

Third Sunday of Easter ~ April 26, 2020

THEME: Jesus' resurrection fills us with the desire to speak of our hope to others.

HYMN 148: *The Strife is Over, the Battle Done*

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PRAYER OF THE DAY: O God, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world from the despair of death. By his resurrection to life, grant your faithful people gladness of heart and the hope of eternal joys; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **AMEN** (spoken)

FIRST LESSON: Acts 2:14a, 36-47 (EHV)

Peter preaches a message of repentance, faith and baptism in the risen Christ to the people of Jerusalem. Many receive baptism and are added to the number of the disciples.

2:14 Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and spoke loudly and clearly to them:

2:36 "Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ." Now when the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Gentlemen, brothers, what should we do?" Peter answered them, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far away, as many as the Lord our God will call." He testified solemnly with many other words and was appealing to them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation." Those who accepted his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand people were added. They continued to hold firmly to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of the bread, and to the prayers. Awe came over every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They were selling their possessions and property and were distributing the proceeds according to what anyone needed. Day after day, with one mind, they were devoted to meeting in the temple area, as they continued to break bread in their homes. They shared their food with glad and sincere hearts, as they continued praising God and being viewed favorably by all the people. Day after day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 67 (p.91) (spoken / sung in unison)

SECOND LESSON: 1 Peter 1:17-21 (EHV)

Christians live in the shadow of the resurrection of their Lord "in reverent fear." There is an awe that encompasses them as they consider the sacrifice of Christ and his resurrection. Faith and hope are not mere attributes in this life; they are its very essence.

1:17 If you call on the Father who judges impartially, according to the work of each person, conduct yourselves during the time of your pilgrimage in reverence, because you know that you were redeemed from your empty

way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, not with things that pass away, such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like a lamb without blemish or spot. He was chosen before the foundation of the world but revealed in these last times for your sake. Through him you are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

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HYMN 156: *"Awake, My Heart, with Gladness"*

SERMON TEXT: Luke 24:13-35 (EHV)

As Jesus appears to two of his disciples on Easter Sunday, they receive new hope, understanding and joy from him when he opens the Scriptures to them.

24:13 Now, on that same day, two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. 14 They were talking with each other about all of these things that had happened. 15 While they were talking and discussing this, Jesus himself approached and began to walk along with them. 16 But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. 17 He said to them, "What are you talking about as you walk along?" Saddened, they stopped. 18 One of them, named Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only visitor in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" 19 "What things?" he asked them. They replied, "The things concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet, mighty in deed and word before God and all the people. 20 The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be condemned to death. And they crucified him. 21 But we were hoping that he was going to redeem Israel. Not only that, but besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. 22 Also some women of our group amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning. 23 When they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. 24 Some of those who were with us went to the tomb. They found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him."

25 He said to them, "How foolish you are and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! 26 Did not the Christ have to suffer these things and to enter his glory?" 27 Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

28 As they approached the village where they were going, he acted as if he were going to travel farther. 29 But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, since it is almost evening, and the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them. 30 When he reclined at the table with them, he took the bread, blessed it, broke it, and began giving it to them. 31 Suddenly their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. Then he vanished from their sight. 32 They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was speaking to us along the road and while he was explaining the Scriptures to us?" 33 They got up that very hour and returned to Jerusalem. They found the Eleven and those who were with them assembled together. 34 They were saying, "The Lord really has been raised! He has appeared to Simon." 35 They themselves described what had happened along the road, and how they recognized him when he broke the bread.

SERMON THEME: There Really Are Happy Endings

1. Where Jesus brings hope to disappointed hearts
2. Where Jesus brings understanding to confused hearts

3. Where Jesus brings joy to grieving hearts

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION & DISTRIBUTION

HYMN 272: *Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God*”

PRAYER (Amen) & BLESSING

HYMN 588 Verses 1, 5, 6 & 7: *Abide with Me*”

SILENT PRAYER & ANNOUNCEMENTS & DISMISSAL

April 26, 2020 Announcements

During Our Worship Service this morning we will be celebrating the Lord’s Supper. Communion will be served differently today. Pastor will serve you in your pew.

Mini Sunday Worship Continues: Sunday Worship is offered as a sign-up of 10 members maximum for two mini-services at 9:00 a.m. OR 10:00 a.m. YOU MUST SIGN-UP TO ATTEND. We cannot have more than 10 people here at a time. Please do not arrive more than 10 minutes before Worship is scheduled to begin. Please leave church immediately after Worship has concluded and kindly take your Worship bulletin with you.

To sign-up for Worship: Sign-up sheet is on the table at the back of church or call (920) 233-1379. (There are several pencils to use to sign-up. Please feel free to use a pencil and take it with you.) *We intend to hold to this worship process unless our Government changes rules and/or guidelines for gatherings.*

Immanuel Military Members: All active or retired personnel please provide your service information to the church office or email to pastorseelman@hotmail.com. Provide name, branch, rank and dates of service. We would like to publish a complete listing for our Memorial Day Service. Thank you!

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GIFTS		Office Hours this week:	
Budgeted Need per week	\$3,120.00	Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 8:00 a.m. - Noon	
Budgeted Received 04-19	\$1,297.00	This week at Immanuel:	
Budgeted Need to date	\$49,920.00	Monday	Lamplighter Articles due in church office
Budgeted Received to date	\$52,025.25	Sunday	9:00 a.m. Worship Service (10)
Worship Attendance 04-19	18	Sunday	10:00 a.m. Worship Service (10)

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