

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD / EASTER SUNDAY
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Services: Sunday at 10 AM

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Join us for worship followed by coffee hour in the Helen Room after service. The service is available on Zoom. If you will be joining on Zoom, please have bread and wine/juice available for communion.

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Christ is risen! Jesus is alive, and God has swallowed up death forever. With Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, we may feel astonished and confused, unsure of what to make of the empty tomb. But this is why we gather: to proclaim, witness, praise, and affirm the liberating reality of Christ's death and resurrection. In word and feast, we celebrate God's unending love, and depart to share this good news with all the world. Alleluia!

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thanksgiving for Baptism

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins. Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.
Amen.

Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day.

Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life. Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

GATHERING HYMN: LBW #151 *Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

1 Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!

Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia! Unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!

Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!

Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia! Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

3 But the pains which he endured, Alleluia! 4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!

Our salvation have procured; Alleluia! Praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!

Now above the sky he's king, Alleluia! Praise him, all you heav'nly host. Alleluia!

Where the angles ever sing, Alleluia! Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit with you all.

And also with you.

KYRIE (*sung – LBW pg. 78*)

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen.**

CANTICLE OF PRAISE (*sung – LBW pg. 79*)

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
O Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray-

O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, so that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING: Acts 10:34-43

Peter crosses the immense religious and social boundary that separates Jews from Gentiles in order to proclaim the good news of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, so that God's forgiveness in Jesus' name would reach out to all people.

³⁴Peter began to speak to [the people]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 (*chanted responsively*)

¹Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good;
God's mercy endures forever.

²**Let Israel now declare,
"God's mercy endures forever."**

¹⁴The Lord is my strength and my song,
and has become my salvation.

¹⁵**Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:
"The right hand of the Lord acts valiantly!**

¹⁶The right hand of the Lord is exalted!
The right hand of the Lord acts valiantly!"

¹⁷**I shall not die, but live,
and declare the works of the Lord.**

¹⁸The Lord indeed punished me sorely,
but did not hand me over to death.

¹⁹**Open for me the gates of righteousness;
I will enter them and give thanks to the Lord.**

²⁰"This is the gate of the Lord;
here the righteous may enter."

²¹**I give thanks to you, for you have answered me
and you have become my salvation.**

²²The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

²³**By the Lord has this been done;
it is marvelous in our eyes.**

²⁴This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

The core of the Christian faith and Paul's preaching is the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. As the crucified and risen Christ appeared to the earliest of his followers, so we experience the presence of the Risen One in the preaching of this faith.

¹Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. 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, unfit 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 has not been 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. ¹⁰Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.
Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*sung – LBW pg. 83*)

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Mark 16:1-8

Glory to you, O Lord. (*sung – LBW pg. 83*)

The resurrection of Jesus is announced, and the response is one of terror and amazement.

¹When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint [Jesus' body]. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" ⁴When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. ⁶But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." ⁸So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ. (*sung – LBW pg. 83*)

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: LBW #390 *I Love to Tell the Story*

1 I love to tell the story/ of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story, because I know it's true;
it satisfies my longings/ as nothing else would do.

Refrain: I love to tell the story; I'll sing this theme in glory
and tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

2 I love to tell the story: how pleasant to repeat
what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet!
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
the message of salvation/ from God's own holy word. Refrain

3 I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting/ to hear it like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,
I'll sing the old, old story/ that I have loved so long. Refrain

Text: Katherine Hankey, 1834-1911

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

A brief silence.

Holy God, we pray for the body of Christ, the church. Where the church is persecuted, protect it. Where the church is privileged, grant it humility. Where the church is fractured, heal it. Guide us all to embody Christ's love in the world. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Life-giving God, we pray for the earth, your good creation. Join our prayers with branches lifted in praise and roaring waters of new life, that together we may proclaim Easter hope. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Merciful God, we pray for all peoples and nations. Free oppressed communities from occupation, exploitation, and abuse. Teach leaders your way of justice. Empower peacemakers and all who work to end violence and strife. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Liberating God, we pray for people everywhere who long for good news. Roll away the stones that keep people from living with dignity and wholeness. Breathe new life and hope into people struggling to make it through each day. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Loving God, we pray for this community of faith and for your Spirit in our midst. Feed us at your Easter table and fill us with your wisdom, that we may serve and care for others. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Here other prayers may be offered.

Eternal God, we remember those who have gone before us in death. Renew our trust in your promises, that we live with joyful courage and compassion. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERTORY

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Offertory Hymn (*sung – LBW pg. 86*)

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.

Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.

Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer.

Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

Offertory Prayer

Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

Amen.

COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (*sung – LBW pg. 88*)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Preface: It is indeed right and salutary...

SANCTUS (*sung – LBW pg. 89*)

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

Lord God of power and might:

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Words of Institution

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Our Father in heaven, OR. Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be your name, hallowed be thy name,

your kingdom come thy kingdom come,

your will be done, thy will be done,

on earth as in heaven. on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread. Give us this day our daily bread;
Forgive us our sins and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those as we forgive those
who sin against us. who trespass against us;
Save us from the time of trial and lead us not into temptation,
and deliver us from evil. but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, For thine is the kingdom,
and the glory are yours and the power, and the glory,
now and forever. Amen forever and ever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

Lamb of God (*sung – LBW pg. 92*)

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace. (*sung*)

Post Communion Canticle (*sung – LBW pg. 92*)

Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev'ryone what he has done.

Let ev'ryone who seeks the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name.

He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy

with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Thank the Lord and sing his praise, tell everyone what he has done.

Post Communion Prayer

We give you thanks, Almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

BLESSING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The God of resurrection power,

the Christ of unending joy,

and the Spirit of Easter hope

✠ bless you now and always.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN: LBW #352 *I Know That My Redeemer Lives (vs.1-4)*

1 I know that my Redeemer lives! What comfort this sweet sentence gives!

He lives, he lives, who once was dead; he lives, my ever-living head!

2 He lives triumphant from the grave; he lives eternally to save;
he lives exalted, throned above; he lives to rule his church in love.

3 He lives to grant me rich supply; he lives to guide me with his eye;

he lives to comfort me when faint; he lives to hear my soul's complaint.

4 He lives to silence all my fears; he lives to wipe away my tears;
he lives to calm my troubled heart; he lives all blessings to impart.

Text: Samuel Medley, 1738-1799, alt.

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE



Easter Flowers

Donor In Memory or Honor of:

Monica Anderson Memory of Anna Anderson; Audrey Frangiamore
Christine Aycock Memory of Adell Lynch; Ike Aycock; Willie Mae Aycock;
Sophronia Lewis; Mr. and Mrs. Goerge Wilson
Jeannette Bilstein Memory of Tom Bilstein
Gary and Judy Blank Memory of Harry and Lahala Blank; Norm and Ann Colbath
Peter and Ruth Dow Memory of Paul Koski, Ron Mueller, Lorne Gould
Pastor Crystal Memory of Karen, her mother
Romeo Osorio Memory of Fernando Villavicencio
Gudrun Schamoni Memory of Henry Schamoni; Susan Deinesch
Karen & George WirthMemory of Kristin Wirth; Marian Pedroarena; Geraldine
Wirth; Honor of Fredi Kapp

PRAYER LIST

For healing and recovery for Frank Charles, Ann Miller Taylor, Don and Barbara Wilson, Marty Cosgriff, Charlotte Berndt, God's protection for David Powell, God's guidance and wisdom for Cameron, healing for Helene Rabe with cancer, Fred W. Taylor, Madeline McEntyre, Scott Tyler, Jim Lynch, Jill Simmons, Shirley Lustig, Barbara who is in hospice, Michele Hansen, Lisa Weathers, Matthew Allison, Antonio Jamir and family, Bonnie Boller, Joann and Tye Peyton, healing for Michaela, Linda Fairless, Shamari Johnson Moore. (*Call office to add/or update Prayer List*)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dine and Connect, March 25: 130 meals were served to walk-up guests and delivered to homeless in Alameda with 18 volunteers helping. The Alameda County Health van also provided services to those in need. Next Dine & Connect April 29, 2024: This is an interfaith and community run program to feed the houseless and food insecure in Alameda.

Fellowship Hour: We love spending time together after worship! It's even better when treats are [provided.to](#) help this happen. Please volunteer to bring something yummy to share. The sign-up sheet is found in the Helen Room.

Special Fellowship Hour to honor Susan Dienesch: April 14 following worship.

Coffee Hour Pray and Chat: Wednesday mornings at 10 AM via Zoom, Linda Ganfield hosts a meeting for time of support, fellowship, and prayer with one another. All are welcome to attend. Meeting ID: 849 4316 1969 Passcode: 491635.

Recycling: Pure Recycling is available by volunteer Walter McQuesten - 510-521-1356.

Collects: Plastic: CRV, empty, crushed, bagged, no lids (put lids in own recycle); Aluminum: empty, crushed/flattened and separated; Glass bottles: clean and boxed. It's good to recycle!

Donate to Immanuel Online: People can donate to Immanuel using PayPal. Visit our website, Immanuel-alameda.org/giving, for more details. It is important that our offerings continue to support our ministry. Donations can be sent to the church, 1910 Santa Clara Avenue, Alameda, CA 94501, or drop them in the mail slot to the right of the metal gate on Santa Clara Ave.

Church Office: Hours vary and are available by appointment. Please call the office at [510-523-0659](tel:510-523-0659) and leave a message for pastor or volunteers. We are in need of more volunteers; please call if you can help.

Coffee Hour Sign-up sheet is in the Helen Room: Sign up to bring something yummy to share after worship during fellowship time after worship.

Volunteers Needed to help with live streaming and audio/visual aspects of worship. We will teach you how to operate the camera and microphones used in Sunday worship.