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**The Resurrection of our Lord**

**March 31, 2013**

**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 spiritual blessing or to one's spiritual harm (1 Corinthians 11:27-29), the Lord's Table must be approached with 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 confirmed members of Immanuel 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  
Ring of the Bell  
Cross Procession and Opening Hymn: #457  
"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

Greeting and Acclamation  
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**C: And also with you.**  
P: Christ is risen!  
**C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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Confession and Announcement of Grace

P: Dearly Beloved: On this joyful Eastertide, let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

*(Silence for self-examination)*

P: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C: O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.**  
**Amen.**

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

**C: Amen.**

Hymn of Praise: "This Is The Feast" ..... p. 155

Collect of the Day *(spoken by Pastor)*

Old Testament Reading ..... Isaiah 65:17-25

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Choral Offering: "Mary Told The Good News" John D. Horman  
(Tune Based on African American Spiritual)

Epistle ..... 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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

Holy Gospel ..... Luke 24:1-12

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 24th 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 .....back cover of the hymnal

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

Sermon: "Your Faith Is Not In Vain!"

Offering

Prayer of the Church

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

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 *(served by continuous line)*

Hymn: #461, "I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

Post-Communion Prayer

Acclamation

P: Christ is risen!

**C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

Closing Hymn: #490, "Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won"

Chimes/Silent Prayer

Announcements

Postlude

### Easter Lilies

Those who purchased Easter lilies may take them home immediately following the service today.

### Life Quotes

**March 31** "Our Lord has written the promise of the resurrection not in books alone, but in every leaf in the springtime." *Martin Luther* – A "Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life • [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)

### Food Shelf Collection

Our congregation is participating in a collection for the Red Wing Food Shelf. A box has been placed in the narthex to receive your donations. Please have all donations at church on or before April 14<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your generosity!

### Thank You

Thank you to all who worked at last Sunday's brunch, to those that donated food and to all who joined us for brunch. \$317.00 was collected from the free-will offering and will go into New Horizons' elevator fund.

### "THE LUTHERAN HOUR" – Sunday, April 7

**8:30AM on KCUE-AM; 6:00PM on KDHL-Faribault (920)**

### "The Eternal Gorilla Test"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz

The disciple known as "Doubting Thomas" puts Jesus' resurrection to the Gorilla Test.

(John 20:19-31)

**DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK**

Easter Monday:	Dan. 12:1c-3; Acts 10:34-43; Lk. 24:13-35
1:00PM	Ladies Mission Project
Easter Tuesday:	Dan. 3:8-28; Acts 13:26-33; Lk. 24:36-49
9:00AM	Circuit Pastoral Conference – Potsdam
Easter Wednesday:	Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Col. 3:1-7; Jn. 21:1-14
5:30PM	7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation
7:30PM	Choir
Thursday:	9:30AM Seminary Home Chapel with Pr. Sorenson
Next Sunday:	Second Sunday of Easter
9:00AM	Sunday School and Bible Class
9:45AM	Fellowship Time
10:00AM	Worship with Holy Communion
	Acolyte: Vanessa Frazier

**HAPPY BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARY THIS WEEK**

Today	- Bruce Holst
Tuesday	- Brian & Jennifer Augustin
Wednesday	- Miranda McNamara
Thursday	- Wendy Augustin
Friday	- Ryan Holm
Saturday	- Jacob Dahl, David Sucher Sr.

**IN OUR PRAYERS**

Melissa Barbey, Willard Holst, Jeanette Falkner, Ken Buth, Ruth Dankers (recovering from surgery), Cindy Redman, and Gretel Meyer (recovering from a stroke).

**First Choice Clinic Donations**

Our local crisis pregnancy center is always in need of donations to facilitate its work in our community. A box has been placed in the narthex to receive the gifts you are moved to provide. The following items are in high demand: Similac advance formula, Similac sensitive formula, pacifiers, sippy cups, diaper ointment, diapers (newborn through size 5), baby wipes, baby bottles, baby safety equipment, crib mattresses, postage stamps, diaper bags, baby combs and brushes, baby lotion, baby wash, \$25 gift cards to Target or Wal-Mart, envelopes, copy paper, and jugs of drinking water. Our collection for First Choice will continue through the end of April. Thanks very much.

**Catechism Review*****What do the Scriptures teach about the gifts of the Holy Spirit?***

The Scriptures teach that the Holy Spirit gives gifts to His Church. They teach that A) the Holy Spirit through the Word and Sacraments freely gives to all Christians the most precious gifts: faith in Christ, the forgiveness of sins, and eternal life; B) in apostolic times the Holy Spirit also gave some Christians the gift to perform miraculous signs and wonders (for example, healings, speaking in tongues, raising the dead). The Scriptures do not teach, however, that God will necessarily give all Christians in every time and place special miraculous gifts. The Holy Spirit bestows His blessings according to His good pleasure.

Note: In popular English, the word "charismatic" describes a dynamic person, highly emotional worship, or claims of special miraculous gifts. But the Greek word "charisma" means simply "gift" and refers, for example, to Christ's whole work of salvation (Rom. 5:15-16), to eternal life (Rom. 6:23), and to being married or single (1 Cor. 7:7).

**LMWL Spring Rally at Hay Creek**

Attention all ladies of the congregation: Mark the date of Saturday, April 13th and come down to Hay Creek for the LWML Spring Rally. The program is entitled "Love Does." Pastor Ron Stehr will be present to speak on Christianity in Prague. District Counselor Sorenson will lead the opening devotion. Registration begins at 8:30 AM with the event starting at 9:00 AM. The cost is \$10 per person, which includes the event and lunch. Gifts from the Heart will go to benefit "His Kids," Concordia's Day Care in Red Wing. A list of suggested donations has been placed on the bulletin board. Thanks.

