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The Resurrection of Our Lord

April 20, 2014

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

Cross Procession/Opening Hymn: #457
"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" Trumpeter: Katelyn Stehr

Invocation
P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.

Opening Litany
P: Christ is risen!
C: He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!
P: Death could not hold Him.
C: Death could not win.
P: What was shattered
C: God has made whole again.
P: What was broken
C: has been restored.
P: Our Savior Jesus is victorious!
C: God has vindicated Him. Jesus is Lord!
P: Easter proves it: His every Word is absolute truth.
C: Every promise He has made He will fulfill.
P: He will restore His broken people.
C: He will raise us and make us whole again. Alleluia! Amen.

Hymn: #474, "Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen"

Confession and Absolution

P: Easter changes everything. It is the new reality. Still, there are times when we live as if Easter were only a wish. We live too often as if brokenness were the only reality. We live as if the stone had not been rolled away. Even this happy morning, then, we pause to confess our failure to follow God's ways. We confess our sin.
C: Lord God, the Easter reality is all around us. And yet, in spite of the truth of the resurrection, we so often live trapped in brokenness and death. We are defeated by Satan's temptations, deceived by the world's false hopes and lies, and worn down by the battle against our own sinful flesh. We need you to forgive us. We need you to restore us. We need you to renew us and lead us.
P: Easter declares the great truth: the victory over Satan, the world, and our own sinful nature has been won. Because of Jesus' death and resurrection, you are forgiven from every failure and every sin. Because brokenness and death could not hold Jesus, you are made whole. You are restored. Alleluia!
C: Amen.

Collect of the Day, spoken by Pastor

First Reading: Acts 10:34-43
L: This is the Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

Choral Offering: "Alleluia, Christ Is Risen!" Arr. James Kirby

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4
L: This is the Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

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

Holy Gospel: Matthew 28:1-10
Responses
P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 28th 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!

Nicene Creed, see back cover of the hymnal

Hymn of the Day: #463, "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia"

Sermon: "Broken Seal"

Offering

Prayer of the Church
P: Let us pray to the Lord.
C: Lord, have mercy.

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
(This morning Holy Communion will be received by continuous line.)
#461, "I Know That My Redeemer Lives"
#484, "Make Songs of Joy"

Blessing

Post-Communion Prayer

Benediction

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

Chimes/Silent Prayer

Announcements

Postlude

LIFE QUOTE

April 20 – Easter Sunday "Death is not our friend who frees us to be with Jesus. The defeat of death—our enemy—does so! (1 Corinthians 15:26) Death does not carry us into eternity. Christ and His victory over death carry us into eternity. 'When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: 'Death is swallowed up in victory' (1 Corinthians 15:54)." *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, executive director of Lutherans For Life – A "Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

THANK YOU

New Horizons would like to thank everyone who attended last Sunday's Palm Sunday Brunch and to all who donated food. \$309 was collected and will go towards an elevator fund.