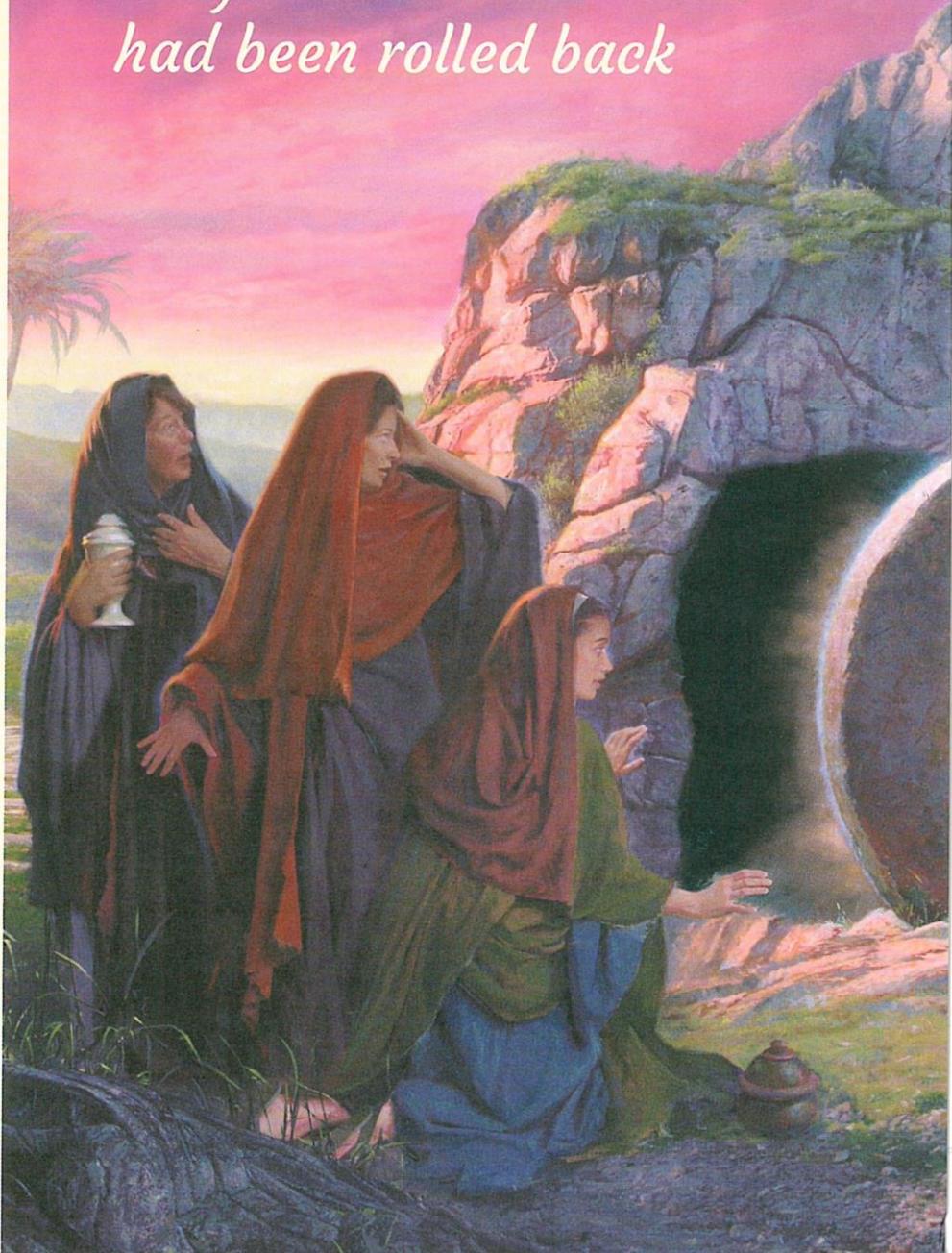


*They saw that the stone
had been rolled back*



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April 4, 2021
10:30 a.m. in person and FB live

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD!



In consideration of your fellow worshipers, please be sure to turn off your cell phone.

Theme for Worship: Welcome to the pinnacle of our Christian celebrations, EASTER Sunday!

On this day we remember and celebrate Jesus' victory over sin, death and the Devil. We also celebrate that despite this having been a year filled with many concerns, the grace of God outshines all darkness. We'll rejoice in the forgiveness earned by Jesus' death, but then focus on the future and what a blessing it is to be called into His family!

Pre-Service Music 🎵 "Love Crucified Arose"

--Spiritwind

Ring of the Bells

Welcome

Processional Song "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

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| 1. Christ the Lord is risen today, Al-le-lu-ia!
Sons of men and angels say: Al-le-lu-ia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Al-le-lu-ia!
Sing ye heavens, and earth reply: Al-le-lu-ia! | 2. Lives again our glorious King, Al-le-lu-ia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting Al-le-lu-ia!
Dying once He all doth save, Al-le-lu-ia!
Where thy victory o grave? Al-le-lu-ia! |
| 3. Love's redeeming work is done, Al-le-lu-ia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Al-le-lu-ia!
Death in vain forbids Him rise, Al-le-lu-ia!
Christ has opened Paradise, Al-le-lu-ia! | 4. Soar we now where Christ had led, Al-le-lu-ia!
Following our exalted Head, Al-le-lu-ia!
Made like Him, like Him we rise, Al-le-lu-ia!
Ours the cross the grave, the skies, Al-le-lu-ia! |

Invocation

- P** We begin in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen
- P** Hs is Risen!
- C** He is Risen indeed, alleluia!
- P** In Joyful celebration of God's victory over death and the restoration of His people, please join me in confessing our faith using the words of Nicene creed

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord

and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

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.**

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 15:1–11

¹Then Moses and the people of Israel sang this song to the LORD, saying, "I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.

²The LORD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him. ³The LORD is a man of war; the LORD is his name.

⁴"Pharaoh's chariots and his host he cast into the sea, and his chosen officers were sunk in the Red Sea.

⁵The floods covered them; they went down into the depths like a stone. ⁶Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power, your right hand, O LORD, shatters the enemy. ⁷In the greatness of your majesty you overthrow your adversaries; you send out your fury; it consumes them like stubble. ⁸At the blast of your nostrils the waters piled up; the floods stood up in a heap; the deeps congealed in the heart of the sea. ⁹The enemy said, 'I will pursue, I will overtake, I will divide the spoil, my desire shall have its fill of them. I will draw my sword; my hand shall destroy them.' ¹⁰You blew with your wind; the sea covered them; they sank like lead in the mighty waters. ¹¹"Who is like you, O LORD, among the gods? Who is like you, majestic in holiness, awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders?"

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.**

The Children's Message Holy Gospel

--Pastor Marty Marks
John 20:1-18

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 20th 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.

Sermon Song 🎵 "To The Lamb"

1. To the Lamb upon the Throne,
Be the praise forever more.
Be the power and the glory,
Be the strength and majesty. *Chorus*

2. Son of God, Son of Man,
You became the Spotless Lamb;
Suffering for me, You showed me mercy,
Now You reign in majesty. *Chorus*

Chorus: We worship Thee, O Lamb of God, The Living Word.
We lift up Your name and worship Thee.
Ancient of Days, We give You praise,
O Lamb upon the Throne.

Sermon: "But By the Grace of God I Am What I Am" Confession and Absolution

--Rev. Marty Marks

P Lord, on this day of celebration and joy we recognize that our joy comes only because our sinfulness required Your merciful intervention. We know the ability to overcome sin and death does not come from within us but by seeking the living, Jesus Christ! No matter the cause of our particular sins we accept that we are at fault and ask for Your promised grace.

Moment for silent reflection

C Father, for my sins of thought, word and deed, against You and against other people, I am truly sorry. Forgive me and empower me to turn from my hurtful and dead ways. Jesus, I seek You not among the dead but among the living!

P All who seek Christ find Him. His victory over sin is a free gift He joyfully gives to all who seek after Him. The Holy Spirit has created faith in your heart to understand your sinfulness and ask for Christ's forgiveness. It is my great joy this Easter Sunday to announce to you that what you ask for is granted. But by the grace of God you are who you are! All of your sins are forgiven. In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit!

C Amen. He is risen indeed, Alleluia!

The Offering & Announcements

The Offering Anthem 

--Spiritwind

The Intercessory Prayers

The Leader says prayers for specific and general concerns of God's people, following each petition with "Lord in your mercy" to which the congregation responds with "Hear our prayer."

The Lord's Prayer

C 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

The Celebration of the Lord's Supper

(The Lord's Supper is celebrated in this service in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us. If you share this confession, we invite you to commune with us. If you have doubts or questions concerning this confession of our faith community, we ask that you withhold participation until receiving clarification or instruction from our pastor. The pastor will also offer a blessing to any unconfirmed children who desire it. Special instruction about how to partake in the supper will be explained during the service in response to Covid-19 precautions.)

P The celebration of Jesus' resurrection this morning continues with the sacrament that He gave to us. This meal connects the earthly Jesus to each of us even after 2,000 years. In, with and under the bread and wine we find the real body and blood of Jesus given and shed on the cross and yet restored to true life so that we too may share in that eternal life. We also share in the community He has created in His body, the Church. As we partake of this meal, we are not alone. God is present in the bread and wine as well as in the fellow believers gathering at this altar and within all believers around the world! Please join me in preparing our hearts for our participation in this special event.

C Father I trust in your Son, Jesus, as my Savior. As I prepare to receive His real Body and Blood into me, please make me worthy to receive it in a way pleasing to You. Create a true sense of repentance in my heart and a sincere desire to follow You after it is received. Please empower me to serve You better in a sense of unity with You and with my brothers and sisters in Christ. Amen.

The Words of Institution:

P Our Lord Jesus Christ on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks He broke it and gave it to His disciples and said, “Take, eat, this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me. In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: Drink of it all of you; this is My blood of the new testament, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do as often as you drink it in remembrance of Me.

P Come, the table is prepared and the Lord awaits.

C We come in the Name of Jesus.

The Sacrament Is Distributed for Us to Receive Songs during Distribution

♪ “Sing Hallelujah”

(Spiritwind echoes phrases)

Sing hallelujah to the Lord. Sing hallelujah to the Lord.

Sing hallelujah, Sing hallelujah, Sing hallelujah to the Lord.

Jesus is risen from the dead. Jesus is risen from the dead.

Sing hallelujah, Sing hallelujah, Jesus is risen from the dead.

Christ is the Lord of Heav’n and earth. Christ is the Lord of Heav’n and earth.

Sing hallelujah, Sing hallelujah, Christ is the Lord of Heav’n and earth.

Praise be to God forevermore. Praise be to God forevermore.

Sing Hallelujah, Sing hallelujah, Praise be to God forevermore.

Sing hallelujah to the Lord. Sing hallelujah to the Lord.

Sing hallelujah, Sing hallelujah, Sing hallelujah to the Lord.

♪ “Free”

Chorus: **I stand at the tomb and rejoice in Jesus**

He lives and He comes now for every man.

I’m happy and free with my life in Jesus.

I’m running to meet him just as fast as I can.

I groped in the dark of my own blindness. I cried out that I might see.

Then Jesus came and showed me his kindness. He answered my plea. *(chorus)*

On that cross against the sky he laid out his life for me

On that cross did Jesus die. But he rose in victory. *(chorus)*

Now soon He’ll come again in glory. And take me to my father’s place.

And there I’ll hear the remarkable story. Of God’s great love and grace. *(chorus)*

♪ “The Lamb”

1 The Lamb, the Lamb, O Father, where’s the sacrifice?

Faith sees, believes God will provide the Lamb of price!

Refrain: **Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!**

The Lamb is reigning on His throne!

- 2 **The Lamb, the Lamb, One perfect final offering.**
The Lamb, the Lamb, Let earth join heaven His praise to sing. *Refrain*
- 3 **The Lamb, the Lamb, As wayward sheep their shepherd kill.**
So still, His will on our behalf the Law to fill. *Refrain*
- 4 **He sighs, He dies, He takes my sin and wretchedness.**
He lives, forgives, He gives me His own righteousness. *Refrain*
- 5 **He rose, He rose, My heart with thanks now overflows.**
His song prolong, Till ev'ry heart to Him belong. *Refrain*

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The Benediction

Silent Prayers

The Recessional Song ♪ “Come People of a Risen King”

- 1 **Come people of the Risen King**
Who delight to bring Him praise
Come all and tune your hearts to sing
To the Morning Star of grace
From the shifting shadows of the earth
We will lift our eyes to Him
Where steady arms of mercy reach
To gather children in

Chorus **Rejoice rejoice let ev'ry tongue rejoice**
One heart one voice
O Church of Christ rejoice

- 2 **Come those whose joy is morning sun**
And those weeping through the night
Come those who tell of battles won
And those struggling in the fight
For His perfect love will never change
And His mercies never cease
But follow us through all our days
With the certain hope of peace (*Chorus*)

- 3 **Come young and old from ev'ry land**
Men and women of the faith
Come those with full or empty hands
Find the riches of His grace
Over all the world His people sing
Shore to shore we hear them call
The truth that cries through ev'ry age
Our God is all in all (*Chorus*)

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Postlude

--Spiritwind

PARTICIPANTS – April 4, 2021	
Altar Guild: Carolyn McQuillan & Jackie Hanson	
10:30 a.m.	
Musicians/Vocalists	Spiritwind: Angela Pringnitz; coordinator Amy Haeseker, Ellen Olsen, Susan Hammack
Pastor	Rev. Marty Marks
Lay Reader	Riley Marks
Acolyte	Heather Allen
Crucifix Bearer	Cody Allen
Sound Operator	Doug Nelson
Videographer	Nathan Allen
Ushers	Dan Lohmeier, Kevin Harms, Jackson Harms, Will Michels

THE WORSHIP SERVICE IS BROADCAST EACH SUNDAY AT 10:30 A.M. ON WLBK 1360.

Altar Flowers: “In loving memory of our daughter, Megan,” by Gary & Holly Gresholdt.

Easter Lilies given by the People of Immanuel. See the insert for the sponsor dedications.

Radio Broadcast: “To the glory of God and in loving memory of my wife, Norma,” by Beryl Weber.

TO BE A SPONSOR: Contact the office to reserve a date.

Cost: \$45 Flowers.

\$225 One-hour radio broadcast of the church service; \$125 Half-sponsorships are also available. Make your check out to Immanuel, with a notation on the memo line saying, “flowers,” or “radio.” These checks may be placed in the offering plate or mailed to the church office.

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