

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

Third Sunday of Easter

April 23, 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 "Jesus Paid it All" *Hand Bells*

Welcome: Pastor Haara

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.

The Invocation *(Please rise)*

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

The Confession of Sins

Pastor: God gave the promise of Jesus and His blessings throughout all time.

People: **The Lord had said to Abram, "I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."** *(Genesis 12:1-3)*

Pastor: He made a promise to King David that a descendant of his would reign forever.

People: **The Lord declares to you that the Lord Himself will establish a house for you: When your days are over and you rest with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, who will come from your own body, and I will establish His kingdom. He is the one who will build a house for my Name, and I will establish the throne of His kingdom forever.**

(2 Samuel 7:11-13)

Pastor: He would be born in the city of David

People: **"But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times."**

(Micah 5:2)

Pastor: His birth will be unlike any other

People: **Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel** *(Isaiah 7:14)*

Pastor: When He was born His parents had to flee to Egypt.

People: **"When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son.** *(Hosea 11:1)*

Pastor: Yet He was mistreated and abused for us

People: But He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon Him, and by His wounds we are healed. *(Isaiah 53:5)*

Pastor: Jesus died between criminals but was buried in the tomb of the wealthy.

People: He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in His death, though He had done no violence, nor was any deceit in His mouth.
(Isaiah 53:9)

Pastor: He ascended into glory at the right of God until that day.

People: The Lord says to my Lord; "Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet." *(Psalm 110:1)*

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

Hymn: "Come Now is the Time to Worship"

Chorus

Come now is the time to worship

Come now is the time to give your heart

Come just as you are to worship

One day every tongue will confess You are God

One day every knee will bow

Still the greatest treasure remains for those

Who gladly choose You now

Chorus

"God Will Make a Way"

Chorus

God will make a way

Where there seems to be no way,

He works in ways we cannot see,

He will make a way for me;

He will be my guide,

Hold me closely to His side,

With love and strength for each new day,

He will make a way, He will make a way,

By a roadway in the wilderness He'll lead me,

And rivers in the desert will I see;

Heaven and earth will fade

But His Word will still remain,

He will do something new today.

Chorus

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: "Jesus Loves the Little Children"

Jesus loves the little children,

All the children of the world.

Every color, every race,

all are covered by His grace.

Jesus loves the little children of the world.

Children's Message:

The Epistle Reading – 1 Peter 1:17-25

¹⁷ And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, ¹⁸ knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.

²⁰ He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you ²¹ who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

²² Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, ²³ since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; ²⁴ for "All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, ²⁵ but the word of the Lord remains forever." And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

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 (Jesus speaks to two disciples on the road to Emmaus)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel is written in the 24th chapter of St. Luke beginning at the 13th verse.

¹³ That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened.

¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them.

¹⁶ But their eyes were kept from recognizing him.

¹⁷ And he said to them, "What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?" And they stood still, looking sad.

¹⁸ Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?"

¹⁹ And he said to them, "What things?" And they said to him, "Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him.

²¹ But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened.

²² Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, ²³ and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive.

²⁴ Some 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 And he said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken!

²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?"

²⁷ And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

²⁸ So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, ²⁹ but they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent." So he went in to stay with them.

³⁰ When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them.

³¹ And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight.

³² They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?"

³³ And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, ³⁴ saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!"

³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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: "Grace Alone"

Every promise we can make,
Every prayer and step of faith
Every difference we can make is only by His Grace
Every mountain we will climb, every ray of hope we sine
Every blessing left behind is only by His Grace

Chorus

Grace alone which God supplies, strength unknown
He will provide. Christ in us, our Cornerstone
We will go forth in Grace alone.

Every Soul we long to reach, every heart we hope to teach
Everywhere we share His peace, is only by His Grace.
Every loving word we say, every tear we wipe away
Every sorrow turned to praise is only by His Grace.

Chorus

Grace alone which God supplies
Strength unknow He will provide
Christ in us our Cornerstone
We will go forth in Grace alone
Repeat last 4 lines
We will go forth in Grace alone!

Sermon: "Jesus Speaks in every age and time" *Pastor Haara*

Order of Confirmation Jackson Dignan

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father Almighty?

Confirmand: **Yes, I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

Confirmand: **Yes, I believe 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 and Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and dead.**

Pastor: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit:

Confirmand: **Yes, 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.**

Pastor: Do you believe the books of Holy Scripture you have studied to be the inspired Word of God?

Confirmand: **I do**

Pastor: Do you believe the Christian faith as you have learned it from these Books of Scripture and from Luther's Small Catechism are faithful and true.

Confirmand: **I do**

Pastor: Do you intend to continue in this faith in our Lord Jesus and suffer all, even death, rather than fall from it?

Confirmand: **I do, with the help of God.**

PRAYER OF BLESSINGS UPON CONFIRMAND

The Offerings are gathered

Prayers for the Church

The Prayers

Healing for Tammy O'Donnell, friend of Edie Sparks

Good test results & healing for Ann Heinkel

Strength & comfort for family of Sarah Dryer, missing person from Riverview, FL

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: "Do This in Remembrance of Me"

Chorus

Do this in remembrance of Me.

Do this in remembrance of Me.

This is My body, this is My blood.

Do this in remembrance of Me.

This is My body given for you.

Do this in remembrance of Me.

This cup's the new covenant, sealed in My blood.

Do this in remembrance of Me.

For whenever you eat this bread

And whenever you drink this cup,

As you do you proclaim the Lord's death

Until He comes.

Chorus

(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: "How Great is Our God"

The splendor of the King,

Clothed in majesty;

Let all the earth rejoice,

All the earth rejoice,

He wraps Himself in light,

And darkness tries to hide,

And trembles at His voice,

And trembles at His voice.

How great is our God!

Sing with me: How great is our God!

And all will see how great,

How great is our God!

And age to age He stands,

And time is in His hands;

Beginning and the End,

Beginning and the End.

The Godhead, three in one,

Father, Spirit, Son, the Lion and the Lamb,

The Lion and the Lamb.

How great is our God!

Sing with me: How great is our God!

And all will see how great,

how great is our God!

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 and in loving memory of Elton Thorne, by Ginger, Pam, Joe and Nancy

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

Peace & comfort for the family of Sonya Hernandez, grandmother of Austin Flynn

Dreyer family

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

Julie Ryden

Battling with Cancer or Serious Illness

Bob Heinkel

Gene Doon, uncle of Marsha Doon

Kathi Dillon, sister of Kim Blomquist

Andrew Hynick, father of Aaron Hynick

Chris DeVito, sister of Patty Shawver

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: Carmen Forestier & Mario Hernando

Monday: Kent & Arlene Fuqua

Tuesday: Bob & Christine Garrett

Wed: Sandra Goode

Thurs: Alecia Grever, Macayla, Noah, Matthew, Davieon

Friday: Patti & Scott Grice

Saturday: Martha Guerra

PRAYERS FOR OUR SCHOOL STUDENTS & FAMILIES

Sunday: Freddie & Nate Gennille

Monday: Lincoln Gloetzner

Tuesday: Sione Gomes

Wed: Avigail Gonzalez

Thurs: Dontae Gonzalez

Friday: Emily Gonzalez-Milo

Saturday: Avery & Charlie Graf

**PRAYER FOR THE
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

O God, Your Son made Himself known to His disciples in the breaking of bread. Through the gift of faith open our eyes to behold Him in all His redeeming work, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.