

Holy Communion

Third Sunday of Easter

April 19, 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

Erstanden ist der heil'ge Christ, BWV 628
Christ the Lord is Risen Today

-J.S. Bach

The assembly stands and turns to face the cross.

Gathering Song

Day Of Delight and Beauty Unbounded *All Creation Sings #933*
(See page 17 of this worship folder)

Greeting

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.

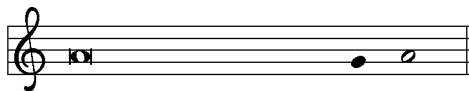


The Holy Spirit calls us together on the first day of the week, the day of Christ's resurrection.

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.



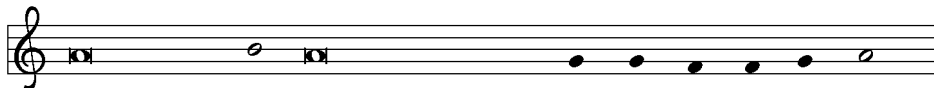
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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.

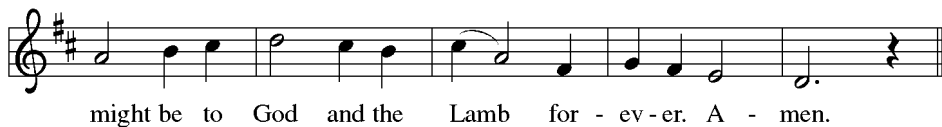


2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



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.



Final refrain
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, 36-41

Psalm

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

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

Refrain:



I will call up - on the name of the LORD.

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

Gospel Acclamation

Leader, then all.



Proper verse: Our hearts burn within us while you open to us the scriptures. (Luke 24:32)

The alleluias are repeated.

Gospel

Luke 24:13-35

*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

Touch that Soothes and Heals

All Creation Sings #939

(See page 18 of this worship folder)

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 the ELCA's World Hunger Appeal fund. The choir makes an offering of music.

Christ is Risen

-Jan Sanborn

Christ is risen! Allelujah! Christ is risen! Allelujah! Allelujah! Allelujah! Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more. Death has no more dominion over Him. For in that He died, He died unto sin. For in that He lives, He lives unto God! Christ is risen! Allelujah! Christ is risen! Allelujah! Allelujah! Allelujah!

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

Great Thanksgiving

Cena

God feeds us with the real presence of Jesus Christ.

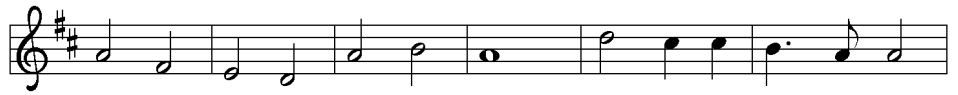
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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.

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.

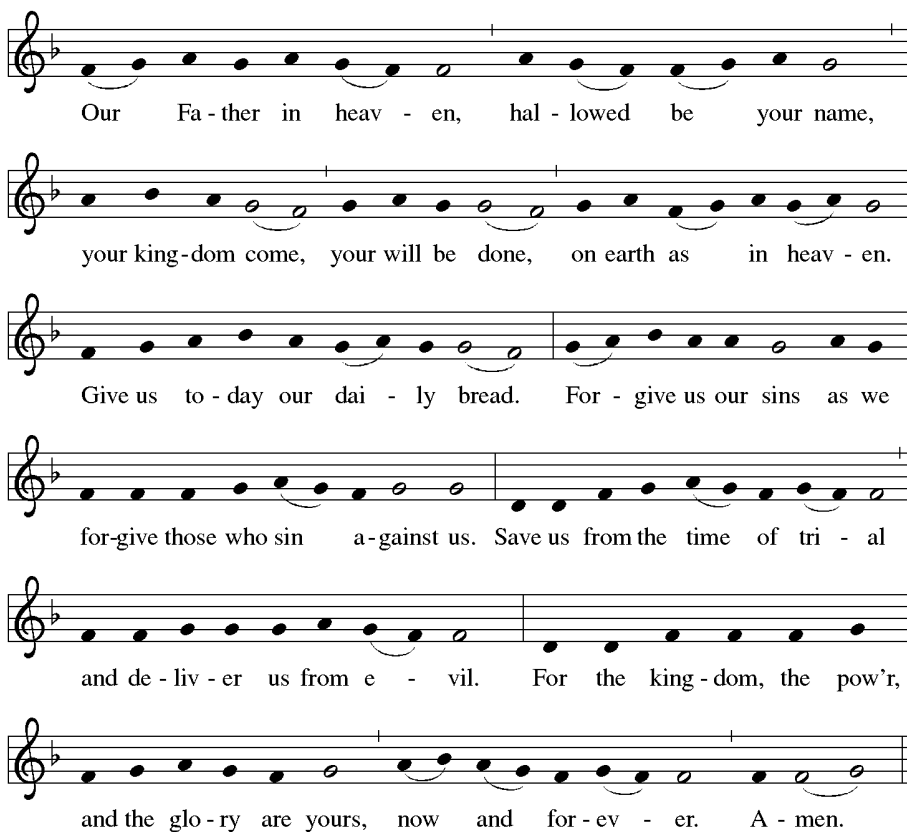
We are invited to join with Mary Magdalene, Peter, and all creation in singing the song of the angels as we cry: *Holy, holy, holy!*

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.

Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal

#464

Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise

#204



Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.



Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

The assembly stands.

Envío

Prayer after Communion

Sending

Blessing

Sending Song

Rise, O Church, Like Christ Arisen

#548

Dismissal

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

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia

Postlude

In dir ist Freude, BWV 615

-J.S. Bach

(In Thee is Gladness)

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

Third Sunday of Easter

Today's gospel begins with two disciples walking to Emmaus, overcome with sadness, loss, and disappointment. They had hoped Jesus, who was crucified, would be the one to redeem Israel! Yet the risen Christ walks with them, and then opens their eyes in the breaking of the bread. Each Sunday our hearts burn within us as the scriptures are proclaimed and Christ appears to us as bread is broken and wine is poured. The story of Emmaus becomes the pattern of our worship each Lord's day.

Prayer of the Day

O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

First Reading: Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Today's reading is the conclusion of Peter's sermon preached following the giving of the Holy Spirit to the apostles on the day of Pentecost. The center of his preaching is the bold declaration that God has made the crucified Jesus both Lord and Christ.

^{14a}But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, ³⁶“Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.” ³⁷Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” ³⁸Peter said to them, “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” ⁴⁰And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” ⁴¹So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-23

The imagery of exile is used to help the readers of this letter understand that they are strangers in a strange land. Christians no longer belong to this age. Through the death of Christ we belong to God, so that our focus, faith, and hope are no longer on such things as silver or gold.

¹⁷If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. ¹⁸You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. ²⁰He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. ²¹Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. ²²Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. ²³You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

The colorful story of Jesus' appearance to two disciples on the road to Emmaus answers the question of how Jesus is to be recognized among us. Here, he is revealed through the scriptures and in the breaking of bread.

¹³Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" ¹⁹He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²²Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision

of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." ²⁵Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" ²⁷Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. ²⁸As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" ³³That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Readings for the Week

Third Week of Easter

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

Thursday—Saturday prepare for next Sunday.

<i>Monday</i>	Psalm 134, Genesis 18:1-14, 1 Peter 1:23-25
<i>Tuesday</i>	Psalm 134, Proverbs 8:32—9:6, 1 Peter 2:1-3
<i>Wednesday</i>	Psalm 134, Exodus 24:1-11, John 21:1-14
<i>Thursday</i>	Psalm 23, Exodus 2:15b-25, 1 Peter 2:9-12
<i>Friday</i>	Psalm 23, Exodus 3:16-22; 4:18-20, 1 Peter 2:13-17
<i>Saturday</i>	Psalm 23, Ezekiel 34:1-16, Luke 15:1-7
<i>Sunday</i>	Acts 2:42-47, Psalm 23, 1 Peter 2:19-25, John 10:1-10

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Day of Delight and Beauty Unbounded



1 Day of de - light and beau - ty un - bound - ed, tell the news, the gos - pel
2 Day of de - light and beau - ty un - bound - ed, tell the news, the gos - pel



spread! Day of all won - der, day of all splen - dor, praise Christ
spread! Day of all won - der, day of all splen - dor, praise Christ



ris - en from the dead! Sing of the sun from dark - ness ap -
ris - en from the dead! Sing now of mourn - ing turned in - to



pear - ing; sing of the seed from bar - ren earth green - ing;
danc - ing; sing now the mys - t'ry, hope of our glo - ry;



sing of cre - a - tion, al - le - lu - ia! Sing of the
sing with thanks - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia! Sing now of



stream from Je - sus' side flow - ing; sing of the saints in
fast - ing turned in - to feast - ing; sing the Lord's fa - vor



wa - ter made ho - ly; sing of sal - va - tion, al - le - lu - ia!
last - ing for - ev - er; sing, all things liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

Touch that Soothes and Heals



1 Touch that soothes and heals the hurt - ing, hands that
2 Feed the hun - gry, clothe the na - ked, vis - it
3 Love and serve with - out dis - tinc - tion all earth's
4 Hands that beck - on lit - tle chil - dren, bind a



break a loaf of bread; steps that walk be - side the
ones in need of care, give the home - less warmth and
peo - ple, first and least. Know with - in each act of
wound, pre - pare a meal, feet that rush to share good



wea - ry, bear - ing bur - dens in their stead:
shel - ter: Christ will find a wel - come there.
kind - ness hope and whole - ness are in - creased.
tid - ings, Christ a - ris - en, still re - veal.

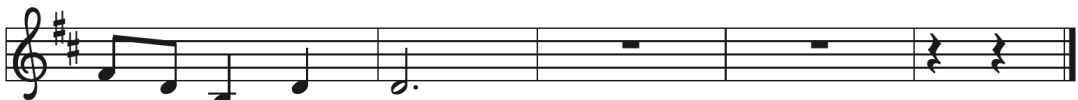
Refrain



“See my hands and feet,” said Je - sus, love a - ris - en from the



grave. “Be my hands and feet,” said Je - sus, “live as



ones I died to save.”

COMMUNION HYMN— Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal(#464)



- 1 Bread of life, our host and meal, Je - sus, feed us.
- 2 Bread now break and wine now pour, Je - sus, feed us.
- 3 Grant for - give - ness in the feast— Je - sus, feed us—
- 4 Thank you for this gift we share. Je - sus, feed us.



Christ, by faith, to see and feel, feed us with your love.
Make us one, our hope re - store; feed us with your love.
for the great - est and the least; feed us with your love.
Save God's chil - dren ev - 'ry - where; feed us with your love.

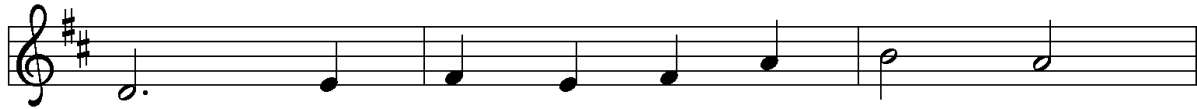
SENDING SONG- Rise O Church, Like Christ Arisen (#548)



1 Rise, O church, like Christ a - ris - en,
 2 Rise, trans - formed, and choose to fol - low
 3 Rise, re - mem - ber well the fu - ture
 4 Ser - vice be our sure vo - ca - tion;



from this meal of love and grace;
 af - ter Christ, though wound - ed, whole;
 God has called us to re - ceive;
 cour - age be our dai - ly breath;



may we through such love en - vi - sion
 bro - ken, shared, our lives are hal - lowed
 pres - ent by God's lov - ing nur - ture,
 mer - cy be our des - ti - na - tion



whose we are, and whose, our praise.
 to re - lease and to con - sole.
 Spir - it - ed then let us live.
 from this day and un - to death.



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.



God, the won - der of our days.
 Christ, our pres - ent, past, and goal.
 Spir - it, grace by whom we live.
 Rise, O church, a liv - ing faith.



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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!

