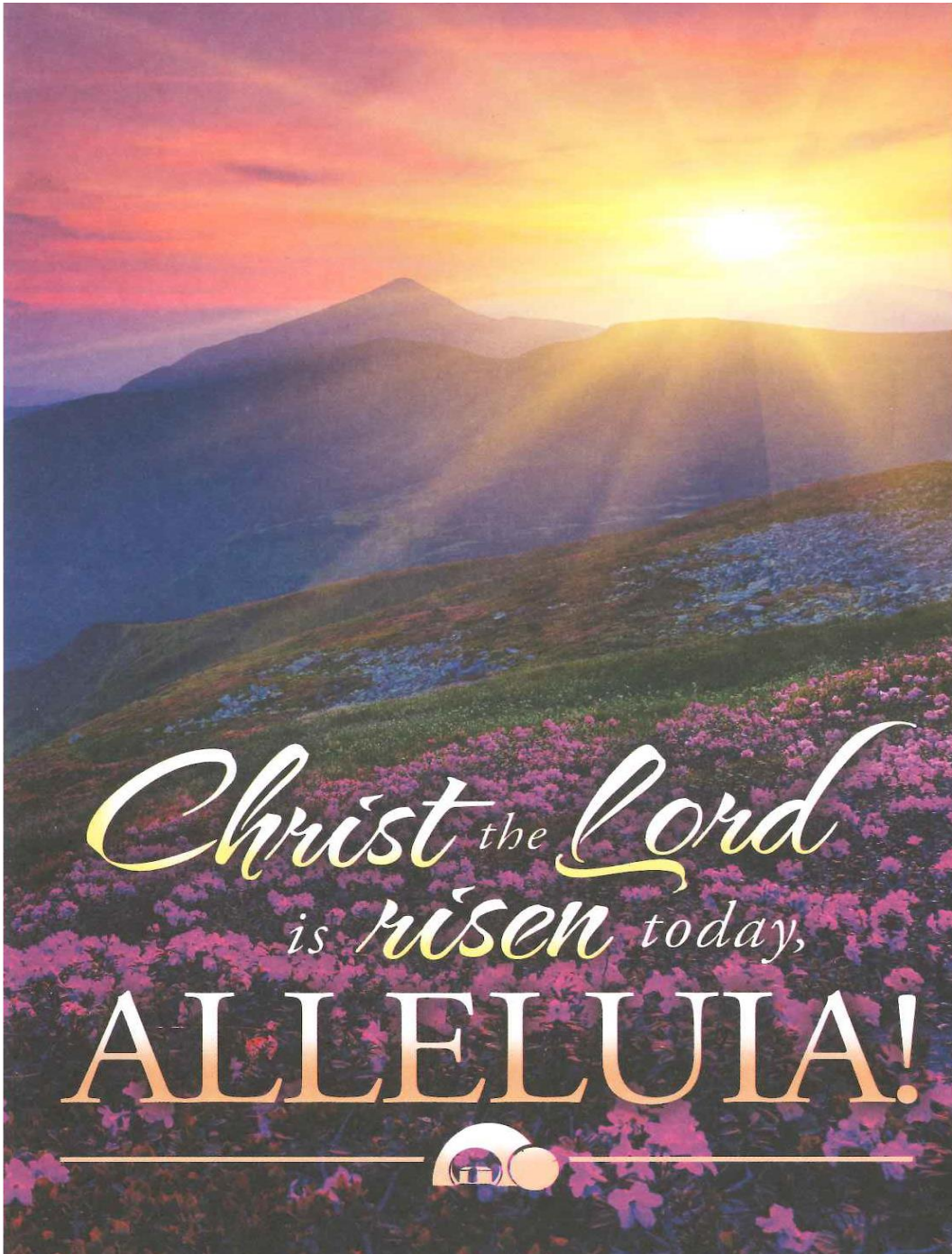


IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Easter Sunday

April 31st, 2024



Christ the Lord
is risen today,
ALLELUIA!



Examination for the Lord's Supper

This Morning, as we celebrate The Lord's Supper, our heavenly Father promises anew His unconditional love towards us. He bestows the forgiveness of sins and offers the Holy Spirit as a free gift for strength and life. However, as we receive God's gifts, He has warned us not to receive this precious gift thoughtlessly nor faithlessly, for doing so would be a sin against the very body and blood of Christ and incurs His judgment (1 Corinthians 11:27-32).

St Paul calls all who commune to personally examine themselves before the sacrament. If you do not share in our confession of faith, we ask that you would abstain from partaking of the Lord's Supper this morning. But we heartily invite you forward to receive a blessing. As we examine ourselves prior to coming to the communion rail, we confess that:

- *I am a baptized Christian and I trust in Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior.*
- *I am a sinner in need of God's forgiveness.*
- *I believe that Christ is truly present with His body and blood under the bread and wine offering me true forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation.*
- *Through His grace and strength, I desire to live to God's glory in a life of repentance and in fellowship with His people.*



Easter Sunday

March 31st, 2024

- P** Alleluia! Christ is Risen!
C He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

Stand

- P** This is the Day which the Lord has made!
C Let us rejoice and be glad in it!
P Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church:
Jesus Christ is risen from the dead.
C Alleluia!
P He has defeated the powers of death.
C Alleluia!
P Jesus turns our sorrow into dancing.
C Alleluia!
P He has the words of eternal life.
C Alleluia!
P May the light of Christ, rising in glory,
C banish all darkness from our hearts and minds.

New Testament Canticle (*Remain Standing*)

Refrain

C Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -
lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Christ our Pass - o - ver Lamb has been sac - ri - ficed.
Raised from the dead, He will nev - er die a - gain.
Death has no more do - min - ion o - ver Him.

Refrain

Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -
lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

P Jesus Christ was delivered over to death for your trespasses, and raised for your justification. By your honest confession and sincere faith in Him, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of Christ, announce the grace of God unto all of you. And in the stead and by the command of the Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Hymn of Praise #LSB 805 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

△ Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all
crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly
host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

Sit

Service of the Word

Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 37:1–14

¹The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. ²And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. ³And he said to me, “Son of man, can these bones live?” And I answered, “O Lord GOD, you know.” ⁴Then he said to me, “Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD.”

⁷So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, “Prophecy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live.” ¹⁰So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

¹¹Then he said to me, “Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we

are clean cut off.’ ¹²Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 15:1–11

¹Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, ²and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

³For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me.

¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



C These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

John 20:1–18

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. ²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” ³So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. ⁴Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, ⁷and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples went back to their homes.

¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. ¹²And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. ¹³They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” ¹⁴Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” ¹⁶Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned and said to him in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus said to her, “Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”—and that he had said these things to her.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Collect of the Day

P 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.

C Amen.

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.

He descended into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy Christian Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life † everlasting. Amen.

Sit

Hymn of the Day #LSB 457

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

Sermon

Title: Can These Bones Live?

Scripture: Ezekiel 37 and John 20

Offering

Stand

Prayers of the Church

Lord's Prayer

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.
Sing ho - san - na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
 2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
 You take the sin of the world a - way;
 You take the sin of the world a - way;
 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
 And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Sit

Distribution

Distribution Hymn #LSB 480

He's Risen, He's Risen

Distribution Hymn #LSB 466

Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia

Distribution Hymn #LSB 482

This Joyful Eastertide

Distribution Hymn #LSB 481 *Scatter the Darkness, Break the Gloom*

Stand

Nunc Dimittis

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
 2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
 part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
 glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
 glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
 Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;
 A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
 For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
 to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
 now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
 peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
 sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

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.

Hymn to Depart #LSB 474 vv. 1, 3-5

Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen



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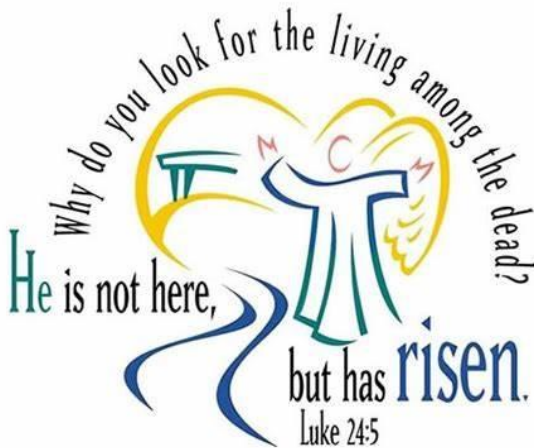
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Thelma Nienhueser (The Living Center)

Mission Workers: Rev. Peter & Kristie Kolb (Thailand),
Jim & Claudia Dahlke (Mission of Christ Network), those serving POBLO.

Military: Jeffrey Abel and MaKenna Eckhoff

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Easter Sunday

Whether you are a lifelong member or visiting for the first time we are honored to have you here this morning. Please feel free to contact the office regarding questions of membership or of a spiritual or personal matter. *You may contact the office at: 660-335-4141.*

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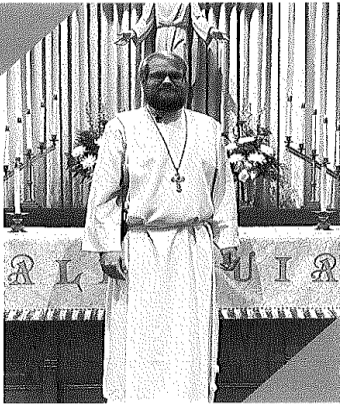
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Dear Immanuel Lutheran Church,

March 15, 2024

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ! Thank you for continuing to support me while I am here at Seminary. I thank God for you in my prayers often because since you have continued to support me, I have been able to study and be trained so that one day, I will be able to serve our church.

I would like to say just a few words about what is happening here at the Seminary. We are almost to the halfway point, and several of my classes have been only eight-week classes, so those will be coming to a close and replaced with new ones. This semester has been the first in which I am taking those classes which are not merely introductory classes, but those classes which take a serious and pointed look at one or another part of our faith. Therefore, they have been challenging and yet I thank God for each of them. I would like to give an example of something we've learned. I have always been a fan of silently reading the Scriptures, but I have learned there is much benefit in listening to them read. It has helped me, especially as a learn to preach sermons, to notice things that just are not clear when I cannot hear the words spoken.

As we approach the Easter season, I pray that you would be blessed by the grace won for us on the cross of Jesus Christ. We remember with Peter during this Lenten season "He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed" (1 Peter 2:24). In Christ, we have been healed, and as Paul says "We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life" (Romans 6:4). In Christ, we have new life, because we will rise from death just as he has.

Thank you again for your ongoing support, and God bless you. You are in my prayers.

SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Have you started thinking about your summer and how to engage your children in meaningful activities? Find a variety of camps for your children and their specific interests at Saint Paul Lutheran High School.

Here is a link to the specific camp information and registration
tinyurl.com/2024SummerCampsSPLHS.



Join us for Summer Music Camps at Concordia Music Conservatory: Choir Camp, June 3-7, for children ages kindergarten to 8th grade and Orchestra Camp, June 10-14, for children ages 4th-12th grade. Enroll online at cmc-music.org.

Camps are 9am to 4pm daily on the campus of Saint Paul Lutheran High School in Concordia, MO. Lunch and snacks are provided. On the Friday of each camp there will be a closing concert at 2pm. If you have any questions please contact CMC at 660-624-7950 or info@cmc-music.org.



Easter Lilies



Given in Loving Memory of:

By:

Mildred Banks.....	Kassandra Falls
Herbert, Mildred & Bobby Boehmer.....	Allen & Sandy Boehmer
Family Members.....	Jim & Judy Teufel
Cora Lee Fuchs.....	Steve Fuchs, Kevin, Brenda Wulff & Family
Charles & Ida Ann Guier.....	Nelson & Susan Guier
Raphael & Ernestine Hall.....	Don & Judy Vogelsmeier
Lester & Louise Harms.....	Allen & Sandy Boehmer
Ed & Carrie Hartman.....	Roy & Dolores Hemme
Edmund & Minerva Hemme.....	Roy & Dolores Hemme
John & Charlene Hinck.....	Kelly, Lora & Levi Hinck
Albert Luebbert.....	Carolyn Luebbert
Marvin McKeage.....	Nancy McKeage
Parents, Grandparents, & Siblings.....	Gary & Mary Anderson
Raymond & Violet Trautmann (3).....	Connie Bonar, Donna Hinck, Debbie Greer
Sam Ed Yokley.....	Mary Yokley
Irvin & Haphie Vogelsmeier.....	Don & Judy Vogelsmeier
Harvey Ziegelbein.....	Chad & Christa Ziegelbein
Thelma Ziegelbein.....	Chad & Christa Ziegelbein

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 Corky & Ruth Roscher
 Judy Staples
 Jim & Judy Teufel
 Chad & Christa Ziegelbein

Other

For:

By:

Grand Children & Great Grand Children..... Gary & Mary Anderson





Memorial Garden Plants



Given in Loving Memory of:

<i>Name:</i>	<i>By:</i>
Betty Brandt.....	Jim & Judy Teufel
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