



April 11, 2021

Easter 2

Welcome to our visitors! We appreciate your joining our worship family this morning, and we invite you to sign our guest book. If you would like more information about our church, please contact the pastor at 414-427-9337.

**Sunday family worship...8:00 and 10:45 A.M.
Sunday school...9:30 A.M. Bible class...9:45 A.M.**

Today's Worship

"You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus" (Gal. 3:26).

Children: *Risen* (second service; words p. 10)

Greeting and prayer:

Invocation:

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

C: Amen.

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!



Children (second service): *Risen*

*When darkness veiled the sky the day that Jesus died
In agony upon the bitter cross
They took His body down and laid it in a tomb
His friends believed that everything was lost.
But when the third day came, the darkness turned to light
For Mary heard her name and saw the living Christ*

Risen

*To set the captives free
Risen to ransom you and me
To bind up every broken heart
To conquer death and sin.*

Risen

To bring us home again.

*And in that barren place the world forever changed
For hope was born when Jesus rose that day and
Still His wounded have revealed the love He has
For every fallen soul He came to save
And He will come again, and one by one we'll rise
To praise His Holy Name and see the Living Christ*

Risen

*To set the captives free
Risen to ransom you and me
To bind up every broken heart
To conquer death and sin.*

Risen

To bring us home again.

Alleluia, He lives

Alleluia, He is

RISEN

P: If we say we have fellowship with Him while we walk in darkness,

C: we lie and do not practice the truth.

Bible Readings:

4/11	Deut. 4-5 Eph. 6
4/12	Deut. 6-7 Ps. 106
4/13	Deut. 8-9 Phil. 1
4/14	Deut. 10-11 Ps. 110 Phil. 2
4/15	Deut. 12-13 Phil. 3
4/16	Deut. 14-15 Phil. 4
4/17	Ps. 63 Deut. 16-17 Gal. 1

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Announcements

Sunday school today

Sunday school classes today will study "A Family Reunites," as God helps Joseph forgive. Joseph's brothers journey to Egypt hoping to buy food for their families. Failing to recognize Joseph, the brothers head home with food and supplies. After testing his brothers, Joseph identifies himself. Joseph relocates all of Jacob's family to Egypt, promising to care for them.

Remembrance lilies

The following names of believers who are now safely home with the Lord were inadvertently omitted from the Easter bulletin:

Richard Laakaniemi	Edward and Aini Laakaniemi
Gunnard and Emma Abrahamson	Edna Abrahamson
Allen Goodman	John and Mary Marita
Jane Marita	

Synod meetings

The boards and coordinating council of the CLC will be meeting in Eau Claire this week. Pastor will return Thursday. If needed, he may be reached on his cell: 414-688-4517.

CLC news:

ILC Banquet: The parents of Immanuel Lutheran High School students are presently working on this year's After-Banquet Party to be held May 8, 2021. The ILHS Banquet is held at a local venue with the After-Banquet Party immediately afterwards in the high school gymnasium. The After-Banquet Party is held to provide a fun and safe place for the students to enjoy this special evening honoring the senior class. The gym is decorated to a theme with games, prizes, refreshments and entertainment provided at NO cost to the students. Nearly every student attends the After-Banquet party, even if they don't attend the Banquet. We rely on donations from the parents, families and local businesses. We are able to buy some prizes at local businesses, but if you would like to donate gift cards or prizes, that would be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions regarding prizes and/or donations, please contact: Jennifer Radermacher, imjenrad44@gmail.com. Monetary donations may be sent to: ILC After-Banquet Committee, c/o Immanuel Lutheran College, 501 Grover Road, Eau Claire, WI 54701. Thank you for considering! - ILHS Parents' Association/After Banquet Committee

High school visitors day: Immanuel Lutheran High School in Eau Claire, WI will host an in-person High School Visitors Day on Friday, April 30, 2021, starting at 9:00 am for students grades 8 and up. Please register students and chaperones at www.ilc.edu by Friday, April 23. A live theater performance Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch will take place on Friday at 1:30 pm for those attending Visitors Day and for families of performers. A limited live audience may attend the Saturday performance at 7:30 pm. Both performances will be livestreamed at youtube.com/ilcvideos. An outdoor band concert will be open to the public on Friday at 3:30 pm. For additional information please contact Prof. Joel Gullerud (joel.gullerud@ilc.edu 715-544-8446). **CLC Youth Camp:** registration currently is open to those entering 9th through 12th grade this Fall. Registrations for 8th graders will be accepted starting at 4:00 PM Central, this Sunday, April 11th. We will still be abiding by a lower-than-usual capacity, so it is our recommendation that you register your campers right away when it opens. If we receive any 8th grade registrations prior to 4:00 PM CT on Sunday, *they will be voided*. Also, please note that we will not be running a bus service this year. Camp is June 13-19 in Pillager, MN. Cost is \$180 per camper. Here is the link to register: <https://youthcampclc.wixsite.com/camp/register>. Please feel free to contact the camp directors with any questions- youthcamp.clc@gmail.com.

Looking Ahead...

•Today:

12:15 P.M: Public school confirmation class

•Monday:

7:00 P.M: Choir

•Thursday:

6:30 P.M: Church council

•Next Sunday:

12:15 P.M: Public school confirmation class

•April 25th:

12:00 P.M: Quarterly voters meeting



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

C: If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Hymn: *Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

Confession and Absolution:

P: Let us 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 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.

C: Amen.

P: May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

C: 1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise;
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,
3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,

Of heav'n - ly joy and peace on earth we sing.
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
At God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high:

We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise,
O Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won,
Who, with the Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored,

Lord God, al - might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.
Re - ceive our prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.
With all the heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

Prayer:

P: Lord, we are too easily captive to fear and the shadow of death. Break through the closed doors of our hearts and shine Your light into our darkness, that knowing the forgiveness of our sins, we may no longer be bound by any anxiety or afflicted by any doubt; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer:**First lesson:**

Acts 3:12-20....Through faith in the living Lord a lame man was enabled to walk.

So when Peter saw it, he responded to the people: "Men of Israel, why do you marvel at this? Or why look so intently at us, as though by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk? The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified His Servant Jesus, whom you delivered up and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let Him go. But you denied the Holy One and the Just, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, and killed the Prince of life, whom God raised from the dead, of which we are witnesses. And His name, through faith in His name, has made this man strong, whom you see and know. Yes, the faith which comes through Him has given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.

"Yet now, brethren, I know that you did it in ignorance, as did also your rulers. But those things which God foretold by the mouth of all His prophets, that the Christ would suffer, He has thus fulfilled. Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that He may send Jesus Christ, who was preached to you before."

**Hymn: We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight****Closing prayer:**

P: Dear Father in heaven, thank You for enlightening our hearts and lifting our spirits with Your Word today. Help us going forward to put our full trust in You for forgiveness, salvation, and daily direction for our lives. In Jesus' name.

C: Amen.

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C: Amen.

Closing hymn: By Faith

Prayer of the Church

Pastor: plain type

Cong: underlined, boldface type

Dear Lord God, our Savior from sin and our ever-present help: No matter what takes place today or anytime in the future, no matter how much changes in our lives, in our nation, or in the world; You assure us that nothing can separate us from Your love and the victory of Christ's resurrection. **Receive our humble praise for the salvation You planned from eternity and fully accomplished through Jesus' holy life, His suffering and death, and His rising to life on Easter.**

May that Easter triumph always be our peace and joy. **When Satan attacks with temptations to doubt, draw us back to Your Word and show us the empty tomb.** When we are fearful of the world and its hatred, calm our hearts and protect us with Your holy angels. **When we feel downtrodden and defeated, strengthen us in the one true faith which overcomes the world.** Through our Sunday school, day school, Bible classes, worship services, and home devotions, preserve the faith of young and old. **Work a willing obedience toward Your will in all things.**

Lord Jesus, You have said we are to love one another as You have loved us. **Move us to show that love more and more.** Help us to be considerate toward one another rather than self-absorbed. Instead of withdrawing, may we reach out to one another and offer encouragement and help. **May our faith in action be a witness to the world of Your love for us and our love for You and our neighbor.**

We thank You for our government and its leaders who work to protect lives and property. **Bless their efforts to preserve an orderly society in which we can live in peace and spread the gospel of Christ unhindered.** We ask Your oversight and direction for Monday's meeting of the Hales Corners village board as they deliberate matters of public health and safety. **May Your will be done for the temporal wellbeing of the community.**

Receive our offerings, imperfect though they are. May they remind us both of Your gracious providence for all our needs and of our privilege in expressing our faith through them. **Prosper their use in the advancement of Your kingdom.**

Grant safe travels this week to our CLC boards and coordinating council. Give them a rich measure of the Holy Spirit that by faith they may carry out the work You place before them with wisdom. **Bless the planning for this summer's CLC convention.**

May the message of Easter fill our days with purpose. Grant that we may be more than conquerors through Him who loves us. **In Jesus' name. Amen.**

I WILL PRAISE YOU

Antiphon

This is the day the Lord has made,
let us rejoice and be glad!
This is the day the
Lord has made,
let us rejoice and be glad!

Psalm Tone

*

I will praise You, for You have answered me,*
And have become my salvation.

The stone which the builders rejected
Has become the chief cornerstone.*
This was the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

Antiphon

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!*
We have blessed you from the house of the LORD.

God is the LORD, and He has given us light;*
Bind the sacrifice with cords to the horns of the altar.

You are my God, and I will praise You;*
You are my God, I will exalt You.

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.

Antiphon

Gospel lesson:

John 20:19-31....The Lord's Word overcomes doubt and unbelief.

Then, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace be with you." When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.

So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

Now Thomas, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples therefore said to him, "We have seen the Lord."

So he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe."

And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, "Peace to you!" Then He said to Thomas, "Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing."

And Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!"

Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

The Apostles' Creed:

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: *These Things Did Thomas Count as Real*

Sermon: 1 John 5:1-6

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves Him who begot also loves him who is begotten of Him. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep His commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome. For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is He who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not only by water, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who bears witness, because the Spirit is truth.

FAITH THAT OVERCOMES THE WORLD

- I. It believes.
- II. It loves.
- III. It obeys.



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me
not a - way from Your pres - ence. Take not Your Ho - ly
Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
Your sal - va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir - it free.

