PALM SUNDAY

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Sunday 9:00 A.M. Worship Service

10:30 a.m.

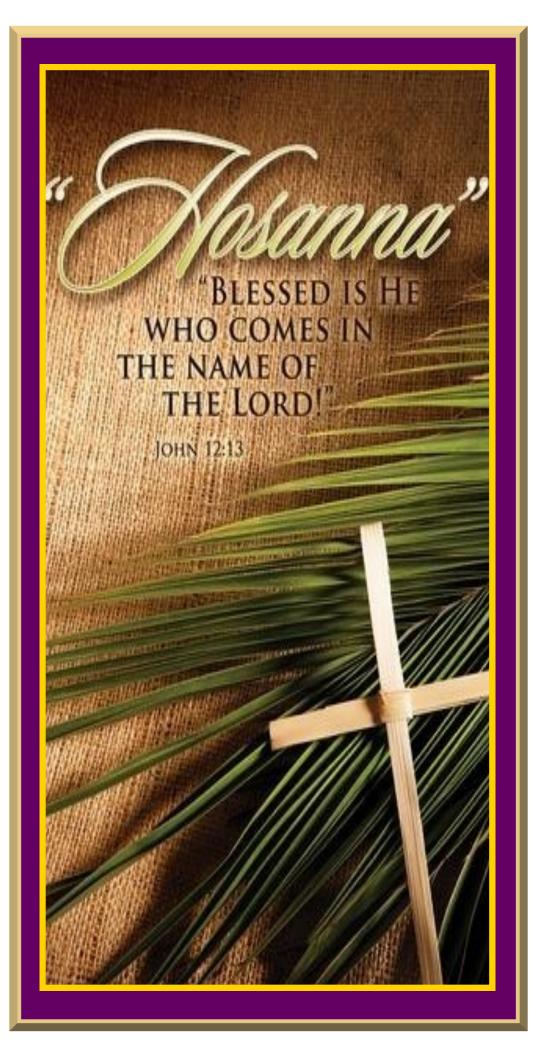
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Holy Communion: 1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday

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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 Lord God, on this day Your Son entered the Holy City, Jerusalem, to fulfill Your will by His death on the cross. Help me to follow Him through this week and all my days that I may be drawn closer to You by a faith full of the knowledge of the sacrifice and victory of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.
- **AS WE GATHER -** Sunday, "the eighth day of the week," is celebrated by Christians as the first day of the eternal life into which they were baptized. Today, the beginning of the great and Holy Week of Lent, we begin with the note of great joy as the crowds receive Jesus entering Jerusalem. This will be the last time He comes to the holy city. For we

then follow Him to the judgment hall, the cross of suffering, and the fearful tomb of death. The penitential season of Lent concludes with the three holy days, the Triduum of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. Let us follow our Lord and allow Him to take our sins upon Himself that we may receive His new life in the forgiveness of our sins and the joy of the resurrection.

DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING FOUR

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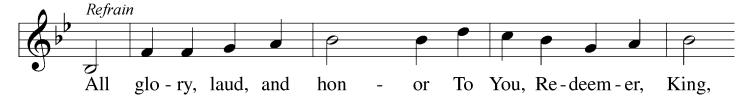
WELCOME

GREETING

- P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C Amen.
- P Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
- C Hosanna to the Son of David.

PRELUDE

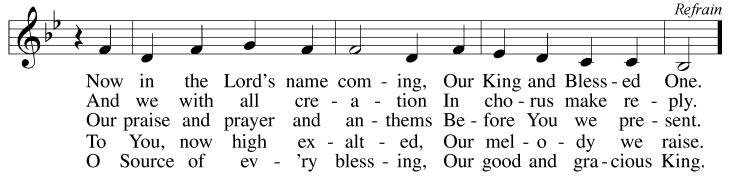
(A quiet time for prayer and meditation in preparation for worship)







- prais ing 2 The com-pa - ny of an - gels Is You on high.
- pil-grims With palms be fore You 3 The mul-ti-tude of went; They sang their hymns of You be - fore Your 4 To
- pas sion praise; 5 As You re-ceived their prais - es, Ac - cept the prayers we bring,



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Please stand

INVOCATION

- In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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 Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.
- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. (John 20:19-23)
- C Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

INTROIT *Psalm 31:1, 3, 5-6, 15-16; Antiphon, Psalm 31:5*

- P Into Your hand I commit my spirit; You have redeemed me, O Lord God of truth.
- C In You, O Lord, I put my trust; Let me never be ashamed; Deliver me in Your righteousness.
- P For You are my rock and my fortress; therefore, for Your name's sake, lead me and guide me.

- C Into Your hand I commit my spirit; You have redeemed me, O Lord God of truth.
- P I have hated those who regard useless idols; but I trust in the Lord.
- C My times are in Your hand; Deliver me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.
- P Make Your face shine upon Your servant; save me for Your mercies' sake.
- P Into Your hand I commit my spirit; You have redeemed me, O Lord God of truth.

KYRIE



C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

SALUTATION

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And with your spirit.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Zechariah 9:9–12

(The coming King of Zion)

9 "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; He is just and having salvation, lowly and riding on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey. 10 I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the horse from Jerusalem; The battle bow shall be cut off. He shall speak peace to the nations; His dominion shall be 'from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.' 11 "As for you also, because of the blood of your covenant, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. 12 Return to the stronghold, you prisoners of hope. even today I declare that I will restore double to you.

- P This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

PSALM *Psalm 118:19–29; antiphon: v. 26*

- P Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! We have blessed you from the house of the Lord.
- C Open to me the gates of righteousness; I will go through them, and I will praise the Lord.
- P This is the gate of the Lord, through which the righteous shall enter.
- C I will praise You, for You have answered me, and have become my salvation.
- P The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.
- C This was the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.
- P This is the day the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

- C Save now, I pray, O Lord; O Lord, I pray, send now prosperity.
- P Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! We have blessed you from the house of the Lord.
- C God is the Lord, and He has given us light; bind the sacrifice with cords to the horns of the altar.
- P You are my God, and I will praise You; You are my God, I will exalt You.
- C Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever.
- P Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! We have blessed you from the house of the Lord.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (Children remain seated)

EPISTLE *Philippians 2:5–11*

(Every knee should bow at the name of Jesus.)

5 Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, 6 who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, 7 but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. 9 Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, 10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, 11 and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

- P This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 12:12-43

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter.

C Glory to You , O Lord.

12 The next day a great multitude that had come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, 13 took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him, and cried out:

"Hosanna!

'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!' The King of Israel!"

14 Then Jesus, when He had found a young donkey, sat on it; as it is written:

15 "Fear not, daughter of Zion; Behold, your King is coming, Sitting on a donkey's colt."

16 His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things were written about Him and that they had done these things to Him. 17 Therefore the people, who were with Him when He called Lazarus out of his tomb and raised him from the dead, bore witness. 18 For this reason the people also met Him, because they heard that He had done this sign. 19 The Pharisees therefore said among themselves, "You see that you are accomplishing nothing. Look, the world has gone after Him!"

20 Now there were certain Greeks among those who came up to worship at the feast. 21 Then they came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida of Galilee, and asked him, saying, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." 22 Philip came and told Andrew, and in turn Andrew and Philip told Jesus. 23 But Jesus answered them,

saying, "The hour has come that the Son of Man should be glorified. 24 Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain. 25 He who loves his life will lose it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. 26 If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also. If anyone serves Me, him My Father will honor.

27 "Now My soul is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save Me from this hour'? But for this purpose I came to this hour. 28 Father, glorify Your name." Then a voice came from heaven, saying, "I have both glorified it and will glorify it again." 29 Therefore the people who stood by and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, "An angel has spoken to Him." 30 Jesus answered and said, "This voice did not come because of Me, but for your sake. 31 Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out. 32 And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all peoples to Myself." 33 This He said, signifying by what death He would die. 34 The people answered Him, "We have heard from the law that the Christ remains forever; and how can You say, 'The Son of Man must be lifted up'? Who is this Son of Man?"

35 Then Jesus said to them, "A little while longer the light is with you. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you; he who walks in darkness does not know where he is going. 36 While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light." These things Jesus spoke, and departed, and was hidden from them.

37 But although He had done so many signs before them, they did not believe in Him, 38 that the word of Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spoke:

"Lord, who has believed our report?

And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?"

- 39 Therefore they could not believe, because Isaiah said again:
- 40 "He has blinded their eyes and hardened their hearts, Lest they should see with their eyes, Lest they should understand with their hearts and turn, So that I should heal them."
- 41 These things Isaiah said when he saw His glory and spoke of Him.
- 42 Nevertheless even among the rulers many believed in Him, but because of the Pharisees they did not confess Him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue; 43 for they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God.
- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.

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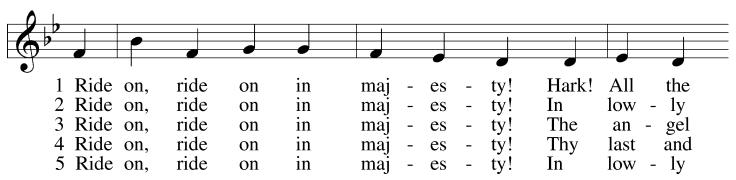
All I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

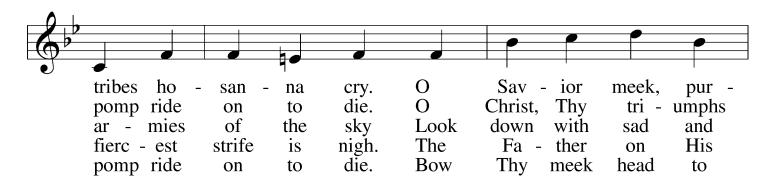
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

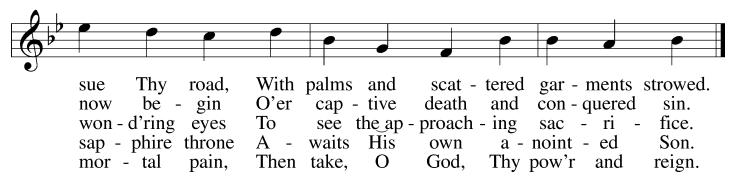
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

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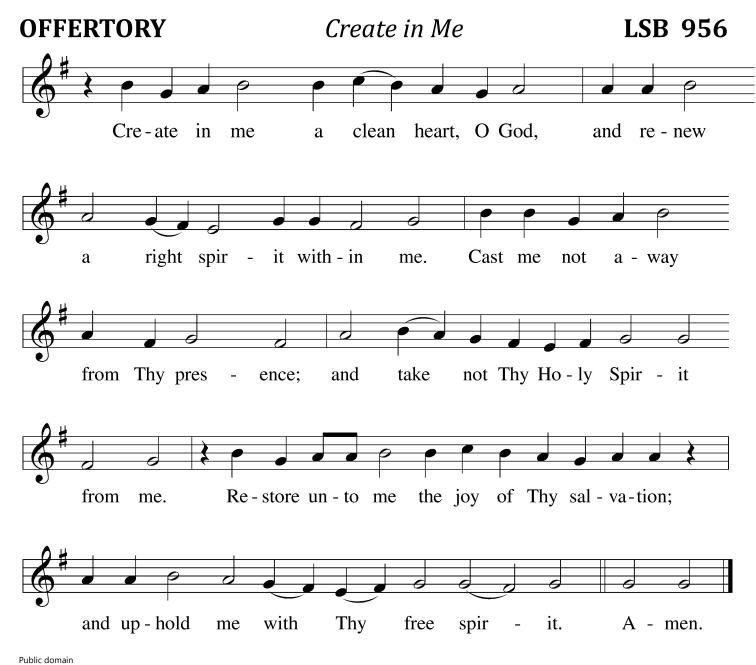




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SERMON "The Son of Man's hour has come to be glorified... for all!" (John 12:23-33)

OFFERING (Please place your offering in the offering plate as you leave.)



SHARING OF THE PEACE "Peace be with you" (John 20:21) [using ASL (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.

Almighty God, we give thanks for all Your goodness with which You bless Your whole creation. Above all, however,

we give You thanks that You sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to be our true King, Your Suffering Servant whose death delivers us and all believers from sin, death, and hell. Give us Your grace that we be faithful in our walk and in our hope, love, and worship. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Inspire Your whole Church throughout the world to rightly hear and follow Jesus, our eternal King and Lord, in humble faith with thanksgiving. Give wisdom and grace to all pastors that they give themselves to a living and lively proclamation of Your Law and Gospel through which You work true, saving repentance and faith in many. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Give Your grace, forgiveness, wisdom, blessing, and guidance to all who bear the offices of government in our nation and throughout the world. Lead them to the faithful exercise of their authority for peace and justice, and for the defense and liberty of all people, especially the most vulnerable. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Give peace and patience, comfort and healing to all who suffer illness or adversity or who are in sorrow or need, [especially . . .]. Deliver all who endure persecution for faith in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Individual petitions may be added here.

P We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served You in Your Church on earth, who now rest from their labors. [Silence for remembrance.] Keep us in fellowship with all Your saints, and bring us at last to the

- joys of Your heavenly kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER (Matthew 6:9–13)

All 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.

BENEDICAMUS

- P Let us bless the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

- P The LORD bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
- C Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

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- 1 Ho san na, loud ho san na, The lit tle chil dren sang;
- 2 From Ol i vet they fol lowed Mid an ex ul tant crowd,
- 3 "Ho san na in the high est!" That an cient song we sing;



Through pil - lared court and tem - ple The love - ly an - them rang. The vic - tor palm branch wav - ing And chant-ing clear and loud. For Christ is our Re - deem - er, The Lord of heav'n our King.



To Je-sus, who had blessed them, Close fold-ed to His breast, The Lord of earth and heav - en Rode on in low-ly state Oh, may we ev-er praise Him With heart and life and voice



The chil - dren sang their prais - es, The sim-plest and the best. Nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren Should on His bid-ding wait. And in His bliss - ful pres - ence E - ter - nal - ly re-joice!

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DISMISSAL

- P Go in peace as you serve the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God!

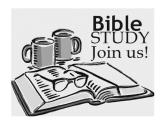
POSTLUDE

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Portals of Prayer

for January to March 2021 are available in the Narthrex or office.



Adult Bible Class/Sunday School at 10:30 a.m.
Rev. Goetz leading the class.

March 2021 Church Calendars now available in the Narthrex.

Holy Week Services:

Maundy Thursday, April 1st Holy Communion Service-6 p.m. "When They Ate that Final Meal"

Good Friday, April 2nd Good Friday Service 6:00 p.m. "When They Laid Him in the Tomb"



The Resurrection of Our Lord

Sunday, April 4th, 2021

Sunrise Service: 7:30 a.m.; followed by breakfast @ 8:00 a.m.

Holy Communion Service: 9:00 a.m.



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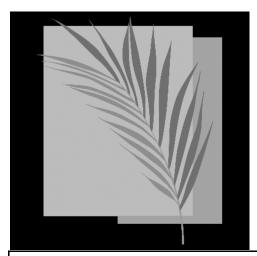


Memory Verse Challenge

The LCMS invites everyone to join together in memorizing a verse each week.

This week's memory verse: *Romans 4:24–25*

"It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification."



They took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him, crying out, "Hosanna!
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!"

John 12:13

		3/10/2021	3/	/17/2021	
Lenten Mid-Wed	ek 4 & 5 Worship	25	16		
Plate:		\$ 25.00	\$	20.00	
Envelopes:		\$ 115.00	\$	245.00	
Cemetery			\$	900.00	
Total:		\$ 140.00	\$	1,165.00	
	Bi-Weekly Church Activity Schedule				
	March Sunday S	nday Servants: April Sunday Servants			
Elder:	Dan Wehling		Ken l	Eilers	
Altar Guild:	D. Jackson & L. Marchant B.J. Neuhaus & M. Perez				
Music:	Bonny Winston				
This Week	Palm Sunday				
Usher:	Dan Wehling				
Sunday:	Worship Service		9:00 a	m	
	Sunday School &	& Adult Bible St	udy 10:30 a	m	
Next Week	The Resurrection of Our Lord				
Usher:	Earl Neuhaus				
Sunday:	Holy Communion Worship Service 9:00 am				
	Sunday School &	& Adult Bible St	udy 10:30 a	m	

The Son of David Ascends His Throne and Reigns in Love from His Cross

The Son of David comes in gentle humility, "sitting on a donkey's colt," yet as the King of Israel "in the name of the Lord" (John 12:13–15). He comes to be lifted up in glory on the cross in order to cast out "the ruler of this world" and draw all people to Himself (John 12:23–32). The Church is thus called to "rejoice greatly," because her King comes with salvation, and "he shall speak peace to the nations" (Zech. 9:9–10). As He is anointed "beforehand for burial" (Mark 14:8), He also ascends His royal throne as "the King of the Jews" by way of His Passion (Mark 15:2, 17–19, 26). He goes "as it is written of him," wherefore "you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power" (Mark 14:21, 62). For the glory of God is love, which crescendos in the humble obedience and voluntary self-sacrifice of the Son of God for the salvation of sinners. So, God the Father has "highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name" (Phil. 2:9), that He might reign over us in love with the forgiveness of His cross.

	3/14/21	3/21/21	
Sunday Worship	37	43	
Plate:	\$ 186.00	\$ 259.00	
Envelopes:	\$ 1,970.00	\$ 765.00	
Memorials:			
Shirley Hoppe	\$ 200.00		
Total:	\$ 2,356.00	\$ 1,024.00	
Bible Class:	20 \$12.00	22 \$15.00	

The Resurrection of Our Lord Readings:

Isaiah 25:6-9
Psalm 16
1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Mark 16:1-8