

Holy Communion

Second Sunday of Easter

April 12, 2026

Immanuel 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 page 72 in the front of the hymnal.

Prelude

O Lamm Gottes, unschuldig, BWV 656

-J.S. Bach

Lamb of God, Pure and Sinless

Parts 1 and 2

The assembly stands and turns to face the cross.

Gathering Song

That Easter Day With Joy was Bright

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Greeting

The presiding minister and the 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.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

Amen.

The presiding minister continues with prayer. At the conclusion of the thanksgiving, the assembly is sprinkled with water as a reminder of the gift of baptism. All may make the sign of the cross when touched with water.

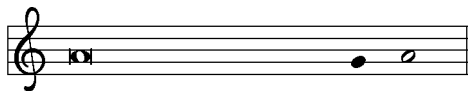


The Holy Spirit calls us together on the first day of the week, the day of Christ's resurrection.

At the font, the church recalls and gives thanks for God's saving action in water and, trusting in God's promise, asks God to do with *this* water all that God has promised to do in baptism.

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.



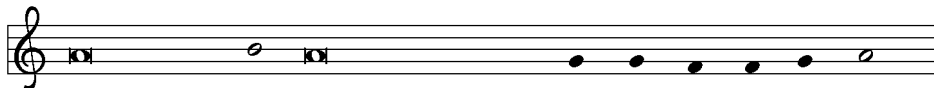
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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.

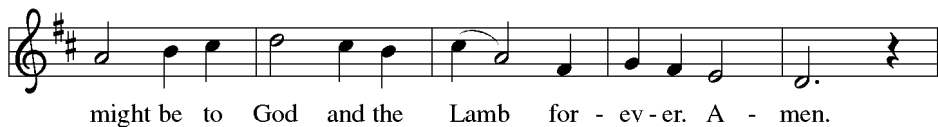


2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



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

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



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Prayer of the Day

The assembly is seated.

Palabra

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

Word

First Reading

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Psalm

Psalm 16

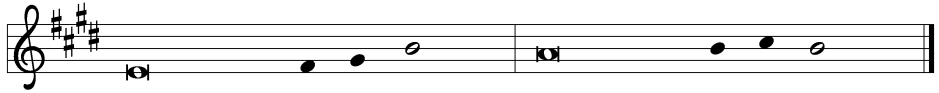
The assembly sings the refrain after the cantor/choir, then the verses in bold to the Psalm tone on the next page.

Refrain:



In your pres - ence there is full - ness of joy.

Psalm tone:



¹Protect me, O God, for I take ref-^luge in you;
I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord,
my good a-^lbove all other."

²All my delight is in the godly that are^l in the land,
upon those who are noble a-^lmong the people.

³But those who run after^l other gods
shall have their troubles^l multiplied.

⁴I will not pour out drink offerings^l to such gods,
never take their names up-^l on my lips. -*Refrain.*

⁵O Lord, you are my portion^l and my cup;
it is you who up-^lhold my lot.

⁶My boundaries enclose a^l pleasant land;
indeed, I have a^l rich inheritance.

⁷I will bless the Lord who^l gives me counsel;
my heart teaches me night^l after night.

⁸I have set the Lord al-^lways before me;
because God is at my right hand, I shall^l not be shaken. -*Refrain.*

⁹My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spir-^lit rejoices;
my body also shall^l rest in hope.

¹⁰For you will not abandon me^l to the grave,
nor let your holy one^l see the pit.

¹¹You will show me the^l path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures for-^levermore. -*Refrain.*



In your pres-ence there is full-ness of joy.

The meditation bell calls us to a time of silent reflection as we continue to listen how God speaks through the scriptures.

Second Reading

1 Peter 1:3-9

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

Gospel Acclamation

Leader, then all.



Proper verse: Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe. (John 20:29)

The alleluias are repeated.

Gospel

John 20:19-31

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

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

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

O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing

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Sing verse 1, verses 5-9

Creed

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. † Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Peace

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace and may say Peace be with you or similar words. Then the assembly is seated for the congregational announcements.

Meal

Offering

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. Loose offerings go to Immanuel's music fund. The choir makes an offering of music.

Now the Green Blade Rises

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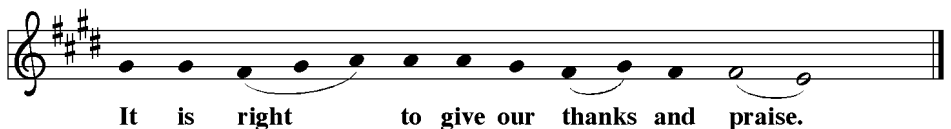
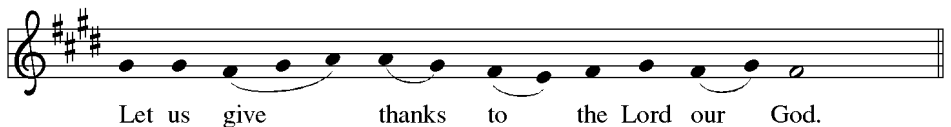
-Arr. Larry Long

Stanzas 1-3: Sung by the choir

Stanza 4: sung by ALL

The assembly stands. The assisting minister leads an offering prayer.

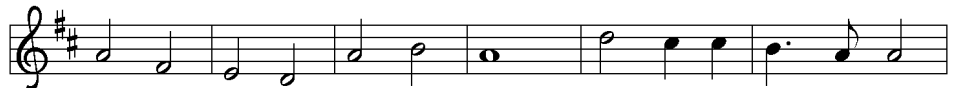
Great Thanksgiving




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.



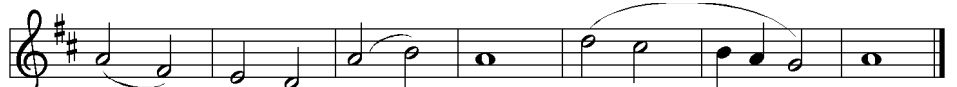
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



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

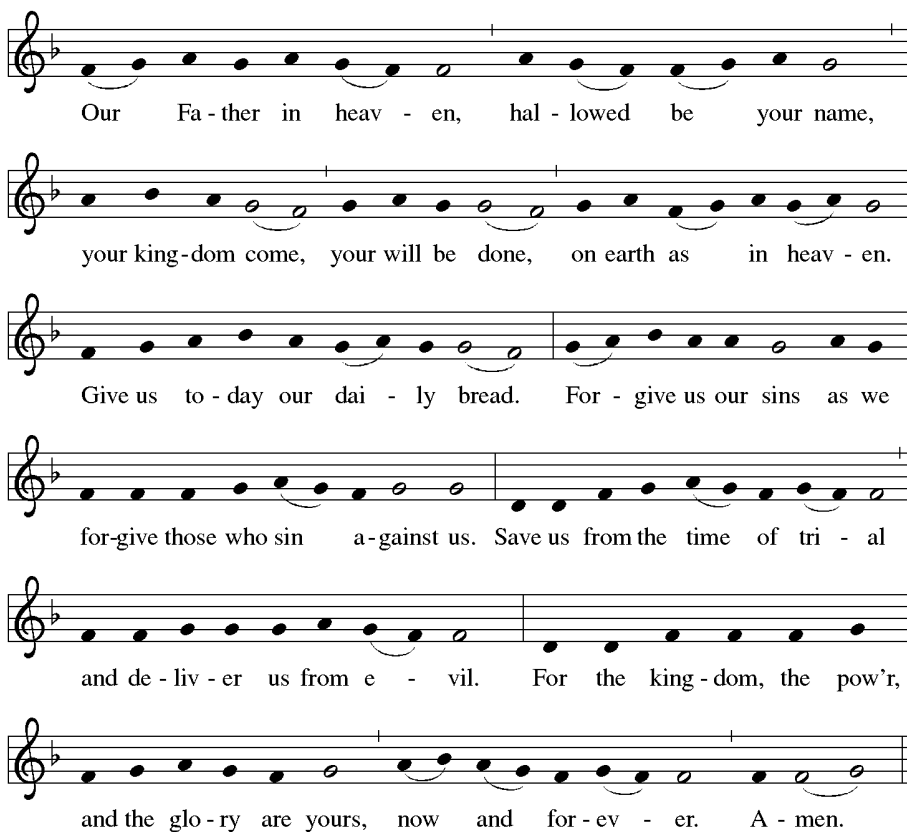
We are invited to join with Mary Magdalene, Peter, and all creation in singing the song of the angels as we cry: *Holy, holy, holy!*

Response after the prayer:



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

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.

Here is communion with God, one another, and all creation.

Here, Christ our liberator, leader, and friend meets us now in this bread and this cup.

therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The assembly is seated.

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.

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.

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.

We Who Once Were Dead

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All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

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Envío

The assembly stands.

Prayer after Communion

Sending

Blessing

Sending Song

Alleluia! Jesus is Risen!

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Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia

Postlude

Lamm Gottes, unschuldig, BWV 656
Part 3

-J.S. Bach

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

Our Easter celebration continues. The season of Easter is a "week of weeks" – seven weeks – until the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost.

Today's Texts

Second Sunday of Easter

In today's gospel the risen Christ appears to the disciples and offers them the gift of peace. Even amid doubts and questions, we experience the resurrection in our Sunday gathering around word and meal, and in our everyday lives. Throughout the coming Sundays of Easter the first two readings will be from the Acts of the Apostles and the first letter of Peter. Even as the early Christians proclaimed the resurrection, we rejoice in the new birth and living hope we receive in baptism.

Prayers of the Day

Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

First Reading: Acts 2:14a, 22-32

After the Holy Spirit came to the apostles on Pentecost, Peter preaches the gospel to the gathered crowd. He tells them that Jesus, who obediently went to his death according to God's plan, was raised from the dead by God. Finally, he appeals to scripture, quoting Psalm 16:8-11, to show that Jesus is the Messiah: though crucified, the risen Jesus is now enthroned.

^{14a}Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd], ²²“You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know—²³this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. ²⁴But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. ²⁵For David says concerning him, ‘I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; ²⁶therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. ²⁷For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. ²⁸You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’ ²⁹“Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. ³¹Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, ‘He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.’ ³²This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.”

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9

This epistle was written to encourage Christians experiencing hardships and suffering because of their faith in Christ. The letter opens by blessing God for the living hope we have through Christ's resurrection even in the midst of difficult circumstances and surroundings.

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,⁴ and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you,⁵ who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.⁶ In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials,⁷ so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.⁸ Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy,⁹ for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Gospel – John 20:19-31

The risen Jesus appears to his disciples, offering them a benediction, a commission, and the gift of the Holy Spirit. But one of their number is missing, and his unbelief prompts another visit from the Lord.

¹⁹When 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

GATHERING SONG—That Easter Day With Joy was Bright (#384)



1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright; the
2 O Je - sus, king of gen - tle - ness, with
3 O Christ, you are the Lord of all in
4 All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to



sun shone out with fair - er light when, to their long - ing
con - stant love our hearts pos - sess; to you our lips will
this our Eas - ter fes - ti - val, for you will be our
you, once dead, but now a - live! To God the Fa - ther



eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord!
ev - er raise the trib - ute of our grate - ful praise.
strength and shield from ev - 'ry weap - on death can wield.
e - qual praise, and God the Spir - it, now we raise!

HYMN OF THE DAY- O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing (#386)

Sing verse 1, verses 5-9



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 O sons and daugh - ters, let us sing

Insert stanzas 5-8 if desired.

9 On this most ho - ly day of days,



with heav'n - ly hosts to Christ our king:

be laud and ju - bi - lee and praise:



to - day the grave has lost its sting! Al - le - lu - ia!

to God your hearts and voic - es raise. Al - le - lu - ia!

After the final stanza



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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|--|--|
| 5 When Thomas first the tidings heard,
that they had seen the risen Lord,
he doubted the disciples' word.
Alleluia! | 7 No longer Thomas then denied;
he saw the feet, the hands, the side;
"You are my Lord and God!" he cried.
Alleluia! |
| 6 "My pierced side, O Thomas, see,
and look upon my hands, my feet;
not faithless, but believing be."
Alleluia! | 8 How blest are they who have not seen,
and yet whose faith has constant been,
for they eternal life shall win.
Alleluia! |

COMMUNION HYMN—We Who Once Were Dead (#495)



1 We who once were dead now live, ful - ly know - ing Je - sus
 2 We were lost in night, but you sought and found us. Give us
 3 He be - came our bread; Je - sus died to save us. On him
 4 Let us share the pain you en - dured in dy - ing; we shall



as our head. Life is o - ver - flow - ing when he breaks the bread.
 strength to fight; death is all a - round us. Je - sus, be our light.
 we are fed, eat - ing what he gave us, ris - ing from the dead.
 then re - main liv - ing; death de - fy - ing, we shall rise a - gain.

5 Jesus, you were dead,
 but you rose and, living,
 made yourself our bread,
 in your goodness giving
 life though we were dead.

6 This is your design;
 in this meal we meet you.
 Be our bread and wine,
 Jesus, we entreat you.
 This shall be our sign.

COMMUNION HYMN— All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly (#461)



1 All who hun - ger, gath - er glad - ly; ho - ly man - na is our bread.
 2 All who hun - ger, nev - er strang - ers; seek - er, be a wel - come guest.
 3 All who hun - ger, sing to - geth - er, Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread.



Come from wil - der - ness and wan - d'ring. Here in truth we will be fed.
 Come from rest - less - ness and roam - ing. Here in joy we keep the feast.
 Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing. Here in peace we have been fed.



You that yearn for days of full - ness, all a - round us is our food.
 We that once were lost and scat - tered in com - mu - nion's love have stood.
 Blest are those who from this ta - ble live their days in grat - i - tude.

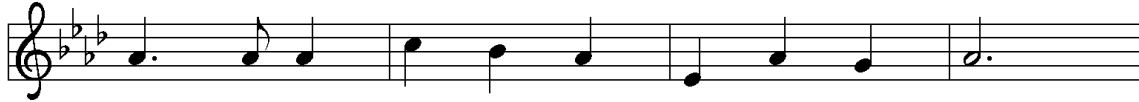


Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.
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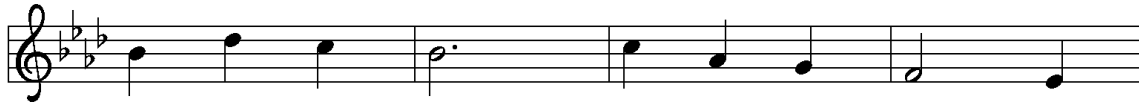
SENDING SONG- Alleluia! Jesus is Risen! (#377)



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!
 2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter
 3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es;
 4 Weep - ing, be gone; sor - row, be si - lent:
 5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er,



Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!
 tell - ing the sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;
 life in the Spir - it the fruit of the tree;
 death put a - sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright.
 gold - en Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb,



Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!
 break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry:
 heav - en to earth, Christ to the peo - ple,
 Cher - u - bim sing: O grave, be o - pen!
 riv - er of life, saints and arch - an - gels,



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
 Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.
 gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.
 Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.
 sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!

Refrain



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

this book.³¹But 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.

Readings for the Week

Second Week of Easter

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

Thursday—Saturday prepare for next Sunday.

Monday Psalm 114; Judges 6:36-40; 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Tuesday Psalm 114; Jonah 1:1-17; 1 Corinthians 15:19-28

Wednesday Psalm 114; Jonah 2:1-10; Matthew 12:38-42

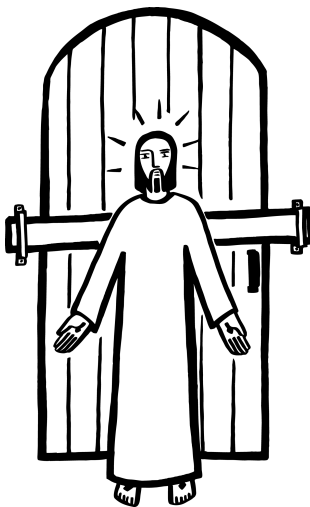
Thursday Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19; Isaiah 25:1-5; 1 Peter 1:8b-12

Friday Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19; Isaiah 26:1-4; 1 Peter 1:13-16

Saturday Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19; Isaiah 25:6-9; Luke 14:12-14

Sunday Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19;

1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35



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WELCOME TO IMMANUEL

We rejoice that diversity in 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 what age, race, socio-economic, family, or immigration status, no matter what gender identity or sexual orientation, you are welcome here.

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

