

# *Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church*

*April 12, 2026  
Second Sunday of Easter*



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## Opening Hymn #455

"Alleluia! Jesus Lives"



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus lives! He is now the Liv - ing One;  
2 Je - sus lives! Let all re - joice; praise him, ran-somed ones of earth.  
3 Je - sus lives! Why do you weep? Why that sad and fre-quent sigh?  
4 Je - sus lives! And thus, my soul, life is yours e - ter - nal - ly;



from the gloom-y house of death forth the con-quer - or has gone,  
Praise him in a no - bler song, cher - u - bim of heav'n-ly birth.  
He who died our broth-er here lives our broth-er still on high,  
joined to him, your liv - ing head, where he is, you too shall be;



bright fore - run - ner to the skies of his peo - ple, yet to rise.  
Praise the Vic - tor-King, whose sway sin and death and hell o - bey.  
lives for - ev - er to be - stow bless - ings on his Church be - low.  
you with him at his right hand vic - tor o - ver death shall stand.

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*Please stand.*

## Invocation & Confession

CW 188

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: Let us come into God's presence today with penitent hearts and minds, asking for his grace and mercy in our lives.

C: **Lord God, heavenly Father, we freely admit that sin in our lives is troubling.**

**Just when we think we have conquered one sin,  
another seems to become a persistent challenge.**

**We have sinned against you in our thoughts, our words, and our deeds.**

**We have done what we should not have done,  
and we have failed to do what is expected of us.**

**For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.**

**Forgive us. Renew us.**

**Strengthen us in our daily walk to life everlasting. Amen.**

M: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

### Lord, Have Mercy


CW 190

M: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C:  **Lord, have mer - cy.**


The musical notation is on a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The melody consists of seven notes: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), and G4 (quarter). The notes are grouped with slurs: G4-A4-B4, C5-B4-A4, and G4.

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

C:  **Lord, have mer - cy.**


The musical notation is on a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The melody consists of seven notes: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), and G4 (quarter). The notes are grouped with slurs: G4-A4-B4, C5-B4-A4, and G4.

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.

C:  **Lord, have mer - cy.**


The musical notation is on a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The melody consists of seven notes: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), and G4 (quarter). The notes are grouped with slurs: G4-A4-B4, C5-B4-A4, and G4.

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

C:  **Lord, have mer - cy.**

The musical notation is on a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The melody consists of seven notes: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), and G4 (quarter). The notes are grouped with slurs: G4-A4-B4, C5-B4-A4, and G4.

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

C:  **A - men. A - men.**

The musical notation is on a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The melody consists of seven notes: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), and G4 (quarter). The notes are grouped with slurs: G4-A4-B4, C5-B4-A4, and G4.



## Prayer of the Day

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Let us pray.

O risen Lord, you came to your disciples and took away their fears with your word of peace. Come to us also by Word and sacrament, and banish our fears with the comforting assurance of your abiding presence; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

*Be seated.*

Trinity School Choir (*late service*)

*"My Passover Lamb"*

*Words and Music by: Jayne Nitz*

## First Reading

*Acts 2:14a,22-32*

<sup>14</sup>Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd:

<sup>22</sup> "Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. <sup>23</sup> This man was handed over to you by God's deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. <sup>24</sup> But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him. <sup>25</sup> David said about him:

"I saw the Lord always before me.

Because he is at my right hand,

I will not be shaken.

<sup>26</sup> Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;  
my body also will rest in hope,

<sup>27</sup> because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead,  
you will not let your holy one see decay.

<sup>28</sup> You have made known to me the paths of life;  
you will fill me with joy in your presence.'

<sup>29</sup> "Fellow Israelites, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is here to this day. <sup>30</sup> But he was a prophet and knew that God had promised him on oath that he would place one of his descendants on his throne. <sup>31</sup> Seeing what was to come, he spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, that he was not abandoned to the realm of the dead, nor did his body see decay. <sup>32</sup> God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it."

(NIV)

M; The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 16A** (sing as indicated)

*"You Will Show Me the Path of Life"*

*Refrain*



**C:** You will show me the path of life, you, my hope and my shel-ter;



in your pres-ence is end-less joy, at your side is my home for - ev - er.

**M:** 1. Faithful God, I look to you,  
you alone my life and fortune,  
never shall I look to other gods,  
you shall be my one hope. (**C: Refrain**)

**M:** 2. From of old you are my heritage,  
you my wisdom and my safety,  
through the night you speak within my heart,  
silently you teach me. (**C: Refrain**)

**M:** 3. So my heart shall sing for joy,  
in your arms I rest securely,  
you will not abandon me to death,  
you shall not desert me. (**C: Refrain**)

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**Second Reading**

*1 Peter 1:3-9*

<sup>3</sup> Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup> and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup> who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup> In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. <sup>7</sup> These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. <sup>8</sup> Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, <sup>9</sup> for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls. (NIV)

**M:** The Word of the Lord.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

## Gospel Acclamation

John 20:29



### Refrain



C: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

M: Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.

C: **Refrain**

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## Holy Gospel

St. John 20:19-31

<sup>19</sup> On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

<sup>21</sup> Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." <sup>22</sup> And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

<sup>24</sup> Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!"

But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

<sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

<sup>28</sup> Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

<sup>29</sup> Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

<sup>30</sup> Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

(NIV)

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

Be seated.

Hymn #452

“The Strife Is O’er, the Battle Done”



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



1 The strife is o’er, the bat - tle done; now is the  
2 The pow’rs of death have done their worst, but Christ their  
3 The three sad days have quick - ly sped, he ris - es



vic - tor’s tri - umph won; now be the  
le - gions has dis - persed. Let shouts of  
glo - rious from the dead. All glo - ry



song of praise be - gun: Al - le - lu - ia!  
ho - ly joy out - burst: Al - le - lu - ia!  
to our ris - en Head: Al - le - lu - ia!

- 4 He closed the yawning gates of hell;  
the bars from heav’n’s high portals fell.  
Let hymns of praise his triumph tell:  
Alleluia!
- 5 By your deep wounds, O risen King,  
come set us free from death’s sharp sting,  
that we may live and ever sing:  
Alleluia! (Refrain)

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Sermon Text

Acts 2:14a,22-32

Sermon

“This Man Was Put to Death and Raised to Life”

*Please stand.*

## **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**

**M:** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

**M:** Lord God, like Thomas we wrestle with faith amid doubts and fears. Grant us your Holy Spirit, that believing, we may see, and seeing, we may rejoice in your Son and the power of his resurrection. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

**M:** Lord God of hosts, you have added believers to your Church in all times and places, from those receptive and hostile alike. Shepherd the nations, and bring all peoples to embrace the Gospel of the resurrected Christ. Curb wicked rulers and break their power, that all would be brought to the feet of Jesus in worship. Protect our nation's troops, and bring peace in your good time. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

**M:** Gracious Father, the sight of your Son's wounds brought gladness and peace to the troubled disciples. Give your presence and comfort to the troubled in our midst [*especially \_\_\_\_\_*]. Comfort also those who weep [*especially \_\_\_\_\_*] with the blessed joy of Easter morning. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

**M:** Heavenly Father, your Son suffered on our behalf to win salvation for us. Grant that we may have the privilege not only of believing in him, but also of suffering for his sake when it is your will. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

**M:** Lord, heavenly Father, give us all things good and beneficial to us and to our salvation, and keep us from all things harmful; through Jesus Christ, our crucified and risen Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

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**FREEWILL OFFERING** The offering plate is located by the back entrance. You may also give electronically via our website: [immanuelfindlay.org](http://immanuelfindlay.org) or the App: GivePlus.

## The Sacrament

Visitors: Please see communion statement on back page of the bulletin before joining us at the Lord's table.

Please stand.

### Preface

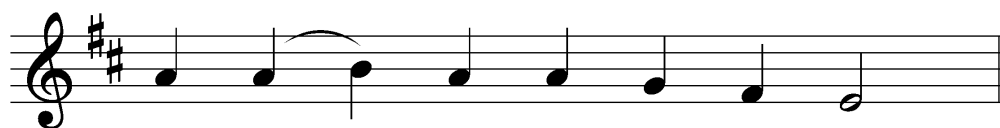
CW 199

M: The Lord be with you.



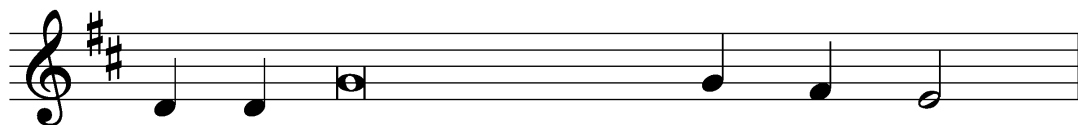
C: **And al - so with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.



C: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

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



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

M: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, who "has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade, kept in heaven" for us. (1 Peter 1:3-4) Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you and saying:

### Holy, Holy, Holy

CW 200



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts,



heav - en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**M:** Blessed are you, Lord God, eternal King and gracious Father. In love you made us the crown of your creation. In mercy you planned our salvation. In grace you sent your Son to redeem us from sin.

We remember and give you thanks that your eternal Son, Jesus Christ, became flesh and made his dwelling among us, that he willingly placed himself under law to redeem those under law, that he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death on a cross, that he has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood in this Sacrament. Forgive our sins, increase our faith, strengthen our fellowship, and deepen our longing for the day when Christ will welcome us to his eternal feast. Praise and thanks and honor and glory be to you, O God our Father, and to your Son and to the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**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.

## Jesus, Lamb of God

CW 202

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us, grant us peace.

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Be seated.

**Distribution Hymn #456**  
*Sing from hymnal or display.*

*“O Sons and Daughters of the King”*

**Distribution Hymn #445**  
*Sing from hymnal or display.*

*“He’s Risen, He’s Risen”*

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;

**C: his mercy endures forever.**

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

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

### **Closing Prayer**

M: Blessed Savior Jesus Christ, you have given yourself to us in this holy Sacrament. Keep us in your favor that we may live in you even as you live in us. May your body and blood preserve us in the true faith to life everlasting. Hear us for the sake of your name.

**C: Amen.**

### **The 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.

**C: Amen.**

Closing Hymn #451

“See, What a Morning”



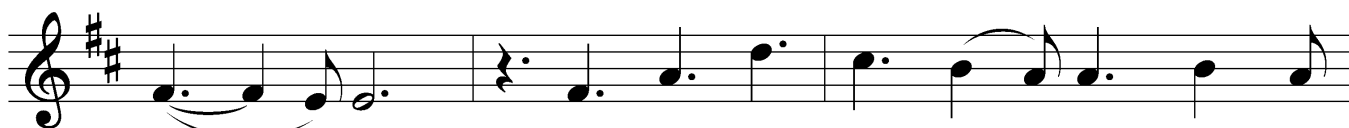
1 See, what a morn - ing, glo - rious-ly bright, with the dawn - ing of  
 2 See Mar - y weep - ing, “Where is he laid?” as in sor - row she  
 3 One with the Fa - ther, An - cient of Days, thro’ the Spir - it who



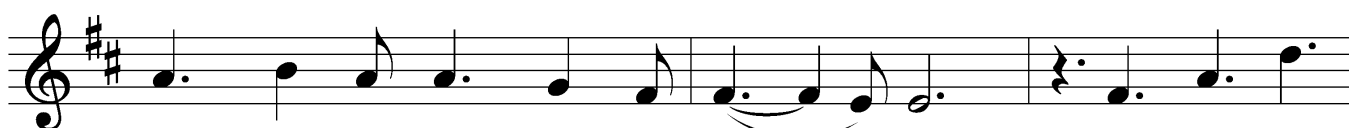
hope in Je - ru - sa - lem; fold - ed the grave-clothes,  
 turns from the emp - ty tomb. Hears a voice speak - ing,  
 clothes faith with cer - tain - ty. Hon - or and bless - ing,



tomb filled with light, as the an - gels an - nounce, “Christ is  
 call - ing her name; it’s the Mas - ter, the Lord raised to  
 glo - ry and praise to the King crowned with pow’r and au -



ris - en!” See God’s sal - va - tion plan, wrought in  
 life a - gain! The voice that spans the years, speak - ing  
 thor - i - ty! And we are raised with him; death is



love, borne in pain, paid in sac - ri - fice, ful - filled in  
 life, stir - ring hope, bring - ing peace to us, will sound till  
 dead, love has won, Christ has con - quered. And we shall



Christ, the Man, for he lives: Christ is ris-en from the dead!  
 he ap - pears, for he lives: Christ is ris-en from the dead!  
 reign with him, for he lives: Christ is ris-en from the dead!

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**Thank you** to all who helped with Easter for kids this year! We had a great turn out and it would not be possible without the help and donations of our congregation. What a blessing to tell these little children about how much Jesus loves them!

**Easter Flowers** if you ordered Easter flowers you can take them home with you after the service. The sign-up sheet should be on the altar area with a list of what was ordered.

**Lutheran Women’s Missionary Society** will hold its Spring Missions Collection today Sunday, April 12 after both services. The Home Mission is 100 Missions in 10 Years and the World Mission is Pakistan. **Checks should be made payable to LWMS Ohio Circuit.** Please give checks/cash to the ladies holding the baskets at the exits that day.

**The LWMS Spring Rally** will take place on **May 2** at Resurrection Lutheran Church in Maumee (2250 Holland Sylvania Road, Maumee, OH 43537). The speaker will be Rev. Jeffrey Duquaine who serves at King of Kings Lutheran Church in Willoughby, OH. If you would like to attend there is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church or you can RSVP at 419-867-7352. There is a new schedule we are using and it is included on the flyer by the office and by the sign-up sheet.

**April 15 - tax deadline only a few days away. Please help support the Immanuel Lutheran Preschool program through the LSGOO program and save on your State of Ohio taxes. Tax Credit Scholarship** Members of Immanuel Lutheran and Preschool are reminded to take advantage of the excellent tax credit opportunity available through the Lutheran Scholarship Granting Organization of Ohio (**LSGOO**). Singles can direct up to \$750 and married filers up to \$1500 of Ohio tax liability to this program. The money donated goes directly to the Immanuel Lutheran Preschool scholarship fund and counts toward what you owe for your 2025 taxes for your State of Ohio tax liability. FYI – so far this year this program has provided over \$15,000 in scholarship dollars for tuition, helping 13 children in our preschool. For more information go to [www.lsgoohio.org](http://www.lsgoohio.org) or contact one of our LSGOO committee members. (Don Lucas, Howard Wilch, Don Baker)

**Holy Communion** will be offered for members every Sunday during the season Easter, as we celebrate Jesus' death and resurrection for us!

**New Vicar:** Our Council and Voters plan to apply for a vicar for the 2026-27 school year. If you would like to help, mark your contribution for our Vicar Fund.

<b>BIBLE STUDY</b>	<i>Sunday</i>	Adult Bible Study	Hard Sayings	9:20 AM
	<i>Wednesday</i>	Adult Bible Study	Psalms	10:00 AM
	<i>Thursday</i>	Zoom Bible Study	Defending Faith	7:00 PM

<b>April Greeters</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>North</b>
<b>4/12</b>	<b>8:00 Howard &amp; Nancy W.</b>	<b>Volunteer</b>
	<b>10:30 Laura &amp; Mike B.</b>	<b>Denny &amp; Sharon P.</b>
<b>4/19</b>	8:00 Volunteer	Volunteer
	10:30 Volunteer	Deana H.
<b>4/26</b>	<b>8:00 Karl &amp; Lynn F.</b>	<b>Volunteer</b>
	<b>10:30 Helen R.</b>	<b>Jim &amp; Jamie T.</b>

**April Ushers**    **8:00 AM:** Bob H., Howard W.    **10:30 AM:** Brad S., Joe B.

<b>Calendar</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	Worship & Holy Communion, 8 & 10:30 AM Adult & Youth Sunday School, 9:20 AM Confirmation, 6:30 PM
	<b>Tuesday</b>	Church Council, 6:30 PM
	<b>Wednesday</b>	Adult Bible Study, 10:00 AM Choir Practice, 7:00 PM
	<b>Thursday</b>	Zoom Bible Class, 7:00 PM
	<b>Saturday</b>	Men's Breakfast & Bible Study, 9:00 AM
	<b>Sunday</b>	Worship & Holy Communion, 8 & 10:30 AM Adult & Youth Sunday School, 9:20 AM Confirmation, 6:30 PM

**Welcome!** We join together here to thank God for a new week of promise and possibilities. Let us greet one another joyfully and lovingly! If you are searching for a church home, 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.

**Bulletin Board:** If you would like items displayed, 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.

Distribution Hymn #456

“O Sons and Daughters of the King”



1 O sons and daugh - ters of the King, whom heav'n - ly  
 2 That Eas - ter morn, at break of day, the faith - ful  
 3 An an - gel bade their sor - row flee, for thus he  
 4 That night th' a - pos - tles met in fear; a - mong them



hosts in glo - ry sing, to - day the grave has lost its sting!  
 wom - en went their way to seek the tomb where Je - sus lay.  
 spoke un - to the three, “Your Lord will go to Gal - i - lee.”  
 came their Lord most dear and said, “My peace be with you here.”



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

5 When Thomas afterwards had heard  
 that Jesus had fulfilled his word,  
 he doubted that it was the Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

6 “Thomas, behold my side,” said he,  
 “my hands, my feet, my body see;  
 and doubt not, but believe in me.”

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

7 No longer Thomas then denied;  
 he saw the feet, the hands, the side;  
 “You are my Lord and God,” he cried.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

8 Blessèd are they that have not seen  
 and yet whose faith has constant been;  
 in life eternal they shall reign.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

9 On this most holy day of days  
 to God your hearts and voices raise  
 in laud and jubilee and praise.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

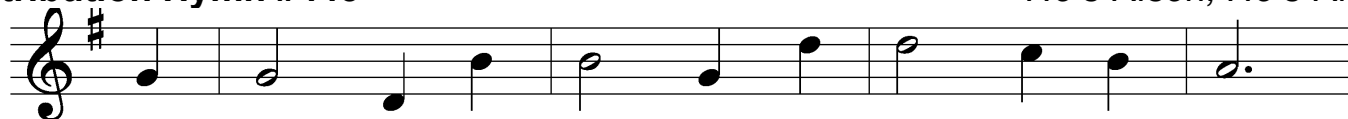
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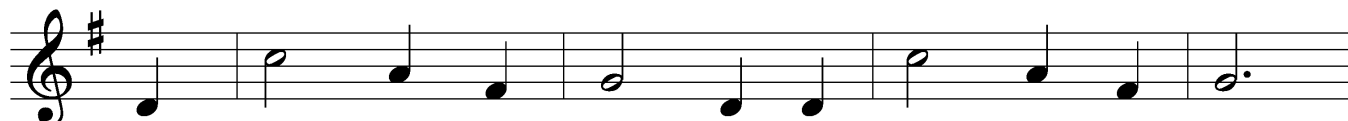
"He's Risen, He's Risen"



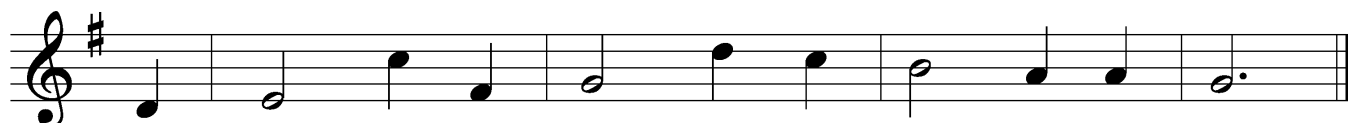
1 He's ris - en, he's ris - en, Christ Je - sus, the Lord;  
 2 The foe was tri - um - phant when on Cal - va - ry  
 3 But short was their tri - umph; the Sav - ior a - rose,  
 4 O, where is your sting, death? We fear you no more;  
 5 Then sing your ho - san - nas and raise your glad voice;



he o - pened death's pris - on, the in - car - nate Word.  
 the Lord of cre - a - tion was nailed to the tree.  
 and death, hell, and Sa - tan he van - quished, his foes.  
 Christ rose, and now o - pen is fair E - den's door.  
 pro - claim the blest ti - dings that all may re - joice.



Break forth, hosts of heav - en, in ju - bi - lant song  
 In Sa - tan's do - main did the hosts shout and jeer,  
 The con - quer - ing Lord lifts his ban - ner on high;  
 For all our trans - gres - sions his blood does a - tone;  
 Laud, hon - or, and praise to the Lamb that was slain:



and earth, sea, and moun - tain, the prais - es pro - long.  
 for Je - sus was slain, whom the e - vil ones fear.  
 he lives, yes, he lives, and will nev - er - more die.  
 re - deemed and for - giv - en, we now are his own.  
 with Fa - ther and Spir - it he ev - er shall reign.

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