

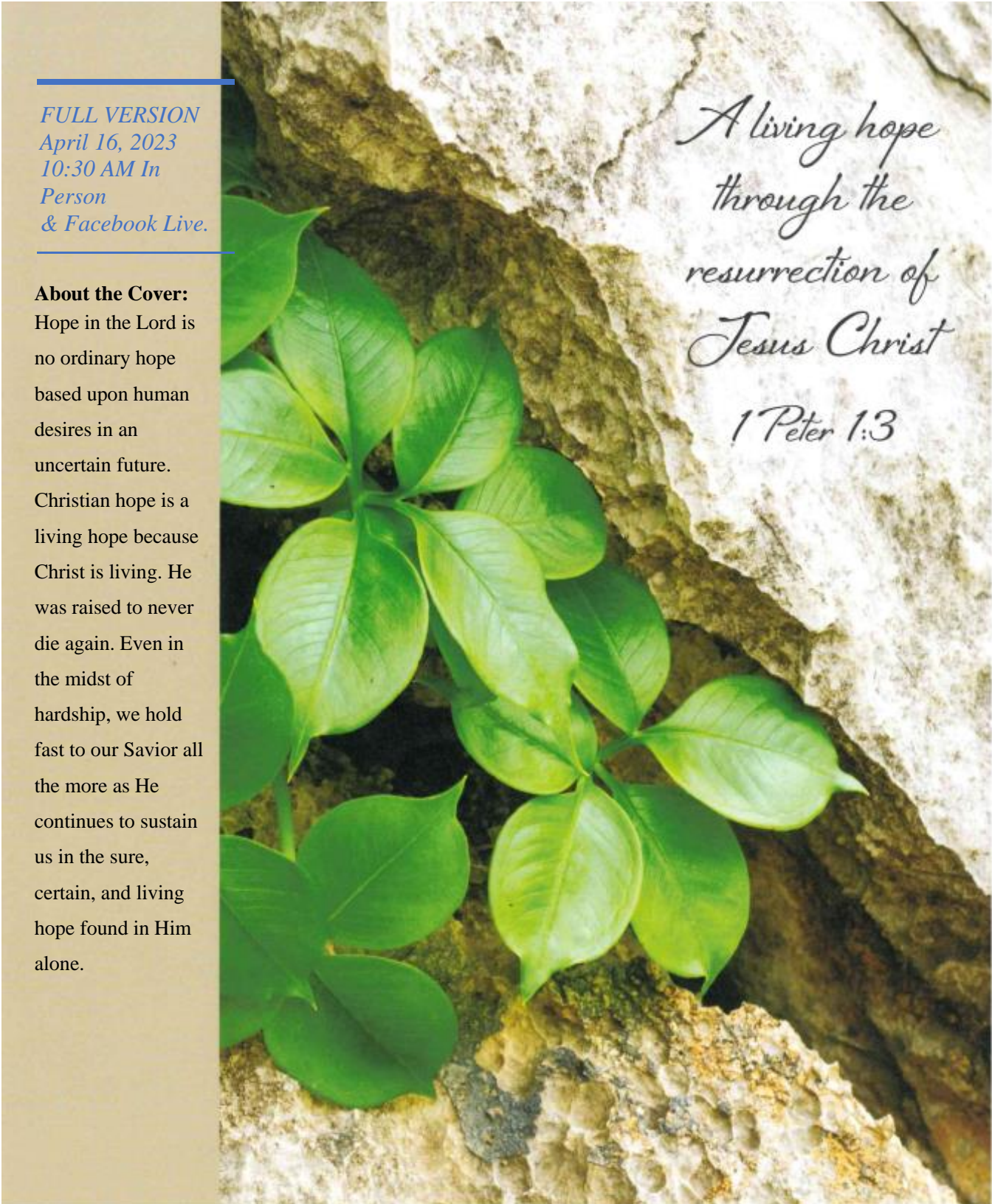
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*FULL VERSION*  
*April 16, 2023*  
*10:30 AM In*  
*Person*  
*& Facebook Live.*

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**About the Cover:**

Hope in the Lord is no ordinary hope based upon human desires in an uncertain future. Christian hope is a living hope because Christ is living. He was raised to never die again. Even in the midst of hardship, we hold fast to our Savior all the more as He continues to sustain us in the sure, certain, and living hope found in Him alone.



*A living hope*  
*through the*  
*resurrection of*  
*Jesus Christ*  
*1 Peter 1:3*

# IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH AND STUDENT CENTER

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10:30 a.m. In Person  
& Face Book Live

## THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Theme for Worship: This morning we continue to celebrate Jesus' resurrection. We'll see Thomas struggle to believe what he has not seen, recognizing the same struggles in ourselves. The forgiveness that washes away our sins, also instills us with the gift of faith to trust in our salvation through signs Jesus has done. We'll earnestly seek to BELIEVE the Easter message as we live out our daily lives.

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♪ Pre-Service Music  
Ringing of the Bells  
Welcome

*Spiritwind*

♪ Opening Song: "Shout to the Lord"

*Chorus:* Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing power and majesty, praise to the King; Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of Your name  
I sing for joy at the work of Your hands, forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand;  
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You.

*Verse:* My Jesus, my Savior, Lord, there is none like You,  
All of my days I want to praise the wonders of Your mighty love;  
My Comfort, my Shelter, Tower of refuge and strength;  
Let ev'ry breath, all that I am, never cease to worship You. *Chorus*

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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

## 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.**

### **Collect of the Day**

**P** Let us pray.

**P & C** 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.

### *Service of the Word*

#### **First Reading**

*Acts 5:29–42*

<sup>29</sup>But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than men. <sup>30</sup>The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. <sup>31</sup>God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. <sup>32</sup>And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.” <sup>33</sup>When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them. <sup>34</sup>But a Pharisee in the council named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law held in honor by all the people, stood up and gave orders to put the men outside for a little while. <sup>35</sup>And he said to them, “Men of Israel, take care what you are about to do with these men. <sup>36</sup>For before these days Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody, and a number of men, about four hundred, joined him. He was killed, and all who followed him were dispersed and came to nothing. <sup>37</sup>After him Judas the Galilean rose up in the days of the census and drew away some of the people after him. He too perished, and all who followed him were scattered. <sup>38</sup>So in the present case I tell you, keep away from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or this undertaking is of man, it will fail; <sup>39</sup>but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You might even be found opposing God!” So they took his advice, <sup>40</sup>and when they had called in the apostles, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. <sup>41</sup>Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name. <sup>42</sup>And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

#### **Epistle**

*1 Peter 1:3–9*

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup>to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup>who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup>In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, <sup>7</sup>so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be

found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup>Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, <sup>9</sup>obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Children's Message

*Pastor Marty*

## Holy Gospel

*John 20:19-31*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 20<sup>th</sup> chapter.

<sup>19</sup>On 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." <sup>20</sup>When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." <sup>22</sup>And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld." <sup>24</sup>Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So 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." <sup>26</sup>Eight 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." <sup>27</sup>Then 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." <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." <sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; <sup>31</sup>but 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 Song: "Spirit Song"

1. **O let the Son of God enfold you with His Spirit and His love,  
Let Him fill your life and satisfy your soul.  
O let Him have the things that hold you and His Spirit, like a dove,  
Will descend upon your life and make you whole.**

*Chorus:* **Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.  
Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.**

2. **O come and sing this song with gladness as your hearts are filled with joy,  
Lift your hands in sweet surrender to His name.  
O give Him all your tears and sadness, give Him all your years of pain,  
And you'll enter into life in Jesus' name. *Chorus***

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## Sermon: "Believing the Easter Message"

*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/ Announcements *The plates are brought forward*

*(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](http://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.)*

## 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.)*

**P** The Sacrament of Holy Communion delivers to us the forgiveness of sins earned for us by the sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross. His real Body and Blood come to us in, with and under the bread and wine. Not only are our sins forgiven through this meal, our faith is strengthened, and the Holy Spirit guides us to be better and more effective servants to God. To help prepare our hearts and minds as we receive these gifts, please join me in praying:

**P** & **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 my heart inclined 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 others. 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**

#### **♪ Distribution Songs:**

#### **♪ “Let us Break Bread Together”**

- 1. Let us break bread together on our knees, Let us break bread together on our knees;  
When I fall down on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord have mercy on me!**
- 2. Let us drink wine together on our knees, Let us drink wine together on our knees.  
When I fall down on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord have mercy on me!**
- 3. Let us bow ‘round the altar on our knees, Let us bow ‘round the altar on our knees.  
When I fall down on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord have mercy on me!**
- 4. Let us praise God together on our knees, Let us praise God together on our knees.  
When I fall down on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord have mercy on me!**

♪ “Shine Jesus Shine”

1. Lord, the light of Your love is shining in the midst of the darkness shining;  
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us. Set us free by truth You now bring us, Shine  
on me, shine on me.

*Chorus:* Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father’s glory;  
Blaze spirit blaze, set our hearts on fire. Flow river flow,  
Flood the nations with grace and mercy.  
Send forth Your Word, Lord, and let there be light.

2. Lord, I come to Your awesome presence, From the shadows into the Your radiance;  
By the blood I may enter Your brightness, Search me, try me, consume all my  
darkness, Shine on me, shine on me. *Chorus*
3. As we gaze on Your kingly brightness, So our faces display Your likeness;  
Ever changing from glory to glory, Mirror’d here may our lives tell Your story,  
Shine on me, shine on me. *Chorus*

♪ “Pass it On”

1. It only takes a spark to get a fire going  
And soon all those around can warm up in its glowing  
That’s how it is with God’s love Once you’ve experienced it  
You spread His love to everyone; You want to pass it on.
2. What a wondrous time is spring when all the trees are budding  
The birds begin to sing; The flowers, start their blooming  
That’s how it is with God’s love Once you’ve experienced it you want sing  
It’s fresh like spring; You want to pass it on.
3. I wish for you my friend this happiness that I’ve found You can depend on Him,  
It matters not where you’re bound I’ll shout it from the mountain top.  
I want the world to know; The Lord of love has come to me, I want to pass it on.

*Bridge:* I’ll shout it from the mountain top I want the world to know,  
The Lord of love has come to me, I want to pass it on.

Benediction

Silent Prayer

Postlude

PARTICIPANTS – April 16, 2023		
Altar Guild: Carolyn McQuillan		
	8:00 a.m.	10:30a.m
<b>Musicians</b>	Linda Conrad; <i>Organist</i> C-J Motisi; <i>vocalist, pianist</i>	Angela Pringnitz; <i>Spiritwind coordinator</i>
<b>Pastor</b>	Rev. Marty Marks	Rev. Marty Marks
<b>Acolyte</b>	Mark Misis	Irene Pringnitz
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<b>Radio Narrator</b>	Sue Harms	---
<b>Videographer/Sound</b>	Kevin & Jackson Harms	Doug Nelson
<b>Slides</b>	Doug Nelson	Nathan Allen
<b>Usher</b>	Ken Boldt, Donna Boldt & Alexis Cruz	Dennis Maakestad, Keith Nelson & Kyle Von Schnase
<b>Communion Assist.</b>	Ken Boldt & Roger Mass	Keith Nelson & Brian Pringnitz
<b>Greeters</b>	The people of Immanuel	The people of Immanuel

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