SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER APRIL 27, 2025 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: Every 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.

The Lord's Supper is celebrated every Sunday at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as Christ our Lord says, He gives into our mouths not only bread and wine, but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins (Matthew 26:26-29). And through this sacrament, He strengthens us for new life in Him (Romans 8:10;1)

Peter 2:4). Jesus personally invites weak sinners (Mark 9:24) who trust His words, "This is My body which is given for you... this cup is the new covenant in My blood which is shed for you" (Luke 22:19-20), to receive His blessings of forgiveness, life and salvation. (Romans 8:31-32).

Because "he who eats and drinks our Lord's body and blood in an unworthy manner drinks judgement to oneself" (1 Corinthians 11:29), and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith by those gathered at this altar (1 Cor.10:17;11:26), any who have not been instructed, or who hold a confession and church fellowship differing from that of this congregation, and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and desire to receive the Sacrament, should first arrange to speak with the pastor. For further study, see Matthew 10:32f.; 18:15–35; 26:26–29; Mark 14:22-26; Luke 22:14-20; Acts 2:42; 20:7; 1 Cor. 10:14-21;11:17–34.

A Prayer Upon Entering Church - Almighty God, who once delivered Thomas from his fears and strengthened his faith, grant me by Your grace the same Spirit to confront my doubts and so be made steadfast and bold in faith and in the confession of Christ's saving name before the world; through Jesus Christ, my risen Lord and Savior, whom with the Father and the Spirit, You are one God, one Lord, now and forever. Amen. **AS WE GATHER** - Proof is surely what we want, but instead of the kind of proof that would remove the need for faith, God gives us His own marks of suffering to satisfy our fears. We find our refuge in the wounds of Christ. Thomas found them and the doubter became a believer. All of us find answers to the troubles and trials of this mortal life in the wounds of Christ, and from these wounds we confess to the world, "My Lord and my God!" Don't let your doubts and fears drive you away from Jesus. Go to Him with them all, and He has promised to build us up in faith.

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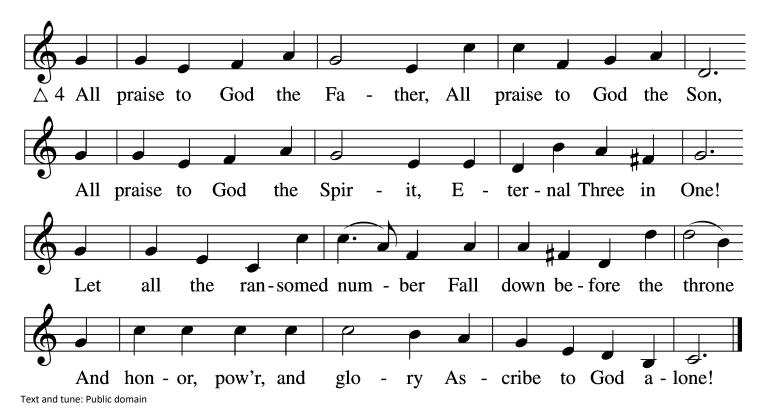
PRELUDE (a quiet time for prayer and meditation in preparation for worship)

The Day of Resurrection

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

tion! Earth, tell 1 The day of res - ur - rec it out a - broad, 2 Let hearts be purged of vil That we may a - right e see the heav'ns be 3 Now let ful, Let earth its be - gin, song iov glad -The pass - o - ver of The pass - o - ver of ness, God. The Lord in rays nal Of res - ur - rec - tion light e - ter Let the world keep umph And all that is all tri there - in. -From sin's do - min - ion life e - ter - nal, From death to free. ac - cents, May hear, so calm and And, lis - t'ning His plain. to un - seen, Their notes of glad-ness all things, seen and blend: Let Our Christ has brought us ver With hymns of vic - to - ry. 0 own "All hail!" and, ing, May raise the vic - tor strain. His hear -For Christ the Lord has ris Our joy that has no end! en, (Continue on next page) 3



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 Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C who made heaven and earth.
- P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- **C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin. (Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination)
- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved

Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

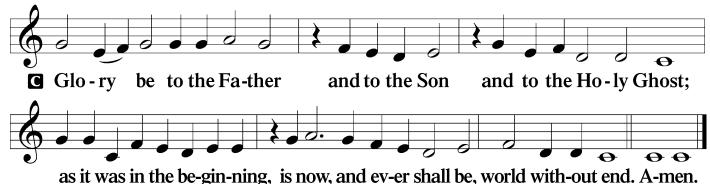
- P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
-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

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

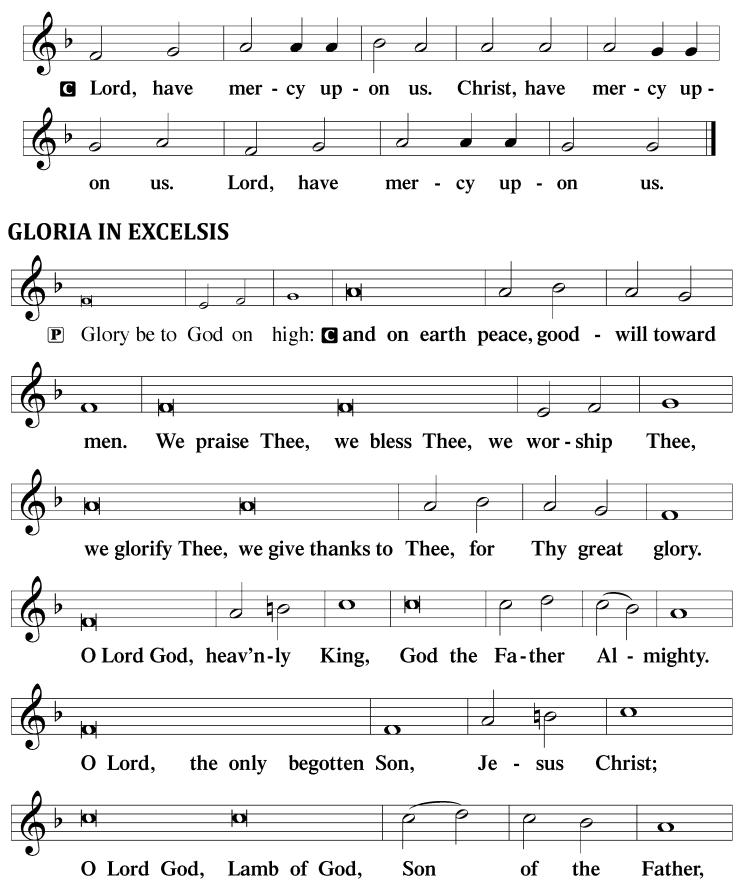
INTROIT *Psalm 105:1–5, 8; antiphon: 1 Peter 2:2–3*

- 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, he word which He commanded, for a thousand generations,
- C 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.

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P 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.



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FIRST READING

Acts 5:12–20

("Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life.") 12 And through the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were done among the people. And they were all with one accord in Solomon's Porch. 13 Yet none of the rest dared join them, but the people esteemed them highly. 14 And believers were increasingly added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, 15 so that they brought the sick out into the streets and laid them on beds and couches, that at least the shadow of Peter passing by might fall on some of them. 16 Also a multitude gathered from the surrounding cities to Jerusalem, bringing sick people and those who were tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all healed.

17 Then the high priest rose up, and all those who were with him (which is the sect of the Sadducees), and they were filled with indignation,18 and laid their hands on the apostles and put them in the common prison.

19 But at night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, 20 "Go, stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this life."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C₈ 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!
- C Let them praise the name of the Lord, for His name alone is exalted; His glory is above the earth and heaven.

SECOND READING Revelation 1:4–18 (To Him who loves us be glory forever.)

4 John, to the seven churches which are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne, 5 and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth.

To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, 6 and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

7 Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him. Even so, Amen.

8 "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End," says the Lord, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty." 9 I, John, both your brother and companion in the tribulation and kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was on the island that is called Patmos for the word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ. 10 I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day, and I heard behind me a loud voice, as of a trumpet, 11 saying, "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last," and, "What you see, write in a book and send it to the seven churches which are in Asia: to Ephesus, to Smyrna, to Pergamos, to Thyatira, to Sardis, to Philadelphia, and to Laodicea."

12 Then I turned to see the voice that spoke with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands, 13 and in the midst of the seven lampstands One like the Son of Man, clothed with a garment down to the feet and girded about the chest with a golden band. 14 His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and His eyes like a flame of fire; 15 His feet were like fine brass, as if refined in a furnace, and His voice as the sound of many waters; 16 He had in His right hand seven stars, out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword, and His countenance was like the sun shining in its strength. 17 And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, "Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last. 18 I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death.

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

Please stand **ALLELUIA**



HOLY GOSPELJohn 20:19-31(Thomas confronts Jesus with his doubts and Jesus confronts him with His wounds to
show that the news of the resurrection is true.)

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

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

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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.



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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. Please sit HYMN OF THE DAY

He's Risen, He's Risen

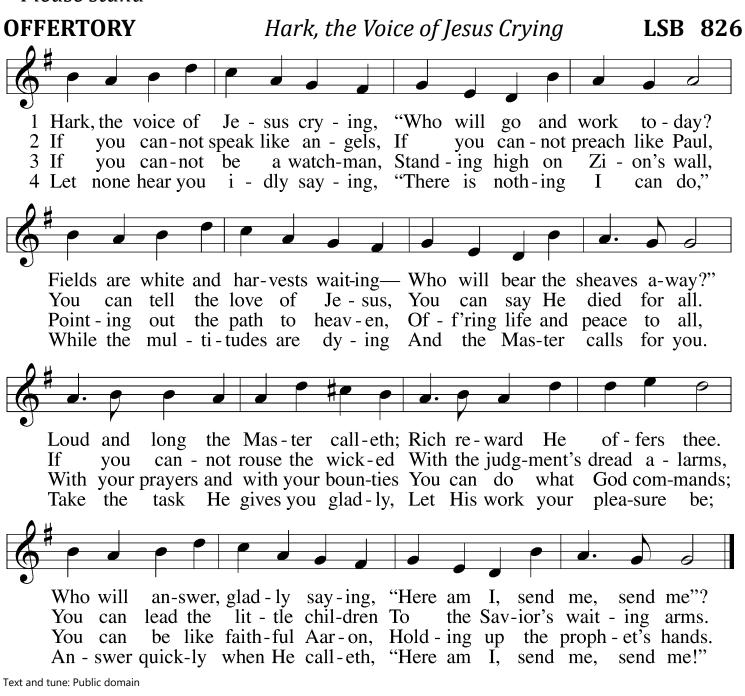
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Acts 5:21-32

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SHARING OF THE PEACE *"Peace be with you"* [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.

Grant us grace, O Lord, that we may not give in to temptation and doubt but with confidence confess the death of our Lord Jesus Christ and His resurrection and bless those who hear us make the good confession. Lord, in Your mercy:

C Risen Lord, hear our prayer.

P Grant us courage, O Lord, that we may not fear along the way but daily become bolder by the power of the Spirit to speak the name of Jesus and to live as His own in His kingdom here and in heaven forevermore. Lord, in Your mercy:

C Risen Lord, hear our prayer.

P Grant us peace, O Lord, that having full confidence in Your loving care we may neither be distracted by cares or struggles of this life nor succumb to a suspicious heart, but daily grow closer to You through Your Word and live according to Your will. Lord, in Your mercy:

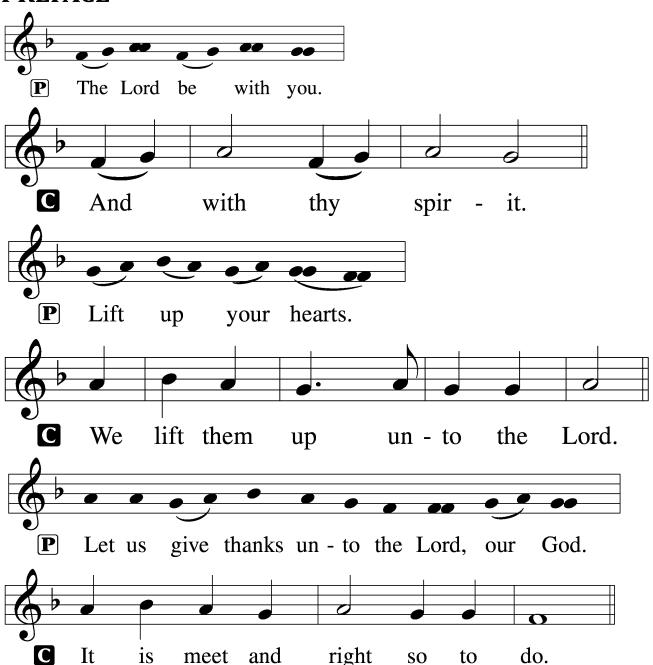
C Risen Lord, hear our prayer.

- P Grant us healing, O Lord, that those who suffer may rest all things into Your almighty arms, and, as You have promised, be kept to the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. [Hear our prayers for healing, particularly for . . ., and those who grieve . . .], that they may abide in Christ by faith until we all behold You face to face. Lord, in Your mercy:
- C Risen Lord, hear our prayer.
- P Grant us wisdom, O Lord, that we may elect and be served by faithful leaders who acknowledge the voice of Your Word and be faithful in their stewardship of the public trust, providing equal justice and opportunity to all citizens. Lord, in Your mercy:
- C Risen Lord, hear our prayer.
- P Grant us hope, O Lord, that we may not be lost to the power of despair but delight in Your presence to give us strength and guidance. Bless our fellowship around the Holy Supper of our Lord that by this communion we may profess our unity in doctrine and our willingness to bear one another's burdens and so fulfill the desire of Christ. Lord, in Your mercy:
- C Risen Lord, hear our prayer.
- P Grant us life, O Lord, that we may be kept by Your grace and Spirit that through the days of our trouble and by the merits of Christ alone we receive Your salvation, dwelling among the saints on high even as we rest from all our labors. Lord, in Your mercy:

C Risen Lord, hear our prayer.

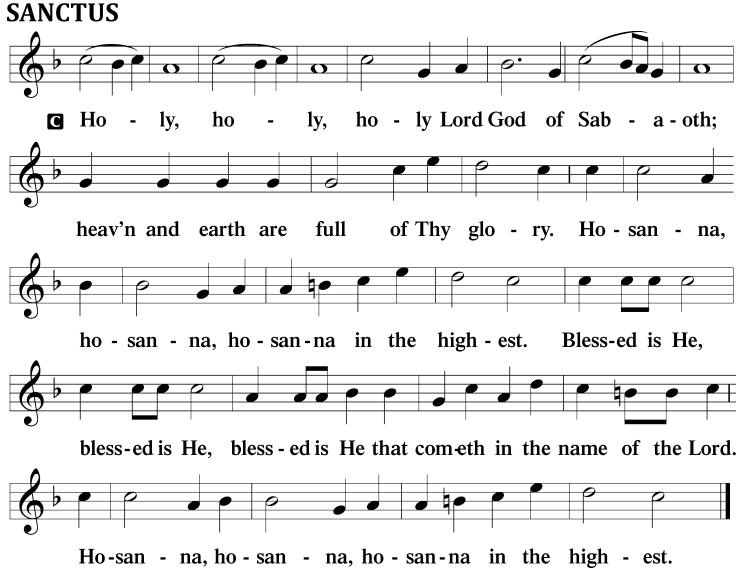
- P Grant us, O Lord, all things beneficial to us and to our salvation and prevent from us all things harmful and enable us by faith to trust without fear in Your judgment and provision. Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +



PREFACE

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:



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; (Continue on next page) ¹⁷

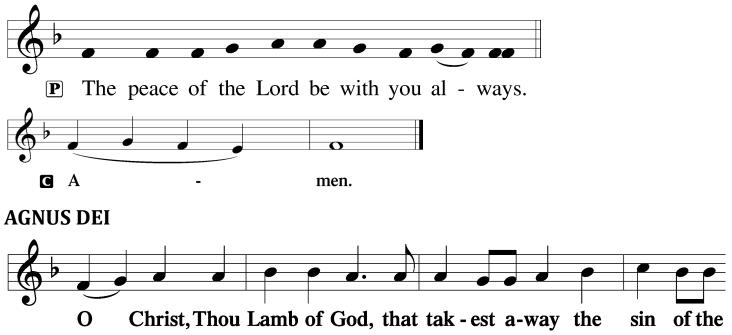
give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

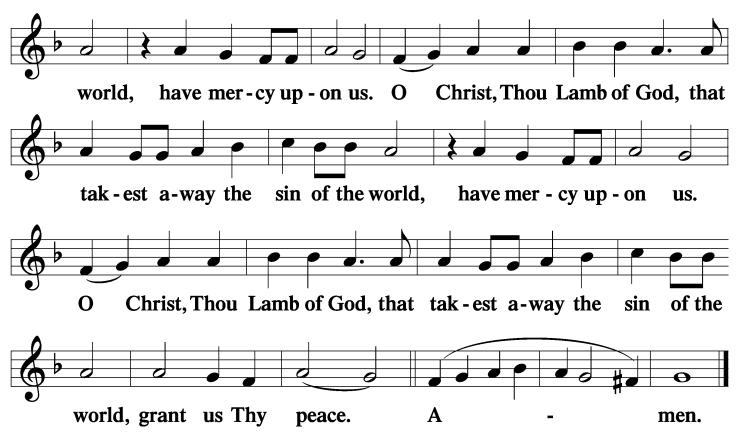


THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

- 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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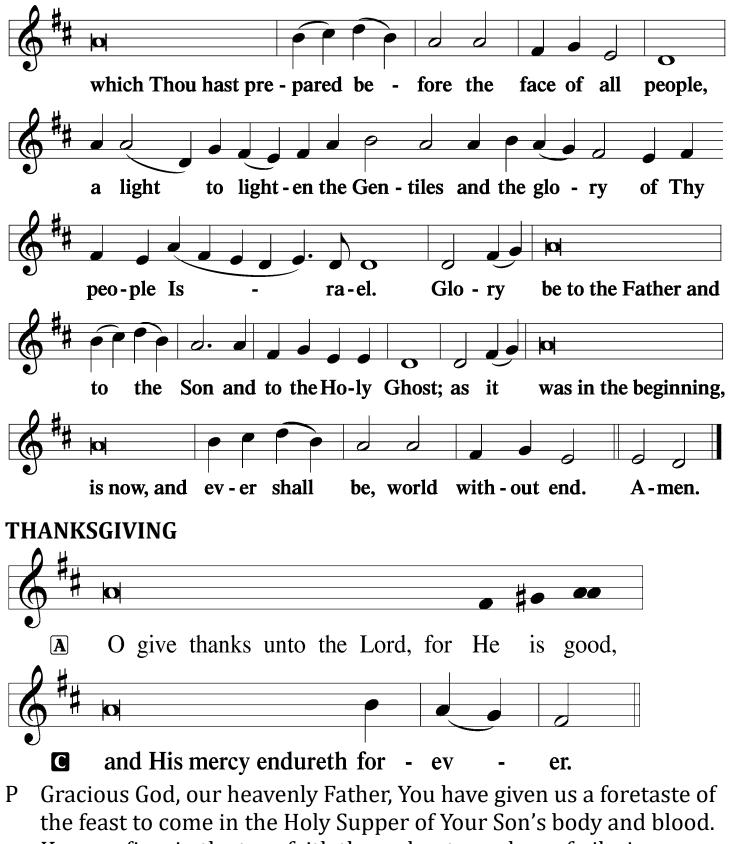
Heavenly Father, in my Holy Baptism you have called me to be Your own possession. Prepare my heart to receive the most holy body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of all my sins. Strengthen my faith, increase my love and hope, and assure me a place at Your heavenly table, where I will eat eternal manna and drink of the river of the water of life freely, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, my Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN O Christ, Our True and Only Light LSB 839 1 O Christ, our true and on - ly light, En - light - en

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who sit night; Let those those in a _ far now Your voice fold with hear And in Your re - joice. us with 2 Fill ra - diance The the of Your grace souls now That they 3 O may gent - ly call those a - stray gone Re - call 4 Shine on the dark - ened cold; and the the Such grace with 5 That they with us may ev er - more En - light - en those lost ror's maze; whose in er find the sav way! Let ev - 'rv con science ing d'rers to Your fold. U - nite all those who wan won - d'ring thanks dore And end - less praise a to most minds Some dark de - lu sion haunts and blinds. in You find sore op - pressed In peace and heav'n - ly rest. Con - firm the weak doubt - ing walk a - part; and heart, giv'n By all Your Church in earth and heav'n. You be Text and tune: Public domain Please stand **NUNC DIMITTIS** lettest Thou Thy servant de - part Lord, now in peace ac-O

cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,



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.



BENEDICAMUS



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Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices SENDING HYMN LSB 811 1 Oh. that Ι thou - sand voic had To praise my a es im - plant 2 O all you pow'rs that He ed. A - rise, keep 3 You for - est der That dance for leaves green and ten _ SO That throng the 4 All crea-tures that have breath and tion, mo -5 Cre - a - tor, hum - bly Ι im - plore You То lis - ten God with thou-sand tongues! My heart, which in the Lord re forth the strength that God si - lence now no Put more; has joy in sum - mer air, You mead - ow grass - es, bright and earth, the sea, the sky, Come, share with me my heart's de -Un til day when to my earth - ly song that Ι a -Would then pro-claim grate - ful songs To in all, wherjoic - es, grant - ed! Your no - blest work is a - dore. soul and to 0 fra - grant slen - der. You flow'rs so and fair. You live to SO vo - tion, Help sing God's prais - es me high. My ut - most to You. To - geth - er an - gel throng with the And learn with dore What great things God has done for I might be, er me. ev join to raise With heart - felt joy our Mak-er's bod - y, praise. show God's praise a - lone. Join to make His glo - ry me known. De - clare won-ders of might. pow'rs can nev - er quite the His choirs of heav'n to sing E ter - nal an-thems to my King. Text: © 1941 Concordia Publishing House. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110005188 Tune: Public domain

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace as you serve our heavenly Father and His Son, Jesus (Continue on next page) 23

Christ, our Lord. C Thanks be to God. POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

> Portals of Prayer for <u>April to June 2025</u> are available in the Narthex.

- > Join us for **Sunday School and Bible Study** at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Rev. Goetz is leading the class.
- A heartful thank you to Rev. and Mrs. Goetz for their service to the Lord, here at Immanuel Church and praying for safe travel mercies.

Memory Verse Challenge:

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.

Maundy Thursday Service

4/17/2025		
Worship Service	42	
Plate:		\$ 379.00
Envelopes:		\$ 148.00
Env. Other: Sch		\$ 50.00
Total:		\$ 577.00

Good Friday Service

4/18/2025 Worship Service	38	
Plate:		\$ 40.00
Envelopes:		\$ 512.00
Total:		\$ 552.00

Sunrise Service

4/20/2025 Matins Service	45
Plate:	\$ 180.00
Envelopes:	\$ 765.00
Total:	\$ 945.00

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4/20/2025			
Sunday Worship	90		
Plate:		\$	376.00
Envelopes:		\$1	,650.00
Envelopes-Other:			
Donation:			
On Line Offerings		\$	996.70
Memorial:			
Total:		\$3	,022.70
Bible Class: 19			\$ 21.00

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 9:1–22 Psalm 30 Revelation 5:(1–7) 8–14 John 21:1–14 (15–19)

That You May Believe and Have Life in His Name

On the Lord's Day, St. John the apostle was given a revelation of the Lord Jesus Christ, the incarnate Son of God, the Alpha and Omega, the First and the Last. He is the Living One, "the firstborn of the dead" (Rev. 1:5). He died for all people, and behold, He is alive forevermore! Therefore, He has "the keys of Death and Hades" (Rev. 1:18). For His death atoned for sin and conquered death, and in His resurrection He opened the kingdom of heaven to us. The "sharp two-edged sword" of His mouth (Rev. 1:16) calls you to "believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God," that by such faith "you may have life in his name" (John 20:31). To that end, He sends His ministers of the Word, as the Father sent Him, "to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins" (Acts 5:31).

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	y	i-Weekly Church Activity Schedule		
	April Sunday Servants:	May Sunday Servants:		
Elder:	Ken Eilers	Don Vogel		
Altar Guild:	S Wehling/C Zink/M Perez	Billie Jo Neuhaus/Maggie Weber		
Music:	Doris Pickering/Pam Terral			
This Week	Second Sunday of Easter			
Usher:	Dan Wehling			
Sunday:	Holy Communion Worship	Service 9:00 am		
	Sunday School & Adult Bil	ole Study 10:30 am		
Next Week	Third Sunday of Easter			
Usher:	Earl Neuhaus			
Sunday:	Holy Communion Worship	o Service 9:00 am		
	Sunday School & Adult Bil	ble Study 10:30 am		