



Why DO YOU SEEK
THE *Living*
AMONG THE DEAD?

LUKE 24:5

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WELCOME TO IMMANUEL

We are blessed that “God is with us” as the name Immanuel implies, and truly blessed because you are with us TODAY.

*As you spend time with us, I pray you will form wonderful relationships with the community of Immanuel and join the exciting journey of carrying out the mission of the church - **“touch hearts with the love of God so that He might transform Crystal Lake and the surrounding community into a place where Jesus Christ comes first.”***

How do we carry out the mission? We INVITE those who aren't yet here so they might become CONNECTED to Jesus Christ in Word and Sacrament and to His Church through worship and fellowship. We DISCOVER more of who Christ is through the study of His Word and more of who we are as we experience and exercise the gifts and talents He has given to us. And we GO into the world and our own community to serve and love all people.

I look forward to traveling on the journey with you and invite you to take the next step in your walk with God. Please fill out a Connection Card and return it in the offering basket (listing the head of your household first is appreciated). If you are a first time guest, please pick up a gift at the Connection Table.

Thank you for joining us in worship today!

In Christ ~ Pastor Tieman

Prayer Requests: *If you wish to have a prayer included in the service, please write it on a Connection Card and hand to an usher at the beginning of the service. For inclusion in the weekly bulletin, please call the church office by noon on Wednesday. Prayer Chain Requests can be directed to Geannene Piper 815.459.5308 or Sue Holtz 815.459.7976.*

Holy Communion:

We believe when we share in the sacrament of Holy Communion that our Lord Jesus Christ is present and that we truly receive His Body and Blood for the forgiveness of our sins and strengthening of our faith to live the Christian life. If you believe likewise, we invite you to participate individually or with your family by bringing your children forward to receive a blessing as you commune.

~Please follow direction offered by the ushers.

~The 2 inner rings of the communion tray hold cups of non-alcoholic wine.

~Gluten-free wafers are located behind the individual cups

~ THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD - EASTER DAY ~

He Appeared

AS WE GATHER

Christ is risen! It's hard to imagine someone who was killed on Friday rising to live again on Sunday. It has happened only once and is what we celebrate today: Jesus' resurrection. Jesus didn't keep His resurrection a secret. He appeared to many people. He appeared to Mary, to the disciples on the road to Emmaus, to Peter and the apostles, to His brother James, to more than five hundred people, and lastly to the apostle Paul. We believe Jesus rose from the dead because He said He would, because the Scriptures said He would, and because He appeared to many. Today we celebrate Jesus resurrection, His appearance.

PRELUDE BY ADULT BELLS "Jubilee" (Barbara Kinyon)

TRUMPET FANFARE G. P. Telemann

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Pastor: He died for our sins,

People: according to the Scriptures.

Pastor: He was buried in the tomb,

People: according to the definite plan of God.

Pastor: He rose from the dead

People: and appeared to many.

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

OPENING HYMN LSB 457 *“Jesus Christ is Risen Today”*

Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which He endured, Alleluia!
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
Now above the sky he's king, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as His love, Alleluia!
Praise Him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: If Christ had not been raised from the dead, we would still be dead in our trespasses and sins. Let us consider our sinfulness and God's great mercy in Christ.

Silence for reflection

Pastor: Heavenly Father,

People: we have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. We confess our shameful thoughts about our leaders, enemies, and strangers. We confess our inappropriate words spoken to our families, friends, and colleagues. We confess our inappropriate actions toward our neighbors. For the sake of the risen Christ, forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we follow in His footsteps both now and when He returns in glory. Amen.

Pastor: If Christ had not been raised from the dead, we would still be dead in our trespasses and sins, but Christ rose from the grave, and death no longer has dominion over Him! God did this in accordance with the Scriptures to forgive our sins. As a called and ordained servant of the risen Christ and by His authority, I forgive your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

✠ WORD ✠

HYMN OF PRAISE LSB 463 *“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia”*

- 1 *Christ the Lord is ris'n today; Alleluia!
Christians, hasten on your way; Alleluia!
Offer praise with love replete, Alleluia!
At the paschal victim's feet. Alleluia!*
- 2 *For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Alleluia!
Sinless in the sinner's stead. Alleluia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia!
Now He lives, no more to die. Alleluia!*
- 3 *Hail, the victim undefiled, Alleluia!
God and sinners reconciled, Alleluia!
When contending death and life, Alleluia!
Met in strange and awesome strife. Alleluia!*
- 4 *Christians, on this holy day, Alleluia!
All your grateful homage pay; Alleluia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia!
Now He lives, no more to die. Alleluia!*

SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 25:6–9* (The long-awaited Savior will come and make a feast for all nations on His holy mountain.)

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. ⁷ And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. ⁸ He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. ⁹ It will be said on that day, “Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the Lord; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *1 Corinthians 15:1–11* (Paul delivers to the Corinthians the things of first importance: that Christ died and was raised for our sins.)

Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, ² and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. ³ For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶ Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸ Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹ For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹ Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CHOIR ANTHEM *“This is the Day!”* (Valerie Mackenzie)

HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 16:1–8* (Women come to Jesus’ tomb on Easter morning to anoint Him with spices, but when they arrive, Jesus is not in the tomb.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixteenth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ² And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³ And they were saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?” ⁴ And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. ⁵ And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. ⁶ And he said to them, “Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. ⁷ But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.” ⁸ And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY LSB 461 *"I Know That My Redeemer Lives"*

I know that my Redeemer lives!
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, he lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my everlasting head!

He lives triumphant from the grave;
He lives eternally to save;
He lives exalted, throned above;
He lives to rule his Church in love.

He lives and grants me daily breath;
He lives, and I shall conquer death;
He lives my mansion to prepare;
He lives to bring me safely there.

He lives, all glory to His name!
He lives, my Savior, still the same;
What joy this blest assurance gives:
I know that my redeemer lives!

SERMON "Does It Really Matter?" Mark 16:1-8

It does if you have ever l_____ a l_____ one?

It does if you v_____ the g_____ of l_____.

If Christ lives, then life has m_____, and there is h_____ even in
the most difficult c_____.

"To live is Christ, to die is gain." (Philippians 1:21)

"Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen!"

CREED *Apostle's Creed*

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence 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 life + everlasting, Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH (Please respond, He is risen indeed! Alleluia!)

OFFERING

CHOIR ANTHEM *“Risen Today, Alleluia!”* (Arnold Sherman)

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

LORD’S PRAYER

WORDS OF OUR LORD

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CHOIR ANTHEM *“Rejoice! Rejoice!”* (Price/Bessig)

HYMN LSB 480 *“He’s Risen, He’s Risen”*

- 1 He’s risen, He’s risen, Christ Jesus, the Lord;
He opened death’s prison, the incarnate, true Word.
Break forth, hosts of heaven, in jubilant song
And earth, sea, and mountain their praises prolong.
- 2 The foe was triumphant when on Calvary
The Lord of creation was nailed to the tree.
In Satan’s domain did the hosts shout and jeer,
For Jesus was slain, whom the evil ones fear.

3 But short was their triumph; the Savior arose,
And death, hell, and Satan He vanquished, His foes.
The conquering Lord lifts His banner on high;
He lives, yes, He lives, and will nevermore die.

4 O, where is your sting, death? We fear you no more;
Christ rose, and now open is fair Eden's door.
For all our transgressions His blood does atone;
Redeemed and forgiven, we now are His own.

5 Then sing your hosannas and raise your glad voice;
Proclaim the blest tidings that all may rejoice.
Laud, honor, and praise to the Lamb that was slain:
With Father and Spirit He ever shall reign.

HYMN LSB 470 *“O Sons and Daughters of the King”*

1 O sons and daughters of the King,
Whom heav'nly hosts in glory sing,
Today the grave has lost its sting! Alleluia!

2 That Easter morn, at break of day,
The faithful women went their way
To seek the tomb where Jesus lay. Alleluia!

3 An angel clad in white they see,
Who sits and speaks unto the three,
“Your Lord will go to Galilee.” Alleluia!

4 That night the apostles met in fear;
Among them came their master dear
And said, “My peace be with you here.” Alleluia!

5 When Thomas first the tidings heard
That they had seen the risen Lord,
He doubted the disciples' word. Alleluia!

6 “My piercèd side, O Thomas, see,
And look upon My hands, My feet;
Not faithless but believing be.” Alleluia!

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

8 How blest are they who have not seen
And yet whose faith has constant been,
For they eternal life shall win. Alleluia!

9 On this most holy day of days
Be laud and jubilee and praise:
To God your hearts and voices raise. Alleluia!

HYMN LSB 477 “Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven” (Stand for last verse)

1 Alleluia, alleluia!
Hearts to heav’n and voices raise:
Sing to God a hymn of gladness,
Sing to God a hymn of praise;
He who on the cross a victim
For the world’s salvation bled—
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory,
Now is risen from the dead.

2 Alleluia, Christ is risen!
Death at last has met defeat:
See the ancient pow’rs of evil
In confusion and retreat;
Once He died, and once was buried:
Now He lives forevermore,
Jesus Christ, the world’s Redeemer,
Whom we worship and adore.

3 Alleluia, alleluia!
Glory be to God on high:
Alleluia to the Savior
Who has gained the victory;
Alleluia to the Spirit,
Fount of love and sanctity!
Alleluia, alleluia
To the triune Majesty!

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son’s body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace. Amen

HYMN **LSB 478** *“The Day of Resurrection”*

- 1 The day of resurrection!
 Earth, tell it out abroad,
 The passover of gladness,
 The passover of God.
 From death to life eternal,
 From sin’s dominion free,
 Our Christ has brought us over
 With hymns of victory.

- 2 Let hearts be purged of evil
 That we may see aright
 The Lord in rays eternal
 Of resurrection light
 And, list’ning to His accents,
 May hear, so calm and plain,
 His own “All hail!” and, hearing,
 May raise the victor strain.

- 3 Now let the heav’ns be joyful,
 Let earth its song begin,
 Let all the world keep triumph
 And all that is therein.
 Let all things, seen and unseen,
 Their notes of gladness blend;
 For Christ the Lord has risen,
 Our joy that has no end!

- 4 All praise to God the Father,
 All praise to God the Son,
 All praise to God the Spirit,
 Eternal Three in One!
 Let all the ransomed number
 Fall down before the throne
 And honor, pow’r, and glory
 Ascribe to God alone!

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