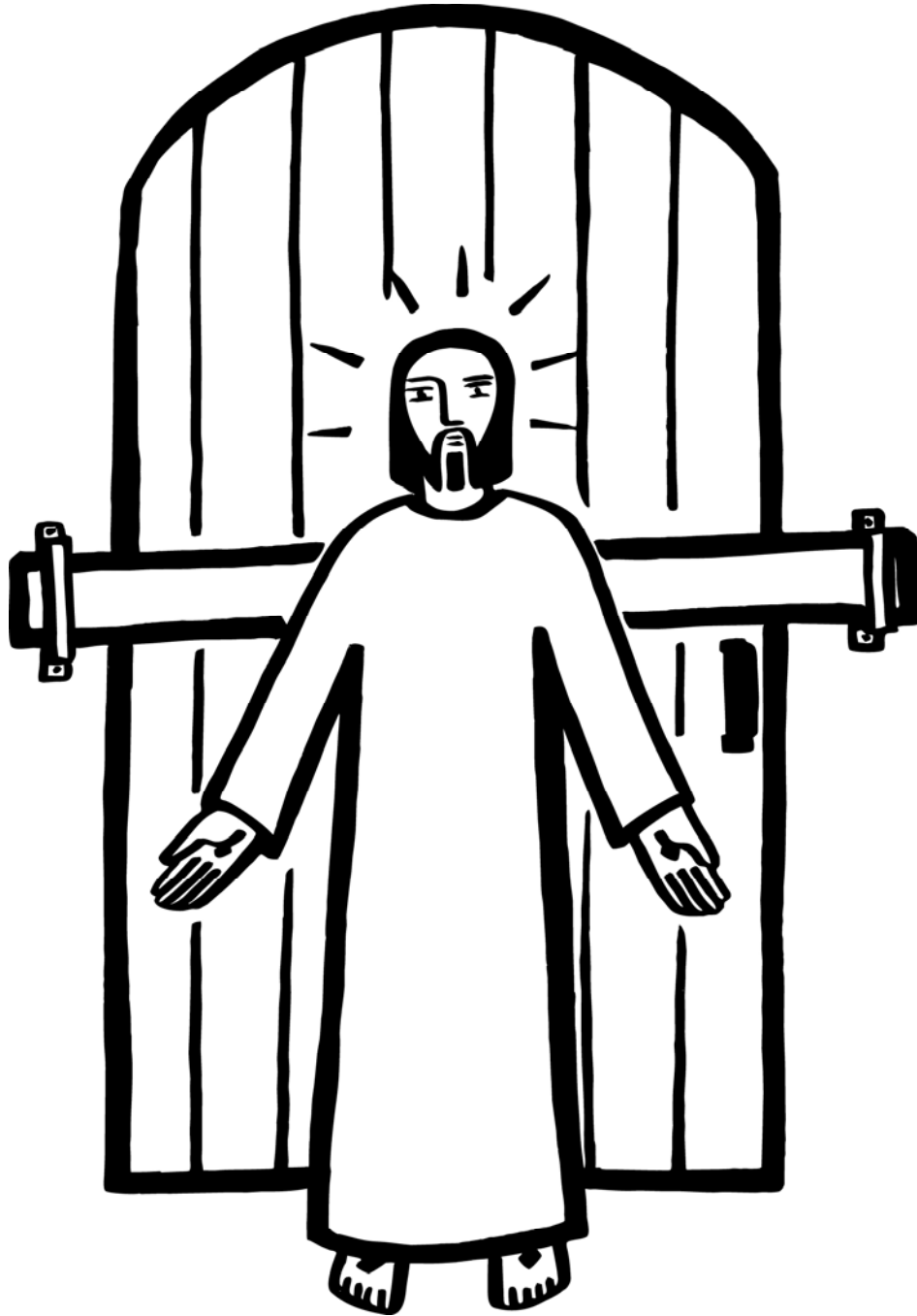


***Sunday, Apr 7, 2024
Second Sunday of Easter***



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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, Apr 7, 2024

Greeters: Cindy Anderson and Chuck Wolf

Ushers: Cindy Anderson and Chuck Wolf

Reader: Cindy Anderson

Those serving us this Sunday, Apr 7, 2024

Greeters: Gary & Judy Joosten

Ushers: Gary & Judy Joosten

Reader: Pastor

Please pray for:

Beverly Wilfling

Larry Schroeder

Chuck Wolf

Welcome and Announcements

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

RESURRECTION

Christ Arose 357

It was impossible for death to keep its hold on Him. Acts 2:24

1. Low in the grave He lay— Je - sus, my Sav - ior! Wait - ing the
 2. Vain - ly they watch His bed— Je - sus, my Sav - ior! Vain - ly they
 3. Death can - not keep his prey— Je - sus, my Sav - ior! He tore the

Refrain
faster

com - ing day— Je - sus, my Lord! Up from the grave He a - rose, With a
 seal the dead— Je - sus, my Lord! He a - rose,
 bars a - way— Je - sus, my Lord!

might - y tri - umph o'er His foes. He a - rose! He a - rose a vic - tor from the

dark do - main, And He lives for - ev - er with His saints to reign. He a -

rose! He a - rose! He a - rose! Hal - le - lu - jah! Christ a - rose!
 He a - rose! He a - rose!

TEXT: Robert Lowry
 MUSIC: Robert Lowry

CHRIST AROSE
 6.5.6.4. with Refrain

Sunday, April 7, 2024—Second Sunday of Easter

Prelude and Ringing of the Bell

Welcome

Welcome and Announcements

Children's Story

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

L: The powers of darkness and death have been overcome by the light of God's love that beams from the empty tomb!

P: Our fears and doubts have been dispelled, and we live with courage and confidence.

L: Let us give thanks to God for all that we have received.

P: We lift our voices in praise, and offer our grateful hearts to God!

Opening Hymn No. 357 "He Arose"

1. Low in the grave He lay
Jesus, my Savior!
Waiting the coming day
Jesus my Lord!

Refrain:

Up from the grave He arose,
He arose,
With a mighty triumph o'er His foes.
He arose!
He arose a victor from the dark domain,
And He lives forever with His saints to reign.
He arose! He arose! He arose! He arose!
Hallelujah! Christ arose!

2. Vainly they watch His bed
Jesus, my Savior!
Vainly they seal the dead
Jesus, my Lord!

Refrain:

3. Death cannot keep his prey
Jesus, my Savior!
He tore the bars away
Jesus, my Lord!

Refrain:

Unison Prayer of Invocation

We give you thanks, O God, for the joy of the empty tomb, and the victory over death that your love provided. Join us as we worship you. Fill us with your love, empower us for ministry, and then send us into the world to proclaim Christ, crucified and risen. Amen!

Responsive Scripture: Psalm 133 (W=Women, **M=Men**)

W: How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

M: It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes.

W: It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion.

M: For there the Lord ordained his blessing—life forevermore.

First Reading:

Acts 4:32-35

Now the whole company of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need. There was a Levite, a native of Cypress, Joseph, to whom the apostles gave the name Barnabas (which means "son of encouragement"). He sold a field that belonged to him, then brought the money, and laid it at the apostles' feet.

Epistle Reading:

1 John 1:1-2:2

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—this life was revealed, and we have seen it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you may also have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Gospel Reading:

John 20:19-31

When 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.” After this he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. 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.”

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." 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. Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God." 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."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Here ends this reading of the Gospel.

Hymn No. 368 "He Lives"

1. I serve a risen Savior, He's in the world today;
I know that He is living, whatever men may say.
I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer,
And just the time I need Him, He's always near.

Refrain:

He lives, He lives!
Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.
He lives, He lives, salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know He lives?
He lives within my heart!

2. In all the world around me I see His loving care;
And tho' my heart grows weary, I never will despair.
I know that He is leading thro' all the story blast;
The day is His appearing will come at last.

Refrain:

3. Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up you voice and sing.
Eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ, the King!
The Hope of all who seek Him, the Help of all who find,
None other is so loving, so good and kind.

Refrain:

368 He Lives

I am the Living One; I was dead, and behold I am alive for ever and ever! Revelation 1:18

1. I serve a ris - en Sav - ior, He's in the world to - day; I
 2. In all the world a - round me I see His lov - ing care; And
 3. Re - joice, re - joice, O Chris - tian, lift up your voice and sing E -

know that He is liv - ing, what - ev - er men may say. I see His
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Refrain

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 pear - ing will come at last. He lives, He lives!
 lov - ing, so good and kind. He lives, He lives!

Je - sus lives to - day! He walks with me and talks with me a - long life's

TEXT: Alfred H. Ackley
 MUSIC: Alfred H. Ackley

ACKLEY
 13.13.13.11. with Refrain

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RESURRECTION

nar - row way. He lives, He lives, sal - va - tion to im - part!
He lives, He lives,

The first system of music features a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The key signature has three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The vocal line begins with a quarter note on G4, followed by a quarter note on A4, and then a half note on B4. The piano accompaniment consists of a steady bass line with chords in the right hand.

rit.
You ask me how I know He lives? He lives with - in my heart!

The second system of music continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment. It begins with a *rit.* (ritardando) marking above the first measure. The vocal line has a quarter note on G4, a quarter note on A4, and a half note on B4. The piano accompaniment continues with similar chords and bass notes. The system ends with a repeat sign.

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: "Where's the Proof?"

Offering

Unison Prayer of Dedication

We give you thanks, O God, for all the blessings of life that you have so freely given. Gratefully, now, we return some of those blessings to you—that others may also be blessed. Receive our tithes and offerings with your blessing, that we may continue to share the good news of Jesus Christ with all people. Amen!

Invitation to Communion and Prayer of Institution

Communion

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Closing Hymn No. 239: "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

1. In the cross of Christ I glory,
Towering o'er the wrecks of time;
All the light of sacred story
Gathers' round its hear sublime.
2. When the woes of life o'er take me,
Hopes deceive and fears annoy,
Never shall the cross forsake me:
Lo! It glows with peace and joy.
3. When the sun of bliss is beaming
Light and love upon my way,
From the cross the radiance streaming
Adds more luster to the day.
4. Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,
By the cross are sanctified;
Peace is there that knows no measure,
Joys that through all time abide.

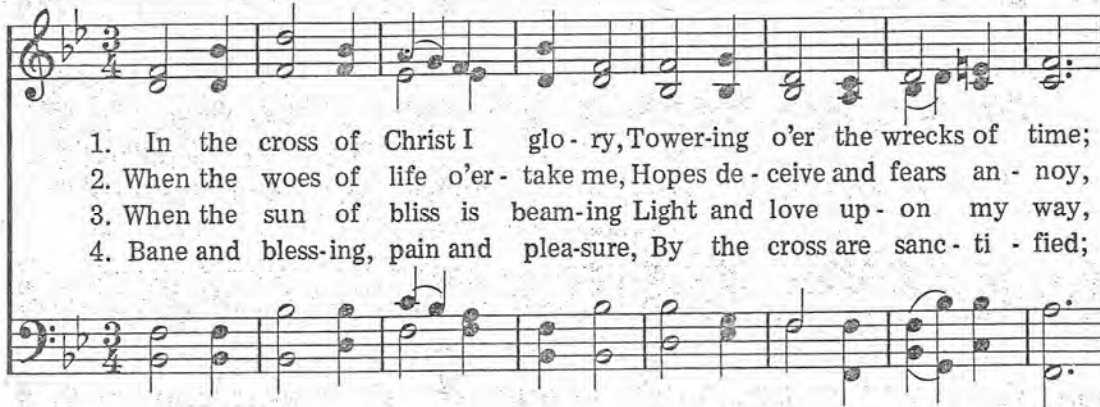
Benediction

Postludes

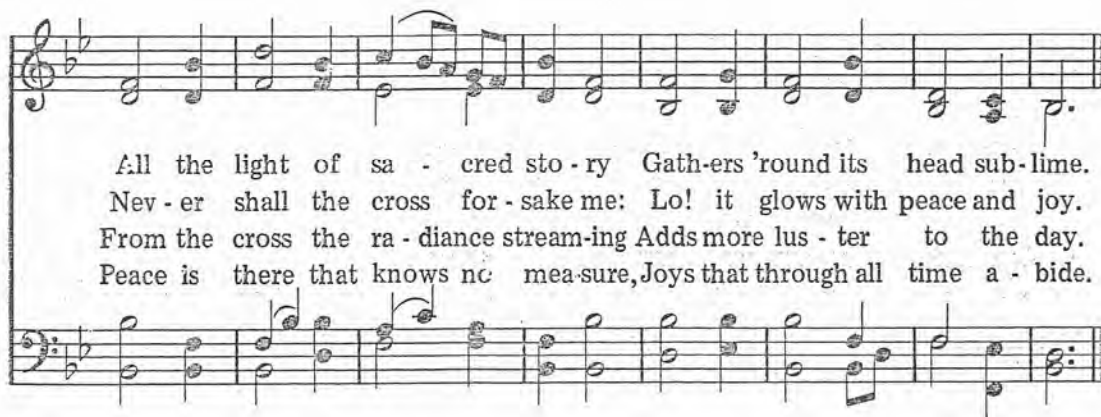
*In the Cross of Christ I Glory

Gal. 6:14
John Bowring, 1825

RATHBUN 8.7.8.7.
Ithamar Conkey, 1851



1. In the cross of Christ I glo-ry, Tower-ing o'er the wrecks of time;
2. When the woes of life o'er-take me, Hopes de-ceive and fears an-noy,
3. When the sun of bliss is beam-ing Light and love up-on my way,
4. Bane and bless-ing, pain and plea-sure, By the cross are sanc-ti-fied;



All the light of sa-cred sto-ry Gath-ers 'round its head sub-lime.
Nev-er shall the cross for-sake me: Lo! it glows with peace and joy.
From the cross the ra-diance stream-ing Adds more lus-ter to the day.
Peace is there that knows no mea-sure, Joys that through all time a-bide.

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 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

Deborah Erdmann Apr 11

Roy Erdmann Apr 12

Mark Bauernfeind Apr 13

Apr 7th Annual meeting after service

Apr 10th Community meal 5pm

Apr 12th 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.