

Easter Order of Worship
April 12, 2020

Welcome

Call to Worship

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

All: Amen.

P: Christ is risen!

All: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: Jesus has come that we may have life, and have it to the fullest.

All: Christ has died.

P: In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

All: Christ is risen.

P: For Christ must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

All: Christ will come again.

P: God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him.

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: Christ is risen!

All: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Gathering Hymn – I Am the Resurrection – *Randy on guitar, Marla singing, words printed for others to join in from home*

Chorus

I am the resurrection and the life

He who believes in me will never die.

I am the resurrection and the life

He who believes in me will life a new life.

Verse 1

I have come to bring the truth.

I have come to bring you life.

If you believe, then you shall live.

Chorus

Verse 2

In my word all men will come to know

It is love which makes the spirit grow.

If you believe, then you shall live.

Chorus

Prayer of the Day

God of mercy, **we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

The Gospel - John 20:1-18 (not printed, read by Marla)

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed 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." ³Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in.

⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who 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 returned to their homes.

¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹²and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other 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.” ¹⁴When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus.

¹⁵Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” 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 Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher).

¹⁷Jesus said to her, “Do not hold on to me, because 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 she told them that he had said these things to her. – **The Gospel of the Lord Hymn - *Jesus Christ is Risen Today*** – Momoh on organ, words printed for people to sing one verse (*Amy, since Momoh announces the wrong title, please edit out his announcement and just put him playing the music into the video*)

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!

Sermon

Apostle’s Creed – Words printed for all to say together

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s 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 to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

Offering

Two ways to give:

Online at Immanuel's website www.ImmanuelAlmelund.org "Make a Gift"

Mail your offering to:

Immanuel Lutheran Church
37515 Park Trail
Almelund, MN 55012

Offertory – *He Lives* - Momoh Instrumental

Offering Prayer

Merciful God, our ordinary gifts seem small for such a celebration, but you make of them an abundance, just as you do with our lives. Strengthen us for service in your name, in the strength of the risen Christ. Amen.

Lord's Prayer (prayed by all)

Our Father, who art in heaven
Hallowed be thy name,
Thy kingdom come
Thy will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those
Who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
And the power, and the glory,
Forever and ever. Amen.

Announcements

- I will be taking a little time off this week after Easter.
 - No Wednesday Fireside chat. But will resume again the next week.
 - Members of Immanuel are welcome to call me with pastoral care needs.

Benediction

May the One who brought forth Jesus from the dead
raise you to new life, fill you with hope,
and turn your mourning into dancing.

Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. Amen.

Sending

Pastor: Christ is risen, just as he said. Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!