

**Sunday, Apr 14, 2024**  
**Third 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 14, 2024**

**Greeters: Gary & Judy Joosten**

**Ushers: Gary & Judy Joosten**

**Reader: Pastor**

**Those serving us this Sunday, Apr 21, 2024**

**Greeters: Don & Heather Hessler**

**Ushers: Don & Heather Hessler**

**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)*

## Joy Dawned Again on Easter Day

Latin: 5th century?  
Tr. John M. Neale, 1852, alt.

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR L.M.  
Adapted by Michael Praetorius, 1609  
Harm. by George R. Woodward, 1904

*Unison*

1. Joy dawned a - gain on Eas - ter Day, The sun shone  
2. O Je - sus, King of gen - tle - ness, Do thou thy -  
3. O Lord of all, with us a - bide In this our

out with fair ar - ray, When to their long - ing  
self our hearts pos - sess That we may give thee  
joy - ful Eas - ter - tide; From ev - ery weap - on

eyes re - stored, The a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord.  
all our days The will - ing trib - ute of our praise.  
death can wield Thine own re - deemed for - ev - er shield.

An alternate setting may be found at No. 14.

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Prelude and Ringing of the Bell

Welcome

Welcome and Announcements

Children's Story

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

L: We gather for worship at the invitation of the Spirit, who calls us to give thanks and praise to God.

**P: That same Spirit calls us to follow in the footsteps of Christ, proclaiming the good news through acts of kindness and deeds of mercy.**

L: Let us answer the call as we worship God with grateful hearts.

Opening Hymn No. 133: "Joy Dawned Again on Easter Day"

1. Joy dawned again on Easter Day,  
The sun shone out with fair array,  
When to their longing eyes restored,  
The apostles saw their risen Lord.
2. O Jesus, King of gentleness,  
Do thou thy self our hearts possess  
That we may give thee all our days  
The willing tribute of our praise.
3. O Lord of all, with us abide  
In this our joyful Easter tide;  
From every weapon death can wield  
Thine own redeemed for ever shield.

Unison Prayer of Invocation

**We give you thanks, O God, for the joy of the empty tomb, and the love that redeems and renews us. Join us in these moments of worship. Fill our hearts with love and our minds with wisdom. Then send us out into the world to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen!**

Responsive Scripture:

Psalm 4

(W=Women, **M=Men**)

W: Answer when I call, O God of my right!

**M: You gave me room when I was in distress. Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer.**

W: How long, you people, shall my honor suffer shame? How long will you love vain words, and seek after lies?

**M: But know that the Lord has set apart the faithful for himself; the Lord hears when I call to him.**

W: When you are disturbed, do not sin; ponder it on your beds, and be silent.

**M: Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the Lord.**

W: There are many who say, "O that we might see some good! Let the light of your face shine on us, O Lord!"

**M: You have put gladness in my heart more than their grain and wine abound.**

W: I will both lie down and sleep in peace; for you along, O Lord, make me lie down in safety.

First Reading:

Acts 3:12-19

When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of you all.

And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out,"

Epistle Reading:

1 John 3:1-7

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed we will be like him, for we shall see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who commits a sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away our sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; and no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

Gospel Reading:

Luke 24:36b-48

Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet, see that it is I myself. Touch me and see, for a ghost does not have the flesh and bones that you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are my witnesses of these things.:

Here ends this reading of the Gospel.

ADORE THE LORD

# 87 Fairest Lord Jesus

Your eyes will see the King in His beauty. Isaiah 33:17

> 1. Fair - est Lord Je - sus; Rul - er of all na - ture, O Thou of  
 2. Fair are the mead - ows; Fair - er still the wood - lands, Robed in the  
 > 3. Fair is the sun - shine; Fair - er still the moon - light And all the  
 > 4. Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior! Lord of the na - tions! Son of  
  
 God and man the Son. Thee will I cher - ish; Thee will I  
 bloom - ing garb of spring. Je - sus is fair - er; Je - sus is  
 twin - kling star - ry host. Je - sus shines bright - er; Je - sus shines  
 God and Son of man! Glo - ry and hon - or, Praise, ad - o -  
  
 hon - or, Thou my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown. *Optional*  
 pur - er, Who makes the woe - ful heart to sing. *transition to*  
 pur - er Than all the an - gels heav'n can boast. *"More Precious*  
 ra - tion, Now and for - ev - er - more be Thine! *than Silver"*

**TEXT:** Anonymous German hymn, *Münster Gesangbuch*, 1677;  
 translated, Source unknown, stanzas 1-3; Joseph A. Seiss, stanza 4  
**MUSIC:** *Schlesische Volkslieder*, 1842; arranged by Richard S. Willis  
 A lower setting may be found at No. 452

**CRUSADERS' HYMN**  
 5.6.8.5.5.8.

Hymn No. 87:

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

(vss. 1 & 4)

1. Fairest Lord Jesus;  
Ruler of all nature,  
O Thou of God and man the Son.  
Thee will I cherish;  
Thee will I honor,  
Thou my soul’s glory, joy, and crown.
4. Beautiful Savior!  
Lord of the nations!  
Son of God and Son of man!  
Glory and honor,  
Praise, adoration,  
Now and forevermore be Thine!

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: “Grace-Full, Transforming Love”

Offering

Unison Prayer of Dedication

**We give you thanks, O God, for the ministry of love and grace that was begun in Jesus Christ, and has now been entrusted to us. In joy and gratitude we bring our gifts and our lives to you, that his ministry may continue in and through us. Bless our offerings, that they may spread the good news of Jesus Christ through all the world. Amen!**



# The Day of Resurrection

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

Mark 16:1-6

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 heavens be joy - ful, let earth its song be - gin,

the Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the Pass - o - ver of God.  
the Christ who reigns e - ter - nal in res - ur - rec - tion light;  
the whole world keep high tri - umph, and all that is there - in;

From death to life e - ter - nal, from earth un - to the sky,  
We lis - ten for the teach - ings once heard so calm and plain,  
Let all things seen and un - seen their notes of glad - ness blend,

our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.  
for we, too, want to fol - low and raise the vic - tor strain.  
for Christ a - gain has ris - en, our joy that has no end.

A Greek canon—an extended poem of eight or nine odes, each based on a scriptural canticle—was the source of this hymn. John of Damascus gave up a high government position to enter a monastery.

Tune: LANCASHIRE 7.6.7.6.D.  
Henry T. Smart, 1836

Closing Hymn No. 245:

“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 earth unto 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 Christ who reigns eternal  
in resurrection light;  
We listen for the teachings  
Once heard so calm and plain,  
For we, too, want to follow  
And raise the victor strain.
  
3. Now let the heavens be joyful,  
Let earth its song begin,  
The whole world keep high triumph,  
All that is there in;  
Let all things seen and unseen  
Their notes of gladness blend,  
For Christ again has risen,  
Our joy that has no end.

Benediction

Postludes

**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**

*Danny Hanson Apr 18*

*Rocky Johnson Apr 18*

**Apr 21 Council meeting after service**

**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.**