

- WELCOME!** ✧ Welcome! We are glad you have joined us for worship. We are a Reconciling In Christ congregation and welcome people of every race, ethnic background, social status, physical limitation, sexual orientation and gender identity. Together in our diversity, we seek to embrace the love God offers us in Jesus Christ.
- HOLY COMMUNION** ✧ You are invited to receive God’s gifts of forgiveness and new life in Christ at God’s table of Holy Communion. If you are joining from home, please set your table with bread or crackers and wine or grape juice. We are prepared and worthy to receive Holy Communion when we come with an open heart, trusting that God’s love is for us.
- RECORDING** ✧ First Immanuel is committed to connect with people who are unable to be with us in person for worship. Please note that we are connected by Zoom and through YouTube. And as such, video recording takes place throughout the service.
- CHILDREN** ✧ We encourage children to participate with their families in worship. It is our custom to invite children to come forward for a special message from the Pastors just before the sermon. Parents are welcome to join them. A play area with a nursing area and changing table is downstairs. Please ask an usher.
- COFFEE** ✧ Please join us downstairs in Fellowship Hall following worship for Coffee Hour.
- MASKS** ✧ Masks are an effective way to protect us from infection. We are currently mask optional. We encourage frequent hand washing and use of hand sanitizer, and that you stay current on your vaccinations.

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# PALM / PASSION SUNDAY HOLY COMMUNION

13 April 2025

## GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC

*“Valet will ich dir geben”*

J.S. Bach, comp.

\* LITURGY OF THE PALMS

Pastor: Blessed is the Ruler who comes in the name of the Lord.

**People: Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.**

Pastor: God be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

**People: It is right to praise you, Almighty and All-tender God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your chosen, Jesus Christ. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in humility and triumph and was proclaimed as Ruler of all by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our Ruler, and follow him in the way of peace that leads to eternal life, who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and foerever. Amen**

\* PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL

**Luke 19:29-40**

Pastor: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

**People: Hosanna in the highest.**

\* Please stand as you are able.

\* OPENING HYMN                      “All Glory, Laud, and Honor”                      ELW 344 (*red book*)

**Refrain:**

**All glory, laud, and honor  
to you, redeemer, king,  
to whom the lips of children  
made sweet hosannas ring.**

1. You are the king of Israel  
and David’s royal Son,  
now in the Lord’s name coming,  
our King and Blessed One.

**Refrain**

2. The company of angels  
are praising you on high;  
creation and all mortals  
in chorus make reply.

**Refrain**

3. The multitude of pilgrims  
with palms before you went;  
our praise and prayer and anthems  
before you we present.

**Refrain**

4. To you, before your passion,  
they sang their hymns of praise.  
To you, now high exalted,  
our melody we raise.

**Refrain**

5. Their praises you accepted;  
accept the prayers we bring,  
great author of all goodness,  
O good and gracious King.

**Refrain**

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Pastor:     Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

People:    **Hosanna in the highest.**

\* PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor:     Let us pray.

People:    **O God of mercy and might, in the mystery of the Passion of Christ you offer eternal life and infinite love to the world. Gather us around the cross and preserve us until the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and passionate Lover of our Souls. Amen**

WELCOME AND PARISH NOTES

**WORD**

CHILDREN’S TIME

Pastor Christine Core

CHOIR ANTHEM

“The Holy City”

Stephen Adams, comp.

\* **THE GOSPEL**

**Luke 19:41-46**

Pastor: The Gospel continues according to Luke.

\* **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Assistant: Let us pray for the healing of our world, the Church, and all people in need.

*After each petition...*

Assistant: Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude...*

Pastor: Loving God, in you alone we place our hope. In your wisdom and kindness grant healing and peace to all for whom we pray, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**People: Amen**

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<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
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\* **SHARING THE PEACE**

Pastor: The peace of the Crucified and Risen One be with you always.

**People: And also with you.**

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**GATHERING OF GIFTS**

*“Siciliana”*

**J.S. Bach, comp.**

\* **SETTING THE TABLE**

**ELW 186** (*red book*)

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free spirit.

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Assistant: Let us pray. Gracious Provider,

**People: You set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen**

\* **THE INSTITUTION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER**

**Luke 22:15-23**

Pastor: The Gospel continues according to Luke.

\* **THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

Pastor: Gracious God of life and light, our hearts are full of gratitude, for in the beginning, you loved us into life and gathered us to your heart. You called us your people and called us back again when we were exiled far from you. Once captive in Egypt and Babylon, you brought us home to a place of refuge in you, guiding us through a wilderness of desert days and desperate nights.

**People: Through every generation when your people became captive to darkness and despair, you called prophets and wise ones to illumine the way back to you. Promising that your light would never be extinguished, you brought it into the world in the person of Jesus, our light and our life.**

Pastor: And even when we betray or deny Jesus, you forgive us and call us home. Nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus.

**People: We remember your gracious hospitality, O God, and with this bread and cup we feast at your table in joyful anticipation of that day when all creation will find its home in you.**

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**SING: P. 16 CALL US HOME** (*booklet*)

**People: God, Creator, call us home.  
God, Christ Jesus, call us home.  
God, Holy Spirit, call us home.  
God, we're longing to come home. (Repeat...)**

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\* **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**READ**

**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**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Pastor: Taste and see that the Lord is good. Welcome to the Lord's table.

*All are welcome at Christ's table, where the risen Christ is present to strengthen us to share in God's loving purposes for the world. The ushers will direct you to the altar rail. The glasses in the center of the communion tray contain grape juice for those who wish it. If you require a gluten-free wafer, please ask the pastor. To receive a pastoral blessing instead of the bread and wine, simply fold your hands. You are also welcome at stations for prayer with laying on of hands and anointing with oil for healing.*

**LAMB OF GOD****SING: P. 17 CALL US HOME** (*booklet*)

Lamb of God, you take away our sin. Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away our fear, Lamb of God, you grant us peace.

Call us home when we've lost our way, adrift and alone in the world.

Lift the darkness of empty days, flooding us with light, 'til we return home.

Lamb of God, you take away our sin. Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you free us from our fear, Lamb of God, in you, our peace.

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**DISTRIBUTION HYMN 1****“Go to Dark Gethsemane”****ELW 347** (*red book*)

1. Go to dark Gethsemane,  
all who feel the tempter's pow'r;  
your Redeemer's conflict see.  
Watch with him one bitter hour;  
turn not from his griefs away;  
learn from Jesus Christ to pray.
2. Follow to the judgment hall,  
view the Lord of life arraigned;  
oh, the wormwood and the gall!  
Oh, the pangs his soul sustained!  
Shun not suff'ring, shame, or loss;  
learn from him to bear the cross.

3. Calv'ry's mournful mountain climb;  
there, adoring at his feet,  
mark the miracle of time,  
God's own sacrifice complete.  
“It is finished!” hear him cry;  
Learn from Jesus Christ to die.
4. Early hasten to the tomb  
where they laid his breathless clay;  
all is solitude and gloom.  
Who has taken him away?  
Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes.  
Savior, teach us so to rise.

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**DISTRIBUTION HYMN 2****“My Song Is Love Unknown”****TEXT: ELW 343** (*red book*)**TUNE: ELW 640** (*red book*)

1. My song is love unknown,  
my Savior's love to me,  
love to the loveless shown,  
that they might lovely be.  
Oh, who am I, that for my sake  
my Lord should take  
frail flesh and die?  
my Lord should take  
frail flesh and die?
2. He came from his blest throne  
salvation to bestow;  
the world that was his own  
would not its Savior know.

- But, oh, my friend, my friend indeed,  
who at my need his life did spend;  
who at my need his life did spend!
6. Here might I stay and sing—  
no story so divine!  
Never was love, dear King,  
never was grief like thine.  
This is my friend,  
in whose sweet praise  
I all my days could gladly spend;  
I all my days could gladly spend!

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**DISTRIBUTION HYMN 3 “Where True Charity and Love Abide” ELW 642 (red book)**

Where true charity and love abide,  
God is dwelling there; God is dwelling there.

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\* **BLESSING**

**Pastor:** May the gifts of Christ’s body and blood strengthen and unite us in the shelter of God’s grace.

**People:** **Amen**

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**THE PASSION OF JESUS CHRIST**  
**according to St. Luke, Chs. 22:24—23:56**

**Narrator: Jennifer Trom**

**Jesus: Kevin Kindschuh**

**Simon Peter: Gary Nelson**

**Pilate: Chris Weiss**

**Disciples, Witnesses, Elders, Centurion, Servant Girl, Criminals Crucified with Jesus:  
James Bash, Suzanne Nelson, George Noble, Chia Stockwell, Judy Wick**

**The Crowd/Congregation Responses are in bold.**

**The Dispute about Greatness**

A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But he said to them, “The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.

“You are those who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.”

**Jesus Predicts Peter’s Denial**

“Simon, Simon, listen! Satan has demanded to sift all of you like wheat, but I have prayed for you that your own faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.” And he said to him, “Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death!” Jesus said, “I tell you, Peter, the cock will not crow this day, until you have denied three times that you know me.”

He said to them, “When I sent you out without a purse, bag, or sandals, did you lack anything?” They said, “No, not a thing.” He said to them, “But now, the one who has a purse must take it, and likewise a bag. And the one who has no sword must sell his cloak and buy one. For I tell you, this scripture must be fulfilled in me, ‘And he was counted among the lawless’; and indeed what is written about me is being fulfilled.” They said, “Lord, look, here are two swords.” He replied, “It is enough.”

### **Jesus Prays on the Mount of Olives**

He came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him. When he reached the place, he said to them, “Pray that you may not come into the time of trial.” Then he withdrew from them about a stone’s throw, knelt down, and prayed, “Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done.” Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and gave him strength. In his anguish he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground. When he got up from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of grief, and he said to them, “Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial.”

### ***Silence for Reflection***

HYMN

#### **“Stay With Me”**

ELW 348 (*red book*)

Stay with me, remain here with me,  
watch and pray. Watch and pray.

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### **The Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus**

While he was still speaking, suddenly a crowd came, and the one called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him; but Jesus said to him, “Judas, is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son of Man?” When those who were around him saw what was coming, they asked, “**Lord, should we strike with the sword?**” Then one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear. But Jesus said, “No more of this!” And he touched his ear and healed him. Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple police, and the elders who had come for him, “Have you come out with swords and clubs as if I were a bandit? When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness!”

### **Peter Denies Jesus**

Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest’s house. But Peter was following at a distance. When they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them. Then a servant-girl, seeing him in the firelight, stared at him and said, “This man also was with him.” But he denied it, saying, “Woman, I do not know him.” A little later someone else, on seeing him, said, “You also are one of



them.” But Peter said, “Man, I am not!” Then about an hour later still another kept insisting, “Surely this man also was with him; for he is a Galilean.” But Peter said, “Man, I do not know what you are talking about!” At that moment, while he was still speaking, the cock crowed. The Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, “Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times.” And he went out and wept bitterly.

### *The Mocking and Beating of Jesus*

Now the men who were holding Jesus began to mock him and beat him; they also blindfolded him and kept asking him, “**Prophecy! Who is it that struck you?**” They kept heaping many other insults on him.

### *Silence for Reflection*

*The Table is stripped during the hymn...*

HYMN

“Ah, Holy Jesus”

ELW 349 (*red book*)

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| 1. Ah, holy Jesus,<br>how hast thou offended<br>that we to judge thee<br>have in hate pretended?<br>By foes derided,<br>by thine own rejected,<br>O most afflicted.          | 4. For me, kind Jesus,<br>was thine incarnation,<br>thy mortal sorrow,<br>and thy life’s oblation;<br>thy death of anguish<br>and thy bitter passion,<br>for my salvation.  |
| 2. Who was the guilty?<br>Who brought this upon thee?<br>Alas, my treason,<br>Jesus, hath undone thee.<br>'Twas I, Lord Jesus,<br>I it was denied thee;<br>I crucified thee. | 5. Therefore, kind Jesus,<br>since I cannot pay thee,<br>I do adore thee,<br>and will ever pray thee;<br>think on thy pity<br>and thy love unswerving,<br>not my deserving. |

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### *Jesus before the Council*

When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people, both chief priests and scribes, gathered together, and they brought him to their council. They said, “**If you are the Messiah, tell us.**” He replied, “If I tell you, you will not believe; and if I question you, you will not answer. But from now on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God.” All of them asked, “Are you, then, the Son of God?” He said to them, “You say that I am.” Then they said, “What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips!”

### *Jesus before Pilate*

Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. They began to accuse him, saying, **“We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king.”** Then Pilate asked him, “Are you the king of the Jews?” He answered, “You say so.” Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, “I find no basis for an accusation against this man.” But they were insistent and said, **“He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place.”**

### *Jesus before Herod*

When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. And when he learned that he was under Herod’s jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate. That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies.

### *Jesus Sentenced to Death*

Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, and said to them, “You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. I will therefore have him flogged and release him.”

Then they all shouted out together, **“Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!”** (This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; but they kept shouting, **“Crucify, crucify him!”** A third time he said to them, “Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him.” But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

### *Silence for Reflection*

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| <p>1. O sacred head, now wounded,<br/>with grief and shame weighed down,<br/>now scornfully surrounded<br/>with thorns, thine only crown;<br/>O sacred head, what glory,<br/>what bliss till now was thine!<br/>Yet, though despised and gory,<br/>I joy to call thee mine.</p> | <p>3. What language shall I borrow<br/>to thank thee, dearest friend,<br/>for this thy dying sorrow,<br/>thy pity without end?<br/>Oh, make me thine forever,<br/>and, should I fainting be,<br/>Lord, let me never, never<br/>outlive my love to thee.</p> |
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### *The Crucifixion of Jesus*

As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. But Jesus turned to them and said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For the days are surely coming when they will say, ‘Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.’ Then they will begin to say to the mountains, ‘Fall on us’; and to the hills, ‘Cover us.’ For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?”

Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.” And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, “**He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!**” The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.”

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, “Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.” Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” He replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

### *The Death and Burial of Jesus*

It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun’s light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, “Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.” Having said this, he

breathed his last. When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, “Certainly this man was innocent.” And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

### *Silence for Reflection*

#### **HYMN**

#### **“Were You There”**

**ELW 353** (*red book*)

1. Were you there when they  
    crucified my Lord?  
Were you there when they  
    crucified my Lord?  
Oh, sometimes it causes me to  
    tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they  
    crucified my Lord?
2. Were you there when  
    they nailed him to the tree?  
Were you there when  
    they nailed him to the tree?  
Oh, sometimes it causes me  
    to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when  
    they nailed him to the tree?

4. Were you there when  
    the sun refused to shine?  
Were you there when  
    the sun refused to shine?  
Oh, sometimes it causes me  
    to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when  
    the sun refused to shine?

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Now there was a good and righteous man named Joseph, who, though a member of the council, had not agreed to their plan and action. He came from the Jewish town of Arimathea, and he was waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then he took it down, wrapped it in a linen cloth, and laid it in a rock-hewn tomb where no one had ever been laid. It was the day of Preparation, and the sabbath was beginning. The women who had come with him from Galilee followed, and they saw the tomb and how his body was laid. Then they returned, and prepared spices and ointments.

On the sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

### *Silence for Reflection*

*As we enter into this Holy Week, we leave in meditative silence. In many traditions, Holy Week is called “Quiet Week.” You are welcome to remain in the sanctuary for prayer. The front pews are dedicated as quiet prayer space following worship. God be with you.*

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## Getting ready for Easter Sunday



**Invite your friends and family to worship with us.**

People are more open to accepting invitations for worship at Christmas and Easter than any other time of the year. Who would you like to invite to worship? We have postcard invitations available on the usher tables!

**Easter means flowers!** And there are two opportunities

to adorn the church with the beauty of blooms...

- ❖ Would you like to **donate an Easter lily**? Please connect with Kevin Kindschuh to order a lily; a donation of \$20 is requested.
- ❖ For Easter morning, we have found the “flowering cross” (with the chicken wire), which will be placed outside the front door. We are all invited to **decorate the cross with blooms from our gardens**. Let’s color our world with beauty on Easter morning!



### Good Friday, April 18, Worship at 7 PM

**Soup Supper at 6 PM:** Would you be willing to bring a crusty bread or cookies to share? Would you be willing to help with setup or cleanup? Please call/text Martha Driessnack (515.770.3848) or talk with her on Sunday morning.

**Worship with a Tenebrae service at 7 PM,** meditating on the Seven Last Words of Jesus.

### Easter Sunday, April 20, Worship at 11 AM

**Easter Breakfast, 9—10:30 AM:** Be in touch with Tammy VanDeGrift if you would like to help with food, setup or cleanup.

**Children’s Egg Hunt, 10:30 AM:** on the grounds of the church. Tammy is coordinating “egg” and candy donations.

**Easter Worship, 11 AM:** The trumpets will sound, the choir will sing, the bell will ring. Look for the glorious return of the Al.....a butterflies! (No Sunday School or Adult Forum)