



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
WATERLOO, ILLINOIS

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**Third Sunday of Easter**



**Saturday, April 17, 2021 – 5:30 pm**  
**Sunday, April 18, 2021 – 7:45 am & 10:15 am**

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“Making more and stronger disciples of Jesus Christ  
through the power of the Holy Spirit.”

# Welcome to Immanuel!

*Please turn off your cell phones and/or paging devices. Thank you!*

**If you are a guest**, please fill out a guests' card located in the cardholder on the back of each pew and then place it in the offering plate. We look forward to meeting you!

**Members**, please help us love and care for one another by filling out an attendance card. Remember to include all the members of your family who are present in worship today. If you are communing, please check in the appropriate place. Thank you for filling out an Attendance-Communion card every time you attend Church.

**We celebrate Holy Communion today!** In this Supper of our Lord we receive the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the earthly forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith. This Holy Communion is also a sign of our shared confession of the Christian faith. If you have not communed with us before, please speak with one of our pastors before doing so.

**During the communion service:** If you're not able to drink wine, the lighter colored glasses in the center of the tray of individual cups contain water with a drop of wine. These special glasses allow communicants to celebrate the Lord's Supper according to Christ's institution, but have a very small amount of alcohol.

## Worship at Immanuel is...

**Christ Centered.** We believe that at the heart of worship is the Good News that God has rescued us from our sins through Jesus' death on the cross and rising to life again.

**Trinitarian.** We believe that the object of worship is the only true God—The Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**Multigenerational.** We believe that it is a great blessing for family members to worship together. Taking seriously Jesus' words, "Let the little children come to me and so not forbid them" (Mark 10:14), we encourage children to worship with their parents and grandparents and provide resources such as children's bulletins and children's sermons.

**Eclectic.** Eclectic means, "selecting what seems best of various sources." We believe that we should strive to use the best hymns and practices that the church has to offer. Our worship may include hymns written 500 years ago as well as pieces written 5 months ago.

*In preparation for worship we ask that you silence your cell phones and/or paging devices. Thank you. The time before service begins can be a good time to pray and prepare your heart and mind for worship. You will find helpful prayers on the inside cover of the hymnal located in the pew in front of you.*

## **Divine Service, Setting One**

*(Lutheran Service Book, pg. 151)*

### **Preservice Music / Bells / Welcome**

#### **Opening Hymn, LSB 825, “Rise, Shine, You People”**

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- 1 Rise, shine, you people! Christ the Lord has entered  
Our human story; God in Him is centered.  
He comes to us, by death and sin surrounded,  
With grace unbounded.**
- 2 See how He sends the pow’rs of evil reeling;  
He brings us freedom, light and life and healing.  
All men and women, who by guilt are driven,  
Now are forgiven.**
- 3 Come, celebrate, your banners high unfurling,  
Your songs and prayers against the darkness hurling.  
To all the world go out and tell the story  
Of Jesus’ glory.**
- 4 Tell how the Father sent His Son to save us.  
Tell of the Son, who life and freedom gave us.  
Tell how the Spirit calls from ev’ry nation  
His new creation.**

*Please stand*

#### **Invocation**

**P** In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen. (Matthew 28:19b; [18:20])

#### **Confession and Absolution**

(1 John 1:8-9)

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will

**forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

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

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. (John 20:19-23)

**C** **Amen.**

**+ Service of the Word +**

**Introit of the Day** (Psalm 30:1-5; antiphon: Psalm 16:11b)

In your presence there is fullness of joy;

**at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up

**and have not let my foes rejoice over me.**

O LORD my God, I cried to you for help,

**and you have healed me.**

O LORD, you have brought up my soul from Sheol;

**you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.**

Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints,

**and give thanks to his holy name.**

For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime.

**Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

**and to the Holy Spirit;**

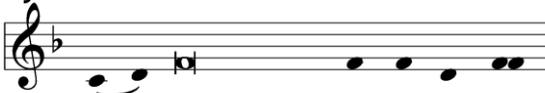
as it was in the beginning,

**is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

In your presence there is fullness of joy;

**at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

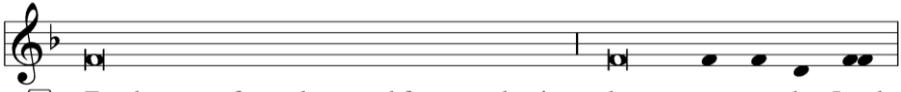
# Kyrie



**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



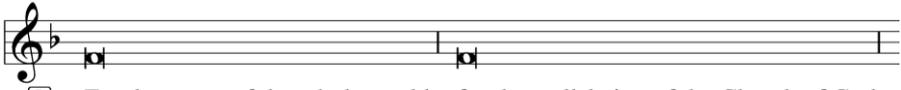
**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



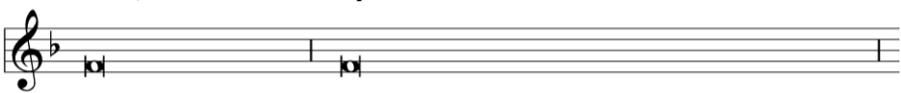
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



**C** A - men.

# This Is the Feast

*Refrain*



**C** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 — Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and  
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and  
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to  
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*  
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*  
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*  
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*  
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*



*Final Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

# Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you. (2 Timothy 4:22)

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

**All:** O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*Please be seated*

**First Reading, Acts 3:11-21**

<sup>11</sup>While [the lame man who was now healed] clung to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's, astounded. <sup>12</sup>And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? <sup>13</sup>The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. <sup>14</sup>But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, <sup>15</sup>and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. <sup>16</sup>And his name—by faith in his name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all. <sup>17</sup>And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. <sup>18</sup>But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. <sup>19</sup>Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, <sup>20</sup>that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, <sup>21</sup>whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago."

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Epistle Reading, 1 John 3:1-7**

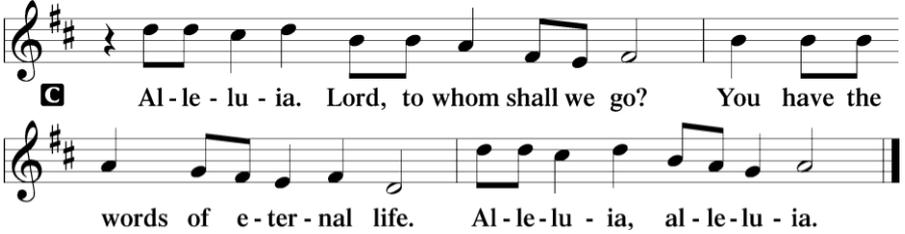
<sup>1</sup>See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure. <sup>4</sup>Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup>You know that he appeared to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. <sup>6</sup>No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. <sup>7</sup>Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Please stand*

### Alleluia and Verse



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### Holy Gospel, Luke 24:36-49

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 24<sup>th</sup> chapter.



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>36</sup>As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, “Peace to you!” <sup>37</sup>But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. <sup>38</sup>And he said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup>See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” <sup>40</sup>And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup>And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” <sup>42</sup>They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup>and he took it and ate before them. <sup>44</sup>Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup>And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

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



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

*Please be seated*

**Children’s Message** (Parents of young children may also come forward with their children.)

# Hymn of the Day, LSB 473, “Our Paschal Lamb, That Sets Us Free”

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- 1 Our Paschal Lamb, that sets us free,  
Is sacrificed. O keep  
The feast of freedom gallantly;  
Let alleluias leap: *Refrain***

*Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Again  
Sing alleluia, cry aloud: Alleluia! Amen!*

- 2 Let all our lives now celebrate  
The feast; let malice die.  
Let love grow strong anew, and great,  
Let truth stamp out the lie. *Refrain***
- 3 Let all our deeds, unanimous,  
Confess Him as our Lord  
Who by the Spirit lives in us,  
The Father’s living Word. *Refrain***

## Sermon, 1 John 3:1-7, “Holy Adoption”

*Please stand*

### Apostles’ Creed

**All:** 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.

### Prayer of the Church

(1 Timothy 2:1-4)

**P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

**P** (*Special petitions...*) Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Into Your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we

pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** Amen.

**Offering** (*You can place your offering in the plate in the narthex or mail it to the church anytime.*)

*Preparatory Music, LSB 767, “Jesus, Remember Me”*

### ✠ Service of the Sacrament ✠

*In this Supper of our Lord we receive the true body and blood of Jesus Christ under the earthly forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith. Since this Holy Communion is also a sign of how we commonly confess the Christian faith, we welcome to the Lord’s Table those who are confirmed members of congregations of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.*

### Preface

**P** The Lord be with you. (2 Timothy 4:22)

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts. (Colossians 3:1)

**C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. (Psalm 136)

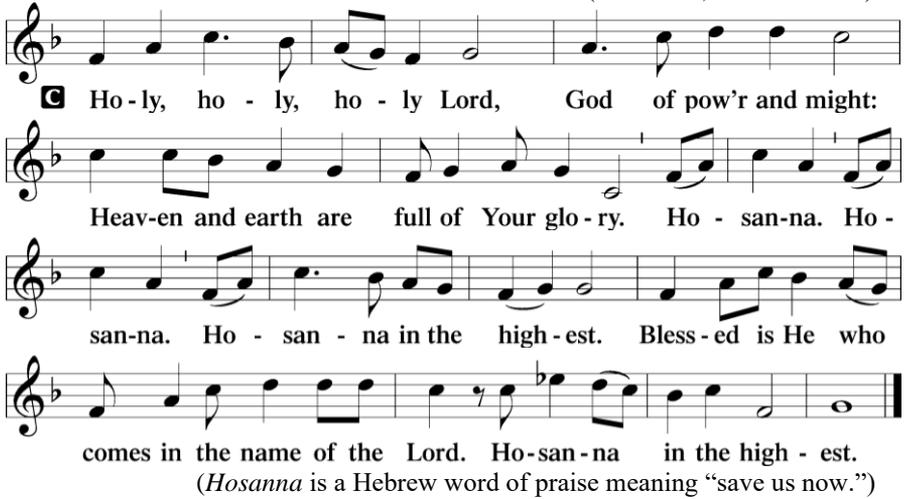
**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

### Proper Preface

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus

(Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.  
(*Hosanna* is a Hebrew word of praise meaning "save us now.")

## The Lord's Prayer

(Matthew 6:9-13)

**All:** 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.

**Words of Our Lord** (Matt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1 Cor 11:23-25)

## Pax Domini

(John 20:19)

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.



**C** A - men.

## Agnus Dei

(John 1:29)



**C** Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

*Please be seated*

### Distribution Hymns

LSB 594, “God’s Own Child, I Gladly Say It”

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- 1 **God’s own child, I gladly say it:  
I am baptized into Christ!  
He, because I could not pay it,  
Gave my full redemption price.  
Do I need earth’s treasures many?  
I have one worth more than any  
That brought me salvation free  
Lasting to eternity!**
  
- 2 **Sin, disturb my soul no longer:  
I am baptized into Christ!  
I have comfort even stronger:  
Jesus’ cleansing sacrifice.  
Should a guilty conscience seize me  
Since my Baptism did release me  
In a dear forgiving flood,  
Sprinkling me with Jesus’ blood?**
  
- 3 **Satan, hear this proclamation:  
I am baptized into Christ!  
Drop your ugly accusation,  
I am not so soon enticed.  
Now that to the font I’ve traveled,  
All your might has come unraveled,  
And, against your tyranny,  
God, my Lord, unites with me!**

- 4**    **Death, you cannot end my gladness:  
           I am baptized into Christ!  
 When I die, I leave all sadness  
           To inherit paradise!  
 Though I lie in dust and ashes  
 Faith's assurance brightly flashes:  
           Baptism has the strength divine  
           To make life immortal mine.**
- 5**    **There is nothing worth comparing  
           To this lifelong comfort sure!  
 Open-eyed my grave is staring:  
           Even there I'll sleep secure.  
 Though my flesh awaits its raising,  
 Still my soul continues praising:  
           I am baptized into Christ;  
           I'm a child of paradise!**

*LSB 475, "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing"*

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- 1**    **Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing!  
 Now is the triumph of our King!  
 To all the world glad news we bring:  
           Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**
- 2**    **The Lord of life is ris'n this day;  
 Bring flow'rs of song to strew His way;  
 Let all the world rejoice and say:  
           Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**
- 3**    **Praise we in songs of victory  
 That love, that life which cannot die,  
 And sing with hearts uplifted high:  
           Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**
- 4**    **Your name we bless, O risen Lord,  
 And sing today with one accord  
 The life laid down, the life restored:  
           Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

*Please stand*

## Dismissal

**P** Now may this... Go in peace.

**C** Amen.

## Post-Communion Collect

**P** We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## Benediction

(Numbers 6:24-26)

**P** The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The LORD look upon you with favor and give you peace.



## Closing Hymn, *LSB* 465, “Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”

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- 1** Now all the vault of heav'n resounds  
In praise of love that still abounds:  
“Christ has triumphed! He is living!”  
Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!  
Repeat their song of glory here:  
“Christ has triumphed! Christ has triumphed!”  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 2** Eternal is the gift He brings,  
Therefore our heart with rapture sings:  
“Christ has triumphed! He is living!”  
Now still He comes to give us life  
And by His presence stills all strife.

**Christ has triumphed! He is living!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**3 O fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;  
Set heart and will on things above  
That we conquer through Your triumph;  
Grant grace sufficient for life's day  
That by our lives we truly say:  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**△ 4 Adoring praises now we bring  
And with the heav'nly blessèd sing:  
"Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!"  
Be to the Father and our Lord,  
To Spirit blest, most holy God,  
All the glory, never ending!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

### **Bells / Postlude**

*We invite you to take the service folder and announcements home with you as you leave today so you can see what's happening this week as well as meditate on the Scriptures, prayers, and hymns from today's service as you go through the week. You can also find helpful information on our church website: [immanuelwaterloo.org](http://immanuelwaterloo.org).*

## Worship Helpers

### Saturday, April 17, 2021 - 5:30 pm

Preacher - Rev. Merritt Demski

Server - Howard Shive

Media - Greg Hoeffken

Pianist - Ron Jones

Acolyte - Sarah Alu

### Sunday, April 18, 2021 - 7:45 am

Preacher - Rev. Merritt Demski

Server - Dean Harbison

Acolytes - Davin & Jacob Dethrow

Ushers - Chuck Keller, Craig Mehner, Larry Taake, Dawn Rubemeyer

Media - Pam Nagel

Celebrant - Rev. Dr. Tony Troup

Lector - Ollney Mueller, Jr.

Music Director - Ann Frank

### Sunday, April 18, 2021 - 10:15 am

Preacher - Rev. Merritt Demski

Music Director - Ann Frank

Acolytes - Kadin LaRue & Blake Nichols

Ushers - Rodney Clamors, Paul & Jenna Hoeffken, Evan & Wyatt Fink

Celebrant - Rev. Dr. Tony Troup

Server/Lector - Hayden Brown

Media/Facebook Live - Lisa Clamors

### Ushers - Sunday, April 25, 2021

7:45 am - Bill Stueve, Charles Lloyd, Kevin & Alex Whelan

10:15 am - Robert Mesnarich Jr., Pam Nagel, Don & Carol Matzenbacher

### Acolytes - Sunday, April 25, 2021

Saturday 5:30 pm - Ava Hemmer

Sunday 7:45 am - A. Whelan & N. Hoeffken

Sunday 10:15 am - Kaden & Keaton Roberts

### Servers - Sunday, April 25, 2021

Saturday 5:30 pm - Rodney Clamors

Sunday 7:45 am - Warren Frank

Sunday 10:15 am - Hayden Brown

### Media - Sunday, April 25, 2021

Saturday 5:30 pm - Kelley Keller

Sunday 7:45 am - Lisa Clamors

Sunday 10:15 am - Cathy Whelan

### Lectors - Sunday, April 25, 2021

Saturday 5:30 pm - n/a

Sunday 7:45 am - Warren Frank

Sunday 10:15 am - Jen Janssen

### Altar Guild - Sunday, April 25, 2021

Saturday 5:30 pm - Diana Heins

Sunday 7:45 am - Sandy T & Faith

Sunday 10:15 am - Janet Goessling

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