Immanuel Lutheran Church

April 14, 2024 - Third Sunday of Easter



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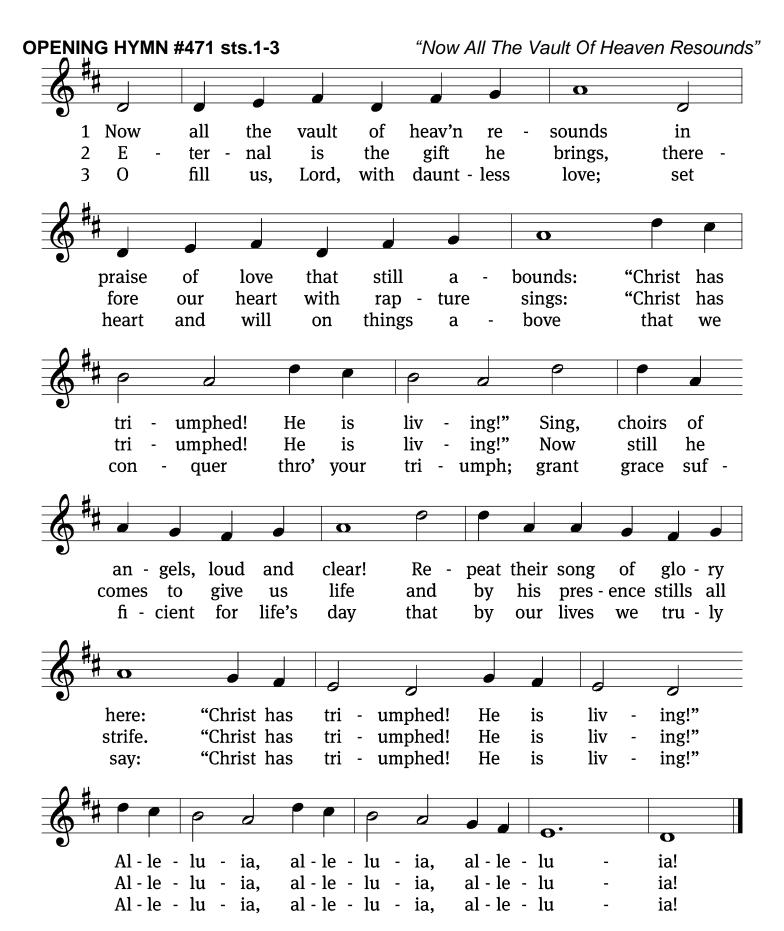
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INVOCATION AND OPENING DIALOGUE

- M: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.
- M: Alleluia! Christ is risen.
- C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!
- M: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!
- C: In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.
- M: If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another,
- C: and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

CONFESSION CW188

- M: If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.
- C: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.
- M: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.
- C: Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection.

M: Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

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LORD, HAVE MERCY

CW 190

M: In peace let us pray to the Lord.



M: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



M: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

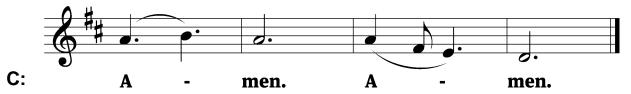


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M: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



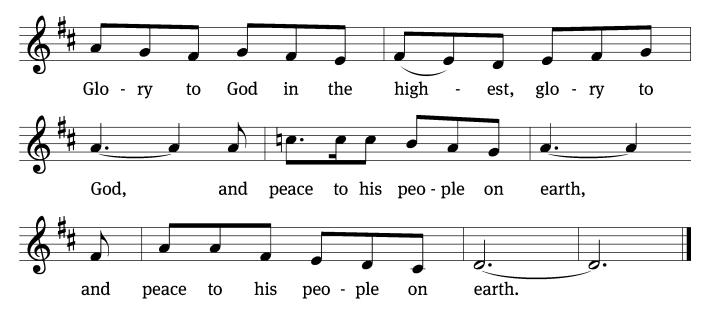
M: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



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PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Let us pray.

O God, by the humiliation of your Son, you lifted up this fallen world from the despair of death. By his resurrection to life, grant your faithful people gladness of heart and the hope of eternal joys; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Be seated.

FIRST READING Acts 3:11-20

¹¹While the man held on to Peter and John, all the people were astonished and came running to them in the place called Solomon's Colonnade. ¹²When Peter saw this, he said to them: "Fellow Israelites, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk? ¹³The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus. You handed him over to be killed, and you disowned him before Pilate, though he had decided to let him go. ¹⁴You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. ¹⁵You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this. ¹⁶By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus' name and the faith that comes through him that has completely healed him, as you can all see.

¹⁷"Now, fellow Israelites, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders. ¹⁸But this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may

be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, ²⁰and that he may send the Messiah, who has been appointed for you—even Jesus. (NIV)

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.



Praise God in his sanctu- / ary; praise him in his mighty / heavens. Praise him for his acts of / power; praise him for his surpassing / greatness. *Refrain*

Praise him with the sounding of the / trumpet, praise him with the / harp and lyre, praise him with timbrel and / dancing, praise him with the / strings and pipe, praise him with the clash of / cymbals, praise him with resounding / cymbals. Refrain

Let everything that has breath / praise the LORD.
Praise / the LORD.
Glory be to the Father and / to the Son and to the Holy / Spirit,

as it was in the be-/ginning,

is now, and will be forever. / Amen. Refrain

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⁵This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. ⁷But 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, purifies us from all sin.

⁸If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us.

¹My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. ²He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world. (NIV)

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand.



M: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations.

C: Refrain

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HOLY GOSPEL St. Luke 24:36-49

³⁶While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."

³⁷They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have."

⁴⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. ⁴¹And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate it in their presence.

⁴⁴He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms."

⁴⁵Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." (NIV)

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated.



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SERMON TEXT

1 John 1:5-2:2

SERMON THEME

Saying, "I'm Sorry"

Please stand.

CONFESSSION OF FAITH: APOSTLES' CREED

C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there 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.

Be seated.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

FRIENDSHIP CARD is available on the tables by the entrances and in the mailboxes of members. If you are watching on-line please go to the description link and sign in.

OFFERING

The offering plates are located by the entrances. You may also give electronically via our website: immanuelfindlay.org or the App: GivePlus.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

CW 199

Please stand.

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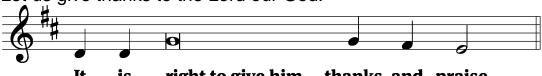
M: The Lord be with you.



M: Lift up your hearts.



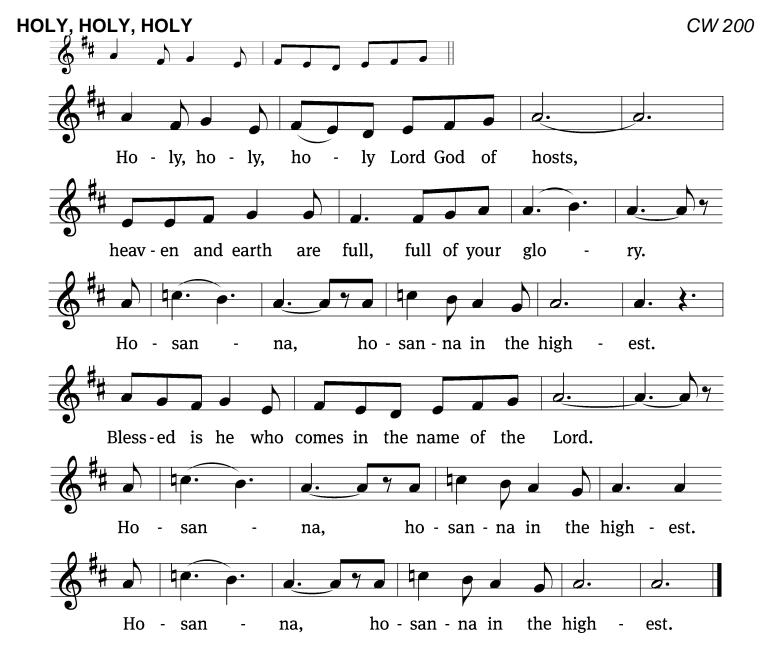
M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who by his willing sacrifice on the cross took away the sins of the world and by his glorious resurrection restored everlasting life. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:



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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

M: Praise to you, Lord, God of creation, God of our father Abraham, and God of the prophets. Praise to you for showing your patient love to us sinners who deserved only punishment. When the time was right, you sent your only Son to be our Savior and Redeemer. He embraced our death in order to give us forgiveness and life. Accept our humble thanks for all that he has accomplished for us, and grant to us your Holy Spirit that we may receive with faithful hearts all the gifts and graces of this Holy Supper.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

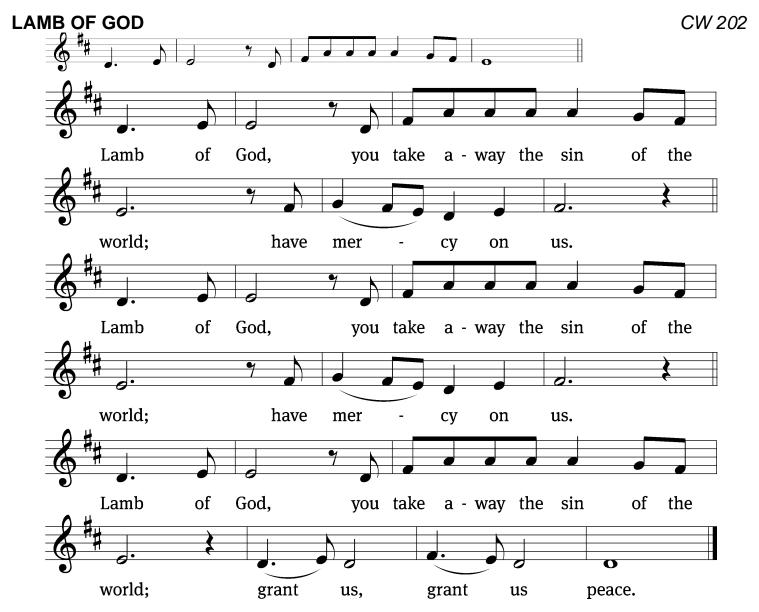
WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my + body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my + blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.



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Be seated.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Visitors: Please see the Communion Statement on the back of bulletin before coming up for Holy Communion.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN #675

"At The Lamb's High Feast We Sing"

The distribution hymn is on the display, in the hymnal, and at the back of the large print bulletin.

M: The true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you to life everlasting.

C: Amen.

M: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

his mercy endures forever.

M: Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,

we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. C:

M: Gracious Savior, we give you thanks for feeding us with your body and blood for the forgiveness of our sin. As you once stood among your disciples on Easter to open their hearts and release them from fear, so come among us and open our hearts to believe and our minds to understand your Word and will. Break down the barriers within us, that we may with all our hearts, minds, and strength believe in you and serve you to the glory of your holy name.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

Amen. C:



"He's Risen, He's Risen"



He's he's en, Christ the Lord: ris ris sus. Ie where sting, death? We fear 4 is vour 0. vou no more;

5 Then sing your ho - san - nas and raise your glad voice;



pened death's pris he the car - nate Word. in Christ rose, fair E - den's door. and now is pen pro - claim the blest all ti dings that may re - joice.



Break forth. hosts of in bi - lant heav iu en. For all trans - gres - sions his blood does our Lamb the Laud. hon and praise that was slain: or. to



and earth, sea, and moun - tain, the prais es pro - long. re - deemed and for - giv we his own. en, now are ther and with Fa -Spir it he ev er shall reign.

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Accompanist: Connie Krueger

Greeters East Door North Door 4/14 8AM Howard & Nancy 10:30AM Kay M. Pam W. 4/21 8AM Karl & Lynn F. Volunteer 10:30AM Jan S. Volunteer Jim & Jamie T.

4/28 8AM Bob H. Volunteer 10:30AM Deana H. Bill & Helen R.

Bible Study: Sunday Adult Bible Study Trinity 9:15 AM Wednesday Adult Bible Study Luke's Gospel 10:00 AM

CALENDAR Sunday Worship & Holy Communion, 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Youth & Adult Sunday School, 9:15 AM

Confirmation, 11:45 AM

Monday Church Council Meeting, 6:30 PM

Wednesday Adult Bible Class, 10:00 AM **Thursday** Choir Practice, 7:00 PM

Saturday Everyone Outreach, 9 AM – 3 PM

Sunday Worship & Holy Communion, 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Youth & Adult Sunday School, 9:15 AM Everyone Outreach, 12:30-4:30 PM

Lutheran Women's Missionary Society will be collecting a **Mission Offering** after the services today. The collected money will immediately go the missions that were voted on by the ladies last year. The Home mission is Home Mission Conferences, the World Missions is the Chinese Outreach Project.

LWMS Ohio Circuit Spring Rally Join us at Resurrection Lutheran Church in Maumee for the Spring Rally on April 27. Registration begins at 9 AM and the rally starts at 9:30 AM. Our guest speaker is Tom Metzger who will provide information on the Home Missions and Joint Mission Council. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex or RSVP to: laura4april@gmail.com

Welcome! We join together here to thank God for a new week of promise and possibilities. Let us welcome the opportunity of worship. Let us greet one another joyfully and lovingly! If you are searching for a church home, please feel free to talk to the pastor after the service.

Large print bulletins are available at the back of the fellowship hall.

There are visitor welcome packets available in the narthex.

There are children's books, coloring pages, pencils, and crayons available at the back of the fellowship hall. Please return the books, clipboards, pencils and crayons.

Silence is golden. Please silence cell phones before worship.

If you would like items displayed on the bulletin board please contact the office.

When receiving communion, it's very helpful when you extend your hand to receive the wafer of bread. If there is anyone who would prefer to receive the wine mixed with water, please contact the pastor. We also have low-gluten wafers available; please speak with the pastor or an elder.

Celebrating Communion in Love—In love, Jesus gives his body and blood in Holy Communion. In love, Jesus tells us we are prepared for his meal when 1) we recognize our sins and need for forgiveness; 2) we confess Jesus as the only true God and Savior, without whom we would be lost for eternity; 3) we have been instructed in the Biblical truths of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection; 4) we believe that in the Supper Jesus gives us his real body and blood in the bread and wine; 5) we publicly confess our oneness of faith and full agreement of belief with those whom we receive the Supper. In love, Jesus cautions us that if we are not properly prepared, then we are rejecting his love and would receive his Supper to our harm. Therefore, in love for all, we at Immanuel follow the ancient, Biblical practice of Close Communion, offering the Supper only to those who have professed their agreement with our Wisconsin Synod fellowship. If you are interested in receiving the Supper with us, we invite you to speak with our pastor about the important necessary pre-Communion instruction.

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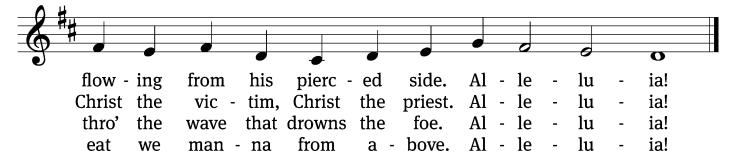
"At The Lamb's High Feast We Sing"



At the Lamb's high feast sing praise 1 we to whose 2 Praise him di - vine his we love gives Where the pas - chal blood is poured, death's dread 3 4 Praise Christ, whose blood was shed, pas - chal we



tide to rious King, who has washed us the our vic in for wine, gives his sa - cred blood bod - v for the feastsheathes the sword; Is - rael's hosts an - gel tri - um-phant go - chal bread; with sin - cer - i vic - tim, pas ty and love



- Mighty Victim from the sky, hell's fierce pow'rs beneath you lie. You have conquered in the fight, you have brought us life and light. Alleluia!
- 6 Now no more can death appall, now no more the grave enthrall; you have opened paradise, and your saints in you shall rise.
 Alleluia!
- 7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!
 This alone can sin destroy;
 from sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,
 newborn souls in you to be.
 Alleluia!
- 8 Father, who the crown shall give, Savior, by whose death we live, Spirit, guide through all our days, Three in One, your name we praise. Alleluia!

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