

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD
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Easter Sunday

April 1, 2018

VISITORS – WE WELCOME YOU to this house of prayer this morning. May you feel at home among friends as we worship together. We invite you to sign your name in the guest book in the back of the church and hope you will return again soon.

This morning we celebrate the Sacrament of the Altar, a feast of forgiveness in which we partake of the true body and blood of Christ along with the visible elements of bread and wine. The Bible gives specific instructions about the Lord's Supper. As it can be received to one's blessing or to one's harm (1 Corinthians 11:27-29), the Lord's Table must be approached with a sincere faith and a Biblical understanding. That's why all who are new to the Lutheran faith are instructed about this sacred meal before attending the Lord's Supper. Moreover, this Sacrament is also a testimony of our oneness in what we believe (1 Corinthians 10:17). Therefore, we welcome to the Holy Supper all members of Immanuel who have been confirmed and those confirmed members of sister congregations with whom we are in fellowship through unity in teaching (LCMS and TAALC). All guests who wish to receive the Sacrament are asked to speak with Pastor Sorenson before the service. The faith that we believe and confess is a beautiful gift of God. If you are new to Immanuel, we warmly welcome and encourage you to learn about this faith.

Prelude
Ringing of the Bell

Opening Hymn: #457, "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

Acclamations
P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!
C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Easter Introit, chanted responsively from the worship insert

Hymn of Praise: #477, "Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven"

Collect of the Day, spoken by Pastor

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 25:6-9

Response

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Choral Anthem: "Glory Hallelujah!"

Words/Music: Mary Ellen Kerrick Arr. Joel Raney

Piano for four hands, Pastor and Sara Sorenson

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Response

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Procession: #488, "He Is Arisen! Glorious Word"

Holy Gospel: Mark 16:1-8

Responses

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 16th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord!

(The Gospel is read.)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ!

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Hymn of the Day: #482, "This Joyful Eastertide"

Sermon: No April Fools!

Offering

Prayer of the Church

P: Lord, in Your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

Confession and Announcement of Grace

P: Because of our sin, death's cloud of gloom has long hung over us. Hear us, O Lord, as we confess to You and ask for power to live a new life in Christ Jesus.

(Silence for self-examination)

P: Lord of the Resurrection,

C: we have sinned against You and against our neighbors. We have insulted You with our sins, mocking Your name by ignoring Your will and going our own way instead. For the sake of Jesus Christ, remove forever the guilt of our sin and restore to joy our burdened hearts. By Your Holy Spirit, increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will, and true obedience to Your Word, that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

P: God has promised forgiveness to those who repent of sin and seek His grace. The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon and remission of all your sins, time for amendment of life, and the grace and comfort of His Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

The Admonition to the Communicants

The Lord's Prayer back cover of the hymnal

Words of Institution

Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

Distribution (by continuous line)

#633, "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"

#480, "He's Risen, He's Risen"

Post-Communion Prayer

Acclamations

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Blessing

Closing Hymn: #465, "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"

Chimes/Silent Prayer

Announcements

Postlude

ACOLYTE ROBES

Many thanks to Maley Remus who has made an acolyte robe for our confirmands to wear when they light the candles. This adds reverence to our worship services and looks nice! She is making a second one to adequately cover students of differing heights. Many thanks to Maley! She is also interested in designing banners for our sanctuary.

PROPERTIES COMMITTEE MEETING – ALL ARE WELCOME!

A Properties Committee Meeting will be held this Tuesday night at 7:00 PM (April 3rd). These meetings are open to anyone in the congregation who has an interest or opinions about how the basement space should be utilized and/or designed. Come and join our ongoing conversation! We would love to have you!

LIFE QUOTE

April 1 "Jesus has really, truly, physically been raised from the dead! And God stakes His entire reputation on these historical Easter facts! Luke was no liar, the women were not delusional, and the angels are no myth. God proclaims His Easter truth to us so that we may know and believe that in Jesus all our sin is forgiven, death has gone to die, the devil has been defeated, and life lasts forever!" *Pastor Jonathan Kruschel, St. John Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*