller

EVER since kindergarten, I have wanted to be a pastor, like my father, grandfather, great-grandfather and so on. I knew I wanted to tell other people about Jesus so that they might believe in Him and receive eternal life. For this reason, my favorite verses growing up included St. Matthew 28.19-20: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always to the end of the age."

My mind has once again been drawn to these verses as I am nearing ordination and installation as pastor of St. James Lutheran church in Reynolds, Indiana. What exactly does Jesus charge the disciples with in the Great Commission?

The English translation makes it seem as if the first charge is to "go." However, using the Greek, this word is better translated, "having gone out." The mission Jesus gave to the disciples as they were going out into the world was to "make disciples of all the unbelieving nations/world." The kingdom of God is not only for those who are born Israelites, but for all who believe in Christ crucified and risen for the forgiveness of sins.

Those who are made disciples are done so in two manners: baptism and teaching. In baptism, the Triune Name of God is given

and one's identity goes from enemy of God to an heir to the kingdom through Christ. With this life-saving water, one receives the benefits of the Son of God, that is, Christ's righteousness won for us on the cross. Along with baptism comes teaching. One can still fall away even if they are baptized. Catechesis does not only take place over the two years before confirmation. It is a life-long process, from womb to tomb. We are taught to observe and obey all that Christ has commanded to us in Scripture. Even more so, we are to treasure it. We should gladly come to hear His Word and receive the Sacrament, for these are the marks of the true church on earth.



I am nervous leaving such a wonderful congregation as Immanuel. Soon, I will shoulder the responsibilities that come with being a pastor. I won't have Pastor Sutton in the building with me to guide me through challenges. Yet, I am comforted by Christ's words, "And behold, I am with you always to the end of the

age." Wherever the true church is, He is there also. Wherever His Word is preached in its truth and purity, He is there also. Wherever the Sacraments are rightly administered, He is there also. I urge you, dear Christian, to take heart. Despite all the uncertainty in our world today, remember that Christ is ever present and faithful to His church, and will bring her at last to Him to live forever. ✖

Thank You to Our Musicians

by Kantor Schultz

RECENT events in society caused changes for everyone, including our music at Immanuel. I am thankful for our choir for their flexibility in our changing schedules and for their hard work in learning music to confess the faith in song in Divine Service.

I would especially like to thank those who sang with me to be a quartet to have choral music and to lead the singing for livestreaming Divine Service during the restrictions on attendance. Joe and Emily Eckardt (bass and alto) and Jodi Tate (soprano) did a fantastic job learning choir music on short notice and rehearsing in impromptu sessions.

We are thankful since May to be able to sing together again, and are thankful for two new singers to have joined us: Hailey Schulz and Noah Sutton.

Thank you to our choir for continuing to work into our usual summer break in order to sing for the Ordination of Pastor Simeon Cornwell.

Thank you to the various musicians who have provided instrumental music in the last few months, including Marshall Rector and Noah Sutton, trumpets; Arlington Hayne, saxophone and baritone; Pearson Tate, timpani; Maggie Keller and Conner Walts, flutes; Karie Sutton, clarinet; and Adam Sutton, organ.

I especially want to thank Maggie Keller as we say farewell to her and Vicar and Robert. Maggie has been a welcome addition to our choir, has sung in numerous small groups, and has played the flute countless times in Divine Service over this past year. Thank you, Maggie, for your contributions to glorifying Our Lord in music at Immanuel. ✝

Farewell from Vicar Keller

DEAR Saints at Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church,

It is hard to believe that my time here in Terre Haute is at an end. I'd like to thank you all for welcoming Maggie, Robert and me into your family this past year. We will forever be grateful and keep you all in our prayers.

I am struggling to find the words to describe how much you all have meant to me. From the beginning, you have shown the love of Christ to my family, helping us move in, inviting us to get to know you, and celebrating the birth of Robert. While I am saddened that the outbreak

of COVID-19 took away some of our in-person interactions, I am thankful for the time God has given us together.

I will be ordained and installed as pastor of St. James Lutheran Church in Reynolds, Indiana on August 2. While I am excited to begin the Holy Ministry, it is hard to leave such a wonderful congregation. It has been an honor and privilege to serve as your thirtieth vicar. I ask that you continue to pray for my family as we begin this new part of our lives. We will also continue to pray for you and remember you always.

In Christ,
Vicar Andrew Keller ✝

Greetings from Vicar-Elect Harris

DEAR saints at Immanuel,

My name is Brendan Harris, and I am your upcoming vicar. I am immensely excited to begin at Immanuel and am looking forward to getting to meet everyone. I am humbled at the opportunity to develop the skills needed for my future service in the ministry at what I have heard is one of the best churches a vicar can be assigned to, and I will do everything I can to aid Pastor Sutton in his care of your congregation.

To give you all a little bit about myself: I am from Boyne City, Michigan. My hometown is on the shores of Lake Charlevoix, which flows directly into Lake Michigan at the upper northwestern corner of the Lower Peninsula of Michigan. I have lived in this area all my life excepting for college and seminary, and could not be more blessed. The winters, although they are long, fuel our many ski resorts and the summers bring people to the lakes and to the fudge stores, which is why they are somewhat endearingly called “fudgies” by the locals.

My family consists of my dad Mark, my mom Jill, my two younger brothers Christian (20) and Cameron (14), and my younger sister Maddie (16). My father is a detective for the Michigan State Police, and my mother is a sales representative for American Waste, a local disposal and recycling company. My brother Christian currently attends North Central Michigan College, and my other two siblings go to Boyne City High School, where I graduated

in 2015. After high school, I went to the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor for three years to earn a bachelor’s degree in music.

When I began my studies at Michigan, I didn’t plan on going to seminary. My original plan was to go into music recording and production, studio work and that kind of thing. However, about halfway through my studies I decided I didn’t like the idea of going into that field and began to wonder if I was on the track I wanted to be on. My pastor growing up had always told me I would be good at being a pastor if I wanted to go into it, and I suppose that always stuck with me in the back of my mind as a possibility. I am a lifelong LCMS Lutheran and have always gone to the same church, Hope Lutheran in Bellaire, Michigan. My two pastors that have served this church in turn since I was a kid have helped me through many times in my life, both good and difficult times, and my family would not be what it is without them. Thanks to my pastors, Hope has had a solid confessional and liturgical background for almost twenty years, and it has allowed for the growth and nurturing of the faith of many people, including my parents and my entire family through them. I owe who I am entirely to this church, and I’ve always wanted to give back and help other people come to the same appreciation for their churches that I have for mine. Through the faithful ministry of Word and Sacrament, of truly reaching out to people and showing them where they can find God incarnate, Christ come into the world for them, in order that He can serve them: this is truly how you can change the

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world. There was never a single moment that converted me or called me into wanting to join the ministry, but rather it is the result of years of drinking in the overflowing love that God has for His people, which must be contagious. I believe that through the Holy Office I can best serve the saints on earth, and I yearn to serve and to love people in this capacity. God willing, He will bring me to this goal, and He will use Immanuel to guide me to it, so that through all of you I may eventually become a better pastor as a result.

Again, I am very excited to begin at Immanuel and I am certain that this will be a great experience for all of us, regardless of the challenges our times are presenting us. If anyone has any further questions for me or wants to talk about anything, always feel free, and I am sure much of this will happen naturally when I begin. I ask that you would pray for me, and I will certainly pray for your congregation. Blessings to all of you, and have a blessed summer.

Your brother in Christ,

Seminarian Brendan Harris ✕

Financial Update by John Schulz

AS we have been working to navigate the struggles brought about by a global pandemic, the people of Immanuel have remained committed to the Work of the Lord. Thanks be to God for the continued support

of our members through online, in person, and mailed offerings! We are just slightly behind our budgeted income through the end of May. It is our prayer that faithful giving continues during this time so that Immanuel can continue its work in caring for God's people both now and in the planning of the coming year. ✕

Electronic Giving—GivePlus Mobile App

NO Checks? No Problem! Electronic giving is now available at Immanuel with the GivePlus mobile app. Simply download the app and set up a one time or recurring gift. Simple and secure giving electronically with your mobile device. Additional information is available on the table outside the Parish Office. ✕

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Immanuel Parish Membership

Wedding:	May 16	Rigo Barrozo and Melanie Combs
Baptism:	May 23 June 7	Jane Carol Eckardt, daughter of Joseph and Emily Eckardt Rosemary Milner, daughter of Luke and Erica Milner
Youth Confirmation:	May 31	Amanda Schulz, Hailey Schulz, Adam Sutton

DIVINE SERVICE is celebrated every Sunday at 10:30am and on Feast Days as announced.

DIVINE OFFICE: LAUDS (MORNING PRAYER) and **VESPERS** (EVENING PRAYER) are prayed as announced in the weekly *Parish News*.

PRIVATE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION is offered the third Thursday of the month (July 16; August 20) from 5-6pm, or anytime by appointment.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND ADULT BIBLE STUDY will resume in the fall.

UNIVERSITY STUDENT BIBLE STUDY with dinner is on break for the summer.

ADULT CHOIR will resume in mid-August.

“WORSHIP ANEW,” produced by Lutheran Media Ministries of Fort Wayne and supported by Immanuel’s special gift collection, airs every Sunday morning on WTWO at 8am.

WESTMINSTER BIBLE STUDY meets on the last Friday of the month at 1:30pm except when there is a holiday at the end of the month. The next meetings are July 24 and August 28. All members are invited to attend.

ESPRIT DEADLINE for September/October is Saturday, August 15. Volunteers are needed to help with the mailing. Watch the *Parish News* for the date.

Serving in July and August at Divine Service

Altar Guild – July: Stacy Gibbens; Kathy Danielsen | Aug: Gloria Hayne; Bev Christopher
 Tellers – July: John Voigt; Brian & Heidi Dougherty | Aug: Scot & Stacy Mullins; Chuck & Nancy Roush
 Ushers – July: John Voigt; Brad Cress; Larry Hayne; Jim Haas
 August: Jerry Mueller; Brian Dougherty; John Schlegel; Jeff Allen

Join us **Sunday, July 19** after Divine Service for the **Farewell Reception** for Vicar, Maggie, and Robert Keller. Join us **Sunday, August 2** after Divine Service for the **Welcome Reception and Pantry Shower** for Vicar Harris.

Schedule of Divine Liturgies for July and August

July 2	(Thursday) Visitation, 10:30am	Divine Service
July 5	Fourth Sunday after Trinity, 10:30am	Divine Service
July 12	Fifth Sunday after Trinity, 10:30am	Divine Service
July 19	Sixth Sunday after Trinity, 10:30am	Divine Service
July 26	Seventh Sunday after Trinity, 10:30am	Divine Service
August 2	Eighth Sunday after Trinity, 10:30am	Divine Service
August 9	Ninth Sunday after Trinity, 10:30am	Divine Service
August 15	(Saturday) Dormition of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 10:30am	Divine Service
August 16	Tenth Sunday after Trinity, 10:30am	Divine Service
August 23	Third Sunday after Trinity, 10:30am	Divine Service
August 29	(Saturday) Martyrdom of St. John the Baptizer, 10:30am	Divine Service
August 30	Twelfth Sunday after Trinity, 10:30am	Divine Service