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**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OSMAN**

**Easter Sunday**

**April 20, 2025**

Divine Setting Three

**The Kindling of the New Fire**

*(In the earliest days of the church, Christians would gather at midnight on Easter Sunday to begin their celebration of Christ's Resurrection from the dead. This service came to be known as the "Great Vigil of Easter". Many lessons would be read over the midnight hours, ending in a service that would celebrate Baptism, where candidates for baptism would be baptized, and those already baptized would join in remembering their own baptism. This service would begin with the fire newly lighted on the paschal candle).*

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**Introduction**

P: Brothers and sisters in Christ, following His death on the cross, the body of our Lord Jesus lay in the tomb until early Easter Sunday. Today we are gathered here to celebrate Jesus' resurrection, when He passed from death to life. This is the Passover of the Lord in which, by hearing his Word and celebrating his sacraments, we share in his victory over death.

Let us pray.

O God, you are like a refiner's fire, and your Spirit enkindles the hearts of your faithful people with the fire of your love. Bless, we ask you, this new flame and those who keep this joyful Easter festival that, burning with desire for life with you, we may be found rightly prepared to share in the Feast of Light which has no end; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**Lighting of the Paschal Candle**

P: May the light of Christ, who is risen in glory from the dead, scatter all the darkness of our hearts and minds.

**C: Amen.**

P: The Light of Christ!

**C: Thanks be to God!**

**Easter Proclamation**

P: Christ is Risen!

**C: HE is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Hymn: "Rejoice, Now, Choir of Angels, Sing!"

*(At this point in the Easter Vigil, the congregation would join in an ancient chant that celebrates the first announcement of the Resurrection of Christ from the dead. This chant has been made into hymn form and presented for us to join in singing to the tune of "O Sons and Daughters of the King".)*

Rejoice, now, choir of angels sing,  
And celebrate God's mysteries,  
Our King has won the victory!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Exult, O earth, with radiance bright,  
Made brilliant by the King of light.  
Who has destroyed the gloom of night.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Be glad, oh Church of God, and sing,  
Christ has destroyed death's venomous sting;  
Let now this house of worship ring  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Wherefore, beloved stand with me,  
And sing God's praise unceasingly,  
All hail to Christ, Who makes us free.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*(stand to sing this stanza)*

Glory to God, The Father, Son,  
And Holy Spirit, Three in One,  
Now and as endless ages run.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.

(text: Rev. Jeffrey D. McPike, 1995, based on ancient Easter Vigil chant; tune:  
Gelobt sei Gott)

### Service of Baptism and Baptismal Renewal

*(The Vigil of Easter was traditionally the time for Holy Baptism in the Church. St. Paul connects our baptism with the death and burial of Christ. Today we renew our baptismal vows and prepare for the celebration of Holy Communion. It is here that we reach the very heart of Easter—celebration of Christ's life-giving death and triumph over the powers of sin, death, and darkness.)*

P: On this sacred morning, the whole Church of our Lord Jesus Christ recalls his death and burial, rejoicing with great joy in the Gospel of his glorious and mighty resurrection from the dead. The apostle Paul says:

“[Do you not know] that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. If we have been united with him in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection. For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be rendered powerless, that we should no longer be slaves to sin--because anyone who has

died has been freed from sin. Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.” (Romans 6:3-11)

**Hymn: “All Who Believe and are Baptized” .....601**

### The Sacrament of Baptism and an Act of Renewal

*(from the Baptismal Font)*

P: In Holy Baptism we are forgiven our sins and granted a new life in Christ, our Lord. We solemnly renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways; we confess the gift of faith in God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

P: I now ask you: Do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways?

**C: I do renounce them.**

P: Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

**C: Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son?

**C: Yes, I believe 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.**

P: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**C: Yes, 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.**

### The Sacrament of Holy Baptism for Nora Lynn Feit

## Remembrance of Baptism for the Gathering of the Baptized

**P:** Is it your earnest purpose to continue steadfast in this faith and in the promise of your baptism and, as a member of the Church, to be diligent in the use of the means of grace and prayer?

**C:** **Yes, with the help of God.**

**P:** Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with his grace to life everlasting.

**C:** **Amen.**

**Hymn: "Jesus Christ is Risen Today! Alleluia!" ..... 457**

**Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 65:17-25**

**Hymn: "Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven.....stanza 1.....477**

**Epistle Reading: I Corinthians 15: 19-26**

**Hymn: "Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven.....stanza 2.....477**

**Holy Gospel Reading: Luke 24:1-12**

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty fourth chapter

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

*After the reading:*

**P:** This is the Gospel of the Lord

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

**Hymn: "Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven.....stanza 3.....477**

**Hymn of the Day: "I Know That My Redeemer Lives" .....461**

(Verse 1 – all; Verse 2 – women; verse 3 – all; verse 4 – Men; verse 5 – all; verse 6 – Pulpit side; verse 7 – Lectern side; verse 8 - all

Sermon: "He has Risen, He is ~~not~~ NOW here!" Luke 24:1-12

The offering plate is located at the back of the church

Prayers

Communion Liturgy – page 194 – 198

### Service of the Sacrament

Distribution: Communicants will usher themselves to the FRONT of the church in groups of 5-7 people. They will space themselves on both sides of the Baptismal font. Please exit the altar area by the outside aisle to the side where you were seated.

**Hymn, "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds" .....465**

**Hymn, "Christ the Lord is Risen Today; Alleluia" .....463**

**Hymn, "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" .....469**

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**Closing Hymn, "God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It" .....594**

### Let Us Pray...

...for homebound members: Karen Bryan and Ross Warsaw

...for Jeff Warsaw as he recovers from surgery on a broken ankle

...for Faith Lutheran in Monticello and Trinity Lutheran in Urbana as they fill minister vacancies

...for St. Johns Lutheran Church in Mattoon

## **Announcements #1**

**Baptized today** is Nora Lynn Feit, daughter of Gina (nee Masko) and Anthony Feit. She is the granddaughter of Dave and the late Cindy Masko. Her sponsors are Katherine Masko and Chad Mazanowski. We thank the Lord that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon Nora the forgiveness of sins and have raised her to a new life of grace.

**Easter Breakfast** will be served today in the fellowship hall immediately after the worship service. The council members provided the food for the menu of egg casseroles, fruit, and coffee cakes. Help us share in the joy of the risen Lord!

**Thank you** to Jim and Sue VanWakeman, Bob and Diana Zimmerman, and John and Debbie Lammle for donating an Easter lily to adorn the altar on Easter morning. The Altar Guild also provided five lilies.

**Mowing Schedule!** The schedule this year lists the week that the volunteer needs to mow. It is recommended to mow on Thursday through Saturday of that week. If you have any questions, contact trustee Jeff Warsaw or John Grussing. Mowing Schedule:

The week of April 20 – 26 – Dick Johnson

The week of April 27 – May 3 – Darwin Warsaw

**Thank you** to the sixteen kids and adults who volunteered to sing Easter carols to our shut-ins last Sunday. They made a stop to sing to Sara and Dave Kunde, Susan and Austin Miller, Karen Bryan, and Linda Warsaw. Other residents at the Holly Brook Estates in Gibson City enjoyed our Easter message, too. Special thanks to Alicia and Nick Haggin and family for organizing the singing group and providing some great musical voices and accompaniments. The group enjoyed a potluck meal in the hall before singing which was organized by Deb Lammle.

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## **Announcements #2**

**Mens Day Trip!** Our congregation is receiving complimentary tickets for the upcoming Mecum Car Auction which is scheduled in May at Indianapolis, Indiana. A day trip is scheduled for Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Jerry Niemann (217-781-2997) or Dwight Hooker (217-649-2927) ASAP if you are interested or want more information. Last minute accommodations can be made for farmers if they cannot be in the fields that day.

**Thank you** to Sara McPike, Theresa VanWakeman Wilson, Alicia Haggin, and Nick Haggin for using their beautiful voices to sing for the worship services this past week and today. Also thank you to Sara McPike, Alicia Haggin, and Nick Haggin for their instrumental accompaniments.

**The Quarterly Congregation Meeting** will be held next Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, after the worship service.

**The 80<sup>th</sup> Annual LWML – Central Illinois District Convention** will be held at Zion Lutheran School in Lincoln, Illinois this weekend - April 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. The theme is “Planting Seeds of Faith” based on I Corinthians 3:6-7. The keynote speaker will be Gary Thies, from LCMS Mission Central in Iowa. Connie Warsaw and Brenda Hendricks will be the voting delegates from our group.