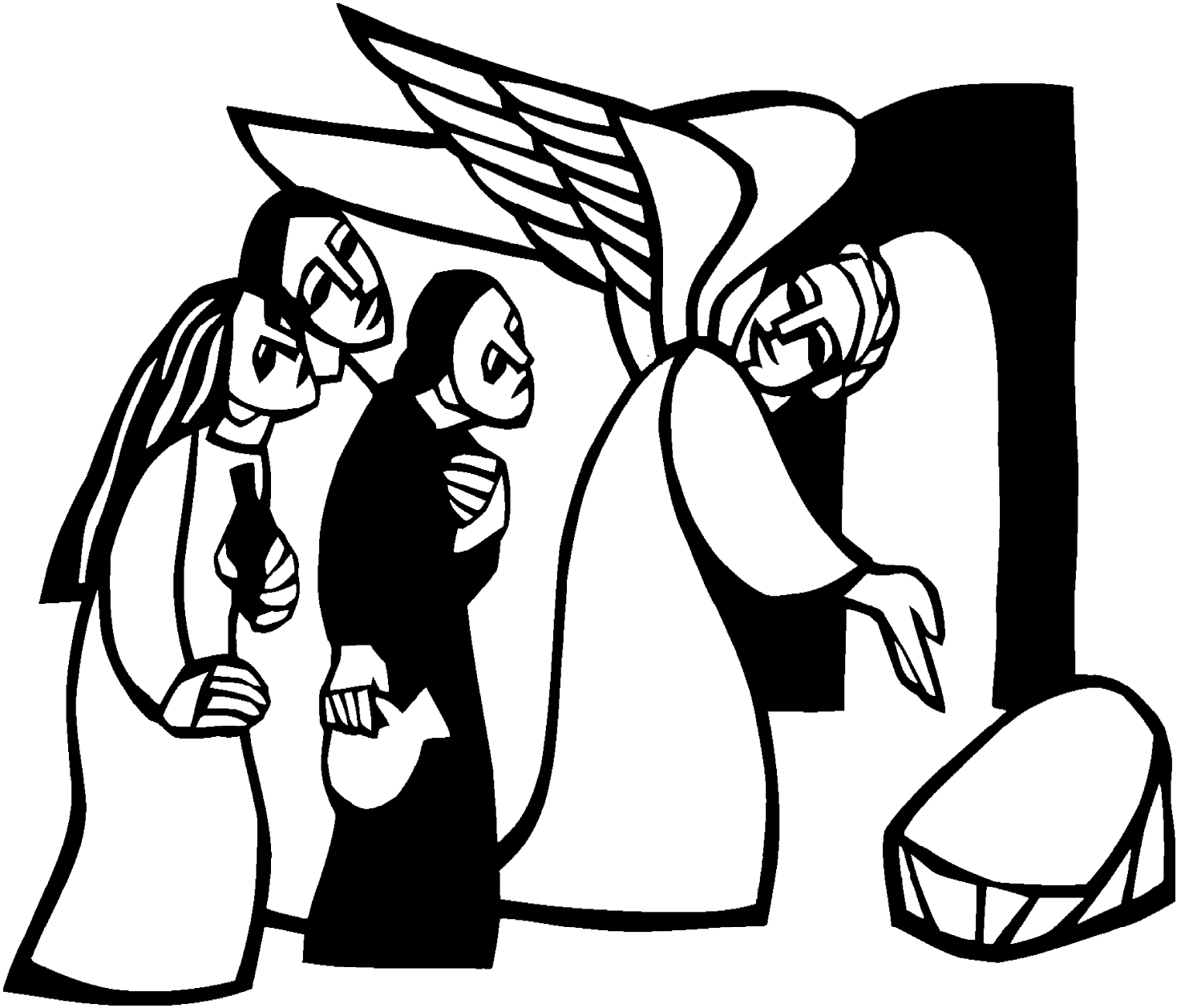


**Sunday, Mar 31, 2024**  
**Easter Sunday**



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## ***God Is Still Speaking***

### ***Welcome to Immanuel***

*Who ever you are, where ever you are on life's journey,  
You are welcome here.*

**Spencer Jones**

**Music Coordinator**

**Those serving us this Sunday, Mar 31, 2024**

**Greeters: Bob & Jean Vande Hey**

**Ushers: Bob & Jean Vande Hey**

**Reader: Pastor**

**Those serving us this Sunday, Apr 7, 2024**

**Greeters: Cindy Anderson and Chuck Wolf**

**Ushers: Cindy Anderson and Chuck Wolf**

**Reader: Cindy Anderson**

### **Please pray for:**

***Beverly Wilfling***

**Lemke family**

**Larry Schroeder**

**Chuck Wolf**

Welcome and Announcements

† *indicates congregation is invited to stand*  
*(Please sign the attendance sheet)*

## \*The Day of Resurrection

HERZLICH TUT MICH ERFREUEN 7.6.7.6.D.

John of Damascus, 8th century  
Tr. John Mason Neale, 1862, alt.

German Tune, 16th century  
Recast by Johann Walther, 1552

1. The day of res - ur - rec - tion, Earth, tell it out a - broad,  
2. Our hearts be pure from e - vil That we may see a - right  
3. Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful, Let earth her song be - gin,  
4. Then praise we God the Fa - ther, And praise we Christ his Son,

The Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, The Pass - o - ver of God.  
The Lord in rays e - ter - nal Of res - ur - rec - tion light  
Let all the world keep tri - umph And all that is there - in.  
With them the Ho - ly Spir - it, E - ter - nal Three in One,

From death to life e - ter - nal, From this world to the  
And, lis - t'ning to his ac - cents, May hear, so calm and  
Let all things, seen and un - seen, Their notes of glad - ness  
Till all the ran - somed num - ber Fall down be - fore the

sky, Our Christ has brought us o - ver With hymns of vic - to - ry.  
plain, His own "All hail!" and, hear - ing, May raise the vic - tor strain.  
blend; For Christ the Lord has ris - en, Our joy that has no end.  
throne, And hon - or, pow'r, and glo - ry As - cribe to God a - lone.

## Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024

Prelude and Ringing of the Bell

Welcome and Announcements

Children's Story

Call to Worship: (L=Leader; P=People)

L: They came expecting to find death;

**P: but found that the stone had been rolled away—that Jesus had risen from the dead!**

L: They came full of sadness and grief,

**P: but they left full of joy and hope!**

L: Let us rejoice in all that was received that day, and all that is given to us this day!

Opening Hymn No. 136: "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 this world to the sky,  
Our Christ has brought us over  
With hymns of victory.
2. Our hearts be pure from 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 pain,  
His own "All hail!" and, hearing,  
May raise the victor strain.
3. Now let the heav'ns be joyful,  
Let earth her song begin,  
Let all the world keep triumph

And all that is there-in.  
Let all things, seen and unseen,  
Their notes of gladness blend;  
For Christ the Lord has risen,  
Our joy that has no end.

4. Then praise we God the Father,  
And praise we Christ his Son,  
With the Holy Spirit,  
Eternal Three in One,  
Till all the ransomed number  
Fall down before the throne,  
And honor, pow'r, and glory  
Ascribe to God along.

Unison Prayer of Invocation:

**We stand in awe of your love, O God, and the victory over death that you have delivered. Join us as we worship you. Hear our praises and prayers. Pour out your Spirit upon us, and equip us for ministry. Then send us into the world to proclaim Christ, crucified and risen, as we labor to bring the good news to all people. Amen!**

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 (W=Women; M=Men)

W: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever.

**M: Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."**

W: The Lord is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.

**M: There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:**

W: "The right hand of the Lord does valiantly; the right hand of the Lord is exalted."

**M: I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord.**

W: The Lord has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death.

**M: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.**

W: This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

**M: I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.**

W: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

**M: This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

W: This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

First Reading:

Acts 10:34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced; 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. 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; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, 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. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that is in the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Epistle Reading:

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which you also stand, through which you are also being saved, if you hold firm to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he

appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been 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. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

Gospel Reading:

John 20:1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the other linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, “Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

# 367 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

*He is not here; He has risen, just as He said. Matthew 28:6*

> 1. Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 > 2. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 > 3. Love's re - deem - ing work is done. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 > 4. Soar we now where Christ has led. Al - le - lu - ia!

Sons of men and an - gels say: Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Where, O death, is now thy sting? Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Fought the fight, the bat - tle won. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Fol - l'wing our ex - alt - ed Head. Al - le - lu - ia!

Raise your joys and tri - umphs high. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Dy - ing once, He all doth save. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Death in vain for - bids Him rise. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Made like Him, like Him we rise. Al - le - lu - ia!

Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth, re - ply: Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Where thy vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Christ has o - pened par - a - dise. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Al - le - lu - ia!

TEXT: Charles Wesley  
 MUSIC: *Lyra Davidica*, 1708; Last stanza setting and Choral ending by Don Hart

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EASTER HYMN  
 7.7.7.7. with Alleluias



Here ends this reading of God's Word

Hymn No. 367: "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

1. Christ the Lord is ris'n today. Alleluia!  
Sons of men and angels day: Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high. Alleluia!  
Sing, ye heav'ns and earth, reply: Alleluia!
2. Lives again our glorious King. Alleluia!  
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!  
Dying once, He all doth save. Alleluia!  
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!
3. Love's redeeming work is done. Alleluia!  
Fought the fight, the battle won. Alleluia!  
Death in vain forbids Him rise. Alleluia!  
Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!
4. Soar we now where Christ has led. Alleluia!  
Foll'wing our exalted Head. Alleluia!  
Made like Him, like Him we rise. Alleluia!  
Our the cross, the grace, the skies. Alleluia!

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen!**

Sermon: "Unfit Though We May Be—God's Grace Redeems"

Offering

## Dedication of Our Tithes and Offerings

**Gracious God, whose love transforms death and calls us to faithful living, we give you thanks and praise for this day of triumph and the power of your love revealed in the resurrection of our Lord. Inspired by the good news of the empty tomb, we bring our lives and our gifts to you. Bless our tithes and offerings, and us in your service, that we may joyously proclaim Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, and so carry on the ministry that he has entrusted to us. Amen!**

Invitation to Communion and the Prayer of Institution

Communion

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Closing Hymn No. 45: "Crown Him With Many Crowns"

1. Crown Him with many crowns,  
The Lamb upon His throne.  
Hark! How the heav'nly anthem drowns  
All music but its own!  
Awake, my soul, and sing  
Of Him who died for thee,  
And hail Him as thy matchless King  
Thro' all eternity.
2. Crown Him the Lord of love!  
Behold His hands and side-  
Rich wounds, yet visible above,  
In beauty glorified.  
All hail, Redeemer, hail!  
For Thou hast died for me:  
Thy praise and glory shall not fail  
Thro'-out eternity.
3. Crown Him the Lord of life!  
Who triumphed o'er the grave;  
Who rose victorious in the strife  
For those He came to save.  
His glories now we sing,  
Who died and rose on high,  
Who died eternal life to bring

And lives that death may die.

4. Crown Him the Lord of heav'n!  
One with the Father known,  
One with the Spirit thro' Him giv'n  
From yonder glorious throne.  
To Thee be endless praise,  
For Thou for us hast died.  
Be Thou, O Lord, thro' endless days  
Adored and magnified!

Benediction

Postludes

EXALT THE LORD

# 45 Crown Him with Many Crowns

*His eyes are like blazing fire, and on His head are many crowns. Revelation 19:12*

> 1. Crown Him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on His throne.  
 > 2. Crown Him the Lord of love! Be - hold His hands and side-  
 > 3. Crown Him the Lord of life! Who tri - umphed o'er the grave;  
 > 4. Crown Him the Lord of heav'n! One with the Fa - ther known,

Hark! how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns All mu - sic but its own!  
 Rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, In beau - ty glo - ri - fied.  
 Who rose vic - to - rious in the strife For those He came to save.  
 One with the Spir - it thro' Him giv'n From yon - der glo - rious throne.

A - wake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee, And  
 All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For Thou hast died for me: Thy  
 His glo - ries now we sing, Who died and rose on high, Who  
 To Thee be end - less praise, For Thou for us hast died. Be

hail Him as thy match-less King Thro' all e - ter - ni - ty.  
 praise and glo - ry shall not fail Thro' - out e - ter - ni - ty.  
 died e - ter - nal life to bring And lives that death may die.  
 Thou, O Lord, thro' end - less days A - dored and mag - ni - fied!

TEXT: Matthew Bridges, stanzas 1,2,4; Godfrey Thring, stanza 3

MUSIC: George J. Elvey; Arrangement and Choral ending by William David Young

DIADEMATA  
S.M.D.

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**Office Hours this Week**  
**Pastor's Hours: Tues, Thurs & Fri 10 - 2**  
**Heather's Hours: Tue, Wed(home)Thurs 10-1**

### **Looking Forward**

**We would like for everyone to please sign the Pew Pads again. This will allow us to know who is at services.**

**The Food Pantry is open from 12:30-2:30 on the first, second and third Wed of the month. If you or someone you know cannot meet these hours, please talk to Heather or Judy.**

**Community meal every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of the month.**

### **BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS**

*Deborah Erdmann Apr 11*

*Roy Erdmann Apr 12*

*Mark Bauernfeind Apr 13*

**Apr 7<sup>th</sup> Annual meeting after service**

**Apr 10<sup>th</sup> Community meal 5pm**

**Apr 12<sup>th</sup> Out to Lunch 1pm @ Hong Kong Buffet**

**EMERGENCY PASTORAL CARE: If you need emergency Pastoral care, call Rev. Tom Fritz at (920-268-5757) Please leave a detailed message. Talk slowly and leave: 1) your name & phone number; 2. which hospital and who the person is and room #; 3. anything else necessary to help him understand the situation. If you need to talk to the secretary, you can reach Heather at 920-734-7843. Any other church concerns, please contact Bob Vande Hey at 920-740-6177.**