

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

Second Sunday of Easter

April 7, 2024—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.

Prelude

Welcome: Pastor Phil

Hymn: "You Are Holy"

Invocation

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

People: Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

People: **who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

People: **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

Pastor: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

People: **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

Pastor: Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Children's Message: *Pastor Phil*

The Old Testament Reading - Acts 4:32-35

³² Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common.

³³ And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all.

³⁴ There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold ³⁵ and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Epistle Reading – 1 John 1:1-2:2

¹ That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— ² the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us— ³ that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ.

⁴ And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

⁵ This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

⁶ If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.

⁷ But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

⁸ If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰ If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

^{2:1} My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.

² He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel

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

People: **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

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,^l 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,^[b] 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: **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

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 the life everlasting. Amen

Hymn: **“In Christ Alone”**

Sermon – *Pastor Phil*

Offerings are gathered

Prayer of the Church

The Prayers

Peace & comfort for the family of Tracy Impink, cousin of Jacquelyn Hahn

Healing for Stephanie Winn

Healing for Kathy Hogue

Praise and continuing thanks to our risen Savior for the daily blessings received during 61 years of marriage for Bill & Jackie Anton

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

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.

The Lord’s Supper is Celebrated

Pastor: The Consecration of the Bread and Wine

Sharing the Peace – Greet One Another with the Peace of the Lord

**Distribution Hymn – “How Great is Our God”
“How Great Thou Art”**

(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.)

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.**

The Closing: "The Trees of the Field"

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 praise and thanks for the 61st anniversary of Bill & Jackie Anton.

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

Praise and thanks for Pastor Phil and all God is doing through him already here at Immanuel. Continued strength, energy and guidance for Pastor Phil and Pastor Miguel as they form relationships and further God's Kingdom in Brandon through the English and the Hispanic ministries at Immanuel.

Healing or Good Test Results

Naomi, granddaughter of John & Sarah Taylor

Brother of the Kelps

Adam, nephew of the Kelps

Battling with Cancer or Serious Illness

Karen Webb, with ALS, neighbor of Pat Cook

Carson Cox, boyfriend of Kim Blomquist

Don Monahan, friend of Cathy Wilson

Terry McCann, friend of the Plumb's

Don Swisher, step-father of Larry Habeck

Fred Wiener, friend of the Habeck's

Ronnie Tumlin, brother of Joe Tumlin

Don Monahan, friend of Cathy Nichols

Rev. Stu Merkle, cousin of Nancy Trathowen

Lora Swarr, friend of the Trathowen's

Carol Guiler, Pat Cook's sister.

Adam, nephew of the Kelp's

Andrew Hynick, father of Aaron Hynick

Heather Boatwright, friend of Cindy Szczesny
David, son-in-law of Nancy Christianson
Cassandra, niece of Steve & Pat Cook
Walt Nea
Christine Van Etten
Barbara LaVere
Cathy Nichols with terminal cancer, mother of Cathy Wilson
Tom Meyferth

PRAYERS FOR THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY
Safety for... and strength for families:

Kincaide Green, stationed at Mountain Home AFB, Idaho
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
Gavin Mattson, para-rescue man, stationed in the Panhandle of FL, grandson of Edith Mattson

ALSO, FOR ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND FIRST RESPONDERS

PRAYERS FOR OUR FAMILIES

Sunday: Chris & Deb Henry, Brendon, Emma
Monday: Cecil & Debbie Hock
Tuesday: Kathy Hogue, Jim
Wed: Jeff & Grace Houck
Thurs: Beth Hutches
Friday: Aaron & Donna Hynick, Andrew, Jonah
Saturday: Lynette Irani, Perin

PRAYERS FOR OUR SCHOOL STUDENTS & FAMILIES

Sunday Natalie & Sadie Craig
Monday: Rebecca & Robert Crosby
Tuesday: Tien Cueto
Wed: Chloey Davis
Thurs: Adelynn & Jayden DeLuna
Friday: Zamora, Zia' Myda, Zoie Downes
Saturday: Riley Duink

**PRAYER FOR THE
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Risen and ascended Lord, you are alive forevermore. Increase our faith and inspire our witness. Fill Your Church with the power of Your resurrection to labor faithfully in joy until every tongue confesses, "My Lord and my God", for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.