

# IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

Third Sunday of Easter

April 14, 2024—10:15am

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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: "Glory to God Forever"

### Verse 1

Before the world was made  
Before You spoke it to be  
You were the King of kings  
Yeah You were yeah You were  
And now You're reigning still  
Enthroned above all things  
Angels and saints cry out  
We join them as we sing

### Chorus

(We sing)  
Glory to God Glory to God  
Glory to God forever  
Glory to God Glory to God  
Glory to God forever  
(Yeah)

### Verse 2

Creator God You gave me breath  
So I could praise  
Your great and matchless name  
All my days all my days  
So let my whole life be  
A blazing offering  
A life that shouts and sings  
The greatness of our King *(Chorus)*

## Bridge

Take my life and let it be  
All for You and for Your glory  
Take my life and let it be Yours  
Take my life and let it be  
All for You and for Your glory  
Take my life and let it be Yours  
(Chorus 2x, Bridge, Chorus 2x, Bridge)

Glory to God    Glory to God    Glory to God forever

## 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 3:11-21

<sup>11</sup> While he clung to Peter and John, all the people, utterly astounded, ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's.

<sup>12</sup> And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk?"

<sup>13</sup> The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him.

<sup>14</sup> But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, <sup>15</sup> and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses.

<sup>16</sup> And his name—by faith in his name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all.

<sup>17</sup> "And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers.

<sup>18</sup> But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled.

<sup>19</sup> Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, <sup>20</sup> that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, <sup>21</sup> whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### **The Epistle Reading – 1 John 3:1-7**

<sup>1</sup> See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

<sup>2</sup> Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.

<sup>3</sup> And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

<sup>4</sup> Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness.

<sup>5</sup> You know that he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin.

<sup>6</sup> No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him.

<sup>7</sup> Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### **The Gospel**

Pastor: The Holy Gospel is written in the 24<sup>th</sup> chapter of St. Luke beginning at the 36<sup>th</sup> verse

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

<sup>36</sup> As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you!"

<sup>37</sup> But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit.

<sup>38</sup> And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?"

<sup>39</sup> See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have."

<sup>40</sup> And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet.

<sup>41</sup> And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?"

<sup>42</sup> They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>[a]</sup> <sup>43</sup> and he took it and ate before them.

<sup>44</sup> Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled."

<sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, <sup>46</sup> and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, <sup>47</sup> and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.

<sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things.

<sup>49</sup> And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

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: "Living Hope"

### Verse 1

How great the chasm that lay between us  
How high the mountain I could not climb  
In desperation I turned to heaven  
And spoke Your name into the night  
Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness  
Tore through the shadows of my soul  
The work is finished the end is written  
Jesus Christ my living hope

### Verse 2

Who could imagine so great a mercy  
What heart could fathom such boundless grace  
The God of ages stepped down from glory  
To wear my sin and bear my shame  
The cross has spoken I am forgiven  
The King of kings calls me His own  
Beautiful Savior I'm Yours forever  
Jesus Christ my living hope

### Chorus

Hallelujah praise the One who set me free  
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me  
You have broken every chain  
There's salvation in Your name  
Jesus Christ my living hope  
*Repeat 1<sup>st</sup> time*

### Verse 3

Then came the morning that sealed the promise  
Your buried body began to breathe  
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion  
Declared the grave has no claim on me  
*(REPEAT)*

Jesus You're the victory

*Chorus*

### Ending

Jesus Christ my living hope  
Oh God You are my living hope

**Sermon – Pastor Phil**

**Offerings are gathered**

**Prayer of the Church**

**The Prayers**

Healing for Harold Blanton, father of Colleen Webb

Safe travels for Pastor Miguel and Katherine

*(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 – “Agnus Dei”**

**Verse**

Alleluia alleluia

For the Lord God Almighty reigns

Alleluia alleluia

For the Lord God Almighty reigns

Alleluia

**Chorus**

(You are) Holy holy

Are You Lord God Almighty

Worthy is the Lamb

Worthy is the Lamb

You are holy holy

Are You Lord God Almighty

Worthy is the Lamb

Worthy is the Lamb

Amen *(Repeat)*

*(Verse, Chorus 2x and Repeat all)*

## **“Sanctuary”**

### **Chorus**

Lord prepare me  
To be a sanctuary  
Pure and holy  
Tried and true  
With Thanksgiving  
I'll be a living  
Sanctuary for You  
*(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.)*

## **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: “Everlasting God”**

#### **Verse**

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord  
We will wait upon the Lord  
We will wait upon the Lord  
Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord  
We will wait upon the Lord  
We will wait upon the Lord

#### **Pre-Chorus**

Our God You reign forever  
Our Hope our strong Deliv'rer

#### **Chorus**

You are the everlasting God  
The everlasting God  
You do not faint  
You won't grow weary  
You're the defender of the weak  
You comfort those in need  
You lift us up on wings like eagles  
*Repeat all*

## **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 Dahlia Wiechmann on her birthday**

*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 Tracy Impink, cousin of Jacquelyn Hahn

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

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**

Stephanie Winn

Kathy Hogue

Brother of the Kelps

## **Battling with Cancer or Serious Illness**

Adam, nephew of the Kelp's

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

Rev. Stu Merkle, cousin of Nancy Trathowen

Lora Swarr, friend of the Trathowen's

Carol Guiler, Pat Cook's sister.

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: Victor Iscoa

Monday: Bonny Jacobi

Tuesday: Nicholas & Julie Jewett, Henry, Elizabeth

Wed: Ray & Beth Kelp

Thurs: Robert Kuntz

Friday: Kim Launikitis, Steve, Meagan

Saturday: Barbara LaVere

**PRAYERS FOR OUR SCHOOL STUDENTS & FAMILIES**

Sunday Aiden Dunnigan

Monday: John & Peter Ebsworth-Llavona

Tuesday: Braxton Edwards

Wed: Adrian & Ayana Ernay

Thurs: Jonah Eschenfelder

Friday: Eugenia & Martina Fernandez-Riveron

Saturday: Anthony Ferrante

**PRAYER FOR THE  
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

*Risen and ascended Lord, You have commanded us to preach repentance and forgiveness of sins to all nations. To fulfill this command, we ask You to clothe us with power from on high, Your Holy Spirit, that we may carry the message of Your resurrection to the ends of the earth; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*