

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Altamont, Illinois
Second Sunday of Easter
Sunday, April 16 at 11:00 AM

Music Prelude
Ringing of the Bell
Welcome

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

CALL TO WORSHIP *Psalm 105:1–5, 8; antiphon: 1 Peter 2:2–3*
(Stand)

R In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

R Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation—

C if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

R Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;

C make known his deeds among the peoples!

R Sing to him, sing praises to him;

C tell of all his wondrous works!

R Glory in his holy name;

C let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

R Seek the LORD and his strength;

C seek his presence continually!

R Remember the wondrous works that he has done,

C his miracles, and the judgments he uttered.

R He remembers his covenant forever,

C The word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever, Amen.**

“Jesus, Your Name”

Jesus, Your name is power, Jesus Your name is might.

Jesus, Your name will break every stronghold

Jesus, Your name is life.

Jesus, Your name is healing, Jesus Your name gives sight.

Jesus, Your name will free every captive

Jesus, Your name is life.

Jesus, Your name is holy, Jesus Your name brings light.

Jesus, Your name above every other

Jesus, Your name is life. Jesus, Your name is life.

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(Sit)

FIRST READING

Acts 5:29–42

²⁹But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than men. ³⁰The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³²And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.”

³³When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them.

³⁴But 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. ³⁵And he said to them, “Men of Israel, take care what you are about to do with these men. ³⁶For 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. ³⁷After 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. ³⁸So 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; ³⁹but 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, ⁴⁰and 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. ⁴¹Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name. ⁴²And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

1 Peter 1:3–9

³Blessed 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, ⁴to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who by God’s power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, ⁷so 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. ⁸Though 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, ⁹obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SONG *"How Deep the Father's Love for Us"*

**How deep the Father's Love for Us
How vast beyond all measure,
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One,
Bring many sons to glory.**

**Behold the man upon a cross
My sin upon His shoulders.
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished.
His dying breath has brought me life.
I know that it is finished.**

**I will not boast in anything
No gifts, no power, no wisdom.
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart,
His wounds have paid my ransom.**

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(Stand)

EXHORTATION

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- P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C** **who made heaven and earth.**
- P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

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

CONFESSION OF SINS

LSB 184

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

ABSOLUTION

LSB 185

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 20:19–31

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

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.

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.

EASTER ACCLAMATION from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6

P Christ has risen from the dead. God the Father has
crowned him with glory and honor.

C He has given him dominion over the works of his
hands; he has put all things under his feet.

PRAYER

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.

(Sit)

THE CHILDREN'S TALK

THE SONG OF THE DAY

"The Strong Name of Jesus"

**There is only one Lord that we cling to,
There is only one truth that we claim;
There is only one way that we walk in,
There is only power in one name.**

Chorus:

**And in the strong name of Jesus
by the blood of the Lamb,
We are able to triumph, we are able to stand.
In the power of His Spirit,
by the strength of His hand;
In the strong name of Jesus,
By the precious blood of the Lamb.**

**Though apart from Him we can do nothing,
By His Spirit we can do all things;
Covered by His blood we are made righteous,
Lifting up the name of Christ, our King! *Chorus:***

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SERMON "Nothing Can Stop Jesus"

OFFERING

(Stand)

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE LORDS PRAYER

THE BENEDICTION

(GMP 53)

CLOSING SONG

"Shout to the North"

**Men of faith rise up and sing of the great and glorious
King.**

**You are strong when you feel weak,
In your brokenness complete.**

Chorus:

**Shout to the north and the south;
Sing to the east and the west
Jesus is Savior to all,
Lord of heaven and earth.**

Rise up, women of the truth, stand and sing to broken hearts who can know the healing pow'r of our glorious King of love.

Chorus.

Rise up, church with broken wings, fill this place with songs again Of our God who reigns on high. By His grace again we'll fly.

Chorus.

Ending:

**Lord of heaven and earth, Lord of heaven and earth,
Lord of heaven and earth.**

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There is a meal on today, April 16th to raise funds for current sanctuary renovations. It will be held at The Carriage House Event Center in Altamont.

You are invited to the free-will donation event which is from 10:30 AM -- 1 PM. Carry-outs will be available.

The menu includes fried chicken, bone-in ham, mashed potatoes & gravy, beef & noodles, vegetable, slaw, roll, dessert and drink.

Sponsors include Deb's Catering, The Giving Plate, the Schultz Family and the Ramsey Family.

