THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD APRIL 4, 2021 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

Office Hrs, M-F 8 am to 12 pm CCLI # 2585510 "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him. (Mark 16:6)

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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 the 3x5 white cards located in the pew racks in front of you.

This 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 Almighty God, You promised that the veil of death would be lifted and that I would gather upon the high mountain of Your presence to feast in the victory over sin and the grave. Grant to my heart the rich joy of the resurrection, that, believing Jesus was raised from the dead, I, too, might look to the resurrection of my body and to the gift of life everlasting; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.
- **AS WE GATHER** Though Christmas may be our favorite, Paul reminds us that Easter is of "first importance." If Christ had not arisen, our hope would be still locked in the tomb. Because He is risen, just as He said, we have hope of our own

resurrection from the dead and look forward to the life everlasting, which death cannot touch. We come here today not simply to remember an event but to rejoice in the future made possible for us because of what happened. Before the world we confess that Jesus' resurrection is not a hope but a fact witnessed by more than five hundred and on that fact God has built a future for us—one we anticipate now even as we wait to see it fulfilled.

WELCOME

PRELUDE (A quiet time for prayer and meditation)

DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING ONE

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OPENING HYMN

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

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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.
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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.)

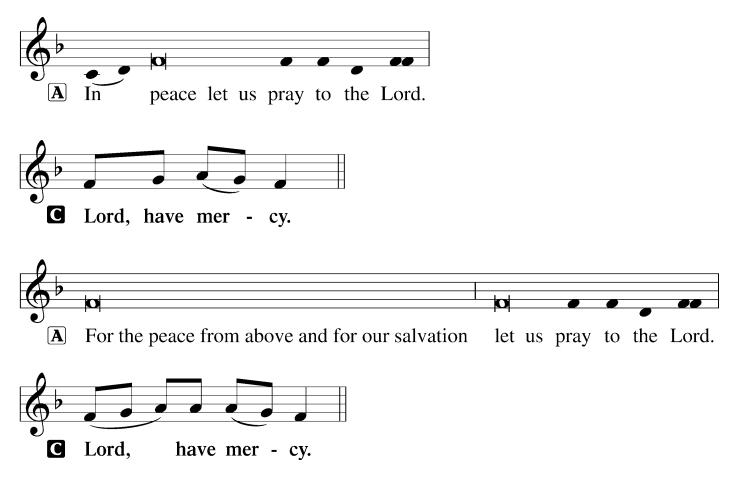
- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our 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.

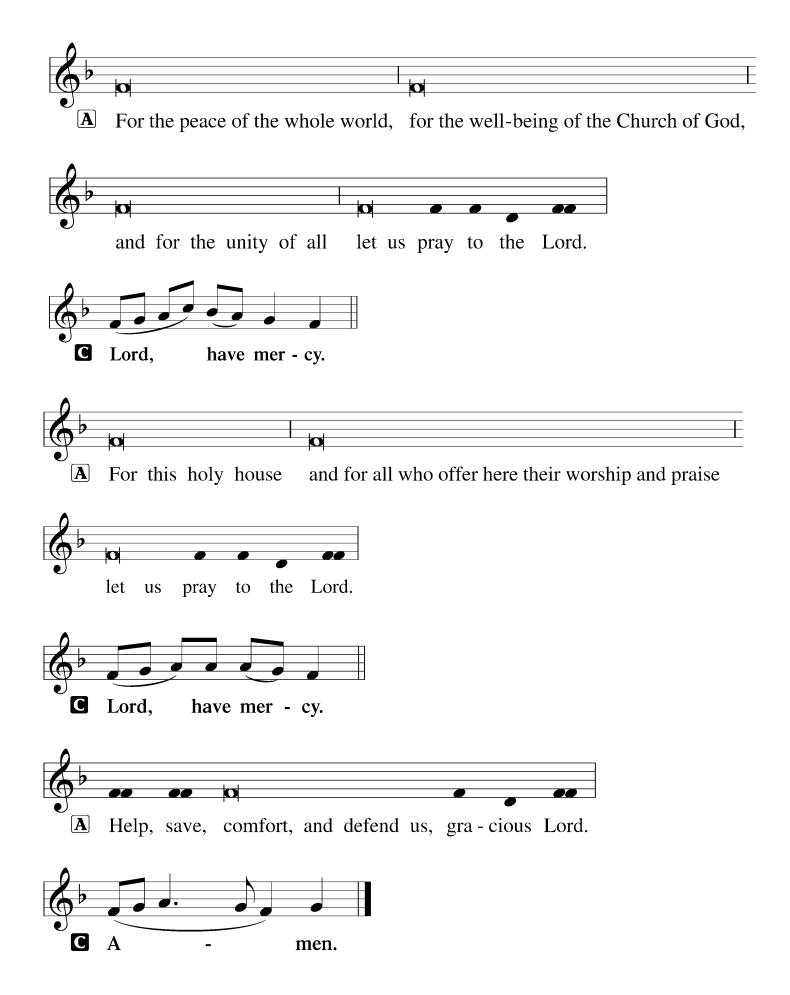
INTROIT *Psalm 118:1-2, 13, 21-22, 24, 26; Antiphon, Matthew 28:6a, 7b*

- P Alleluia, [Christ] has risen, as he said. He has risen from the dead. Alleluia.
- C Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever.
- P Let Israel now say, "His mercy endures forever."
- C You pushed me violently, that I might fall, but the Lord helped me.

- P I will praise You, for You have answered me, and have become my salvation.
- C The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.
- P This is the day the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.
- C Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! We have blessed you from the house of the Lord.
- All 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 Alleluia, [Christ] has risen, as he said. He has risen from the dead. Alleluia.

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THIS IS THE FEAST



SALUTATION



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



+ THE WORD +

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OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 25:6–9* (He will swallow up death forever.)

6 And in this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all people a feast of choice pieces, a feast of wines on the lees, of fat things full of marrow, of well-refined wines on the lees. 7 And He will destroy on this mountain the surface of the covering cast over all people, and the veil that is spread over all nations. 8 He will swallow up death forever, and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces; the rebuke of His people He will take away from all the earth; for the Lord has spoken. 9 And it will be said in that day: "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for Him, and He will save us. This is the Lord; we have waited for Him; we will be glad and rejoice in His salvation."

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

PSALM *Psalm 16; antiphon: v. 10*

- P For You will not leave my soul in Sheol, nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption.
- C Preserve me, O God, for in You I put my trust.
- P O my soul, you have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord, my goodness is nothing apart from You."
- C As for the saints who are on the earth, "They are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight."
- P Their sorrows shall be multiplied who hasten after another god; their drink offerings of blood I will not offer, nor take up their names on my lips.
- C O Lord, You are the portion of my inheritance and my cup; You maintain my lot.
- P The lines have fallen to me in pleasant places; yes, I have a good inheritance.
- C I will bless the Lord who has given me counsel; my heart also instructs me in the night seasons.
- P I have set the Lord always before me; because He is at my right hand I shall not be moved.
- C Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoices; my

flesh also will rest in hope.

- P For You will not leave my soul in Sheol, nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption.
- C You will show me the path of life; in Your presence is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.
- P For You will not leave my soul in Sheol, nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

EPISTLE 1 Corinthians 15:1–11

(Christ appeared to His disciples and to more than five hundred witnesses.)

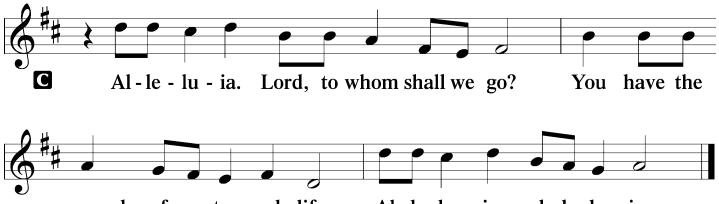
1 Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, 2 by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. 3 For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, 5 and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve. 6 After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep. 7 After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles. 8 Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time. 9 For I am the least of the apostles, who am not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. 10 But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me. 11 Therefore, whether it was I or they, so we preach and

so you believed.

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

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ALLELUIA AND VERSE



words of e-ter-nal life. Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 16:1–8

(He is risen; He is not here!)

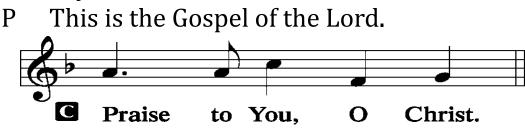
P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixteenth chapter.



1 Now when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, that they might come and anoint Him. 2 Very early in the morning, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen. 3 And they said among themselves, "Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?" 4 But when they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away—for it was very large. 5 And entering the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a long white robe sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed.

6 But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him. 7 But go, tell His disciples—and Peter—that He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him, as He said to you."

8 So they went out quickly and fled from the tomb, for they trembled and were amazed. And they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

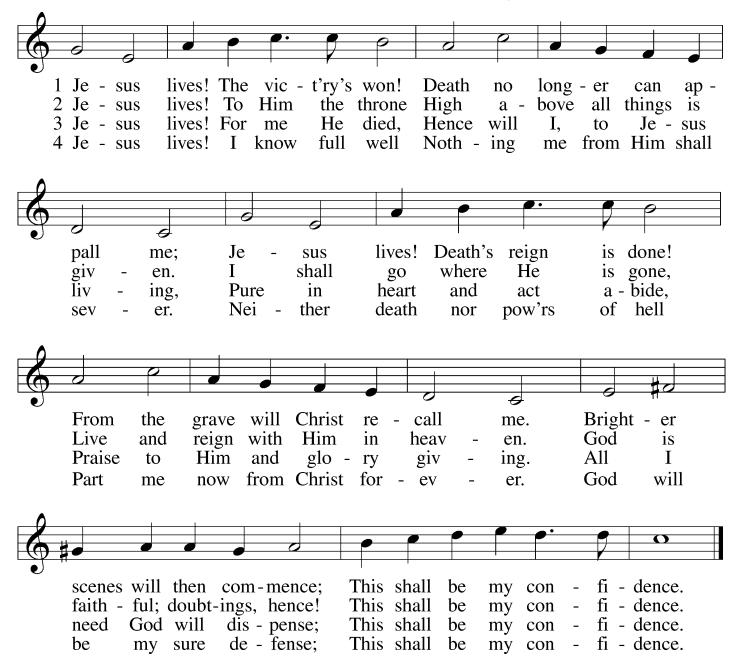


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All: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won LSB 490



5 Jesus lives! And now is death But the gate of life immortal; This shall calm my trembling breath When I pass its gloomy portal. Faith shall cry, as fails each sense: Jesus is my confidence!

SERMON *"Were you there when God raised Him from the tomb?"* (Mark 16:6)

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



OFFERTORY

He's Risen, He's Risen

LSB 480



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Please remain standing **SHARING OF THE PEACE** "Peace be with you" [using ASL (American Sign Language)]

John 20:21

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.

O Gracious Father, help us believe that because Jesus lives, we, too, are made alive by faith and shall live with Him eternally.

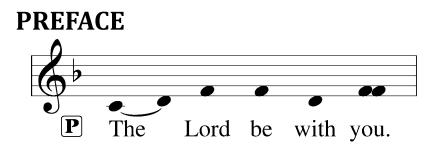
- C Risen Lord, live in us that we may live in You.
- P Lift our vision from sin and death that we not despair nor grow weary of well-doing as we await the completion of all that our Lord began, and give us the will and desire to use our days to proclaim His victory to the ends of the earth.
- C Risen Lord, live in us that we may live in You.
- P Give Your blessing to Your Church and to her ministers, that we be called to faith and repentance, rejoice in Your merciful goodness, and be kept in the faith through the Means of Grace until the day when we are raised to everlasting life with Christ.
- C Risen Lord, live in us that we may live in You.
- P Give courage and discernment to the missionaries far and near and to those planting new congregations that they abound in the hope of the resurrection and that those who hear this Gospel be granted the Holy Spirit and faith.
- C Risen Lord, live in us that we may live in You.
- P Consider those whose lives are burdened by afflictions of the body, mind, or spirit, and who seek Your healing and strength. Deliver them according to Your merciful will, and sustain them in faith until their troubles and trials give way to the blessings of the resurrection and eternal life. [Hear us especially for names and those named in our hearts.]
- C Risen Lord, live in us that we may live in You.

P Hear Your people on behalf of our nation and all our leaders, on behalf of all peoples and nations, for peace, justice, and freedom, and for the will to work together to relieve suffering and deliver the oppressed.

C Risen Lord, live in us that we may live in You.

- P Guide us in the good use of the time, skills, abilities, and resources You provide so that we may support those in our care and serve the poor and those in need with the treasures of the Kingdom. Accept from our lips the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving and from our hands the tithes and offerings of a grateful heart.
- C Risen Lord, live in us that we may live in You.
- P Remembering those who came to the tomb in sorrow and returned to their homes with the fear of the Lord in their hearts, receive our thanksgiving for the faithful who have gone before us. Give Your comfort to those who grieve the loss of those they love, [especially . . .], and bring us with them into Your nearer presence, where sorrow and tears are no more.
- C Risen Lord, live in us that we may live in You.
- 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.

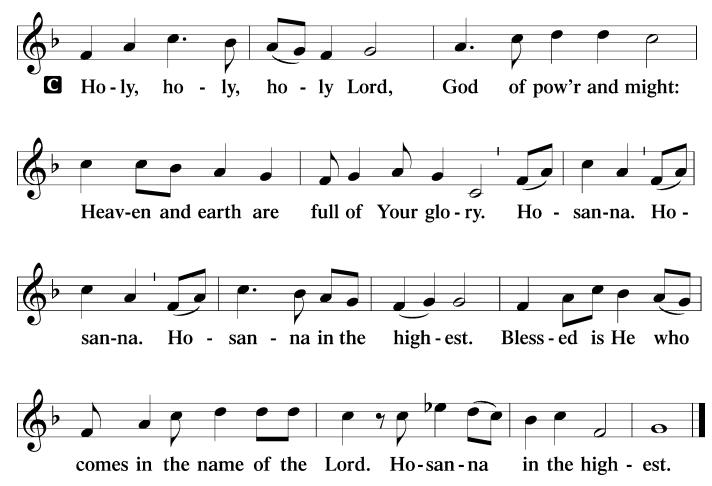
+ THE SACRAMENT +





P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

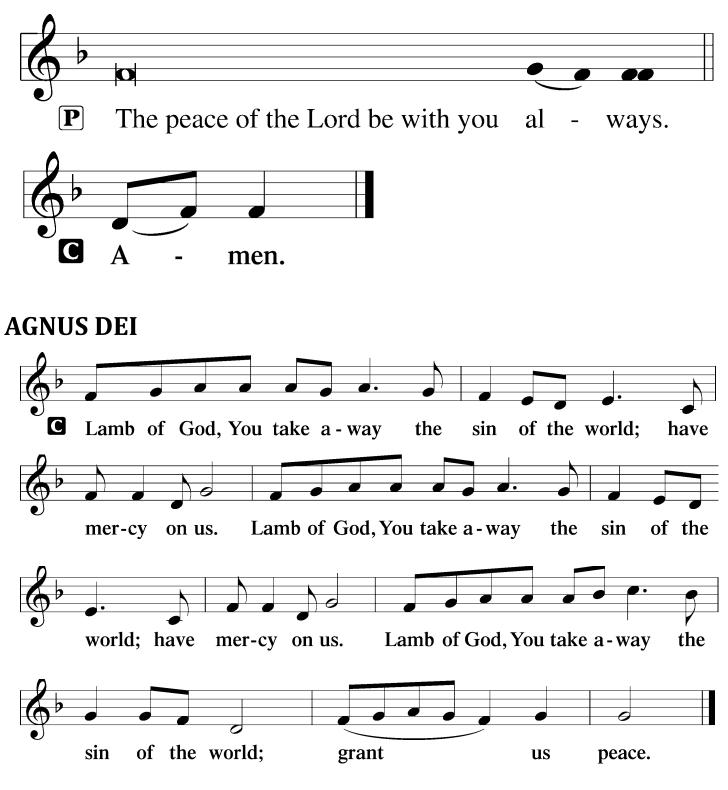
LORD'S PRAYER (*Matthew 6:9–13*)

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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

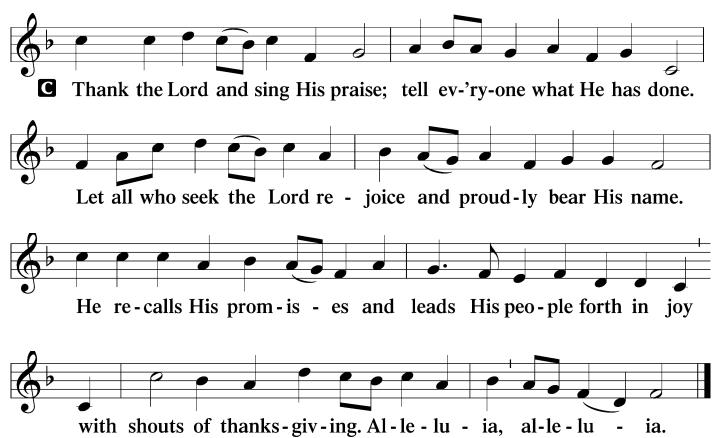
- P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."
- P In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying:
 "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

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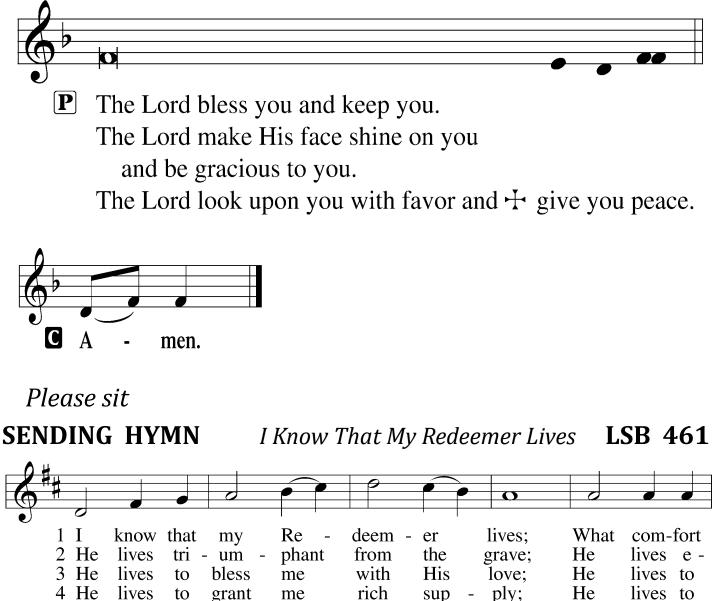
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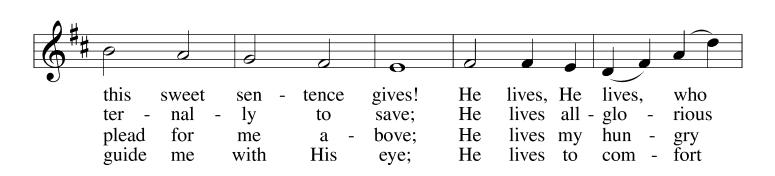
- P Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
 - C Amen.

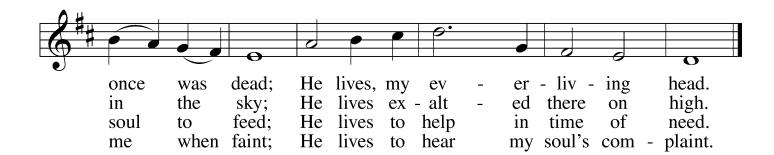
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- P Let us bless the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION







- 5 He lives to silence all my fears;
 He lives to wipe away my tears;
 He lives to calm my troubled heart;
 He lives all blessings to impart.
- 6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;
 He lives and loves me to the end;
 He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing;
 He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.
- 7 He lives and grants me daily breath;
 He lives, and I shall conquer death;
 He lives my mansion to prepare;
 He lives to bring me safely there.
- 8 He lives, all glory to His name! He lives, my Jesus, still the same; Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives: I know that my Redeemer lives!

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DISMISSAL

- P Go in peace! Serve the Lord!
- C Thanks be to God.
- P Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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Portals of Prayer for April to June 2021 are now available in the Narthrex.

You are lovingly and prayerfully invited to **join us for Sunday School and Bible Study**

at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. You have fellowship with one another and also enrich your spiritual life with the Word. **Pastor Goetz** will be leading the Bible Study.



Elders' Meeting Tuesday, April 6, 2021 9:00 a.m.

To Our Winter Texans, safe trip as you head back north!

Goodbyes are not forever. Goodbyes are not the end. They simply mean I'll miss you ... Until we meet again.

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Lenten Mid-Week 6 Worship	ieek 24	
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TO ASSIST YOU IN WORSHIP

- <u>Large print Worship Bulletins</u> for those who are sight impaired.
- <u>Personal Wireless Listening devices</u> for those with hearing difficulties.
- <u>Prayer requests</u> forms are located in a black binder in the Pew

Hymnal Rack as well as with an usher.

Please print the request and place the form in the collection plate or give to a usher!

PLEASE ASK AN USHER FOR ANY ASSISTANCE

- **A REMINDER -** The Pastor is always available following worship to speak and pray with worshipers who have concerns for themselves or others.
- Please do not hesitate to seek him out.

FOR THOSE IN OUR WORSHIPING CONGREGATION WHO MAY BE

PHYSICALLY UNABLE TO STAND FOR EXTENDED PERIODS OF TIME, OR WHO FIND IT DIFFI-CULT TO RISE AND SIT ON EVERY OCCASION DURING THE WORSHIP. PLEASE FEEL FREE TO SIT OR REMAIN SEATED EVEN THOUGH THE CONGREGATION HAS BEEN DIRECTED TO STAND.

Memory Verse Challenge

THIS WEEK'S Memory Verse

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

This week's memory verse: **Romans 6:8–9**

"Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him."



The Risen Christ Has Swallowed Up Death Forever!

The entire fallen world is veiled in a funeral shroud "that is spread over all nations" and "cast over all peoples" (Is. 25:7). But the Lord of hosts, in the Person of the incarnate Son, Jesus Christ, has removed that terrible pall and swallowed up death forever. By submitting Himself to death, He burst it apart from the inside out. Now He wipes away all tears from our faces, and He invites us to "be glad and rejoice in his salvation" (Is. 25:9). His body and His blood, crucified and risen, are given and poured out for us as a feast "of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined" (Is. 25:6). We enter that feast through Holy Baptism, whereby our old man is buried with Jesus Christ, and we are raised up in Him, "dressed in a white robe" of His perfect righteousness (Mark 16:5). What St. Paul and the other apostles received "by the grace of God" is also "delivered to you" by the preaching of Christ, "in which you stand, and by which you are being saved" (1 Cor. 15:1–11).

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Usher:	Earl Neı	Earl Neuhaus					
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