

# Immanuel Lutheran Church

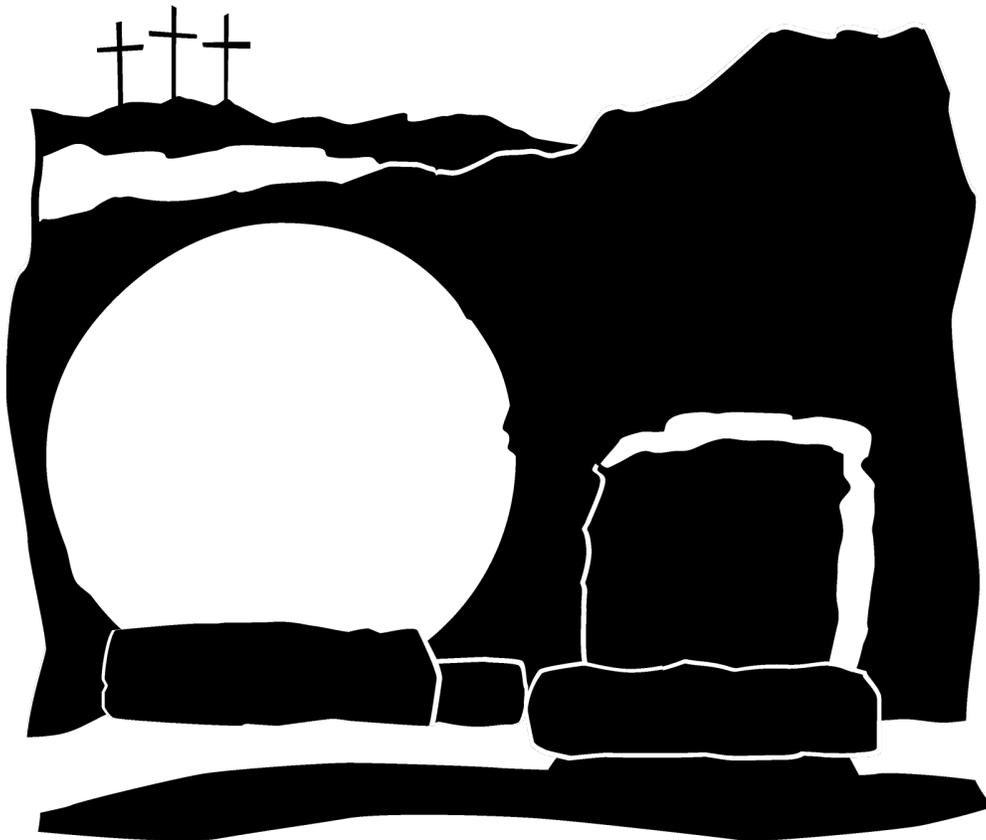
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**Easter Sunday**  
**April 1, 2018**



*Looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back – it was very large... “He has risen; He is not here.” Mark 16:4, 6*

## AS WE GATHER

Christ is risen! Blessings to you this Easter Sunday. The Bible teaches many things, and all are important. But the Epistle today from 1 Corinthians 15 speaks about what is of first importance: that Christ died for our sins, that He was buried, and that He has been raised, in accordance with the Scriptures. As we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord, we focus on those things of first importance.

**PRELUDE** *Exultation on 'Christ the Lord is Risen Today' Arr. By Jordan*

*Please stand and face the back of the sanctuary.*

### OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

Pastor: He was delivered over to death for our sins

**People: and raised to life for our justification.** *(Romans 4:25)*

Pastor: He rose from the dead

**People: and appeared to many.** *(1 Corinthians 15:3-8)*

Pastor: Death has been swallowed up in victory.

**People: Where, O death, is your victory?  
Where, O death, is your sting?**

Pastor: The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.

**People: But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our  
Lord Jesus Christ.** *(1 Corinthians 15:54-57)*

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

## INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: If Christ had not been raised from the dead, we would still be dead in our trespasses and sins. Let us consider our sinfulness and God’s great mercy in Christ.

*Silence for reflection*

Pastor: Heavenly Father,

People: **we have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. We confess our shameful thoughts about our leaders, enemies, and strangers. We confess our inappropriate words spoken to our families, friends, and colleagues. We confess our inappropriate actions toward our neighbors. For the sake of the risen Christ, forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we follow in His footsteps both now and when He returns in glory. Amen.**

Pastor: If Christ had not been raised from the dead, we would still be dead in our trespasses and sins, but Christ rose from the grave, and death no longer has dominion over Him! God did this in accordance with the Scriptures to forgive our sins. As a called and ordained servant of the risen Christ and by His authority, I forgive your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## ✠ WORD ✠

### SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.  
Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son,  
Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate  
of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy  
the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death  
of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God,  
now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

*Please be Seated*

### OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 25:6-9*

*(The long-awaited Savior will come and make a feast for all nations on His holy mountain)*

*(The Word is read)*

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### EPISTLE *1 Corinthians 15:1-11*

*(Paul delivers to the Corinthians the things of first importance: that Christ died and was raised for our sins.)*

*(The Word is read)*

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

## **ALLELUIA AND VERSE**

**Alleluia! Christ Jesus abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. Alleluia!**

## **HOLY GOSPEL**    *Mark 16:1-8*

*(Women come to Jesus' tomb on Easter morning to anoint Him with spices, but when they arrive, Jesus is not in the tomb.)*

**Pastor:**     The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixteenth chapter.

**People:**    **Glory to You, O Lord.**

*(The Gospel is read)*

**Pastor:**     This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People:**    **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**NICENE CREED**        *(found on the last page of the pew hymnal)*

*Please be Seated*

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

*All children are welcome to join Pastor Rockemann on the steps of the altar.*

**SERMON HYMN**        "Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia"        #466

**SERMON**            *"Who Will Roll Away the Stone for Us? Good Question!"*  
*Pastor Larry Rockemann*

*Please Stand*

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**BIRTHDAYS:** Heather Teter – April 3<sup>rd</sup>

**♪ Thanks for our friends who celebrate  
And God's rich blessings contemplate.  
Praise for another year on earth.  
Praise to the Lord who gives us birth. Amen.**

**Pastor:** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Heavenly Father, we live in a culture of distractions and diversions. Help us to focus our hearts and minds on the things of first importance: Christ's death and resurrection for sinners, for Christ is risen!

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

**Pastor:** Lord, You sent a messenger to proclaim Jesus' resurrection to the women on Easter morning. Inspire us to share the message of Jesus' resurrection throughout the world, for Christ is risen!

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

**Pastor:** Lord, there are many in this world who have been abused, neglected, and abandoned, suffering at the hands of evil people. Spread Christ's resurrection victory into their lives of pain and hopelessness. Raise them from darkness into Your light, for Christ is risen!

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

**Pastor:** Lord, send healing and care to all who are sick, injured, and recovering, Liz, Paul, Myron and Mike. Comfort them with the hope of resurrected bodies that will be ours when Jesus returns, for Christ is risen!

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

Pastor: Lord, many grieve and mourn the death of loved ones.  
Embrace them with the hope of the resurrection that is ours  
because Christ is risen!

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

Pastor: Lord, every good and perfect gift comes from You. We thank  
You for the blessings You have poured out upon us. Grant that  
our rejoicing draws us back to the Good News that Christ is  
risen!

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

Pastor: Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in  
Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

**People: Amen.**

*Please be Seated*

**OFFERTORY** “Aria – Jesus God the Savior” By Wold  
Trumpet Solo, Tony Swischer

*Please Stand and Sing*

*Hymnal pages 192-193*

**✠ SACRAMENT ✠**

*We will follow the Service of the Sacrament starting on  
page 194 in your pew hymnal.*

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

I Know That My Redeemer Lives	#461
At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing	#633

**HYMN** “He’s Risen, He’s Risen” #480

**POSTLUDE:** “Voluntary on Duke Street” Arr. By Albrecht, Trumpet and Organ

# THE MESSENGER

April 1, 2018

**WELCOME!** Dear guest, we pray that your worship with us is as spiritually enriching for you as your presence is encouraging to us. We invite you to sign our guest book in the foyer and "Like" us on Facebook. Please leave your email address if you would like periodic updates from Immanuel. Most importantly, come back and worship with us again next Sunday.

**IN OUR PRAYERS:** Liz Kraft, Myron Kimber, Paul Krahenbuhl, Mike Albano, Sandra Newman, Jim Teter and Pr. Jim, Linda and Philip Dunn traveling to Japan tomorrow to visit Ryan Dunn.

**SPECIAL THANK YOU:** Thank you Pastor Larry Rockemann for serving us through Holy Week and Easter Sunday. You are a blessing to Immanuel! We also thank trumpeter Tony Swischer for edifying our worship so beautifully!

**OFFERING March 25<sup>th</sup>:** \$387.05

**APRIL PASTORS:** April 8<sup>th</sup> – Pastor Bill Geis, Missouri District Mission Director; April 15<sup>th</sup> – Pastor Ed Trost; April 22<sup>nd</sup> – Pastor Keith Loesch; April 29<sup>th</sup> – Pastor Fran Lieb

**VOTER'S MEETING:** Immanuel's 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter voter's meeting will be next Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup>. Lunch will be served followed by the meeting. Pastor Geis will speak to us about our situation and how the District office may be of help.

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR** theme for next Sunday, April 8, will be "**It's Really Real**". Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus Here' the deal. If Jesus actually rose from the dead, it would be wise to believe in Him because there will be salvation in no one else. If He didn't rise, we're all toast. Tune in to today's message and hear why you can be confident Jesus' resurrection is really real. (1 John 1:1-3). Hear *The Lutheran Hour* on stations KCMO (AM 710) at 8:00am, KCCV (FM 92.3) at 8:00am, KCCV (AM 760) at 8:30am, and KCCV (FM 101.5) at 8:30am.