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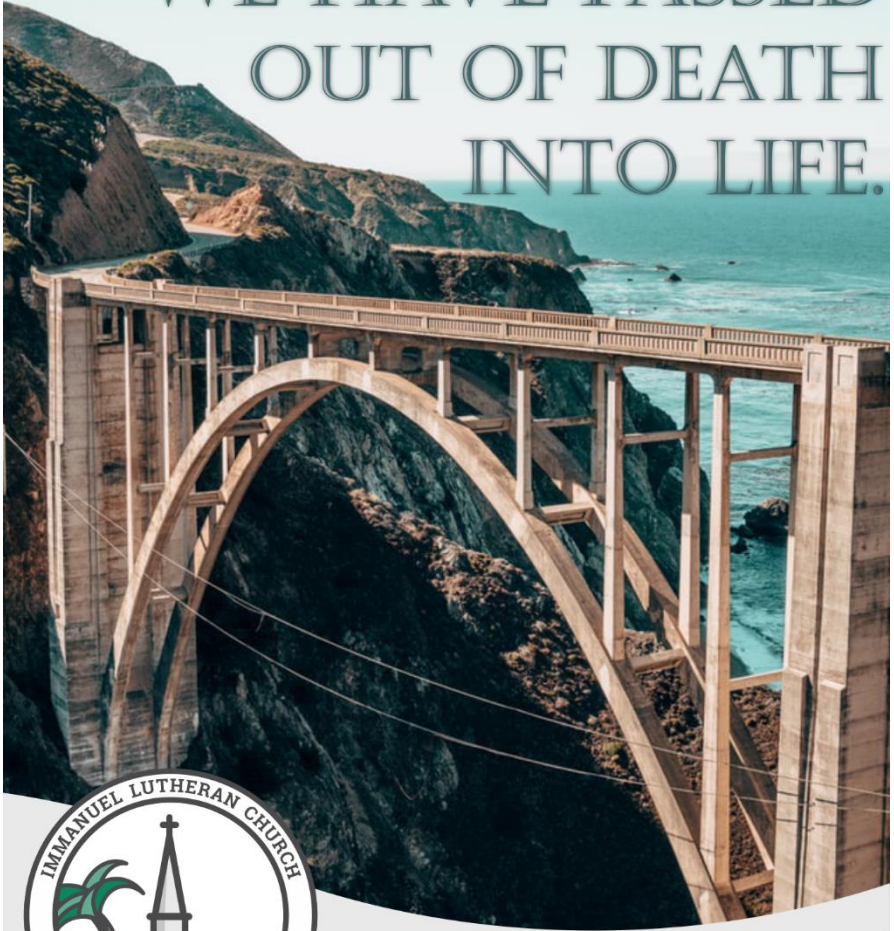
**Easter 2**

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WE HAVE PASSED  
OUT OF DEATH  
INTO LIFE.



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## PRE-SERVICE MEDITATION

Psalm 4

<sup>1</sup> Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness! You have given me relief when I was in distress. Be gracious to me and hear my prayer! <sup>2</sup> O men, how long shall my honor be turned into shame? How long will you love vain words and seek after lies? Selah <sup>3</sup> But know that the LORD has set apart the godly for himself; the LORD hears when I call to him. <sup>4</sup> Be angry, and do not sin; ponder in your own hearts on your beds, and be silent. Selah <sup>5</sup> Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the LORD. <sup>6</sup> There are many who say, "Who will show us some good? Lift up the light of your face upon us, O LORD!" <sup>7</sup> You have put more joy in my heart than they have when their grain and wine abound. <sup>8</sup> In peace I will both lie down and sleep; for you alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety.

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### ✠ Order of Divine Worship ✠

#### OPENING PRAYER

**HYMN: TLH #192:1-3**

**"Awake, My Heart, with Gladness"**

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

**C** ♪ A - - - men.

**P** Pastor

#### CONFESION AND ABSOLUTION:

**C** Congregation

*We come before God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.*

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**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

**C** ♪ **Who made heaven and earth.**

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

**C** ♪ **And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.**

**P** Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C** **O most merciful God, who hast given Thine only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Thy Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of Thee and of Thy will and true obedience to Thy Word, to the end that by Thy grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**P** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in His name He gives power to become the sons of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

**C** ♪ A - - - men.

### INTROIT

*Ps. 30:1-5; Ps. 16:11*

*A collection of passages that set the tone for the service.*

**P** In Your presence there is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

**C** I will extoll You, O LORD, for You have drawn me up and have not let my foes rejoice over me.

**P** O LORD my God, I cried to You for help, and You have healed me.

**C** O LORD, You have brought up my soul from Sheol; You restored me to life from those among those who go down to the pit.

**P** Sing praise to the LORD, O you his saints, and give thanks to His holy name.

**C** 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.

### GLORIA PATRI

*Latin for "Glory be to the Father"*

The musical score for the Gloria Patri is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line begins with a C-clef and a common time signature. The lyrics are: "Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;". The piano accompaniment is in the bass clef and provides harmonic support. The second system continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men." The piano accompaniment concludes with a final cadence.

### VERSE OF THE DAY

*Rom. 6:9; Luke 24:32*

**P** Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. Alleluia. Did not our hearts burn within us while He talked to us on the road, while He opened to us the Scriptures? Alleluia.

## THE KYRIE

Latin for "O Lord"

**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST

TLH #237:1

**C** All glory be to God on high, Who hath our race befriended! To us no harm shall now come nigh, The strife at last is ended. God showeth His good will to men, And peace shall reign on earth again; O thank Him for His goodness!

**P** Let us pray. . . and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** A - - - men.

**EPISTLE READING – 1 John 3:1-7** 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 in order 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.



**GOSPEL READING – Luke 24:36-49** 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 for the 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."

## **CONFESSION OF FAITH**

*The Apostles' Creed*

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*The Apostles' Creed is a summary of Christian faith as taught by the Apostles.*

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**I believe in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.  
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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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.**

**HYMN: TLH #210**

**"The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done"**

**SERMON – Acts 3:11-21** While he clung to Peter and John, all the people, utterly astounded, ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's. <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 back, 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.

## Jesus Christ: Your Unburnable Bridge

### OFFERTORY

*In this prayer we OFFER God our hearts, asking Him for that best of all gifts, the Holy Spirit.*

**G** ♪ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

**HYMN: TLH #206:1-4**

**"Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense"**

### PRAYER, LORD'S PRAYER, and BENEDICTION

**P** The LORD bless you and keep you . . . and give you His peace.

**G** ♪ Amen, amen, a – men.

**HYMN: TLH #189**

**"He is Arisen! Glorious Word!"**