



RESURRECTION *of* OUR LORD

Easter Day + April 20, 2025 + 10:30 am

Holy Communion

Resurrection of Our Lord

Easter Day

Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church ♦ A Living Sanctuary of Hope and Grace

Gathering

The carillon is rung and calls all to a time of silence in preparation for worship. Prayers for this time are found on pg. 72 in the front of the hymnal.

Prelude

Easter Suite

- Dan Uhl

Earth and All Stars!

Now the Green Blade Rises

Ed Engle, trumpet

The assembly stands and turns to face the cross as it enters.

Gathering Song

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

#365

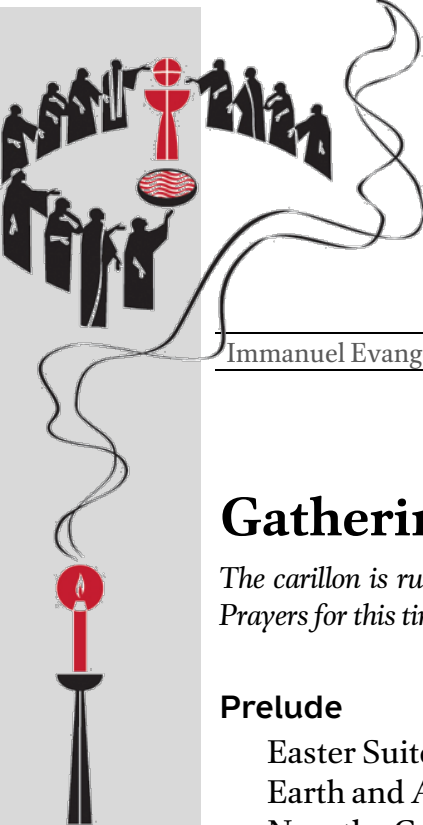
During this time, the presiding minister and assembly greet each other.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

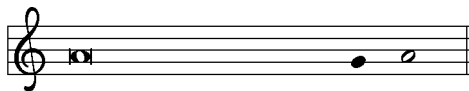
And also with you.



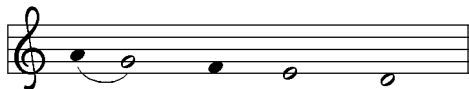
The Holy Spirit calls us together on the first day of the week, the day of Christ's resurrection.

Even in the light
of the joy of the
resurrection, we
plead for God's
mercy and peace
on us and for the
whole world.

Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



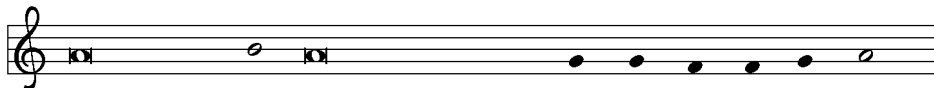
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord. A - - men.

Canticle of Praise

Refrain
Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.

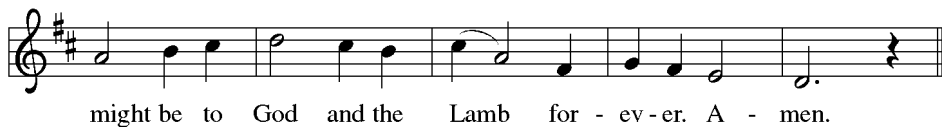


2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and

The *Song of the Lamb* from the book of Revelation concludes our time of Gathering Song as we prepare to feast on the word of God.



Prayer of the Day

The assembly is seated.

Word

First Reading

Isaiah 65:17-25

Response: Thanks be to God.



Palabra


*God speaks
to us in
scripture
reading,
silence,
preaching,
and song.*

Psalm


Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

Choir, then all. The choir sings the verses.

Refrain



This is the day the Lord has made; let us re-joice and be glad. —



This is the day the Lord has made; let us re-joice and be glad.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
His mercy endures forever.
Let the children of Israel say,
“His mercy endures forever.” - **Refrain**

The Lord’s right hand has struck with pow’r;
the Lord’s right hand is exalted.
I shall not die but live, and
declare the works of the Lord. - **Refrain**

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.
By the Lord has this been done;
it is wonderful in our eyes. - **Refrain**

The meditation
bell calls us to a
time of silent
reflection on the
scripture spoken
and sung.

Second Reading

Acts 10:34-43


Response: Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.


Gospel Acclamation

Choir: Christians to the paschal victim offer your thankful praises! A Lamb the sheep redeeming, Christ who only is sinless, reconciling sinners to the Father. Death and life have contended in that combat stupendous; The prince of life who died, reigns immortal!

All:




1. Christ is a - ris - en From the grave's dark pris - on. So let our joy rise




full and free; Christ our com - fort true will be. Al - le - lu - ia!

Choir: Speak, Mary, declaring what you saw when wayfaring. "The tomb of Christ, who is living, the glory of Jesus' resurrection; Bright angels attesting, the shroud and napkin resting. My Lord, my hope, is arisen; To Galilee he goes before you."

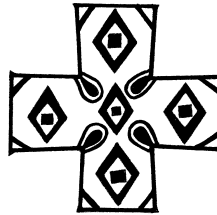
All:



2. Were Christ not a - ris - en, Then death were still our pris - on.



Now, with him to life re-stored, We praise the Fa-ther of our Lord. Al - le - lu - ia!



An ancient practice at the announcement of the gospel is to make a sign of the cross on the forehead, the lips, and the heart, that the good news may be in our minds, on our lips, and in our hearts.

Gospel

Luke 24:1-12

*At the announcement: **Glory to you, O Lord.***

*At the conclusion: **Praise to you, O Christ.***

After the reading:

Choir: Christ indeed from death is risen, our new life obtaining. Have mercy, victor King, ever reigning! Amen.

All:

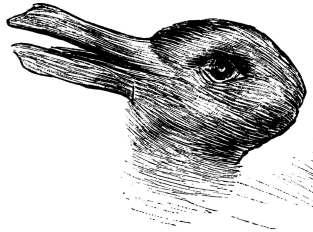


3. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia! Now let our joy rise full and free;
Christ our com - fort true will be. Al - le - lu - ia!

The assembly is seated.

Sermon

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.



The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.

Hymn of the Day

Now the Green Blade Rises

#379

Holy Baptism is a lifelong journey of conversion and faithfulness—the disciplines we took on during Lent. Today we reaffirm those baptismal promises and rejoice in our rising with Christ through the waters of Baptism.

Affirmation of Baptism

The presiding minister addresses the assembly and continues with prayer.

The assembly joins in the profession of faith.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:
to live among God's faithful people,
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ
through word and deed,
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

People of God, do you promise to support and pray for one another in your life in Christ?

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

The presiding minister prays for God's blessing.

Response: Amen.

As a reminder of baptism, the assembly is sprinkled with water.

Refrain - All

Springs of wa - ter, bless the Lord.
Give God glo - ry and praise for - ev - er.

Verses as needed sung by the choir:

Prayers of Intercession

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Peace

The presiding minister greets the assembly with the peace of the risen Christ.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The peace of the risen Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Meal

Offering

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. Loose offerings go to the ELCA's World Hunger Appeal fund.

Christ the Victorious

- Norah Duncan IV

Christ the Victorious, conquered death; no grave could hold his rising breath. Sing alleluia, sing alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Christ burst the chains that bound our grave and freed the earth he came to save. Sing alleluia, Free now to live, with Christ we rise! God's Paschal Lamb brought death's demise! Sing alleluia, sing alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The assembly stands.

Christ is Arisen

#372

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

Cena

*God feeds us
with the real
presence of
Jesus Christ.*

The presiding minister continues with the preface; the assembly responds:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The acclamation continues with the following responses:

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

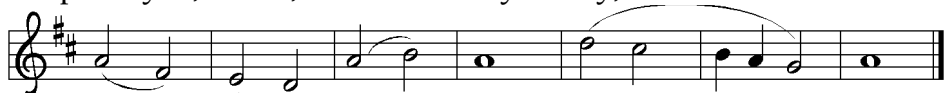
O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

Come, Holy Spirit.

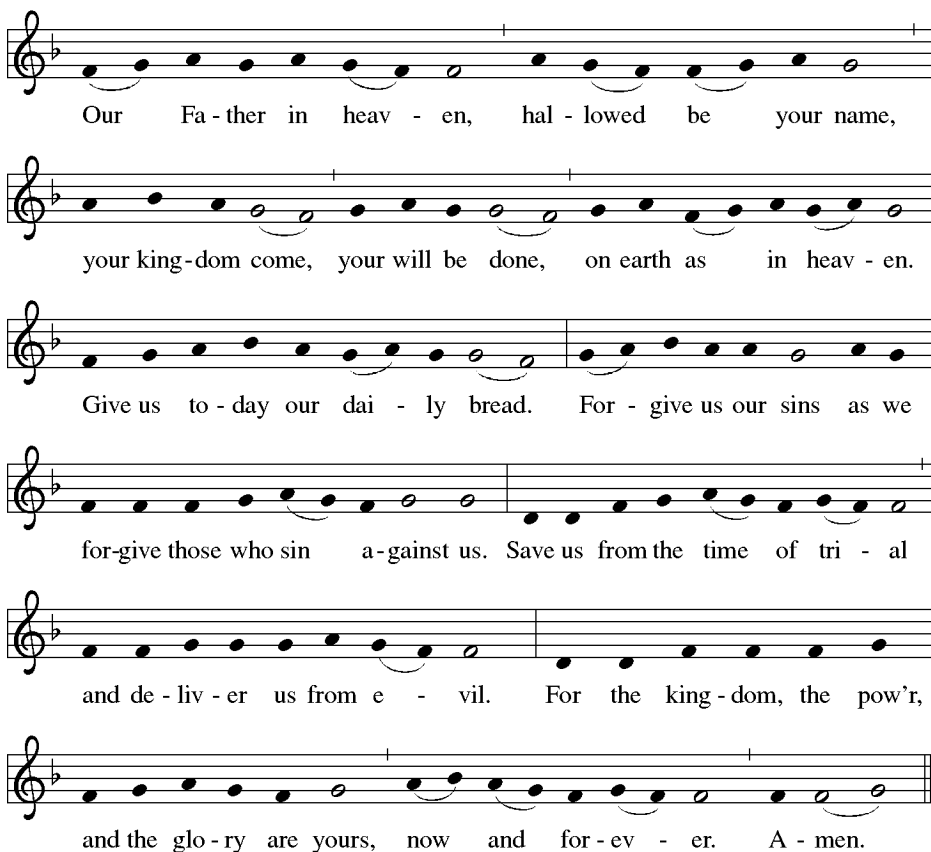
We praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever:



A - men, a - men, a - men.

We are invited to join with Mary Magdalene, Peter, all creatures, and the entire cosmos in singing the song of the angels as we cry: *Holy, holy, holy!*

The great thanksgiving concludes:



Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we
for - give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al
and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow'r,
and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

The bread is broken for communion.

**Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us,
therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

The assembly is seated.

Communion

All who desire communion are welcome at Christ's table. People may come forward for communion. Bread is received in the hands. Wine may be received by the pouring chalice into individual cups. You may also reverence the presence of Christ in the chalice with a solemn bow. Gluten free bread is available. People choosing not to commune are invited forward for a blessing and may indicate so by folding hands across the chest.

We keep the feast by becoming what we eat. We are strengthened for resurrected life by feasting on the Paschal Lamb and sharing in a foretaste of the feast to come.

Lamb of God

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 peace, grant us peace.

Come to the Table

All Creation Sings #961

Part I
 Come to the ta - ble, come to the ta - ble.

Part II
 Come one, come all. Come one, come all.

All is now read - y, come one and all. Come, oh, come.

Come one, come all. Come one, come all.

Envío

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Woman, Weeping in the Garden

All Creation Sings #935



1 Wom - an, weep - ing in the gar - den, who has
 2 Wom - an, wait - ing in the gar - den, af - ter
 3 Wom - an, walk - ing in the gar - den, Je - sus
 4 Wom - an, weep - ing in the gar - den, weep for
 5 Wom - an, danc - ing from the gar - den, find the



pushed the stone a - side? Who has tak - en Je - sus'
 men have come and gone, af - ter an - gels give their
 takes you by sur - prise; when the gar - d'ner calls you,
 joy, for you have seen Je - sus, the Mes - si - ah,
 oth - ers and pro - claim Christ is ris - en as he



bod - y, Je - sus Christ the cru - ci - fied?
 wit - ness, si - lent - ly you watch the dawn.
 "Mar - y!" faith and joy meet in your eyes.
 ris - en; Christ, of whom the proph - ets dream.
 prom - ised; tell the world he knew your name!

God Extends an Invitation

#486

Our Easter celebration has just begun. The season of Easter continues for a "week of weeks"—seven weeks—until the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost.

The assembly stands.

Prayer after Communion

GATHERING SONG— Jesus Christ Is Risen Today (#365)

1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!
praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

HYMN OF THE DAY— Now the Green Blade Rises (#379)



1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain,
2 In the grave they laid him, love by ha - tred slain,
3 Forth he came at Eas - ter like the ris - en grain,
4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;
think - ing that he would nev - er wake a - gain,
he that for three days in the grave had lain;
your touch can call us back to life a - gain,



love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been;
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen;
raised from the dead, my liv - ing Lord is seen;
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;



love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.

OFFERING SONG—Christ is Arisen (#372)



1 Christ is a - ris - en from the grave's dark pris - on. So let our joy rise



full and free; Christ our com - fort true will be. Al - le - lu - ia!



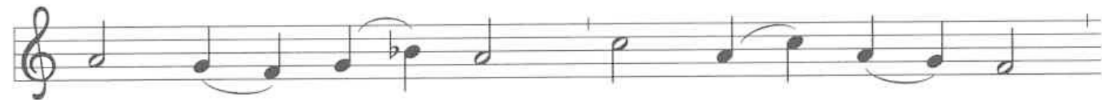
2 Were Christ not a - ris - en, then death were still our



pris - on. Now, with him to life re - stored, we praise



the Fa - ther of our Lord. Al - le - lu - ia!



3 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! So let our joy rise full and free;



Christ our com - fort true will be. Al - le - lu - ia!

COMMUNION HYMN— God Extends an Invitation (#486)



Nues-tro Pa - dre nos in - vi - ta a la me - sa de la
 God ex - tends an in - vi - ta - tion to the ta - ble of cre -



vi - da, don - de hay vi - no, luz y pan; y no -
 a - tion, where there's wine and light and bread. Here we



so - tros nos reu - ni - mos, y lo nues - tro com - par - ti - mos, pues a -
 gath - er in thanks - giv - ing and we of - fer all our liv - ing. Here the



sí es la co - mu - ni - ón; pues a - sí es la co - mu - ni - ón.
 feast of life is spread; here the feast of life is spread.

SENDING SONG—The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done #366



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 vic - tor's
 2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst; Je - sus their le - gions
 3 The three sad days have quick - ly sped, Christ ris - es glo - rious
 4 Christ closed the yawn - ing gates of hell; the bars from heav'n's high
 5 Lord, by the stripes which wound - ed you, from death's sting free your



tri - umph won! Now be the song of praise be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
 has dis - persed. Let shouts of ho - ly joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
 from the dead. All glo - ry to our ris - en head! Al - le - lu - ia!
 por - tals fell. Let hymns of praise his tri - umph tell. Al - le - lu - ia!
 ser - vants too, that we may live and sing to you. Al - le - lu - ia!

After the final stanza



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

Envío

God blesses
us and
sends us in
mission to
the world.

Sending

Blessing

“I am the resurrection and the life,” says the Lord.
May Christ’s rising lift your spirits and gladden your hearts.
Amen.

All those who believe in Christ will never perish.
May you pass with Christ from death to life.
Amen.

Christ has gone to prepare a place for us.
May his resurrection bring you all joy and peace in believing,
so that you may abound in hope.
Amen.

Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.
Amen.

Sending Song

The Strife is O’er, the Battle Done

#366

Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia, alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia

Postlude

Symphonie No. 13, No. 2 Final

- Charles Marie Widor

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Today's Texts

Resurrection of Our Lord—*Easter Day*

On this day the Lord has acted! On the first day of the week God began creation, transforming darkness into light. On this, the "eighth day" of the week, Jesus Christ was raised from the dead. We celebrate this new creation in the waters of baptism and in the feast of victory. With great joy we celebrate this day of days, even as we begin the great fifty days of Easter. Filled with hope, we go forth to share the news that Christ is risen!

Prayer of the Day

God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

First Reading: Isaiah 65:17-25

Through the prophet, God promises a new heaven and a new earth. Weeping will pass away, life will be abundant for God's people, and the world—including the wild animals—will be at peace.

¹⁷I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. ¹⁸But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. ¹⁹I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. ²⁰No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. ²¹They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. ²²They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. ²³They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the LORD—and their descendants as well. ²⁴Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. ²⁵The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent—its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the LORD.

Second Reading: Acts 10:34-43

Peter's sermon, delivered at the home of Cornelius, A Roman army officer, is a summary of the essential message of Christianity: Everyone who believes in Jesus, whose life, death, and resurrection fulfilled the words of the prophets, "receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality,³⁵ but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.³⁶ You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all.³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced:³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.³⁹ We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree;⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear,⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead.⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Gospel: Luke 24:1-12

Evidently expecting to find Jesus' corpse, some of his women followers go to the tomb with embalming spices. After a perplexing encounter with the empty tomb and angelic visitors, the women become the first to proclaim the amazing news of resurrection.

¹On the first day of the week, at early dawn, [the women] came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared.² They found the stone rolled away from the tomb,³ but when they went in, they did not find the body.⁴ While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them.⁵ The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen.⁶ Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee,⁷ that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again."⁸ Then they remembered his words,⁹ and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest.¹⁰ Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles.¹¹ But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them.¹² But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

Readings for the Week

First Week of Easter

Monday—Wednesday reflect on the previous Sunday's readings.

Thursday—Saturday prepare for next Sunday.

<i>Monday</i>	Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24, Joshua 10:16-27, 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8
<i>Tuesday</i>	Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24, Judges 4:17-23; 5:24-31a, Revelation 12:1-12
<i>Wednesday</i>	Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24, 2 Samuel 6:1-15, Luke 24:1-12
<i>Thursday</i>	Psalm 150, 1 Samuel 17:1-23, Acts 5:12-16
<i>Friday</i>	Psalm 150, 1 Samuel 17:19-32, Acts 5:17-26
<i>Saturday</i>	Psalm 150, 1 Samuel 17:32-51, Luke 24:36-40
<i>Sunday</i>	Acts 5:27-32, Psalm 150, Revelation 1:4-8, John 20:19-31



WELCOME TO IMMANUEL

We rejoice that the diversity of God's creation enriches, nurtures, and challenges our life together as followers of Jesus Christ and as servants to the world.

Because we believe that God's grace is truly amazing, we are committed to welcoming all people to this place. No matter where you come from, no matter your age or race, socioeconomic or immigration status, no matter your gender identity or sexual orientation, you are welcome here.

All are invited to be a part of our Christian community formed by the Holy Spirit and rooted in the waters of baptism.

If you would like to be baptized, affirm your baptism, or wish to learn more, please contact one of the pastors.

Grace is for everyone or it isn't grace. It's that simple, it's that amazing!

