

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

Second Sunday of Easter

April 16, 2023—10:15am

We celebrate the Lord's Supper today! Please prepare yourselves using these questions as a guide:

- Have I been baptized in the Name of the Triune God, Father, Son & Holy Spirit?
- Do I believe that I am a sinful being without hope for eternal life except in mercy of Jesus Christ?
- Do I believe in Jesus as My Savior?
- Do I believe that Jesus Christ is personally present in communion with His body and blood to forgive my sins, as the Bible teaches?
- Do I desire and strive by the power of the Holy Spirit to live a God-pleasing life?

As you come to the Lord's Supper you are affirming with each communicant that Jesus is your Lord and Savior, and that the Lutheran Church's confession of Jesus Christ and His Supper is your confession as well.

White grape juice is now available in the center of the communion tray for those who cannot partake of alcohol. Gluten free wafers available upon request during distribution.

Prelude

Welcome: Pastor Dan

Sharing the Peace

Please note that in the hymnal whenever we see a small triangle next to a hymn verse, that triangle means the Trinity is proclaimed in that verse and we are to stand for that verse.

Call to Worship from 1 Peter 1:3-9

Pastor: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

All: **According to His great mercy, He has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.**

Pastor: In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials.

All: **These have come so that your faith of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire may prove genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.**

Pastor: For you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Trusting in the Word of Life given in our baptism, we are gathered together today in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit!

All: **Amen.**

A Time for Praise *(Please rise as you are able)*

Hymn: “This is the air I Breathe”

This is the air I breathe, this is the air I breathe:
Your Holy presence living in me.
This is my daily bread, This is my daily bread;
Your very Word spoken to me.
And I, I’m des-p’rate for You.
And I, I’m lost without You.

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“You are My All in All”

You are my strength when I am weak.
You are the Treasure that I seek.
You are my All in All.
Seeking You as a precious jewel,
Lord, to give up I’d be a fool.
You are my All in All.

Refrain: Jesus, Lamb of God,
Worthy is Your name.
Jesus, Lamb of God,
Worthy is Your name.

Taking my sin, my cross, my shame,
Rising again, I bless Your name.
You are my All in All.
When I fall down you pick me up,
When I am dry you fill my cup.
You are my All in All.

Refrain

By Bernard Kyamanywa, Howard S. Olsen, Public Doman

Pastor: Let us pray
We thank You Lord that You have loved us with an everlasting love and have chosen us to be Your people. As we bask now in the afterglow of Your resurrection; you gained for us the forgiveness of sins and the promise of eternal life. With thankfulness in our hearts and soul, we give all glory to You, our resurrected Lord and Savior.

All: Amen.
Please be seated

Confession and Absolution

Pastor: Let us now confess our sins and shortcomings and receive God’s forgiveness.

People: Lord, today I seek You and Your forgiving love for all my sins. Cleanse me inside and out, dear Savior, so that my longing may be for you; that my desires may conform to Your will and my faith in You strengthened.

Pastor: *We pause for a quiet moment of private prayer and confession*
Dear friends in Christ, the Good News is that in confessing your sins; through faith in Jesus, God forgives you all your sins. Jesus says, "Be of good cheer, your sins are forgiven, go and sin no more. So, in the precious name of Jesus our resurrected and living Savior, I declare to you that your sins are forgiven. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen, thank you Jesus.

Children's Message Song: "Father, I Adore You"

Father, I adore You
Lay my life before You
How I love You.

Jesus I adore You . . .

Spirit I adore You . . .

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Children's Message: Pastor Dan

The First Reading – Acts 5:29-42 *(To be read by Kerry Drake)*

²⁹ But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men.

³⁰ The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree.

³¹ God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins.

³² And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him."

³³ When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them.

³⁴ But a Pharisee in the council named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law held in honor by all the people, stood up and gave orders to put the men outside for a little while.

³⁵ And he said to them, "Men of Israel, take care what you are about to do with these men.

³⁶ For before these days Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody, and a number of men, about four hundred, joined him. He was killed, and all who followed him were dispersed and came to nothing.

³⁷ After him Judas the Galilean rose up in the days of the census and drew away some of the people after him. He too perished, and all who followed him were scattered.

³⁸ So in the present case I tell you, keep away from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or this undertaking is of man, it will fail; ³⁹ but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You might even be found opposing God!" So they took his advice, ⁴⁰ and when they had called in the apostles, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go.

⁴¹ Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name.

⁴² And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching that the Christ is Jesus.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please rise as you are able for the reading of our Gospel Lesson

The Gospel

Pastor: The Holy Gospel is written in the 20th chapter of St. John beginning at the 19th verse.

¹⁹ On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them 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 Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending 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 withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld."

²⁴ Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came.

²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe."

²⁶ Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."

²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe."

²⁸ Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!"

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

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

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God**

The 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 life everlasting. Amen.

Message Song: "Above All"

Above all powers above all kings

Above all nature and all created things

Above all wisdom and all the ways of man

You were here before the world began

Above all kingdoms above all thrones

Above all wonders the world has ever known

Above all wealth and treasures of the earth

There's no way to measure what you're worth

Crucified laid behind the stone
You lived to die rejected and alone
Like a rose trampled on the ground
You took the fall and thought of me
Above all

Repeat this verse

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Sermon: "Easter's Over, Now What?" *John 20:19-31* Pastor Dan

The Offerings are gathered

Prayers for the Church

The Prayers

Guidance and support through cancer treatment for Bob Heinkel
Successful chemo treatments and good test results for Gene Doon, uncle of Marsha Doon
Successful surgery & healing for Julie Ryden

The Lord's Prayer *(Please rise)*

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.

(Please help us keep our attendance numbers accurate by filling out the attendance cards and giving to Ushers at communion.)

The Lord's Supper is Celebrated

Pastor: The Consecration of the Bread and Wine

All: "I Love You Lord"

I love You, Lord, and I lift my voice
To worship You. O my soul, rejoice!
Take joy, my King, in what You hear:
Let it be a sweet, sweet sound in Your ear.

Repeat

(Distribution is continuous style. Please come to the communion rail and kneel or stand. As a place at the communion rail becomes open, please come forward and take that spot. After receiving the bread and the wine and you feel comfortable, please dismiss yourself to return to your seat; the post communion blessing will be given to all at the end. There are baskets available for the empty communion cups)

Welcome to the Table of the Lord

Post Communion Blessing

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart in peace.

The Benediction

Pastor: 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.

People: **Amen.**

Closing Hymn: "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"

Lord I lift Your name on high
Lord I love to sing Your praises
I'm so glad You're in my life
I'm so glad You came to save us.

You came from heaven to earth
To show the way
From the earth to the cross
My debt to pay
From the cross to the grave
From the grave to the sky
Lord I lift Your name on high

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Our Vision

Pastor: As a reminder of the reason why we exist as a church let us speak our vision statement together.
All: Through Word and Sacrament ministry, we share the love, joy and peace of Jesus Christ among ourselves and with those around us.
Pastor: Our worship has ended, our service now begins. Let us go in peace.
All: And serve the Lord

Altar flowers are placed to the glory of God

Services will be live-streamed and a recording of service will be posted by the end of the day. You may watch these on Facebook, YouTube or go to website under Worship or scroll down on home page and find the latest services.

Please keep the church office updated on prayers that have been asked to be kept on indefinitely, military and ones for continued healing or cancer treatments.

Continued Prayers

We pray to God our Lord for Pastor Miguel and our Hispanic Ministry in Immanuel and that through the Holy Spirit he will give us guidance to share the Gospel with new families.
Employment for those struggling to find a job

Healing or Good Test Results

Don & Barbara Ferguson, friends of Joan Crouse
Beverly, Mother of Bonne Faherty
Edith Mattson

Battling with Cancer or Serious Illness

Lora Swarr, friend of Nancy Trathowen
Kathi Dillon, sister of Kim Blomquist
Andrew Hynick, father of Aaron Hynick
Victoria Hage, friend of Cindy Szczesny
Alan Conklin, friend of Cindy Szczesny
Karen, friend of Sandy Goode
Chris DeVito, sister of Patty Shawver
Stacey Chamberlain with ALS and husband David and family, friends of Kim Blomquist
Rusty Cotterman, friend of Ed Clarke
Tammy Smith, friend of Danielle Farnsworth
Lou Mercaldo & family, as he is suffering with dementia, grandfather of Carolyn Clarke
Donald Crouse as he has dementia, brother-in-law of Joan Crouse
Kidney transplant for Charles, grandfather of Immanuel student
Don Monahan, brother-in-law of Cathy Wilson
David, son-in-law of Nancy Christianson
Nancy Schild, (non-Hodgkins Lymphoma) former teacher of ILS and member of ILC
Lee, father of Ashlee Garrett
Rich Richards
Barbara LaVere
Yvonne Lenzen, grandmother of Grace Sierra
Cathy Nichols with terminal cancer, mother of Cathy Wilson
David, brother of Larry Habeck
Don Swisher, step-father of Larry Habeck
Tracy, cousin of Jacquelyn Hahn
Lisa Steinbrueck, niece of the Steinbrueck's
Tom Meyferth

PRAYERS FOR THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY

Safety for... and strength for families:

Kincaide Green, stationed at Sheppard AFB in Wichita Falls, TX
Robert Lowry
Joshua Littrel, stationed at Ft. Campbell, KY with the 101st Airborne/Air Assault Division, 3rd Brigade "Rakkasans
Luke Buchholz, Navy, grandson of Ann Donahue, stationed at Norfolk, VA
Matthew Reikowski as he is deployed on the Carl S. Vinson
Logan Crouse, US Army, great-nephew of Joan Crouse, stationed at Ft. Campbell in NC
Samuel Drake, Captain stationed at Holloman AFB in Alamogordo, NM, son of Kerry Drake
Cpl. Xander Ritter, USMC, stationed at Camp Pendleton, CA
Gavin Mattson, para-rescue man, stationed in the Panhandle of FL, grandson of Edith Mattson
Jeremy Brockmeier (USMC) & family, stationed at Camp Pendleton in CA, son of Jerry and Janice Brockmeier

ALSO, FOR ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND FIRST RESPONDERS

PRAYERS FOR OUR FAMILIES

Sunday: Rev. Ken & Tammie Farnsworth, Michaela
Monday: Mike & Danielle Farnsworth, Jacob, Nick & Emma
Tuesday: Austin & Helena Flynn, Jane
Wed: Krista Farnsworth-Noda, Jose, Akeelah
Thurs: Doug Felton, Eric
Friday: Tom Finger, Michael, Isabelle
Saturday: Jim Ford

PRAYERS FOR OUR SCHOOL STUDENTS & FAMILIES

Sunday Eugenia & Martina Fernandez-Riveron
Monday: Anthony Ferrante
Tuesday: Asiel Flores
Wed: Casey, Emily & Grace Forsong
Thurs: Chase Foster
Friday: Brooke Frankman
Saturday: Julian Garcia

The Call Committee asks all members to please post this scripture verse and prayer in a visible place, memorize the scripture, and continue to lift in prayer.

Your call committee,

Pat Cook, Kerry Drake, Alecia Grever, Jackie Hahn, Jose Lopez, David Miller, Lynda Smith, Judy Steinbrueck, Susan Tumlin

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13

Lord God, Heavenly Father, we pray your continued presence with all of our Immanuel family, with the Call Committee, with our vacancy pastors - Pastor Dan & Pastor Haara - and with Pastor Schneider and Pastor Huebner. May we be a welcoming Body of Christ, open to the Holy Spirit's guidance in learning what each of these Pastors would bring to Immanuel to further Your Kingdom in the Brandon community. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

PRAYER FOR SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Almighty God, we have celebrated the mystery of our Lord's resurrection from the dead. Help us to show the power of His resurrection in all that we say and do; through You Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.