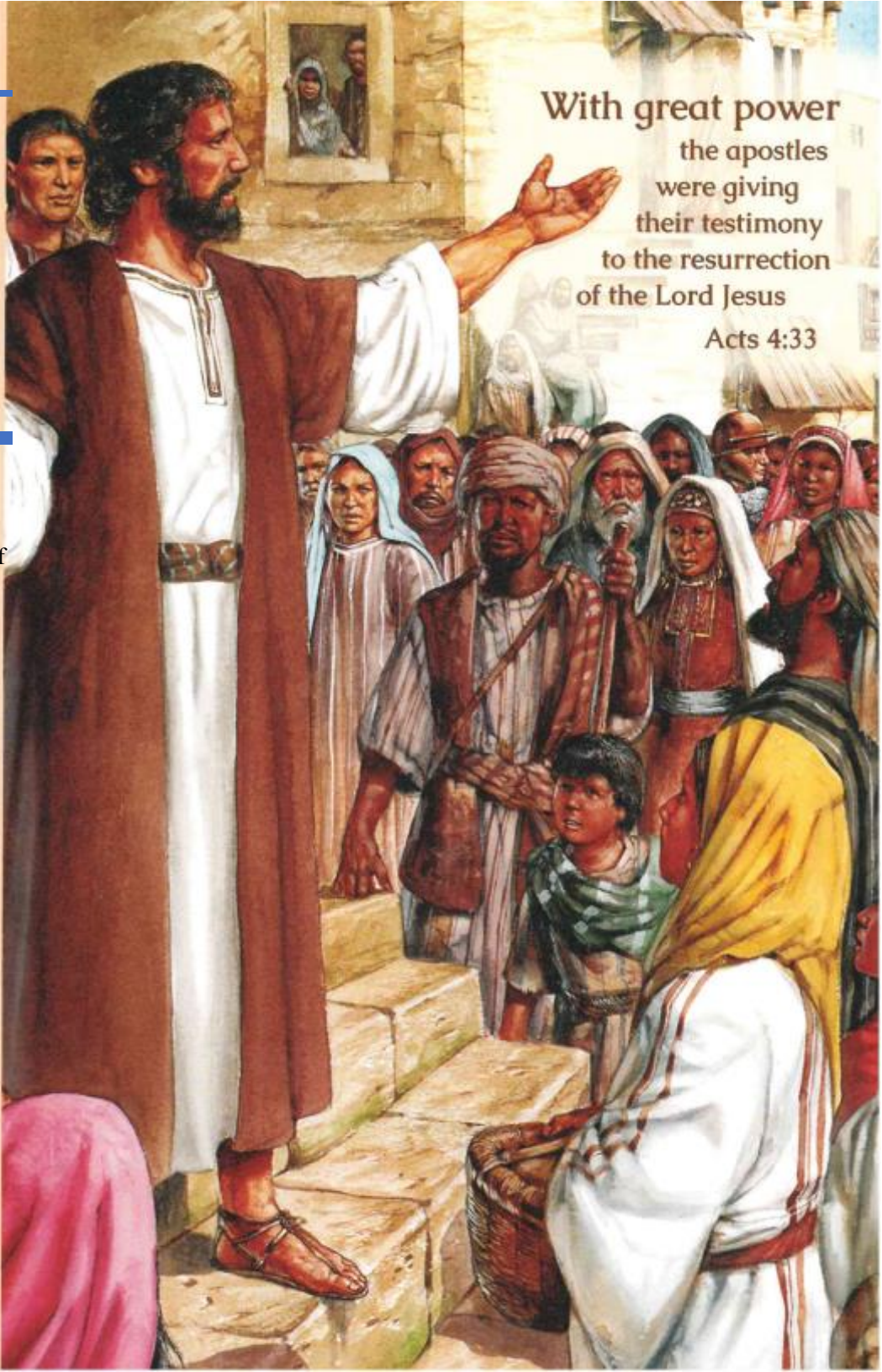

FULL VERSION
April 7, 2024
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About the Cover:

Great power characterized the apostles' preaching of Jesus' resurrection. The source of that great power did not come from them but from the One who sent them to speak with His authority. For this great power flows from the great grace of Jesus that was upon them all. Likewise, we today can do nothing apart from the grace of Jesus, who was crucified and raised for us.



With great power
the apostles
were giving
their testimony
to the resurrection
of the Lord Jesus
Acts 4:33

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: Still riding high from our celebration of Jesus' resurrection last Sunday, this morning we'll examine John's 1st Epistle and the message of Jesus for Christians years after the first Easter. We'll seek to recognize the darkness that still torments us, but seek after the light that Jesus has brought to the world.

♪ Pre-Service Music
Ringing of the Bells
Welcome

Spiritwind

♪ Opening Song: "As We Gather"

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.
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

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 \dagger 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.

Service of the Word

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.

P 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.

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 20th 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 Song: "Change My Heart O God"**

**Change my heart, O God, Make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God, May I be like You.**

**You are the Potter, I am the clay
Mold me and make me,
This is what I pray.**

**Change my heart, O God, Make it ever true.
Change my heart, O god, May I be like You. (Repeat)**
(End)

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Sermon: "The Message of Easter this Week"

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. 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*

Benediction

Silent Prayer

Postlude

PARTICIPANTS April 7, 2024		
Altar Guild: Jackie Hanson & Carolyn McQuillan		
	8:00 a.m.	10:30a.m
Greeters	Tom Sawyer	The People of Immanuel
Musicians	C-J Motisi, <i>Pianist & Soloist</i>	Angela Pringnitz; <i>Spiritwind coordinator</i>
Pastor	Rev. Marty Marks	Rev. Marty Marks
Children's Message	---	Pastor Marty
Acolyte	Alexis Cruz	Elly Pringnitz
Lay Reader	Dennis Martinez	Hayden Harms
Radio Narrator	Julie-Ann Fuchs	---
Videographer/Sound	Doug Nelson	Kylie Von Schnase
Slides	Glenn Fuchs	Doug Nelson
Ushers	Tom Sawyer, Dennis Martinez & Jeff Bannister	Dennis Maakestad, Kyle Von Schnase & Jen Allen
Communion Assistant	Ken Boldt & Taylor McWilliams	Dennis Maakestad & Keith Nelson

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

Altar Flowers: "In celebration of our Anniversary on April 5th," by Roger & Ann Nelson.

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

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