

**SECOND SUNDAY  
OF EASTER**

**APRIL 11, 2021**

**IMMANUEL  
LUTHERAN  
CHURCH**

**Missouri Synod**



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***Sunday*  
9:00 A.M.  
Worship Service  
10:30 a.m.  
Adult Bible Class &  
Sunday School**

**Holy Communion:  
1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday**

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**“If you forgive the sins  
of any, they are  
forgiven them; if you  
retain the sins of any,  
they are retained.”  
(John 20:23)**



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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, I am too easily captive to fear and the shadow of death. Break through the closed doors of my heart and shine Your light into my darkness, that knowing the forgiveness of my sins, I may no longer be bound by any anxiety or afflicted by any doubt; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**AS WE GATHER** - We tend to look for things to make faith easier. Signs, wonders, or just little hints here and there would help. But the disciples had all these things and heard Jesus promise His resurrection, and still they gathered behind the locked doors of their fears. What we

do have is Christ, His Word that bestows and sustains our faith, and His Holy Sacrament wherein He feeds us with His body and blood. Though we have not seen with our eyes, we see with faith and join with doubting Thomas to confess, “My Lord and my God!”

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### **WELCOME**

### **PRELUDE**

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



**OPENING HYMN***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,  
 4 He broke the age - bound chains of hell;  
 5 Lord, by the stripes which wound - ed Thee,



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 bars from heav'n's high por - tals fell.  
 From death's dread sting Thy ser - vants free

*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!  
 Let hymns of praise His tri - umph tell. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 That we may live and sing to Thee. 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.**

## EASTER ACCLAMATION

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
**C** **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

## 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** 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 105:1–5, 8; antiphon: 1 Peter 2:2–3*

**P** as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby, if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is gracious.

**C** **Oh, give thanks to the Lord! Call upon His name; make known His deeds among the peoples!**

**P** Sing to Him, sing psalms to Him; talk of all His wondrous works!

**C** **Glory in His holy name; let the hearts of those rejoice who seek the Lord!**

**P** Seek the Lord and His strength; seek His face evermore!

**C** **Remember His marvelous works which He has done, His wonders, and the judgments of His mouth,**

**P** He remembers His covenant forever, the word which He commanded, for a thousand generations,

**P** as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby, if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is gracious.

## KYRIE



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



# GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



**C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

## SALUTATION

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray. Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives

and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

*Please sit*

**FIRST READING**     *Acts 4:32–35*

(The believers were of one heart and soul.)

32 Now the multitude of those who believed were of one heart and one soul; neither did anyone say that any of the things he possessed was his own, but they had all things in common. 33 And with great power the apostles gave witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And great grace was upon them all. 34 Nor was there anyone among them who lacked; for all who were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the proceeds of the things that were sold, 35 and laid them at the apostles' feet; and they distributed to each as anyone had need.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM**     *Psalm 148; antiphon: v. 13*

P Let them praise the name of the Lord, for His name alone is exalted; His glory is above the earth and heaven.

**C Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the heights!**

P Praise Him, all His angels; praise Him, all His hosts!

**C Praise Him, sun and moon; praise Him, all you stars of light!**

P Praise Him, you heavens of heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

**C Let them praise the name of the Lord, for He commanded and they were created.**

P He also established them forever and ever; He made a decree which shall not pass away.

**C Praise the Lord from the earth, you great sea creatures and all the depths;**



P Fire and hail, snow and clouds; stormy wind, fulfilling His word;  
C **Mountains and all hills; fruitful trees and all cedars;**  
P Beasts and all cattle; creeping things and flying fowl;  
C **Kings of the earth and all peoples; princes and all judges of the earth;**  
P Both young men and maidens; old men and children.  
C **Let them praise the name of the Lord, for His name alone is exalted; His glory is above the earth and heaven.**  
P And He has exalted the horn of His people, the praise of all His saints—of the children of Israel, a people near to Him.  
Praise the Lord!  
P Let them praise the name of the Lord, for His name alone is exalted; His glory is above the earth and heaven.

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**EPISTLE**      *1 John 1:1–2:2*

*(If we sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ.)*

1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life— 2 the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us— 3 that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ. 4 And these things we write to you that your joy may be full.

5 This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. 6 If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. 7 But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive

us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

1 My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. 2 And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.

P This is the Word of the Lord.


C **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

## ALLELUIA and VERSE



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



These things are writ-ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## HOLY GOSPEL *John 20:19-31*

(Blessed are those who have not heard and yet believe.)

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

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

19 Then, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the

Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace be with you." 20 When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. 21 So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." 22 And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

24 Now Thomas, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. 25 The other disciples therefore said to him, "We have seen the Lord."

So he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe."

26 And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, "Peace to you!" 27 Then He said to Thomas, "Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing."

28 And Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!"

29 Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

30 And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; 31 but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **APOSTLES CREED**

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

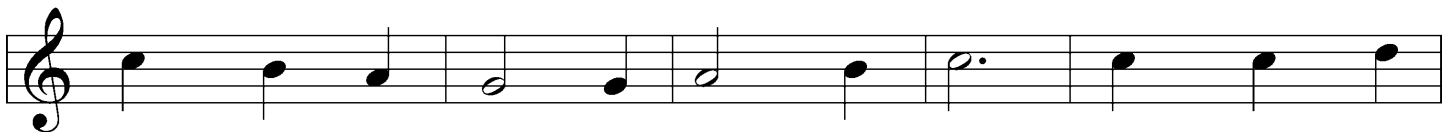
**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He**

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.

*Please sit*

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *O Sons and Daughters of the King* **LSB 470**



1 O sons and daughters of the King, Whom heav'n - ly  
 2 That Eas - ter morn, at break of day, The faith - ful  
 3 An an - gel clad in white they see, Who sits and  
 4 That night the a - pos - tles met in fear; A - mong them  
 5 When Thom - as first the tid - ings heard That they had



hosts in glo - ry sing, To - day the grave has lost its sting!  
 wom - en went their way To seek the tomb where Je - sus lay.  
 speaks un - to the three, "Your Lord will go to Gal - i - lee."  
 came their mas - ter dear And said, "My peace be with you here."  
 seen the ris - en Lord, He doubt - ed the dis - ci - ples' word.



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

6 "My piercèd side, O Thomas, see,  
 And look upon My hands, My feet;  
 Not faithless but believing be."  
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

- 7 No longer Thomas then denied;  
He saw the feet, the hands, the side;  
"You are my Lord and God!" he cried.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 8 How blest are they who have not seen  
And yet whose faith has constant been,  
For they eternal life shall win.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 9 On this most holy day of days  
Be laud and jubilee and praise:  
To God your hearts and voices raise.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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**SERMON**                    *"The Office of the Keys"*                    (John 20:21-23 )

**OFFERING**    *(Please place your offering in the offering plate as you exit,  
thank you)*



**OFFERTORY***"As Surely as I Live," God Said***LSB 614**

1 "As sure - ly as I live," God said, "I would not  
 2 And so our Lord gave this com - mand: "Go forth and  
 3 "All those whose sins you thus re - mit I tru - ly  
 4 "What you will bind, that bound shall be; What you will



see the sin - ner dead. I want him turned from  
 preach in ev - 'ry land; Be - stow on all My  
 par - don and ac - quit, And those whose sins you  
 loose, that shall be free; To My dear Church the



er - ror's ways, Re - pen - tant, liv - ing end - less days."  
 par - d'ning grace Who will re - pent and mend their ways.  
 will re - tain Con - demned and guilt - y shall re - main.  
 keys are giv'n To o - pen, close the gates of heav'n."

5 The words which absolution give  
 Are His who died that we might live;  
 The minister whom Christ has sent  
 Is but His humble instrument.

6 When ministers lay on their hands,  
 Absolved by Christ the sinner stands;  
 He who by grace the Word believes  
 The purchase of His blood receives.

7 All praise to You, O Christ, shall be  
 For absolution full and free,  
 In which You show Your richest grace;  
 From false indulgence guard our race.



Praise God the Father and the Son  
And Holy Spirit, Three in One,  
As was, is now, and so shall be  
World without end, eternally!

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*Please remain standing*

**SHARING OF THE PEACE**     *"Peace be with you" (John 20:21)*  
*[using ASL (American Sign Language)]*

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**P** Merciful Father, at Your bidding we come to You in prayer, trusting in Your mercy to supply us with all that is needful and beneficial to us and for all for whom our prayers have been requested.

Silence the doubts that plague us and deliver us from fear, that believing in You we may know the full comfort of Your gracious presence. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer and grant our supplication.**

**P** Deliver us from pride and humble us by Your Spirit so that, confessing all our sins, we know the peace of a clear conscience and serve You with all our heart, mind, body, and soul. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer and grant our supplication.**

**P** Make Your Church bold in the confession of Your name before the world and give Your blessing to all pastors and church workers as they accomplish Your bidding in their service to us in Your name. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer and grant our supplication.**

**P** Guard us from all enemies and bless our nation with good government and good leaders, that we enjoy justice before the law, equality of opportunity in the marketplace, and peace in our communities and between the nations. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer and grant our supplication.**

**P** Restore those absent too long from the Church's sacramental

life and bring to repentance those who have fallen into error and sin, that they may again be one with us at the Table of the Lord. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer and grant our supplication.**

P Give comfort, healing, patience, and strength to the sick, to those suffering a troubled mind, and to those carrying the heavy burden of grief, that they may know Your presence in their hour of need, [especially . . .]. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer and grant our supplication.**

P Accept the praise and thanksgiving of our lips, the tithes and offerings we bring, and our labors for Your glory, that we not suffer from ingratitude or the pride that believes all we have is the fruit of our own work. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer and grant our supplication.**

P Remembering blessed Thomas and all the disciples, the saints and the martyrs, and those who taught us the faith and now rest from their labors, bring us with them through the day of trouble into the dawn of peace and the place of everlasting life and light through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer and grant our supplication.**

P Grant to us that we may worthily receive this blessed Sacrament of Your Son's body and blood and may confidently trust that You will both hear and answer the prayers of Your people and supply us with all good things according to Your merciful favor; 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.**



*Please sit*

**SENDING HYMN**

*When Peace, like a River*

**LSB 763**



1 When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my way; When  
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, Let  
3 He lives— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; My  
4 And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight, The

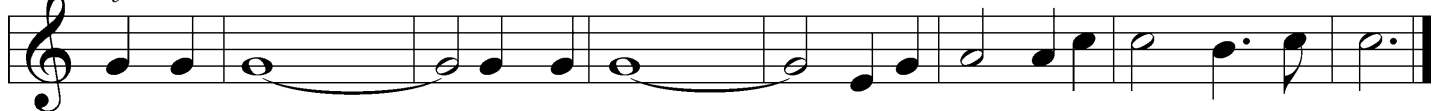


sor - rows, like sea bil - lows, roll; What - ev - er my lot, Thou hast  
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, That Christ hath re - gard - ed my  
sin, not in part, but the whole, Is nailed to His cross, and I  
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, The trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul.  
help - less es - tate And hath shed His own blood for my soul.  
bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
Lord shall de - scend; E - ven so it is well with my soul.

*Refrain*



It is well with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul.

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**DISMISSAL**

**P** Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

**C** Thanks be to God!

**POSTLUDE**

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***Birthdays***

***Members***

5 Donna Jackson  
5 John Winston  
13 Thomas Marchant  
19 **Jasmine Reyes**  
29 Helen Vogel (**101st**)

***Winter Texans***

4 Kathy Bosch  
6 Dale Blume  
8 Jim Klima  
11 Lillian Bosch  
21 Mike Myers  
28 Floyd Bosch

***Immanuel School***

8 Obeth Ledesma

***Anniversaries***

***Members***

6 Elias & Maribel Perez

***Winter Texans***

3 John & Doris Hambleton  
14 Jim & Wanda Klima  
24 Don & Noreen Boyd

***Memory Verse Challenge***

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

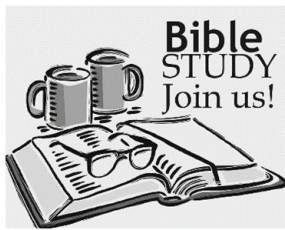
**This week's memory verse:**

***John 14:19***

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



*Portals of Prayer  
for April to June 2021 are available in the Narthrex  
or office.*



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

<b>Bi-Weekly Church Activity Schedule</b>		
<b>April Sunday Servants:</b>		
Elder:	Ken Eilers	
Altar Guild:	Billie Jo Neuhaus & Maribel Perez	
Music:	Bonny Winston	
<b>This Week</b>	Second Sunday of Easter	
Usher:	Ken Eilers	
Sunday:	Worship Service	9:00 am
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am
<b>Next Week</b>	Third Sunday of Easter	
Usher:	Don Vogel	
Sunday:	Holy Communion Worship Service	9:00 am
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am

<b>3/24/2021</b>	
<b>Lenten Mid-Week 6</b>	
<b>Service</b>	<b>29</b>
Plate:	\$ 70.00
Envelopes:	\$ 80.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 150.00</b>

<b>3/28/2021</b>	
<b>Sunday Worship</b>	<b>42</b>
Plate:	\$ 291.00
Envelopes:	\$ 1,105.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 1,396.00</b>
<b>Bible Class:</b>	<b>21</b>
	\$ 26.00

<b>4/1/2021</b>	
<b>Maundy Thursday 37</b>	
Plate:	\$ 146.00
Envelopes:	\$ 120.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 266.00</b>

<b>4/2/2021</b>	
<b>Good Friday</b>	<b>39</b>
Plate:	\$ 95.00
Envelopes:	\$ 145.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 240.00</b>



## The Risen Christ Breathes His Peace in the Holy Absolution

The crucified and risen Lord Jesus appeared to His apostles on the first Easter Sunday. He “came and stood among them,” and with His Word and the wounds in “his hands and his side,” He granted them His peace (John 20:19–20). He sent them as ministers of the Gospel in His name to bestow the life-giving Holy Spirit for us and for His whole Church through the forgiveness of sins (John 20:21–23). Through this apostolic ministry, He calls us to believe that He “is the Christ, the Son of God,” so that by such faith we “may have life in his name” (John 20:31). The apostles “have seen and heard” this divine life manifested in the flesh of Christ, and those who succeed them in this apostolic ministry now proclaim that same Absolution to us, so that we “too may have fellowship” with the risen Christ, with the apostles and “with one another” (1 John 1:1–7). The one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church lives by “their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus,” and all who believe this Word are “of one heart and soul,” because in Him they truly have “everything in common” (Acts 4:32–33).

**4/4/2021**

<b>Sunday Worship</b>	<b>38</b>	
<b>Sunrise Service</b>	<b>41</b>	
Plate:		\$ 335.00
Envelopes:		\$ 1,050.00
Insurance Refund		\$ 50.00
<b>Total:</b>		<b>\$ 1,435.00</b>
<b>Bible Class:</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>\$ 7.00</b>

### *Third Sunday of Easter Readings:*

*Acts 3:11-21  
Psalm 4  
1 John 3:1-7  
Luke 24:36-49*