

Heavenly Father, You sent Your Son into the world, as a man, in order to make a journey. This journey was a three year trek to a cross. He came onto earth to complete a ministry, His ministry of grace. This culminated in His taking upon Himself our sins and suffering our punishment. Open our hearts Lord to understand more fully His sacrifice and open our lips to share this truth. In Jesus' name we ask this. Amen.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Holy Saturday Service - The Cross Stands Alone

Church Phone: 867-5088 Pastor's Cell Phone: 760-1854

April 16, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. --- Worship with Holy Communion

Opening Prayer: Opening Hymn: "He's the Victor" (Tune 803)

He's the Victor, He's the Victor, He defeated death and hell.
He stood and proclaimed His vict'ry Before all those lost in hell.
He stood glorious, And victorious, He stood as the Lord of all.
All their knees bent down before Him, He declared our Gospel call.

Jesus Christ, The Lord of Glory, Jesus Christ Anointed One.
He fulfilled the Father's teaching, He came as the Father's Son.
His blood paid the price of freedom, His death brought salvation free.
His work brought to sinners glory Glory by the cursed Tree.

Jesus Christ the Lord Almighty Walked the path that brought us life.
He told all the fallen angels Nothing could remove His life.
He was God, the only Savior One whose death brought life to all.
He'd completed all that's needed Victory was His gift to all.

Invocation: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

On Holy Saturday our Lord Jesus declared His victory over death to those condemned in hell, and we share in that declaration, as we celebrate with Word and Sacrament. For God, who said, "Light shall shine out of darkness," is the One who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ (2 Cor. 4:6). Jesus said, "I am the light of the world; he who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life" (John 8:12).

***Colossians 2: 9-15** For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity dwells bodily, and you have been given fullness in Christ, who is the head over every power and authority. In Him you were also circumcised, in the putting off of the sinful nature, not with circumcision done by hands of men but with the circumcision done by Christ, having been buried with Him in baptism and raised with Him through your faith in the power of God, who raised Him from the dead. When you were dead in your sins and in the un-circumcision of your nature, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the written code with its regulations, that was against us and stood opposed to us; He took it away, nailing it to the cross. And having disarmed the powers and authorities, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the Cross.*

Galatians 3: 13-14 Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: “Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree”. He redeemed us in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus, so that by faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit.

Hymn: “Rejoice You Heavenly Choir” (tune 443)

Rejoice you heav’nly choirs, The triumph song ring out. The King has won the victr’y;
Creation raise a shout. His light, its radiance brilliant Has banished darkness’ reign;
Let all the faithful praise Him And sing the glad refrain.

Thanks be to God the Father, And to the Paschal Lamb, For our release from bondage
To sin and all its shame. This night the victory’s given, Creation dawns anew;
Such love beyond all telling Demands our praises true.

On Holy Saturday our Victorious Lord stood in His power and Might; and openly proclaimed His victory over sin, death, and hell. He stood before all the powers of hell and their reaction was to fall to their knees. “For by the name of Jesus every knee shall bow in heaven and on earth and under the earth” He accomplished His purpose to pay for our sins, to humbly serve His Father, and to sacrifice Himself on our behalf. His work was done and salvation was being given to all those who were His own. He was leaving hell to go to take His rightful place next to His Father’s throne. His work and His victory were complete and everlasting.

Ephesians 2: 4-10 But because of His great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with Him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages He might show the incomparable riches of His grace, expressed in His kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Hymn: “Our Lord Proclaimed” (Tune 475)

*Our Lord proclaimed the truth to all To all those bound in Satan’s claws
He stood before them as the Lord: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!*

*Death had no longer power to be Something to fear for we can see
Our Lord has gained us victory! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!*

*Jesus the name by which all bow Jesus the Name by which we know
He has removed our greatest foe. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!*

*Jesus decreed His victory He made it clear for all to see
He was the Lord eternally Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!*

On Holy Saturday Jesus proclaimed the true work of a servant. It was to carry out the work, the Father's Plan, in order that life and salvation would be granted to those who believe. More than that, a Plan that would bring His word of salvation into the lives of those lost in sin. He became the Paschal Lamb, the Sacrificial Lamb, the One who so caringly suffered in order that we would not have to pay the price. He was victorious so He could stand and demonstrate that He was the Almighty God and that every force of evil would have to bow in acknowledgment of His position. He is our Lord, and He has brought life to all mankind.

Philippians 2: 5-11 Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made Himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted Him to the highest place and gave Him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 27: 57-66 And when it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who himself had also become a disciple of Jesus. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered it to be given over to him. And Joseph took the body and wrapped it in clean linen cloth, and laid it in his own tomb, which he had hewn out of rock; and he rolled a large stone against the entrance of the tomb and went away. And Mary Magdalene was there, and the other Mary, sitting opposite the grave. Now on the next day, which is the one after the preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered together with Pilate, and said, "Sir, we remember that when He was still alive that deceiver said, 'After three days I am to rise again.' Therefore give orders for the grave to be made secure until the third day, lest the disciples come and steal Him away and say to the people, 'He has risen from the dead,' and the last deception will be worse than the first." Pilate said to them, "You have a guard; go, make it as secure as you know how." And they went and made the grave secure, and along with the guard they set a seal on the stone.

Confession of Faith: *Nicene Creed (back of hymnal)*

Hymn: "This Holy Night" (Tune 461)

This Holy Night Jesus pro-claimed for us Vic-to-ry over sin and death
He told all hell He had won for us Life everlasting, joy, and love.

Jesus was now the Vic-tor strong No longer suf-fer-ing from pain
He was vic-to-ri-ous over all He stood and de-clared hope for all

Jesus pro-claimed His power and might Standing before the pow'rs of hell
He car-ried out the Father's will He had brought life to all mankind.

Jesus announced that He would rise That their defeat was now complete
He would rise as the Lord of life He was The Lamb, The Hope, the Price.

Children's Sermon /// **Sermon** - *"The Cross stands Alone- Our Lord Stands as Victor"*

Offerings brought to the Altar

Prayers: The families of Heuring, Jim and Debbie; Hill, Warren, Jackie, Addison and Jude; and Hoffherr, Michael and Stephanie

Lord's Prayer

Confession of Sins: *Everlasting Father, we confess that our nature is sinful, that we many times defiantly reject Your will and purposely sin against you. We confess that it was our sin that placed Your Son on the cross and made it necessary for Him to be damned in our place. We confess that He had to take our punishment upon Himself to save us from what we deserved. We call upon Your mercy, for His sake, to bring us the forgiveness of our sins. Lead us to delight in Your goodness and walk in Your ways into eternal life. Amen.*

Absolution: 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. Amen.

Admonition to Communicants: I exhort you in Christ, that you give attention to the Testament of Christ in true faith, and above all take to heart the Words with which Christ presents His body and blood to us for forgiveness. That you take note of, and give thanks for, the boundless love that He showed us when He saved us from the wrath of God, sin, death, and hell by His blood; and that you then externally receive the bread and wine, that is, His body and blood, as a guarantee and pledge. Let us then in His name, according to His command, and with His own Words administer and receive His Sacrament.

Blessing of Elements /// **Distribution**

Hymn: *"Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty" 507*

Holy, Holy, Holy, Though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee, Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!
All Your works do praise Your name on earth and sky and sea
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty! Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Closing Collect: O God, who made this most holy night to shine with the glory of the Lord's resurrection; preserve in us the spirit of adoption which You have given so that, made alive in body and soul, we may serve You purely; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

Benediction

All hymns used by permission. Lutheran Service Book Hymn License #100014726
Lutheran Service Book Liturgy License #000014726

WHAT THE SCRIPTURES TEACH CONCERNING THE LORD'S SUPPER

In I Corinthians 11 the Holy Spirit led Paul to write, "This is my body" and "This cup is the new covenant in my blood" to explain the spiritual truth of the Supper: Christ is truly present in His body and blood in the bread and wine. This is a mystery, a Heavenly gift; one we can only understand in faith. Paul further says, "Therefore whoever eats the bread and drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord" and, "let a man examine himself...for he who eats and drinks, eats and drinks judgment to himself if he does not judge the body rightly." There is no doubt from our Lord's Word, we are receiving His body and blood. The Father offers us forgiveness, unity of faith, strengthening of faith, etc.; it is never our right, we approach His altar only by His invitation. If you are visiting we ask that you please speak with the Pastor before receiving the Lord's Supper. We strive to lovingly carry out our responsibility to ensure the supper remains a blessing for all, never a curse. May His richest blessing be upon all of you.

Kirk Horstmeyer, Pastor
Karen Whitehead, Organist

TONIGHT: Holy Saturday Worship w/HC 5:30 pm
SUNDAY: Sunrise Service w/HC 6:30 am, Breakfast Served 8-9 am, No SS today,
Easter Worship w/HC 9:30 am
TUESDAY: Confirmation 6 pm
THURSDAY: Bible Study 9:30 am and 6 pm
Next SATURDAY: Confirmation 9:30 am, Worship w/HC 5:30 pm
Next SUNDAY: Worship 8 am, SS 9:10 am, Confirmation Worship 10:15 am, Voters
Meeting in Lounge 11:15 am

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE: Sat, Apr 9: 42 LS: 37; Sun, Apr 10: 8 am: 67; 10:15 am: 80

MEMBER PRAYER LIST: Next Sat and Sun we will be praying for the following: Hoffherr, Stu and Caraol; Hofmann Jane; and Houseknecht, Kaylin, Garrett, Garrett, Gracelynn and Gabeiella.

VOTER'S MEETING: There will be a Voter's Meeting on Sunday, April 24 following the 10:15 service in the Lounge. All committees please be represented and all members are welcome to attend.



FISH FRY NEWS: Fish Fry date is Friday, May 6.

Sign-up Sheets will be on the board in the Lounge.

You can bring in your Chinese Auction donations and put in the Church office.

TRINITY DARMSTADT CONFIRMATION REUNION – In celebration of our 175th anniversary, Trinity Lutheran Darmstadt invites all our former confirmands to a reunion on Confirmation Sunday, May 22. Worship begins at 9:30am followed by a cake and punch reception to share memories of our confirmation, class, and pastors. All attendees will receive a free booklet with pictures of the youth confirmation classes from 1932 to 2022.

