**THIRD SUNDAY** OF EASTER **APRIL 23, 2023** IMMANUEL LUTHERAN **CHURCH** Missouri Synod



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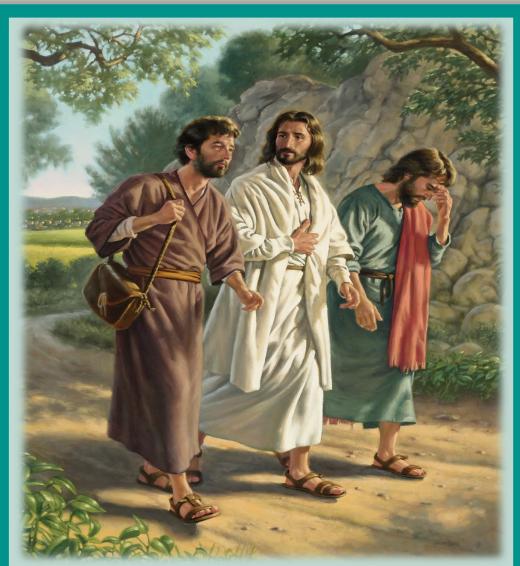
Sunday 9:00 A.M. **Worship Service** 

10:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Sunday School

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

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(Luke 24:25-27)

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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 Jesus Christ, You gave Yourself for me as an unblemished sacrifice in order to ransom me from my sins. Strengthen me to let go of my own futile deeds, and cling to Your deeds of death and resurrection for me and my salvation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**AS WE GATHER** - Today we see Jesus appear to His disciples on the road to Emmaus. They say afterward that their hearts burned within them as Jesus opened up to them the Scriptures. In the Reading from Acts, those gathered on Pentecost are cut to the heart by Peter's words. And in the Epistle, Peter speaks of purified souls and hearts. It seems our hearts are being greatly affected by Christ. They are cut, burning, and purified by the Word of Christ.

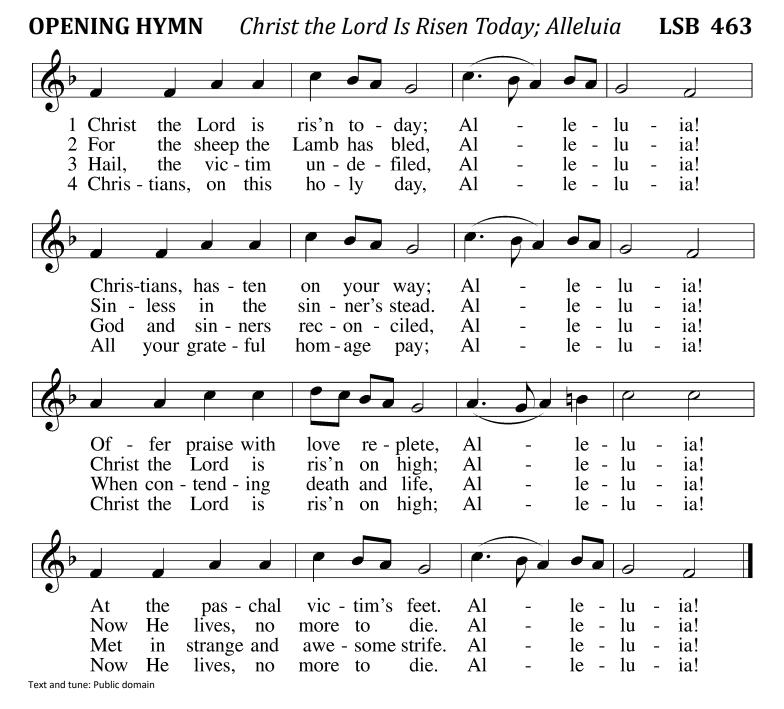
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**WELCOME** 

#### **PRELUDE**

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



## 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,
- 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 133; antiphon: v. 1

- P Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!
- C It is like the precious oil upon the head, running down on the beard, the beard of Aaron, running down on the edge of his garments.
- P It is like the dew of Hermon, descending upon the mountains of Zion; for there the Lord commanded the blessing—life forevermore.
- C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
- P Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!

#### **KYRIE**



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

#### **GLORIA IN EXCELSIS**



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 with your spirit.

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. 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 Amen.

Please sit

## FIRST READING Acts 2:14a, 36–41

(The Word cuts people to the heart.)

14 But Peter, standing up with the eleven, raised his voice and said to them, 36 "Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ." 37 Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?" 38 Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call."

40 And with many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, "Be saved from this perverse generation." 41 Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

## C Thanks be to God.

## PSALM

Psalm 116:1–14; antiphon: v. 5

- P Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; yes, our God is merciful.
- C I love the Lord, because He has heard my voice and my supplications.
- P Because He has inclined His ear to me, therefore I will call upon Him as long as I live.

- $\mathbf{C}$ The pains of death surrounded me, and the pangs of Sheol laid hold of me; I found trouble and sorrow.
- Then I called upon the name of the Lord: "O Lord, I implore You, P deliver my soul!"
- Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; yes, our God is merciful. C
- P The Lord preserves the simple; I was brought low, and He saved me.
- Return to your rest, O my soul, for the Lord has dealt  $\mathbf{C}$ bountifully with you.
- For You have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, P and my feet from falling.
- I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living. C
- I believed, therefore I spoke, "I am greatly afflicted." P
- $\mathbf{C}$ I said in my haste, "All men are liars."
- What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits toward me? P
- $\mathbf{C}$ I will take up the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord.
- I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His P people.

Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; yes, our God is merciful.

#### **EPISTLE** 1 Peter 1:17-25

(The Word of the Lord endures forever.)

17 And if you call on the Father, who without partiality judges according to each one's work, conduct yourselves throughout the time of your stay here in fear; 18 knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot. 20 He indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you 21 who through Him believe in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

22 Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through

the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart, 23 having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever, 24 because

"All flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of the grass. The grass withers, and its flower falls away,

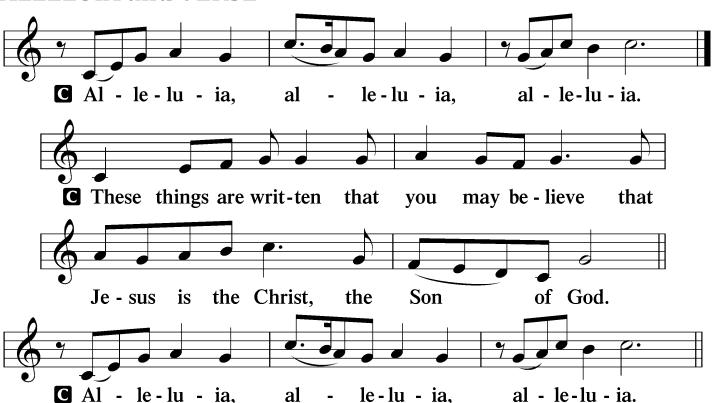
But the word of the Lord endures forever."

Now this is the word which by the gospel was preached to you.

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

Please stand

#### ALLELUIA and VERSE



## **HOLY GOSPEL**

Luke 24:13-35

(Jesus appears on the road to Emmaus.)

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

## C Glory to You, O Lord.

13 Now behold, two of them were traveling that same day to a village

called Emmaus, which was seven miles from Jerusalem. 14 And they talked together of all these things which had happened. 15 So it was, while they conversed and reasoned, that Jesus Himself drew near and went with them. 16 But their eyes were restrained, so that they did not know Him. 17 And He said to them, "What kind of conversation is this that you have with one another as you walk and are sad?" 18 Then the one whose name was Cleopas answered and said to Him, "Are You the only stranger in Jerusalem, and have You not known the things which happened there in these days?" 19 And He said to them, "What things?" So they said to Him, "The things concerning Jesus of Nazareth, who was a Prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, 20 and how the chief priests and our rulers delivered Him to be condemned to death, and crucified Him. 21 But we were hoping that it was He who was going to redeem Israel. Indeed, besides all this, today is the third day since these things happened. 22 Yes, and certain women of our company, who arrived at the tomb early, astonished us. 23 When they did not find His body, they came saying that they had also seen a vision of angels who said He was alive. 24 And certain of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but Him they did not see." 25 Then He said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! 26 Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory?" 27 And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.

28 Then they drew near to the village where they were going, and He indicated that He would have gone farther. 29 But they constrained Him, saying, "Abide with us, for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent." And He went in to stay with them. 30 Now it came to pass, as He sat at the table with them, that He took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. 31 Then their eyes were opened and they knew Him; and He vanished from their sight. 32 And they said to one another, "Did not our heart burn within us while He talked with us on the road, and while He opened the Scriptures to

us?" 33 So they rose up that very hour and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, 34 saying, "The Lord is risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" 35 And they told about the things that had happened on the road, and how He was known to them in the breaking of bread.

- This is the Gospel of the Lord. P
- Praise to You, O Christ.  $\mathbf{C}$

## **Apostles' Creed**

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** 

Jesus, Priceless Treasure

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5 Evil world, I leave thee;
Thou canst not deceive me,
Thine appeal is vain.
Sin that once did blind me,
Get thee far behind me,
Come not forth again.
Past thy hour,
O pride and pow'r;
Sinful life, thy bonds I sever,
Leave thee now forever.

6 Hence, all fear and sadness!
For the Lord of gladness,
Jesus, enters in.
Those who love the Father,
Though the storms may gather,
Still have peace within.
Yea, whate'er
I here must bear,
Thou art still my purest pleasure,
Jesus, priceless treasure!

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## **SERMON** *"How precious is your redemption!"* (1 Peter 1:19)

## **OFFERING**

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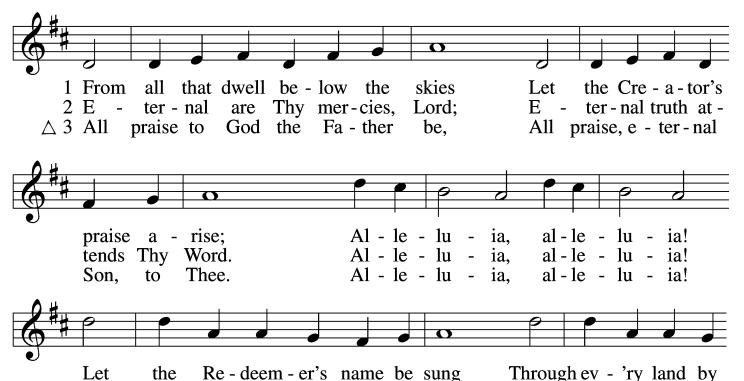
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From All That Dwell Below the Skies

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SHARING OF THE PEACE "Peace be with you" (John 20:21)

[using American Sign Language]

#### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P Our hearts to heaven and voices raised,
- C we bring to God our prayer and praise.
- P For all who find their identity in anything other than Jesus, that they may see the deeds of Jesus and cling to His cross alone. Our hearts to heaven and voices raised,
- C we bring to God our prayer and praise.
- P For the Word of God to spread to all people from every nation, people, and language, that each person on earth might come to understand that though everything is fleeting and fading, the Word of the Lord endures forever. Our hearts to heaven and voices raised,
- C we bring to God our prayer and praise.
- P Lord, You have borne our griefs and shared in our sorrows. Bring Your comfort to all those who are suffering in grief, [especially . . .]. Point them to the hope of the resurrection to eternal life with Jesus. Our hearts to heaven and voices raised,
- C we bring to God our prayer and praise.

- P For all of those who are single, whether by choice or circumstance, we pray that the Lord would surround them with friends and community, so that they might know the joys of fellowship and be kept from the agony of loneliness. Equip us as the Church on earth to do better to care for those who are single. Our hearts to heaven and voices raised,
- C we bring to God our prayer and praise.
- P For those who feel shame and impurity because of abuse, that the Lord would rescue them, comfort them, and remind them of the victory they have in Jesus' resurrection. Our hearts to heaven and voices raised,
- C we bring to God our prayer and praise.
- P For all who are sick, injured, and recovering, [especially . . .]. We ask for the Lord's mercy and healing. Our hearts to heaven and voices raised,
- C we bring to God our prayer and praise.
- P For all those who are celebrating this week, with birthdays, anniversaries, and other moments of joy, we give thanks to the Lord. Our hearts to heaven and voices raised,
- C we bring to God our prayer and praise. 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**

Numbers 6:24-26

- P The LORD bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace.
- C Amen.

#### SENDING HYMN Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen LSB 474 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 vine, 3 Je - sus the We the branch - es; Life the are in si - lent: Death put 4 Weep-ing, Sor - row, be gone; be a -5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er, Gold - en sound-ing in glo - ri - ous light! Splen-dor, the Lamb, Heav - en forsto - 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-Oh, what a mir - a - cle God er! has sight! ev in Je - sus bless - ing, our glo our con - stant sur - prise. ry: ple, Gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing peo to me. pen!" Clothe us in won - der. a dorn us in light. Sing with cre - a - tion God the I - gels, to AM! Refrain Je - sus is ris and shall rise: - en we

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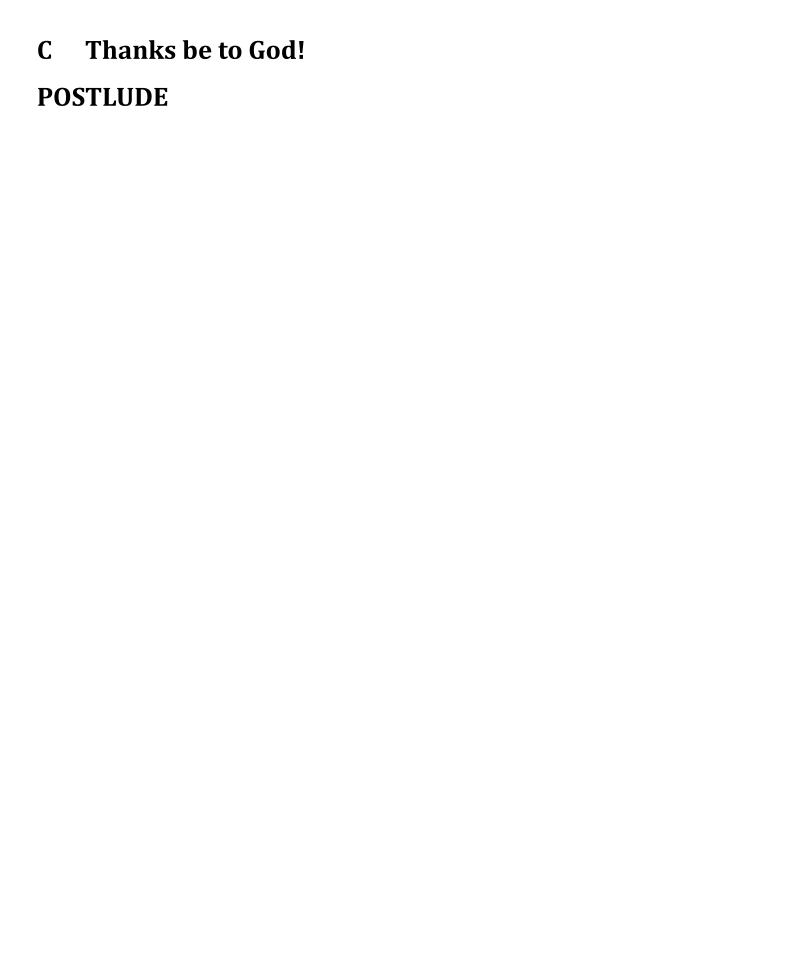
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## **DISMISSAL**

Give God

Go in peace as you serve the Lord!

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Sermon Notes:		

## **MEMORY VERSE OF THE WEEK**

This week's memory verse: Ephesians 2:13-14

Now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility.

## From the Pastor's Desk

**Portals of Prayer** April to June 2023 are available in the Narthex or office.

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

## April Activities

Immanuel Lutheran School BarBQ Brisket Sandwich Sack Lunch Drive-by (\$ 10.00 per ticket)

(pick up on Washington Ave. parking lot)
Saturday, April 29, 2023
11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

(includes sandwich, onions and pickles, bag of chips, and drink)

St. Paul Lutheran Church 602 Morgan Blvd., Harlingen, TX Celebration Worship Service @ 3 p.m. in the Sanctuary

> Dinner is following the worship service at Oak Hill Event Center 1780 US-77 San Benito, TX

Website link to purchase tickets via credit cards is https://subspla.sh/nk2s4tv/

4/16/2023			FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	
Sunday Worship 42			READINGS:	
Plate: Envelopes: Donations:		\$ 130.00 \$ 1,933.00	Acts 2:42-47 Psalm 23	
Bible Class:	Total:	\$ 2,063.00	1 Peter 2:19-25	
	12	\$ 11.00	John 10:1-10	

# The Risen Lord Jesus Is with Us in Holy Baptism and in 'the Breaking of the Bread'

From "before the foundation of the world" until heaven and earth pass away, "the word of the Lord remains forever" (1 Peter 1:20, 25). This "living and abiding word of God" is the preaching of Christ Jesus, namely that God "raised him from the dead and gave him glory" (1 Peter 1:21, 23). By this living word, we "have been born again" to eternal life (1 Peter 1:23) and ransomed from our sinful and mortal life "with the precious blood of Christ" (1 Peter 1:18–19). This living word also calls us to repentance, to dying and rising in Holy Baptism "in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins" (Acts 2:38). In this, we receive the Holy Spirit "for you and for your children and for all who are far off" (Acts 2:39). Through the preaching of His cross and resurrection, Jesus draws near to bring us "into his glory" (Luke 24:26). As He opens the Scriptures, He opens our minds to comprehend "the things concerning himself" (Luke 24:27), and He brings us to know Him "in the breaking of the bread" (Luke 24:35).

	Bi-Weekly Church Activity Schedule		
	<b>April Sunday Servants</b>	May Sunday Servants	
Elder:	Ken Eilers	Don Vogel	
Altar Guild:	S. Wehling & R. Cisneros	BJ Neuhaus & M. Perez	
Music:	Doris Pickering		
This Week	Third Sunday of Easter		
Usher:	Dan Wehling		
Sunday:	Worship Service	9:00 am	
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Stu	dy 10:30 am	
Next Week	Fourth Sunday of Easter		
Usher:	Don Vogel		
Sunday:	Holy Communion Worship Servi	ice 9:00 am	
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Stu	dy 10:30 am	