

**THIRD SUNDAY
OF EASTER**

APRIL 14, 2024

**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN
CHURCH**

Missouri Synod



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Worship Service

10:30 A.M.

**Adult Bible Class/
Sunday School**

Holy Communion:

1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday

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**“Behold My hands
and My feet,
that it is I Myself.
Handle Me and see,
for a spirit does not have
flesh and bones
as you see I have.”**

Luke 24:39

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WELCOME to IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

We wish to extend a warm welcome to all our visitors this morning. It is our hope that you will benefit by your worship here with us, and that you will return again soon. We would greatly appreciate it if everyone would fill out an Attendance/Communion card so that we can keep track of our attendance. They are located in the pew racks in front of you.

Next week we celebrate Holy Communion. We teach that in the receiving of the Lord's Supper each person receives the real presence of the Body and Blood of Christ for the forgiveness of their sins. If you are not a member of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod and desire to partake of Communion, please ask to speak with Pastor Weber or one of the elders prior to the service.

A Prayer Upon Entering Church - Living Lord, You have commanded me to preach repentance and forgiveness of sins to all nations. To fulfill this command, I ask You to clothe me with the power from on high, Your Holy Spirit, that I may carry the amazing message of Your resurrection to the ends of the earth; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

AS WE GATHER - Luke reports that at seeing the resurrected Jesus, the disciples "disbelieved for joy" (24:41). The theme of rejoicing is woven throughout the Scriptures. The psalmist exhorts: "Shout for joy to God, all the earth; sing the glory of His name; give to Him glorious praise!" (66:1-2). The prophet Isaiah assures God's people that they will have cause for rejoicing as he writes: "For the LORD comforts Zion; . . . joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song" (51:3). Paul writes to people who know of the glorious resurrection of Jesus Christ on that first Easter day:

“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice”
(Philippians 4:4). The season of Easter is a time for joyous
praise that begins now!

DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING THREE

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PRELUDE (A quiet time for prayer and meditation)

WELCOME

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 118:24; Romans 6:9; adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8

P This is the day that the LORD has made;

C **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

P Christ being raised from the dead will never die again;

C **death no longer has dominion over Him.**

P Christ has risen from the dead.

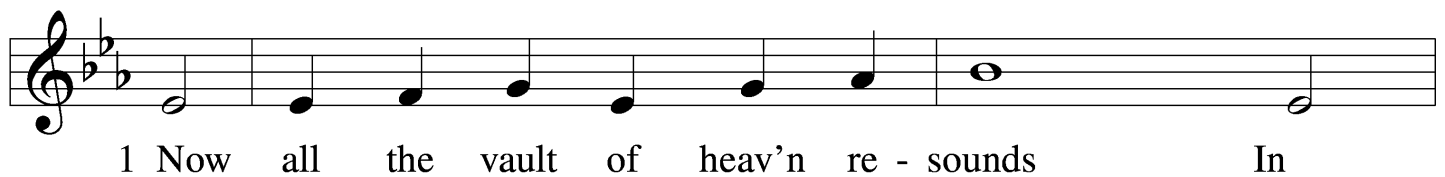
C **God the Father has crowned Him with glory and honor.**

P He has given Him dominion over the works of His hands;

C **He has put all things under His feet.**

P We prepare for our time of confession by singing “Now All the
Vault of Heaven Resounds” As penitent people, we ask God for His
grace and mercy.

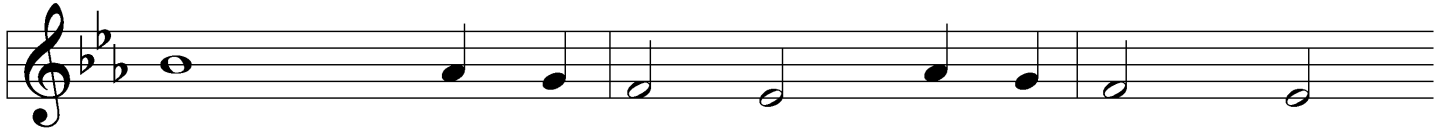
OPENING HYMN *Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds* **LSB 465**



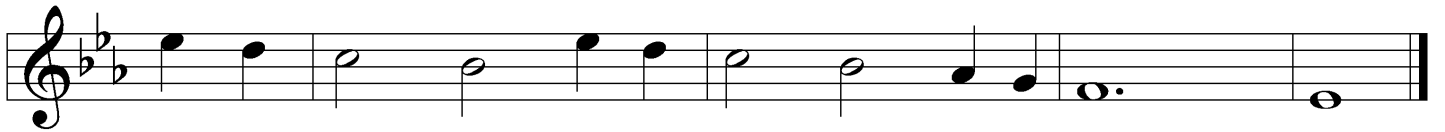
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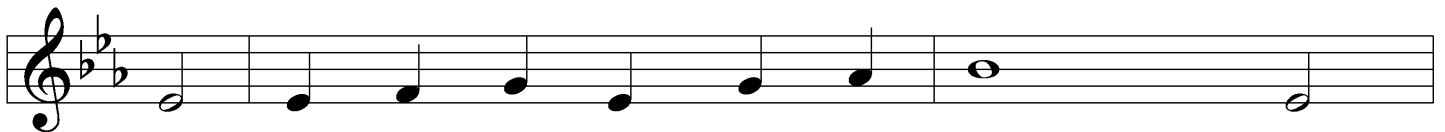
clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! Christ has tri - umphed!"



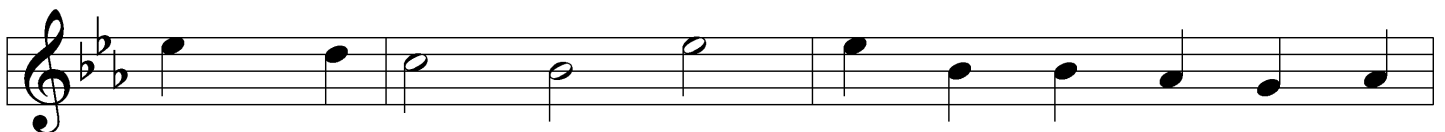
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



2 E - ter - nal is the gift He brings, There -
3 O fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love; Set
△ 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring And



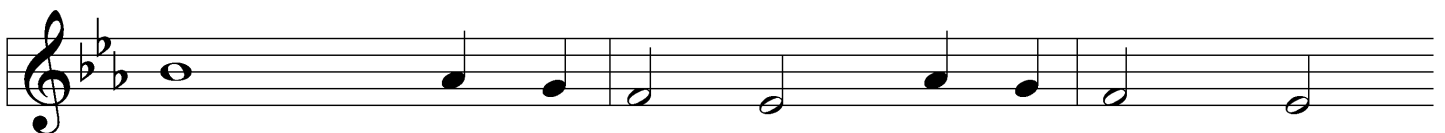
fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has tri - umphed!
heart and will on things a - bove That we con - quer
with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has tri - umphed!"



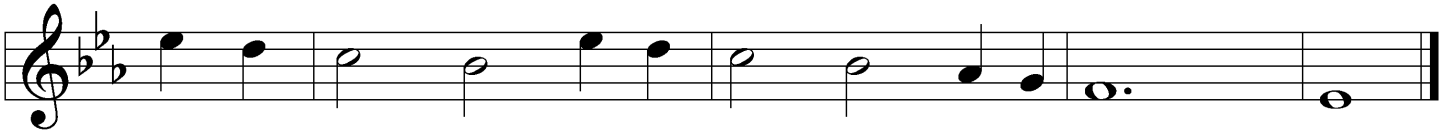
He is liv - ing!" Now still He comes to give us
through Your tri - umph; Grant grace suf - fi - cient for life's
Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the Fa - ther and our



life And by His pres - ence stills all
day That by our lives we tru - ly
Lord, To Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



strife. Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!
say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
God, All the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
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Please stand

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

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.**

(We take a moment of silence to reflect on our sin and our need for the Savior.)

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

INTROIT *Psalm 30:1-5; antiphon: Psalm 16:11b*

P In Your presence is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

C I will extol You, O Lord, for You have lifted me up, and have not let my foes rejoice over me.

P O Lord my God, I cried out to You, and You healed me.

C O Lord, You brought my soul up from the grave; You have kept me alive, that I should not go down to the pit.

P Sing praise to the Lord, you saints of His, and give thanks at the remembrance of His holy name.

C For His anger is but for a moment, His favor is for life; weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning.

P In Your presence is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

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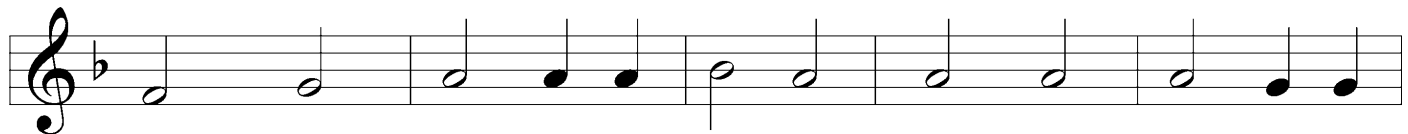


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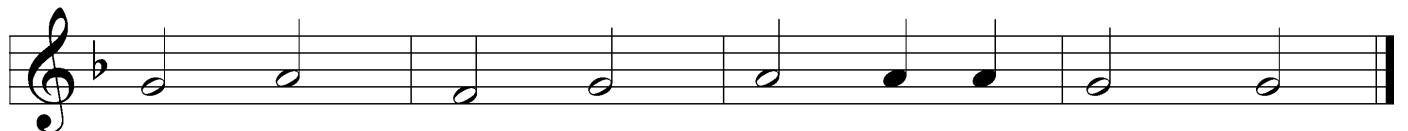


as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

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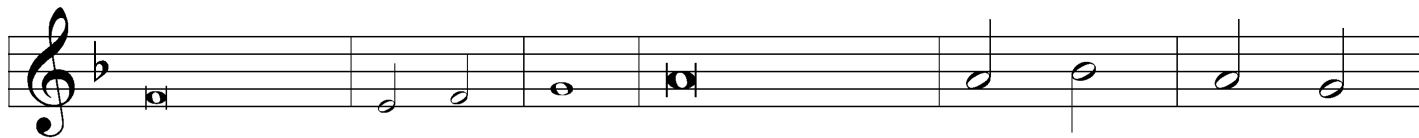


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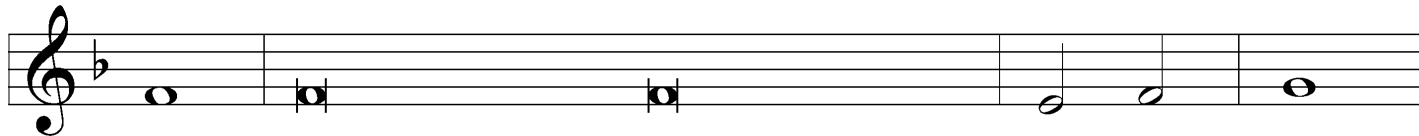


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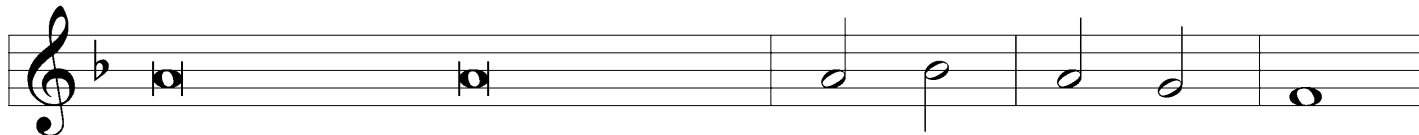
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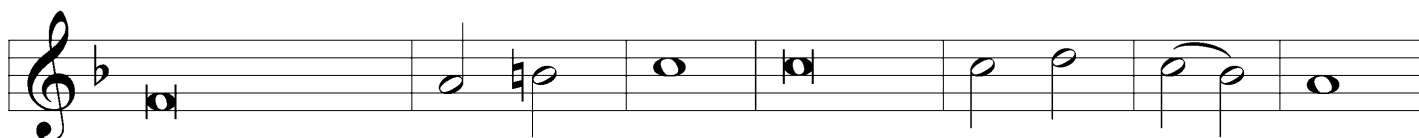
P Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



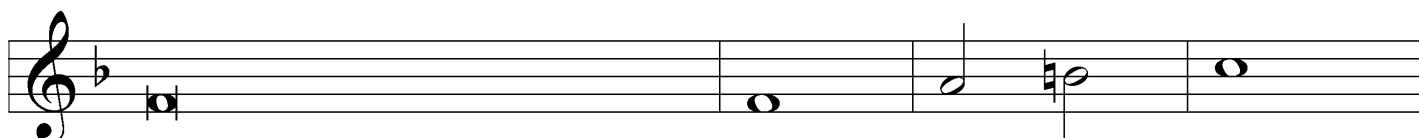
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



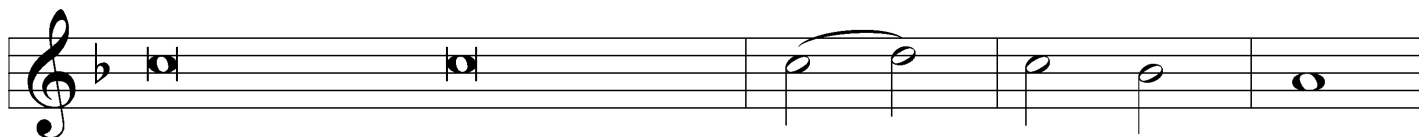
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



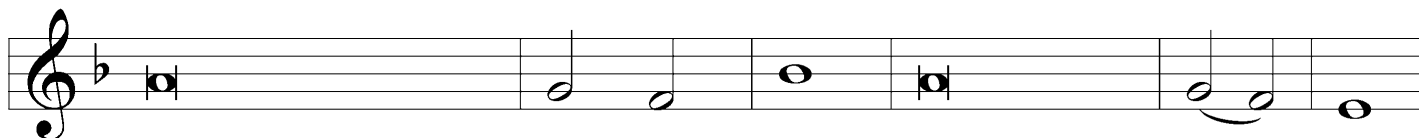
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



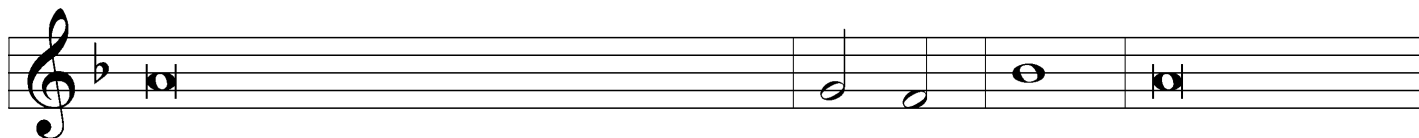
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



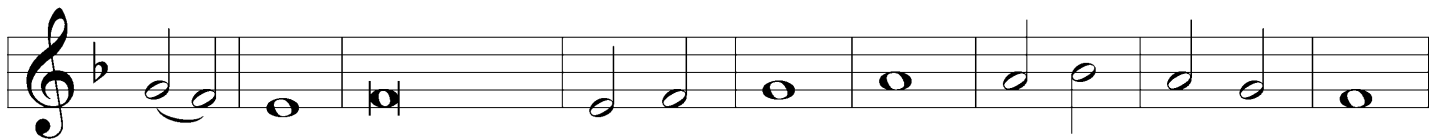
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.



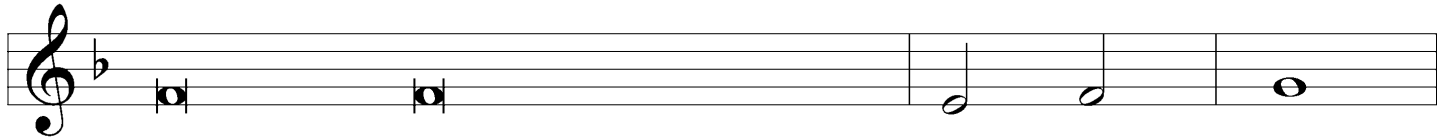
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



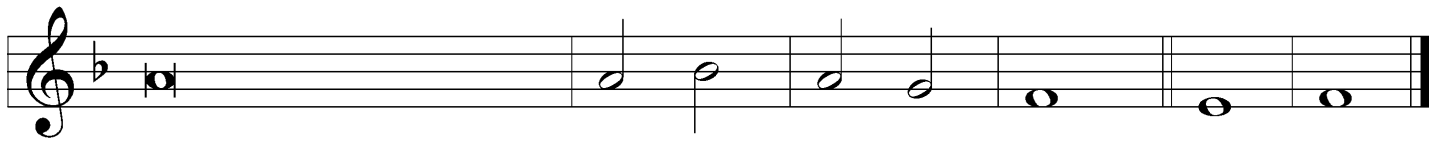
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.

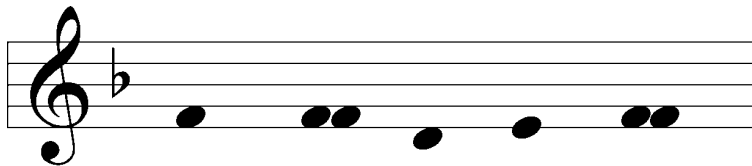


Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,

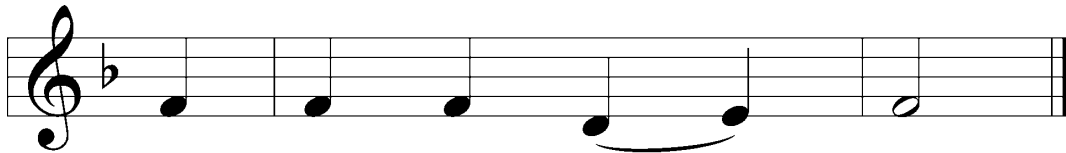


art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

SALUTATION and PRAYER OF THE DAY



P The Lord be with you.

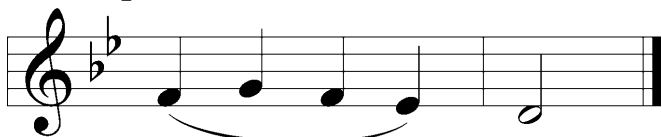


C And with thy spir - it.



P Let us pray.

P O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Please sit

FIRST READING *Acts 3:11–21*

(Peter preaches in the heart of Jerusalem.)

11 Now as the lame man who was healed held on to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the porch which is called Solomon's, greatly amazed. 12 So when Peter saw it, he responded to the people: "Men of Israel, why do you marvel at this? Or why look so intently at us, as though by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk? 13 The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified His Servant Jesus, whom you delivered up and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let Him go. 14 But you denied the Holy One and the Just, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, 15 and killed the Prince of life, whom God raised from the dead, of which we are witnesses. 16 And His name, through faith in His name, has made this man strong, whom you see and know. Yes, the faith which comes through Him has given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.

17 "Yet now, brethren, I know that you did it in ignorance, as did also your rulers. 18 But those things which God foretold by the mouth of all His prophets, that the Christ would suffer, He has thus fulfilled. 19 Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, 20 and that He may send Jesus Christ, who was preached to you before, 21 whom heaven must receive until the times of restoration of all things, which God has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM *Psalm 4*

P Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness! You have relieved me in my distress; have mercy on me, and hear my prayer.

C **How long, O you sons of men, will you turn my glory to shame?
How long will you love worthlessness and seek falsehood?**

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P But know that the Lord has set apart for Himself him who is godly; the Lord will hear when I call to Him.

C **Be angry, and do not sin. Meditate within your heart on your bed, and be still.**

P Offer the sacrifices of righteousness, and put your trust in the Lord.

C **There are many who say, "Who will show us any good?" Lord, lift up the light of Your countenance upon us.**

P You have put gladness in my heart, more than in the season that their grain and wine increased.

C **I will both lie down in peace, and sleep; for You alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety.**

EPISTLE *1 John 3:1-7* (We are God's children now.)

1 Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him.

2 Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. 3 And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

4 Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness. 5 And you know that He was manifested to take away our sins, and in Him there is no sin. 6 Whoever abides in Him does not sin. Whoever sins has neither seen Him nor known Him.


7 Little children, let no one deceive you. He who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

ALLELUIA



Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 24:36-49

(The disciples are witnesses of the risen Lord.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.



G Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

36 Now as they said these things, Jesus Himself stood in the midst of them, and said to them, "Peace to you." 37 But they were terrified and frightened, and supposed they had seen a spirit. 38 And He said to them, "Why are you troubled? And why do doubts arise in your hearts?"

39 Behold My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself. Handle Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see I have."

40 When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His feet.

41 But while they still did not believe for joy, and marveled, He said to them, "Have you any food here?" 42 So they gave Him a piece of a broiled fish and some honeycomb. 43 And He took it and ate in their presence.

44 Then He said to them, "These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me." 45 And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures.

46 Then He said to them, "Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, 47 and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. 48 And you are witnesses of these things. 49 Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



G Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

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.*


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HYMN OF THE DAY *The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done* **LSB 464**

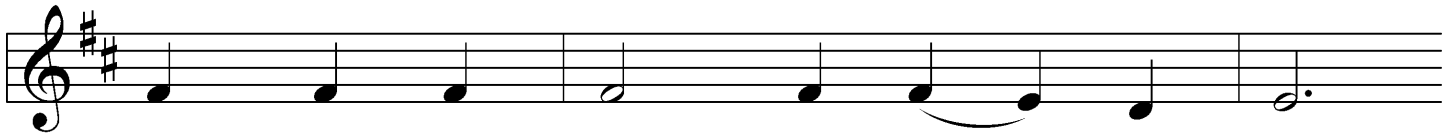
Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done;
2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst,
3 The three sad days have quick - ly sped,



Now is the vic - tor's tri - umph won;
 But Christ their le - gions hath dis - persed.
 He ris - es glo - rious from the dead.

The Refrain is repeated after st. 5.



Now be the song of praise be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Let shouts of ho - ly joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
 All glo - ry to our ris - en Head! Al - le - lu - ia!

4 He broke the age-bound chains of hell;
 The bars from heav'n's high portals fell.
 Let hymns of praise His triumph tell.
 Alleluia!

5 Lord, by the stripes which wounded Thee,
 From death's dread sting Thy servants free
 That we may live and sing to Thee.
 Alleluia! **Refrain**

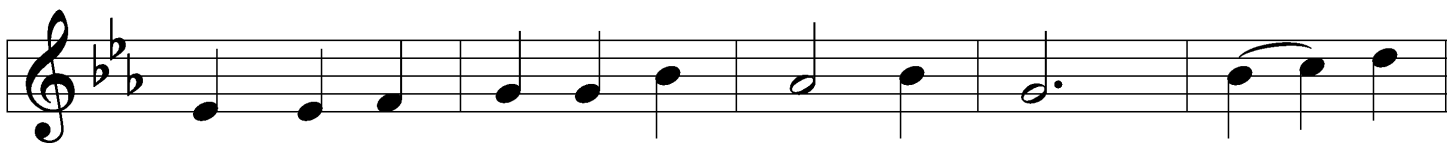
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SERMON *“Resurrection Lessons”* (Luke 24:36-43)

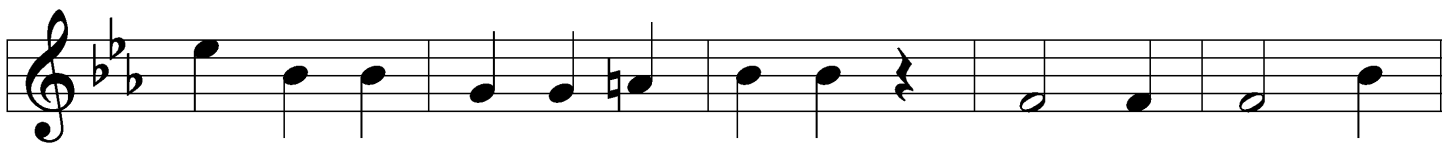
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OFFERTORY *Create in Me a Clean Heart* **LSB 192**



C Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -



new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -

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way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
 tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

SHARING OF THE PEACE *“Peace be with you”*
[through use of American Sign Language]

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
 We pray for the whole church, that the message of salvation may joyfully be proclaimed throughout all the world and the forgiveness of sins be celebrated around the globe. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** We pray for the nations of the world, that governments would be a source of blessing to those who are governed and that oppression in all forms may be hindered, bringing a sense of security and well-being in every place. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** We pray for ourselves in this amazing season of our Lord’s great victory that we may truly be Easter people all year long, radiating the light of Christ in our homes, workplaces, and communities. Lord in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** We pray for all who serve us through their callings, especially those who deal with special challenges or dangers on a regular basis, including police officers, firefighters, and other emergency personnel. Also, we remember at this time the military forces of

our nation, those stationed both at home and abroad, whose efforts serve to defend our nation in challenging times. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P We pray for those with special concerns and needs this day: those who are hospitalized, [especially . . .], those who grieve, the unemployed and underemployed, the chronically ill and shut-in, and all others whose needs are known to us. Bless them with Your presence, gracious Father, that they may have a sense of purpose in their lives and find strength and hope for each day. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

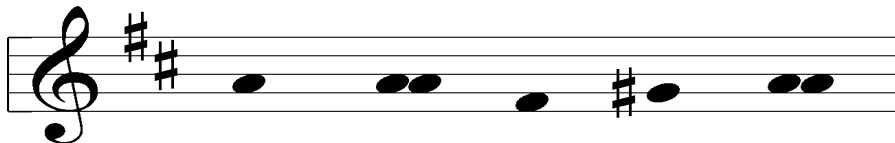
P Merciful God, we bless You for having placed into our lives faithful Christian people to guide us. We remember those no longer among us on earth, who have completed their earthly races and have won the final victory in Christ. Lead us to follow in their way, that we may rejoice together eternally with saints and angels. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer. Amen.

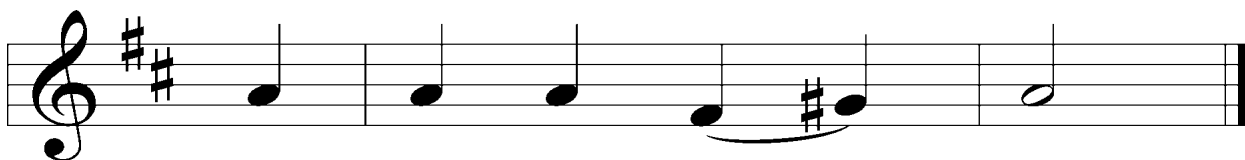
LORD'S PRAYER

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.

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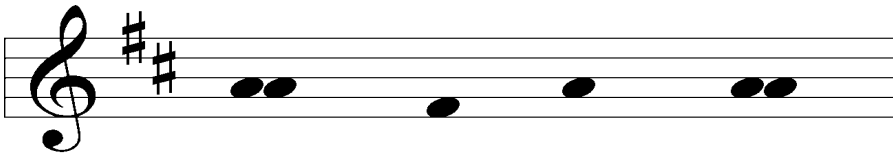


P The Lord be with you.

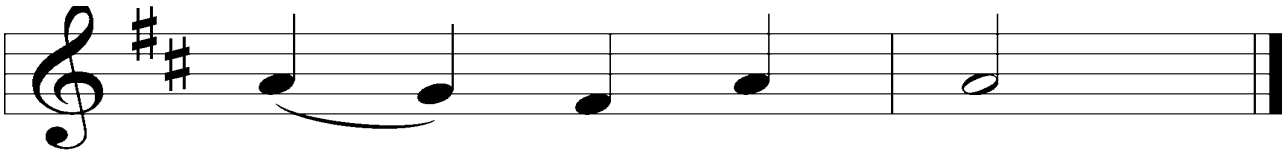


C And with thy spir - it.

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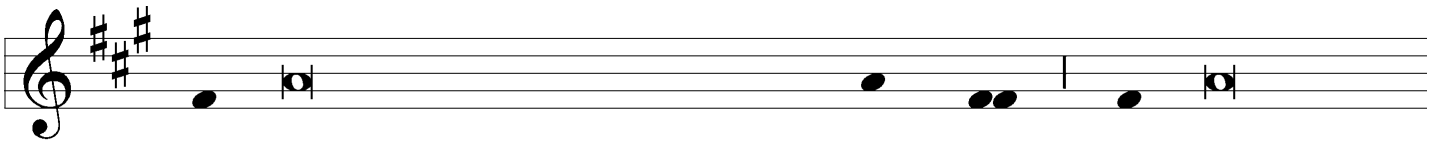


A Bless we the Lord.

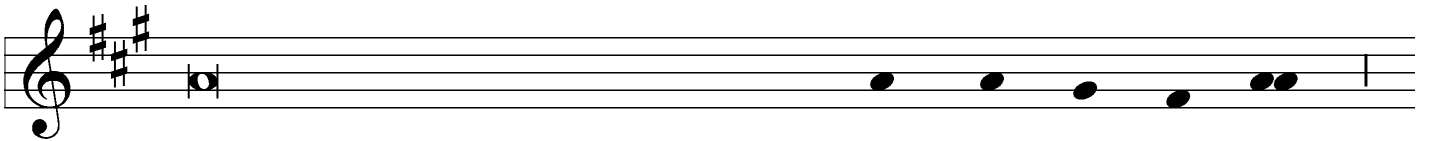


C Thanks be to God.

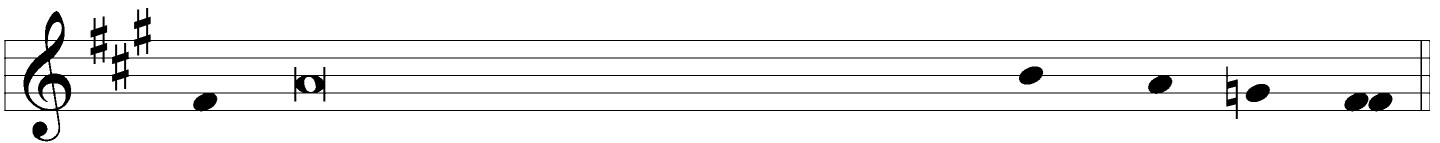
BENEDICTION



P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



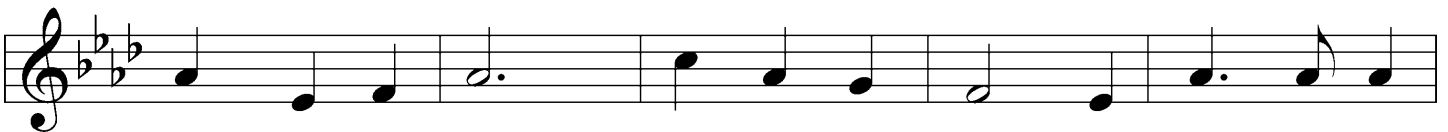
C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Please sit

SENDING HYMN

Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen

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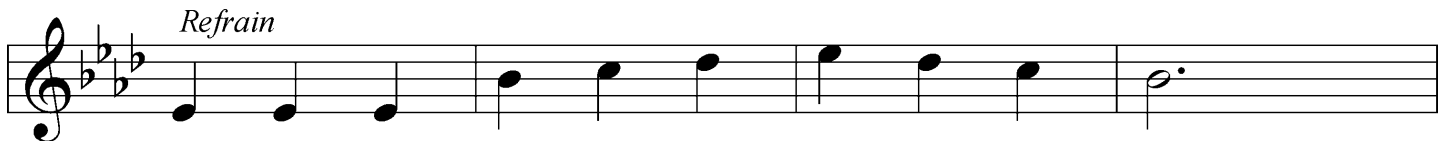
1 Al - le - lu - ia!	Je - sus is ris - en!	Trum - pets re -
2 Walk - ing the way,	Christ in the cen - ter	Tell - ing the
3 Je - sus the vine,	We are the branch - es;	Life in the
4 Weep - ing, be gone;	Sor - row, be si - lent:	Death put a -
5 Cit - y of God,	Eas - ter for - ev - er,	Gold - en Je -



sound-ing in glo - ri - ous light! Splen-dor, the Lamb, Heav - en for-
sto - ry to o - pen our eyes; Break-ing our bread, Giv - ing us
Spir - it the fruit of the tree; Heav - en to earth, Christ to the
sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright. Cher - u - bim sing: "O grave, be
ru - sa-lem, Je - sus the Lamb, Riv - er of life, Saints and arch-



ev - er! Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
glo - ry: Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.
peo - ple, Gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.
o - pen!" Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.
an - gels, Sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise:



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

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DISMISSAL

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P Go in peace as you serve our living Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Portals of Prayer for April to June 2024 are available in the Narthex or office.

Join us for **Sunday School and Bible Study**
at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.
Rev. Goetz is leading the class.

April's Activities

Rev. Goetz will be leading worship and Bible Class on
April 7th and 14th.
For pastoral care, you may call him @ 320-533-0756.
Thank you Rev. Goetz and Karen!

First Quarter Voters' Meeting
Tuesday, April 16, 2024
7:30 p.m.

Men's Night Fish Fry and Bible Study
with Confirmation Class
Wednesday, April 17th, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. (correction)
Fellowship Hall
(Sign-up Sheet is posted on the church door, as you leave)

Youth Confirmation Class
Thursdays @ 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall
April 18th

ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)

Immanuel Lutheran School

Bar-B-Que Brisket Sandwich Bag
(includes bag of chips, bag of pickles and onion,
and drink.)

Pick up: drive by on Washington Ave.
Saturday, April 27, 2024 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Donation: \$10.00 per bag

There will also be a Rummage Sale going on
from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon in school playground,
plus tacos and brisket loaded potatoes will be 4 sale.

Science Day

Friday, April 19th; 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
We invite you to come visit with us and see our
science projects.



Sermon Notes

I will both lie down in peace, and sleep;
For You alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety.

Psalm 4:8



Psalms 4:5 KJV

*Offer the sacrifices of
righteousness, and put your trust
in the LORD.*

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Memory Verse Challenge

This week's memory verse: ***John 14:27***

Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live.

4/7/2024		
Sunday Worship	44	
Plate:		\$ 215.00
Envelopes:		\$ 1,813.00
Envelopes-Other:		
On-line:		\$ 500.00
Donation:		
	Total:	\$ 2,528.00
Bible Class:	22	\$ 17.00

Fourth Sunday of Easter Readings:

Acts 4:1-12

Palm 23

1John 3:16-24

John 10:11-18

The Preaching of Repentance and Forgiveness of Sins Makes Us Pure

The risen Lord Jesus taught His disciples “that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead” and “that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations” (Luke 24:46–47). Therefore, St. Peter preaches repentance and forgiveness to the people of Jerusalem. As he proclaims that Jesus fulfilled all that “God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets” (Acts 3:18), he also convicts the people of their sin, because they “delivered over and denied” this Lord Jesus and “killed the Author of life.” Yet God “glorified his servant Jesus” and raised Him from the dead (Acts 3:13–15). St. Peter calls the people to repent, so that their “sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord” (Acts 3:19–20). Through this forgiveness of sins and by faith in this forgiveness, the Father shows His love for us in order that “we should be called children of God; and so we are” (1 John 3:1). Thus, we hope in Him and are made pure even “as he is pure,” because “he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin” (1 John 3:3, 5).

	Bi-Weekly Church Activity Schedule	
	April Sunday Servants:	
Elder:	Ken Eilers	
Altar Guild:	Suzanne Wehling/Rose Cisneros/Marivel Perez	
Music:	Pam Terral	
This Week	Third Sunday of Easter	
Usher:	Ken Eilers	
Sunday:	Worship Service	9:00 am
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am
Next Week	Four Sunday of Easter	
Usher:	Don Vogel	
Sunday:	Holy Communion Worship Service	9:00 am
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am