



IMMANUEL
LUTHERAN
CHURCH



Second Sunday of Easter
Sunday, April 27, 2025
10:30 am

Pastor Matthew Groenke
Assisting Minister – Devorah Jakubowsky
Altar Guild – Sherry Wukasch and Peggy Parker
AV Console Operator – Martin Jakubowsky and Kevin Kluge
Children's Message – Vicki Lovett
Greeter – Joy & Atlan Pfluger
Praise Band – Sotaria

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.
- ◇ Large print bulletins are available at the entry table.
- ◇ Ushers will direct you to your seat.
- ◇ After the benediction, please follow the instructions for dismissal.
- ◇ A nursery with a changing table is available for use next to the Gather Room.

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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. ✚

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

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GATHERING SONG

My Savior My God

I am not skilled to understand
What God has willed what God has planned
I only know at His right hand
Stands One who is my Savior

I take Him at His word and deed
Christ died to save me this I read
And in my heart I find a need
Of Him to be my Savior

That He would leave His place on high
And come for sinful man to die
You count it strange so once did I
Before I knew my Savior

My Savior loves my Savior lives
My Savior's always there for me
My God He was my God He is
My God is always gonna be

My Savior loves my Savior lives
My Savior's always there for me
My God He was my God He is
My God is always gonna be

Yes living dying let me bring
My strength my solace from this spring
That He who lives to be my King
Once died to be my Savior

That He would leave His place on high
And come for sinful man to die
You count it strange so once did I
Before I knew my Savior

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WELCOME

PASTOR

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

PASTOR

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

In the name of ✠ the One
who was, who is, and who is to come.

Amen.

Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection,
and called to live the baptized life,
let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Holy God,
we give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
waters that make a people your own,
that restore to wholeness,
and empower us to be witnesses in your name.

Baptized into you, O Living One,
make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
waters that strengthen believers
and give new life to beloved servants of your church;
waters that extend your boundless love
and cross barriers of our own making.

Baptized into you, O Living One,
make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
waters that open the hearts of believers
and give a voice in the night to those in captivity;

waters that set your people on a new path,
rejoicing in the Spirit's power.
Baptized into you, O Living One,
make us one as you are one.
Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One,
that our every day is shaped by these waters
that give us our very lives in you.
We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.
Amen.

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

PASTOR

O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

FIRST READING

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Acts 5:27-32

²⁷ When they had brought [the apostles,] they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, ²⁸ saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." ²⁹ But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. ³⁰ The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹ God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might 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."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE READING

ASSISTING MINISTER

Psalm 118:14-29

¹⁴ The LORD is my strength and my song, and has become my salvation.

¹⁵ **Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:**

"The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"

¹⁶ The right hand of the LORD is exalted! The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"

¹⁷ **I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.**

¹⁸ The LORD indeed punished me sorely, but did not hand me over to death.

¹⁹ **Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.**

²⁰ "This is the gate of the LORD; here the righteous may enter."

²¹ **I give thanks to you, for you have answered me and you have become my salvation.**

²² The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

²³ **By the LORD has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

²⁴ This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

²⁵ **Hosanna! O LORD, save us! We pray to you, LORD, prosper our days!**

²⁶ Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD; we bless you from the house of the LORD.

²⁷ **The LORD is God and has given us light.**

Form a procession with branches up to the corners of the altar.

²⁸ You are my God, and I will thank you; you are my God, and I will exalt you.

²⁹ **Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good; God's mercy endures forever.**

SECOND READING

ASSISTING MINISTER

Revelation 1:4-8

⁴ John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶ and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. ⁷ Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. ⁸ "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

GOSPEL

PASTOR

John 20:19-31

¹⁹ When 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." ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²² 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 retain the sins of any, they are retained." ²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, 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 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." ²⁶ A 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." ²⁷ Then 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." 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 come to believe."

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹ But 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

PASTOR

**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

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

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OFFERING

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SHARING OF THE PEACE OF THE LORD

OFFERTORY SONG

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)
Standing in our midst (Standing in our midst)
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And the grace to forgive

And the grace to forgive

OFFERING PRAYER

PASTOR

Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace
along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again,
breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal,
that we may live as your risen body in the world.

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

PASTOR

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

PASTOR

COMMUNION SONGS

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

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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
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Is my strength

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

PASTOR

Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us.
Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory,
and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.
Amen.

BLESSING

PASTOR

The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come,
Sovereign, ☩ Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn,
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

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DISMISSAL

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Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!