



Second Sunday of Easter
April 7, 2024
10:30 am

Pastor Matthew Groenke
Assisting Minister – Steve Barczy
Altar Guild – Sherry Wukasch & Peggy Parker
Greeter – Joy & Atlan Pfluger
Chapel Greeter – Laura Thomas
Praise Band – Sotaria



**IMMANUEL
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CHURCH**

All Are Welcome!

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

*To thank, praise, honor and serve our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ as we
GATHER and worship, **GROW** in the Word, and **SERVE** God by serving people.*

Worship Protocol

- ❖ Please stay home if you are sick.
- ❖ Face masks are **a choice**.
- ❖ Masks and large print bulletins are available at the entry table.
- ❖ You are encouraged to converse with each other **OUTSIDE**.
- ❖ Ushers will direct you to your seat.
- ❖ Worshipers in the same household may sit together.
- ❖ Communion elements are prepackaged.

After the benediction, please follow instructions for dismissal.

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HOLY COMMUNION

The sacrament of communion is celebrated at all worship services every Sunday. All are welcome, believing that our Lord is present offering grace and forgiveness. Currently, we are offering communion at the communion rail. Pre-packaged communion supplies are still available upon request. ✚

Gluten-free wafers and/or white grape juice are available at all services.

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Please silence cell phones

GATHERING SONG

Worthy is the Lamb

Worthy is the Lamb
Who died in awesome grief
Worthy is the Lamb
Who saved a dying thief
Worthy is the Lamb
To make up for my fall
Yes worthy is the Lamb
Praise God He is all

Hallelujah, Worthy is the Lamb, oh
Hallelujah, Worthy is the Lamb,
Hallelujah, Worthy is the Lamb, yes
Worthy is the Lamb, praise God, He is all

Worthy is the Lamb
Who died in awesome grief
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Who saved a dying thief
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Yes worthy is the Lamb
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WELCOME

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
the wellspring of grace,
our Easter and our joy.

Amen.

Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

Immersed in the promises of baptism,
let us give thanks for what God has done for us.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning
your voice thundered over the deep
and water became the essence of life.
Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers.

The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day.
Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea
into freedom's land.

In a desert pool the Ethiopian official
entered your boundless baptismal life.

Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John
and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection
you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love,
freeing us to live as Easter people.

We rejoice with glad hearts,
giving all honor and praise to you,
through the risen Christ, our source of living water,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

OPENING SONG

Why Do I Believe

Why do I believe that God, sent His only Son
The Messiah, Jesus Christ, His anointed one
I believe because of those who spread His holy word
Witnesses to Jesus' life, ensured it would be heard
Passed down through generations so all who want receive
Now you know a reason I believe

Why do I believe that Christ, gave his life for me
When they nailed him to a cross, He set my sins free
I believe because when I stumble and go astray
Falling prey to life's temptations, lose the narrow way
I need to know that God already forgives me
There's another reason I believe

There are questions that, I can't explain
But in my heart and soul, He will remain
For faith is confidence in what we're hoping for
And certainty of what we do not see.

Why do I believe that God, has prepared for me

A home with Him in heaven where I'll spend eternity
I believe because when I lay down my head each night
Contemplating my existence, the purpose of my life
I feel a greater power watching over me
These are all some reasons I believe

Oh I'm so glad that I believe
How wonderful we all believe

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Acts 4:32-35

³²Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. ³³With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. ³⁵They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 133

¹How good and how pleasant it is, when kindred live together in unity!

²**It is like fine oil upon the head, flowing down upon the beard, upon the beard of Aaron, flowing down upon the collar of his robe.**

³It is like the dew of Hermon flowing down upon the hills of Zion. For there the LORD has commanded the blessing: life forevermore.

SECOND READING

1 John 1:1--2:2

¹We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—²this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—³we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and

truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

⁵This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; ⁷but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say that 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; ²and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my

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

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

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

SONG OF THE DAY What if Jesus Lived Today

What if Jesus lived today and was sitting next to me
Would His awesome aura weaken and drop me to my knees
Would His touch let my soul from impurities be cleaned

What if Jesus lived today, what if on earth He had stayed
What if He was sitting next to me

What if Jesus lived today and was sitting next to me
Would the words that He'd speak put all my fears at ease
Would His beaming radiance be more than I could see

What if Jesus lived today, what if on earth He had stayed
What if He was sitting next to me

Jesus lives in each of us, the spirit in us roars
His eternal flame is burning in every Christian heart

Jesus lives deep in our hearts as all believers know
It is undeniable His presence is too strong
So embrace your fellow Christians and never let them go

Cause Jesus lives today
Here on earth with us He stayed
He lives in the believer next to me
The believer next to me

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APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.* On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

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SHARING OF THE PEACE OF THE LORD

OFFERTORY HYMN The Joy of the Lord

The joy of the Lord will be my strength
I will not waver walking by faith

I am surrounded by mercy and grace
And the joy of the Lord is my strength

The joy of the Lord will be my strength
I will not waver walking by faith

I am surrounded by mercy and grace
And the joy of the Lord is my strength

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OFFERING PRAYER

Risen One,
you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here
be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world,
through Jesus Christ, our true vine. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you
And also with you
Lift up your hearts
We lift them to the Lord
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
It is right to give our thanks and praise

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONGS **I Believe in Jesus**

I believe in Jesus
I believe He is the Son of God
I believe He died and rose again
I believe He came for us all

And I believe that He's here now (I believe that He's here)

Standing in our midst (Standing in our midst)
Here with the power to heal now (with the power to heal)
And the grace to forgive

I believe in You Lord
I believe You are the Son of God
I believe You died and rose again
I believe You came for us all

And I believe that you're here now (I believe that you're here)
Standing in our midst (Standing in our midst)
Here with the power to heal now (with the power to heal)
And the grace to forgive

And I believe that you're here now (I believe that you're here)
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Agnus Dei

Alleluia alleluia
For the Lord God Almighty reigns
Alleluia alleluia
For the Lord God Almighty reigns
Alleluia

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
You are Holy

Alleluia alleluia
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Alleluia

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You are holy, holy
are You, Lord God Almighty
Worthy is the Lamb
Worthy is the Lamb
Amen

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Shepherding God,
you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love.
Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the
abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. **Amen.**

BLESSING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy,
and the Spirit of Easter hope ✠ bless you now and always.
Amen.

CLOSING SONG

I Will Call Upon the Lord

I will call upon the Lord
Who is worthy to be praised
So shall I be saved from my enemies

The Lord liveth and blessed be the rock
And may the God of our salvation be exalted
The Lord liveth and blessed be the rock
And may the God of our salvation be exalted

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GOOD NEWS

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

Thanks be to God.

Next Week's Volunteer:

Assisting Minister – Bob Lovett

Greeters – Joy & Atlan Pfluger

Chapel Greeter – Laura Thomas

WEEKLY EVENTS

SUNDAY

Traditional Worship 8:00 am,
Sanctuary

ALL Ages Sunday School 9:15
am

Contemporary Service 10:30
am, Parish Hall

1st Sunday of the Month

Parish Ed Meeting, 11:30a in
the Conference Room

3rd Sunday of the Month

Food Pantry Distribution,
12-2p

MONDAY

Youth, 6p Youth Room

2nd Monday of the Month

Justice Ministry, 7p Zoom

TUESDAY

1st Tuesday of the Month

Elizabeth Circle, 2p Gather
Room

Rebecca Circle, 10a
Grow Room

Mary Circle, 10a Parlor

2nd Tuesday of the Month

Stewardship Committee, 5p
Gather Room/Zoom

ILDS Board Meeting 6:10 p,
Conference Room

Music & Worship Meeting 7p
Long Range Committee
Meeting, 7p

WEDNESDAY

Sotaria, 7p Parish Hall

2nd Wednesday of the Month

Tired and Retired, 11:30a
Parish Hall

3rd Wednesday of the Month

Men's Breakfast, 6:30a
Parish Hall

Quilters, 8:30a WELCA Room

THURSDAY

Bible Study with Pastor
Matthew, 11a Gather Room &
4:45p via Zoom

SATURDAY

2nd Saturday of the Month

Prayer Shawl Ministry, 9a
Gather Room

ANNOUNCEMENTS

150TH LUNCHEON TICKETS ARE ON SALE

Via the Church Office or on Realm. When buying multiple please include individual names for each ticket.



FIESTA DINNER TICKETS

The Youtherans will be serving Fajitas for lunch after the 10:30 AM service on April 14. \$10 Adults // \$5 Kids. All donations will go toward the youth gathering this summer!

ILC SHIRTS

Sizes YM, YL, & Adult S-XXL size \$10 each 3XL and up \$12 each. Get yours before the deadline of April 21st. Payment accepted: cash, check, or Venmo. See Melissa Malinowski for more info or email her at lovemysweetgirls@att.net

ILC HISTORICAL COLLECTION

A Historical Collection of Images, calendars, bulletins, photos, Luther League, etc. will be on display in the Parish Hall at 11 AM Wed April 10 before the Tired and Retired monthly brown bag lunch. You may bring your personal ILC collections to also share.

TIRED AND RETIRED

Won't you join us on Wednesday, April 10, at 11:00 am for another brown lunch. As it will be springtime you may wish to wear your bluebonnets. A slide show of ILC will be shown as you enjoy your lunch.

We Lift These Names Up In Prayer

Sandra Noton, Virginia Weiss, Wilbert & Billie Becker, Judy Tawater, Betty Wolf, Gail Hammett, LaVerne Scott, Betty Wicklund, Hal Kuempel, Gloria Allmon, Nathzele Pfluger, Robert Boehm, Mary Hufstedler, John Estes, Aaron Eschberger, Elizabeth Miller, Melanie Hudson, Diana Barkley, Joanne Johnson Hurley, Terry Moore, The Family of Evangeline Neese, The Family of Derek James, The Family of Pat Weiss