

A close-up detail of a hand in a white, textured robe, possibly from a religious painting. The hand is open and reaching out. The background is a light, textured surface with some brownish stains. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

*By believing
you may have life
in His name*

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& Facebook Live

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Theme for Worship: As the disciples learn of Jesus' resurrection, it takes a while for them to truly process how much their world has changed. Thomas has his doubting episode and the others still don't know what is going to happen next. Through it all, Jesus never gives up on believing in His followers, even though they have some doubts of believing in Him. This morning we'll talk about the power of having someone believe in us.

Pre-Service Music ♪

Ring of the Bells

Pastor Marty Welcome

Opening Hymn ♪ "As We Gather"

--*Spiritwind*

As we gather, may Your Spirit work within us.

As we gather, may we glorify Your name.

Knowing well that as our hearts begin to worship.

We'll be blessed because we came.

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The Invocation

P We begin in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

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.

Collect of the Day

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The First Reading

Acts 4:32–35

³²The full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. ³³And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold ³⁵and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 John 1:1–2:2

¹That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— ²the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us— ³that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. ⁵This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. ⁷But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. ¹My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. ²He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Children's Message

--Pastor Marty

Holy Gospel

John 20:19–31

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

C Glory to you O Lord

¹⁹On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” ²²And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld.” ²⁴Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.” ²⁶Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.” ²⁸Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.” ³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You O Christ

Sermon Hymn ♪ “Forever”

1 Give thanks to the Lord

Our God and King

His love endures forever

For He is good He is above all things

His love endures forever

Sing praise sing praise

2 With a mighty hand

And an outstretched arm

His love endures forever

For the life that’s been reborn

His love endures forever

Sing praise sing praise

Pre-Chorus **Sing praise, sing praise**

Chorus **Forever God is faithful
Forever God is strong
Forever God is with us
Forever, forever**

**3 From the rising to the setting sun
His love endures forever
And by the grace of God
We will carry on
His love endures forever
Sing praise sing praise
(Pre-Chorus) (Chorus x2)**

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Sermon: “The Power of Believing In Someone”

--Rev Marty Marks

Confession and Absolution

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

The Offering

(An offering plate is available in the narthex; plates will not be passed during the worship service. Immanuel has the ability to accept offerings through online giving. Families can easily give one-time or set up as recurring gifts. Simply make a secure donation via electronic check by visiting www.ImmanuelDeKalb.com. If you choose to set up a recurring gift, you will be prompted by email to create your own online donor account to manage your gifts.)

Announcements

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

☐ 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 Closing Song 🎵 "Blessed Be Your Name"

**1 Blessed be Your name
In the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow
Blessed be Your name**

**2 Blessed be Your name
When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness
Blessed be Your name**

Pre-Chorus **Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll
Turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in Lord
Still I will say**

Chorus **Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name Jesus
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name**

3 Blessed be Your name
When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all as it should be
Blessed be Your name

4 Blessed be Your name
On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be Your glorious name

The Benediction
Silent Prayers
Postlude

--Spiritwind

TODAY’S PARTICIPANTS – April 11, 2021		
Altar Guild: Carolyn McQuillan & Jackie Hanson		
	8:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Musicians/Vocalists	Linda Conrad; <i>organist</i> C-J Motisi; <i>pianist, vocals</i>	Angela Pringnitz; <i>spiritwind coordinator</i>
Acolyte	---	Chloe Marks
Lay Reader	Pat McKinley	---
Children’s Message	Pastor Marty	
Radio Narrator	Sue Harms	---
Sound Operator	Doug Nelson	Doug Nelson
Videographer	Nathan Allen	
Usher	Dan Lohmeier	

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

Altar Flowers: “In loving memory of Ike & Villo Jacobs,” by their daughter Irene Nelson & Family.

Radio Broadcast: “In loving memory of Ike & Villo Jacobs,” by their daughter Irene Nelson & Family.

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OPEN RADIO SPONSORSHIPS: April 18; June 6,13, 27; July 4,25; August 8,29.

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