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+ Quasimodo Geniti (2nd Sunday of Easter) +

Prayer and Preaching

April 11, 2021

As We Gather ~ *The Wounds of Christ Give Us Life*

“For there are three that testify: the Spirit and the water and the blood” (1 John 5:7). These three point to Christ and flow from Christ. Jesus shows His disciples His hands side, from which blood and water flowed, saying “Peace be with you.” He presents the wounds which turn our fear to gladness and which restore us to the Father. Jesus breathes on His disciples and says, “Receive the Holy Spirit” (John 20:23). His breath, His words are Spirit and life. They raise up our dry, dead bones and give us new and everlasting life (Ezek. 37:1–14). Christ now gives His ministers to speak His forgiving, Spirit-filled words to the penitent in His stead. Our Lord continues to come to His people, presenting His wounds to us in the Sacraments of water and blood. He bids us to touch His side at His table, to receive His risen body and blood in true faith, that believing we may have life in His name.

Opening Hymn ‘We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight’

LSB 720

1 We walk by faith and not by sight, No
 2 We may not touch His hands and side, Nor
 3 Help then, O Lord, our un-belief; And
 4 For You, O res-ur-rect-ed Lord, Are
 5 Lord, when our life of faith is done, In

gra-cious words we hear From Him who spoke as
 fol-low where He trod; But in His prom-ise
 may our faith a-bound To call on You when
 found in means di-vine: Be-neath the wa-ter
 realms of clear-er light We may be-hold You

none e'er spoke, But we be-lieve Him near.
 we re-joice And cry "My Lord and God!"
 You are near And seek where You are found.
 and the Word, Be-neath the bread and wine.
 as You are, With full and end-less sight.

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Opening Versicles: Common

LSB 260

L This is the day which the Lord has made;

C **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

L From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

L Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;

C **I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.**

L Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.

C **Teach me Your paths.**

L Sanctify us in Your truth.

C **Your Word is truth.**

L From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

C **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.**

Refrain

■ The Lord God is my strength and my song, and
 He has be - come my sal - va - tion.
 With joy will you draw wa - ter from the
 wells of sal - va - tion. And you will say in that
 day: "Give thanks to the Lord, call up - on His name,
 make known His deeds a - mong the peo - ples, pro -
 claim that His name is ex - alt - ed."

Refrain

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and
 He has be - come my sal - va - tion.
 Sing prais - es to the Lord, for He has done
 glo - rious - ly; let this be made known in all the

earth. Shout, and sing for joy, O in -

hab - i - tants of Zi - on, for great in your midst is the

Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

Refrain
The Lord God is my strength and my song, and

He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son

and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;

as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will

be for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain
The Lord God is my strength and my song, and

He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

Reading

Ezekiel 37:1–14

1The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. 2And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. 3And he said to me, “Son of man, can these bones live?” And I answered, “O Lord GOD, you know.” 4Then he said to me, “Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. 5Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. 6And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD.”

7So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. 8And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. 9Then he said to me, “Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live.” 10So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

11Then he said to me, “Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are clean cut off.’ 12Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. 13And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. 14And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Proper

Psalm 81:1, 7a, 10, 16b; antiphon: 1 Peter 2:2a



Like newborn infants, Alle- | luia,*
long for the pure spiritual milk [of the Word.] Alle- | luia.
Sing aloud to | God our strength;*
shout for joy to the God of | Jacob!
In distress you called, and I de- | livered you;*
I answered you in the secret place of | thunder.
I am the | LORD your God,*
who brought you up out of the land of | Egypt.
Open your mouth wide, and I will | fill it;*
and with honey from the rock I would sat- | isfy you.
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
Like newborn infants, Alle- | luia,*
long for the pure spiritual milk [of the Word.] Alle- | luia.

Reading

1 John 5:4–10

4For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. 5Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

6This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. 7For there are three that testify: 8the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree. 9If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son. 10Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.**

Reading

John 20:19–31

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 to 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 to 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 jab my finger into the mark of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will absolutely 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 to you.” 27Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and thrust it in my side. Do not be disbelieving, but be believing.” 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.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Responsory: Common

LSB 263

L Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.

C Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

L Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.

C Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

L Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

C Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

Ten Commandments

C You shall have no other gods.
You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.
Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.
Honor your father and your mother.
You shall not murder.
You shall not commit adultery.
You shall not steal.
You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.
You shall not covet your neighbor's house.
You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

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.

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.

Sermon 'Do Not Be Unbelieving, But Be Believing' *John 20:19-31*

Hymn 'O Sons and Daughters of the King'

LSB 470



1 O sons and daughters of the King, Whom heav'n - ly
2 That Eas - ter morn, at break of day, The faith - ful
3 An an - gel clad in white they see, Who sits and
4 That night the a - pos - tles met in fear; A - mong them

hosts in glo - ry sing, To - day the grave has lost its sting!
wom - en went their way To seek the tomb where Je - sus lay.
speaks un - to the three, "Your Lord will go to Gal - i - lee."
came their mas - ter dear And said, "My peace be with you here."

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

- 5 When Thomas first the tidings heard
That they had seen the risen Lord,
He doubted the disciples' word.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 6 "My piercèd side, O Thomas, see,
And look upon My hands, My feet;
Not faithless but believing be."
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 7 No longer Thomas then denied;
He saw the feet, the hands, the side;
"You are my Lord and God!" he cried.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 8 How blest are they who have not seen
And yet whose faith has constant been,
For they eternal life shall win.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 9 On this most holy day of days
Be laud and jubilee and praise:
To God your hearts and voices raise.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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Offering

Prayer

L In peace let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart
and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout
the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the
calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the
common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For . . . [additional bids for prayer may be inserted here] . . . let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Collect of the Day

L 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.

Collect for the Word

L Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Morning Prayer

C I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me.

New Testament Canticle

LSB 266

Refrain
Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -

lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Christ our Pass - o - ver Lamb has been sac - ri - ficed.

Raised from the dead, He will nev - er die a - gain.

Death has no more do - min - ion o - ver Him.

Refrain
Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -

lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Dy - ing, Christ dies to sin, once for all. Liv - ing, He

lives to God. Count your - selves as dead to

sin and a-live to God in Christ Je - sus, our Lord.

Refrain
Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -

lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Benedicamus

LSB 267

L Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

LSB 267

L The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn 'This Joyful Eastertide'

LSB 482

1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide A - way with sin and
 2 Death's flood has lost its chill Since Je - sus crossed the
 3 My flesh in hope shall rest And for a sea - son

sor - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied,
 riv - er; Lov - er of souls, from ill
 slum - ber Till trump from east to west

Has sprung to life this mor - row:
 My pass - ing soul de - liv - er:
 Shall wake the dead in num - ber:

Refrain
Had Christ, who once was slain, Not burst His three-day pris - on,

Our faith had been in vain: But now has Christ a - ris - en, a -

ris - en, a - ris - en; But now has Christ a - ris - en!

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Immanuel Spirit

Scripture Lessons for next Sunday: Ezekiel 34:11–16, 1 Peter 2:21–25 and John 10:11–16.

Stewardship: John 20:19 – “Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’ ” The peace we have in Jesus is what makes a life of good works possible. Since we know that it is Jesus who saved us – not our works – we are now free to do good works. Good works shouldn’t be done out of self-interest but for the right reasons – out of thanksgiving toward God and love for our neighbors.

Building Healthy Families for April 11th: Did You Know: 45% of teens now say they are online on a near-constant basis. If you need assistance navigating the world of technology and raising a teen to make good choices, contact Lutheran Family Service. Whose UR Workshops are available to help families stay safe in a technological world. One parent who attended this workshop recently shared, “It opened up the door for us to talk about our use of social media.”
Lutheran Family Service of Iowa: Des Moines (515) 251-4900.
www.LutheranFamilyService.org

Life Quote for April 11th: “Christmas, Good Friday, and Easter clinched it for Paul. If God’s Son, divine and holy from all eternity, would take on human flesh for me, obey the commandments for me, suffer and die for me, and rise again to guarantee my forgiveness and resurrection, there can be no doubt. He loves me.” Rev. Mark Jeske, Time of Grace ~ **A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life www.lutheransforlife.org**

Lutheran Hour Ministries for April 18th: Hear “One Greater Than Mrs. McCallister” based on Jonah 1 by Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Where does one go to hide from God? Dr. Michael Zeigler says the book of Jonah is about God, on a mission to get through to you. ~ **Listen next Sunday on 600 WMT at 6:30 a.m., 1190 KFJB at 8:30 a.m., WHO-1040 at 7:30 a.m., & 1410 KGRN at 7:30 a.m.**

Life Thoughts in the Church Year: Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed (John 20:29) that even an embryo is a life worth having. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed that even becoming incapacitated or uncommunicative is a life worth living. Blessed are we who believe the Risen Savior proves every life precious!

Audio: LifeMoments from Lutherans For Life and KFUE Radio – “Hear the sanctity of life throughout Scripture and all year long! Life-Moments from Lutherans For Life listens to each week’s appointed lectionary readings with life ears and applies God’s Word to life hurts.”

Cleaning: Household(s) responsible for the week of 4/11—4/17 is **K. Schultz**. Household(s) responsible for the week of 4/18—4/24 is **Schutt**. If it is your week to clean church & you have other obligations or prefer to write a check rather than cleaning, the cost is \$50. Please contact the church office at immanuelutheran@iowatelecom.net no later than the Thursday of the week before it is your week to clean.

Summer Camp Registration Update: Due to the delayed nature of opening registration and sending out registration information, we’re extending our first discount deadline to May 1. That means that you’ll be able to save up to \$35 on your camp registration compared to fullprice, which will go into effect at the beginning of May.

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EQUIPPING THE PRIESTHOOD OF ALL BELIEVERS... Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's teachings include: What I Wish My Non-Lutheran Family Members Knew about the Church Calendar, Eastern Orthodoxy, Christians in a Woke World, The Prophet Jonah and more. You can listen on-demand at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

Celebrating Birthdays This Week

Caden Christinson & Elijah Kadera...Friday

Elizabeth Koepf...Saturday

Celebrating Baptismal Birthdays This Week

Dale Gilman...Today

Carmen Wiebold & Dwight Murken...Friday

We pray God's blessings upon you in the coming year.

Voters' Assembly Sunday, April 18th after the service

If you are not a member and desire to become one:

4.3.1 Definition: Voting members are communicants who have reached the age of 18 years and who have been received by the Voters' Assembly.

4.3.2 Reception: Applicants for voting membership shall have received a copy of the constitution and be given time to review it. They shall be received as voting members by presenting themselves at a meeting of the Voters' Assembly and signing the constitution.

4.3.3 Duties: Voting members shall attend the meetings of the Voters' Assembly regularly, participate in the work of the congregation, and willingly accept responsibility according to their ability.

ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS

April 1, 2021 Holy Thursday

Attendance	30
Communion	22
General Fund	\$980.00
Missions	\$45.00

ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS

April 2, 2021 Good Friday

Attendance	43
Communion	32
General Fund	\$140.00

ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS

April 3, 2021 Holy Saturday

Noon Prayer Service

Attendance	8
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Easter Vigil Service

Attendance	26
Communion	21
General Fund	\$20.00

ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS

April 4, 2021 Easter Sunday

Sunrise Service

Attendance	23
Communion	21

9am Service

Attendance	41
Communion	27

General Fund	\$4065.00
Missions	\$147.00

WEEK AHEAD

Today	8:00am	Council Meeting
	9:00am	Quasimodo Geniti (2nd Sunday of Easter) Acolyte/Crucifier: Finn/Joey
	10:30am	Christian Education
	11:30am	Board of Education Meeting
Mon.	11:30am	LWML
	12:30pm	Board of Evangelism & Missions
Tues.	9:00am	Winkle
Thurs.	11:00am	Bible Study
Next Sun.	9:00am	Misericordias Domini (3rd Sunday of Easter) Acolyte/Crucifier: Kaitlynn/Sloane
	10:30am	Christian Education
	10:30am	Voters' Assembly



SPRING CONFIRMATION RETREAT

Confession & Office of the Keys

April 30 - May 1



Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca



www.lcmside.org/confretreat/



The Spring Confirmation Retreat will be held over April 30—May 1, 2021 at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca. This year, Pastor Zachary Voss from St. John Lutheran Church in Homestead will leading our study on Confession/Office of the Keys.

Registration will be available soon at www.lcmside.org/confretreat/. The Confirmation Retreat is for current confirmands and is ideal for youth in grades 6-8. Youth must be a part of a group with a chaperone. We are looking forward to our first youth event since the beginning of the pandemic and we expect it to be a great experience for our youth!

Sunday of Special Offering



Lutheran Family Service is inviting our congregation to participate in the Say YES! appeal to raise \$50,000 to re-supply the Say YES!

Counseling Assistance Fund

before the end of their fiscal year on June 30. All gifts given to this cause make it possible for anyone in need of counseling who doesn't have the financial resources to cover the cost of their care won't be turned away. They're asking us to "Say YES!" so that they can always "Say YES!" to anyone in need during the coming year.

Please give generously online at
www.LutheranFamilyService.org/donations

or by texting the word GIVE to (515) 212-7585

On behalf of all who will receive help through your generosity...thank you and God bless you!