

Easter Celebration Service – Omnipotent Shepherd!
March 31, 2024 at 9:30 am Immanuel Lutheran Church
Service of the Resurrection and the Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Opening Prayer

P: Our Lord lives! He is alive! He has defeated death! He has defeated Satan! He has defeated sin and every evil! He has declared victory on our behalf. He has Risen! He has renewed us all in His loving grace and Resurrection.

C: *He has Redeemed the world. He has paid the price for all sin. He has given us life, because He is alive! He has Risen! He has Risen Indeed! Our Lord and Redeemer Lives!*

Opening Hymn: *“I Know that My Redeemer Lives!” 461 vs. 1-3*

Invocation: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C:** *Amen*

P: Our Lord, the Messiah, has defeated death. **C:** *He has Risen! He has Risen indeed!*

P: Jesus rose under the blessing and will of His Father **C:** *He defeated death, hell, and Satan.*

P: He came into this world **C:** *That we might have life, that we may have it abundantly!*

P: He came to honor His Father **C:** *He came to set us free from our sins and grant us life.*

P: Jesus has Risen! He rose that we might have life **C:** *He rose that we would be His forever.*

P: Jesus is the Victor, He is the King, He is the only Savior **C:** *He is Lord of heaven and earth!*

P: Our Lord and Christ has Risen! **C:** *He has Risen Indeed!*

Confession and Absolution:

C: *Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Risen Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your Holy name. Amen.*

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Risen Lord and Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Introit: *Psalm 16: 1-11*

P: Preserve me, O God **C:** *For in You I take refuge.*

P: I say to the Lord, **C:** *“You are my Lord; I have no good a part from You.”*

P: As for saints in the land **C:** *They are excellent ones, in whom is all my delight.*

P:The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply; **C:** *Their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names on my lips.*

P: The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; **C:** *You hold my lot.*

P: The lines have fallen on me in pleasant places; **C:** *Indeed I have a beautiful inheritance!*

P: I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; **C:** *In the night also my heart instructs me.*

P: I have set the Lord always before me; **C:** *Because He is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.*

P: Therefore my heart is glad and my whole being rejoices **C:** *My flesh also dwells secure.*

P: For You will not abandon my soul to Sheol, **C:** *Or let Your holy name see corruption!*

P: You make known to me the path of life; **C:** *In Your presence there is fulness of joy;*

P: At Your right hand **C:** *Are pleasures forevermore.*

ALL: *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

Easter Collect: Almighty God, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life. You granted to us the eternal hope of salvation and made us Your own through Your gift of Baptism which placed us into Your own resurrection. We humbly pray that we may live before You in righteousness and purity forever; through the same Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C:** *Amen.*

P: We are forever in His grace. We are forever in His blessing! We are forever in the loving hands of the Father. We live in the hope that will never die! We live in the assurance of His promise! We live in the goodness of His kingdom.

C: *We will never know death! We will never suffer the punishment of our sins! We will never be separated from the loving grace and mercy of our Lord!*

Hymn: *“Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven” 477*

O. T. Lesson: *Isaiah 25: 6-9 (His Complete Victory for Us!)*

P: God His given us salvation through: His gift of grace, His gift of faith, and His gift of Holy Baptism. We are and will be forever His chosen people: through our Lord’s resurrection. We have life. We have life abundantly. We have life forever!

C: *We celebrate His gift to us in His “Rising from the Dead!” We celebrate His defeating sin, death, and Satan! We celebrate our eternal hope given because “He has Risen indeed!”*

Hymn: *“Jesus Christ is Risen Today” 457*

Epistle Lesson: *I Corinthians 15: 1-11 (The Gospel is Proclaimed)*

P: We are the holy people of God who are cherished by our Heavenly Father! We are the holy people of God who were purchased by our Lord’s blood on the Cross! We are the holy people of God through the work and grace given us through the Holy Spirit!

C: *We are His holy children. We are His heirs to His kingdom! We are His own body of believers bound in grace forever! We are the “Body of Christ”, the Church of God on earth!*

Hymn: *“O Sons and Daughters of the King” 470 vs. 1-3*

Gospel Lesson: *Mark 16: 1-8 (The Angel Tells of Christ’s Resurrection)*

P: Our Lord Lives! Therefore: We will stand in His presence before His heavenly throne; We will bask in His loving grace forever; and we will live each day in the comfort of His love and His blessing of forgiveness!

C: *We are now and will forever be His own! We are now members of His everlasting kingdom! We are now standing in the assurance of our Lord’s eternal life! We are now equipped to share the Gospel and bring before others the everlasting hope in our Savior!*

Confession of Faith: *Nicene Creed (back of Hymnal)*

Hymn: *“Messiah Hymn” (tune 932)*

The Messiah brought new life to All the people that are His
Giving hope and joy abounding By the grace He freely gives
He has always been and will be Forever the God and Lord.
He will be forever Holy And the only God adored.

The Messiah born of Mary One and only Savior Lord
I’m the Healer of the nations From the Father whose adored
“I Am, Who I Am” Almighty “I Am, Who I Am” the King!
I will rule in heaven always As the Shepherd of My sheep.

The Messiah, Bold and Mighty Strong beyond what we can know
Has defeated death and darkness And removed all that we “owe”.
He has Risen! He has Risen! From the grave and brought new life.
He has risen for all people Has removed all pain and strife.

The Messiah stands in glory He is covered in His light.
He’s the victor O’er all evil Removed darkness, given light.
He is God, His is Almighty He is God forever more
He completed all that’s needed He has opened heaven’s door.

Children’s Sermon “*The Father Opened the Tomb*” **Sermon** **Offering**

Prayers: The families of The families of Thiem, Jeremy, Kay, Adeline, Lilian, Hadley and Javon; Toelle, April, Luke, Samuel and Evelyn; and Vandergriff, Dylan and Alecia Kalaher, Evelyn and Cedric

Lord’s Prayer **Blessing of Elements:** **Distribution Hymns:** 465, 490, 463

Closing Litany:

P: Our Lord has Risen! **C:** *He has Risen indeed!*

P: Our Lord is the Living God **C:** *Who defeated death and gave us life!*

P: Our Lord reigns in heaven **C:** *He has taken His place on the throne!*

P: Jesus is the Savior of the world **C:** *He is the Lord and Creator of all!*

P: Jesus has risen! He has the victory! **C:** *He is our Lord, our God, our Savior!*

P: Jesus is the One true God **C:** *He is the only hope for all mankind!*

Closing Collect: O God the Father, fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only begotten Son into the flesh and to rise from the dead; we thank You for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this His Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through our Risen Lord, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C:** *Amen.*

Benediction

May the joy and hope of the resurrection guide and bless you through this day! May His grace boldly enrich you!

*Kirk Horstmeyer, Pastor
Karen Whitehead -- Organist*

WHAT THE SCRIPTURES TEACH CONCERNING THE LORD'S SUPPER

In I Corinthians 11 the Holy Spirit led Paul to write, "This is my body" and "This cup is the new covenant in my blood" to explain the spiritual truth of the Supper: Christ is truly present in His body and blood in the bread and wine. This is a mystery, a Heavenly gift; one we can only understand in faith. Paul further says, "Therefore whoever eats the bread and drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord" and, "let a man examine himself...for he who eats and drinks, eats and drinks judgment to himself if he does not judge the body rightly." There is no doubt from our Lord's Word, we are receiving His body and blood. The Father offers us forgiveness, unity of faith, strengthening of faith, etc.; it is never our right, we approach His altar only by His invitation. If you are visiting we ask that you please speak with the Pastor before receiving the Lord's Supper. We strive to lovingly carry out our responsibility to ensure the supper remains a blessing for all, never a curse. May His richest blessing be upon you all.

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY: *Easter Worship* w/HC Service at 9:30 am.
TUESDAY: Confirmation 6 pm
THURSDAY: Bible Study 9:30 am and 6:30 pm
Next SATURDAY: Confirmation 9:30 am, Worship w/HC 5:30
Next SUNDAY: Worship w/HC 8 am, SS 9:10 am, Worship w/HC 10:15am,

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE: Sat, Mar 23: 52 LS: 40; Sun, Mar 24: 8am: 53; 10:15 am: 77;
Mid Week: 67

Member Prayer List: Next Saturday and Sunday we will be praying for the families of Vandergriff, Gary and Janet; Vandergriff, Lisa; and Vandergriff, Steve Nolan and Madison.

EASTER LILIES: You can pickup your lily after the 9:30 Easter worship service.

CHURCH FOOD BANK: I want to express my thanks to those who have graciously donated to our Pantry, it has been appreciated and used. We could use once again: canned fruit, cereal, toilet paper, rice noodle or pasta meals in bags, peanut butter and jelly, macaroni and cheese, raisins, pudding, and dish and laundry soaps. If you can help, thank you!

MONTHLY MEETINGS & EVENTS

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY this year will be on April 28 at the 10:15 service. This is an important day for these youth in our congregation, so please ask the Lord to bless that day and those who will be Confirmed.

LWML WEST ZONE MEETING: The LWML West Zone Board cordially invite the Ladies of the LWML West Zone to a meeting on Saturday, April 27th at St. Peters Lutheran Church in Vincennes. The meeting will start at 10 am EST / 9 am CST and should be done by 1:30/12:30 pm. The Ladies of St. Peters will provide a Salad Luncheon. We will be taking up a love offering to help establish our new treasurer's account. The officers will be installed at this time. If you would like to attend, please email/text/call registrations by April 17th. Barb Rastl, rastl@att.net, 812-890-1735 Sheryl Bloebaum, sbloebaum@frontier.com, 812-890-3657