



Faith comes by
hearing and hearing
by the word of God

(Rom. 10:17)



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Easter 2

Good morning! We appreciate your joining our worship family, and we invite you to sign our guest book. If you are looking for an altar at which to commune, please speak to the pastor beforehand. He will be happy to provide you with the information you would want and need.

Family Worship: 9:00 A.M.
Sunday school and Bible class follow the service.

Today's Worship

"Christ has indeed been raised from the dead" (1 Cor. 15:20).

Greeting and prayer

Hymn 474: Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen

Invocation:

- P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C **Amen.**
- 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.
- P 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 You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
 C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called 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.
- C Amen.

Gloria



☐ Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

Kyrie



☐ Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P The Lord be with you.



☐ And with thy spir - it.

The Collect prayer:

P: Let us pray:

Almighty God, grant that our Easter faith not be only a matter of Sunday tradition, but will change how we care for one another and share our joy in active love and service each day; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



First Lesson: Acts 3:12-20

Faith in the risen Christ enabled a man lame from birth to leap up and walk. By faith we receive eternal life and all its blessings.

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? 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. But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. 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.

“And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus.

P Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it. Alleluia!



Epistle Lesson:

P The Epistle lesson is recorded in 1 John 5:1-6.



Faith in the risen Lord shows in obedience to his will and love for fellow believers.

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth.

P This is the Word of the Lord.



Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will
have no end.

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Hymn 467:1-4: *Awake, My Heart, with Gladness*

Sermon: *John 20:19-31*

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them 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.

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending 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 withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld."

Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe."

Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe."

Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!"

Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

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

Peace Be With You!

I. Peace for fear

II. Peace for telling

III. Peace for doubt



Offertory (sung)

*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.*



Offering

Prayer of the Church

Pastor: Plain type

Cong: Boldface, underlined type

Dear risen and living Lord: Our hymns of praise and prayers of thanks cannot begin to express the depth of the peace and joy you have given us in the news of your resurrection from the dead. **You have promised, “Because I live, you also will live.”** Through the work of the Holy Spirit renew and strengthen our faith to overcome fear and doubt. May we gladly make use of every opportunity to hear and study your Word, for “Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God.” **Open our eyes to ways in which we can share your peace with others who need the comfort and certainty only you can give.**

Lord, you know how our faith at times can falter and give way to doubt. **Like Thomas, we look for something more, something visible, that we can see and touch.** In compassion you give us what we need. In your holy supper you come and give us your body and blood in a way which we can see, touch, and taste for the forgiveness of our sins. **Bless all communicants this morning with your peace.**

Living Lord, be present with the boards and coordinating council of our church body as they meet in Eau Claire this week. Grant safe travels. **Work through their planning and decisions to extend the message of forgiveness and life in you out to all the world.**

Help those who are sick or who suffer from other troubles and trials. **Give them healing.** If it is your will that they endure the trial, give them patience and trust. May your strength be made perfect in their weakness. **Use us to show them your love.** We thank you for preserving the faith of retired pastor and professor David Lau, and for graciously calling him home to yourself this past week. Comfort and encourage all who grieve with your victory over death. **Assure them of the resurrection to come on the last day.**

Remind us that our money, property, and possessions are from you and still belong to you. **Help us to be good managers of your gifts, and to use them in love for you and to care for our families and others.** Lead us to gladly give you our offerings. **Bless their use for the preaching and teaching of the gospel.**

Be with us throughout this week. **Grant successes and joys as you know best.** Give us faith to trust that you will use even difficulties for our eternal good. **In your name we pray. Amen.**

Hymn 472: *These Things Did Thomas Count as Real*

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.



C It is meet and right so to do.

P It is truly good, right, and beneficial 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 Passover Lamb. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

P 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...

C *For Thine is the kingdom and the power
And the glory forever and ever. Amen.*



The Words of Institution

Pax Domini

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



Agnus Dei

*O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace.
Amen.*



Distribution hymns: 470, 628, 627.

Nunc Dimittis

*Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,
For mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all
people,
A light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end, Amen.*



Prayer

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.

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 480: *He's Risen, He's Risen*

Announcements

Thank you!

Thank you to the musicians, children and adults of the choir, the men who served brunch, those who brought lilies and food, and everyone else who helped make our celebration of the Lord's resurrection last week all the more joyful.

Communion note

A basket of Communion kits is at the back of the sanctuary for those who are unable to come forward during the distribution.

When the gift becomes an idol

The Wednesday Bible class resumes this week. We will continue our study of James. Wednesday's lesson will focus on the proper perspective of money and the danger of making it an idol in our lives. Everyone is welcome to join us in person or via Zoom: Meeting ID: 818 5607 2021 Passcode: 556285.

At home with the Lord

This past week retired pastor and professor David Lau was called home to his eternal rest. The funeral service will be held at Messiah Lutheran Church (Eau Claire, WI) on Saturday, April 13th. There will be a visitation at the church beginning at 10 AM with the funeral service to follow at 11 AM. A luncheon will follow the service. The committal service will be at 1:30 PM. Letters of comfort for wife Susan Lau or the family may be sent in care of Joe Lau, 511 Ingram Drive, Eau Claire, WI 54701. Memorials in David's name can be given to Morning Star Lutheran Church, PO Box 22, Fairchild, WI, 54741.

Activity committee meeting

The April- June activities committee is asked to meet in the lunch room immediately after church next Sunday, April 14th?

Mowing list

The signup sheet for this year's mowing of the church and parsonage lawns is posted in the entry. Sign up while the selection of dates is good!

CLC updates

High School Visitor's Day: Immanuel Lutheran High School in Eau Claire, WI will host their annual High School Visitors Day on Friday, April 26, 2024 for students grades 7 and up. A schedule of events and online registration can be found at www.ilc.edu. Please register students and chaperones by Friday, April 19. A theater performance of *The Crazy Cowgirls of Pemberley Ranch* (an adaptation of *Pride and Prejudice*) will take place on Friday and Saturday at 7:30 pm. Friday night's play performance will be livestreamed (but not recorded) at youtube.com/@ilcvideos. The Immanuel Band will perform before the play on Friday at 7:00 pm, and student talent performances will take place Saturday at 7:00 pm. Performances are free and open to the public. For more information please contact Prof. Joel Gullerud (joel.gullerud@ilc.edu 715-544-8446).

Calls: *Pastor Nathanael Mayhew* of Grace Ev. Lutheran in Sleepy Eye, MN. has accepted the call from Immanuel Lutheran Church and School, Mankato, MN. *Teacher Ross Kok* of Holy Cross Lutheran in Phoenix, AZ has returned the call to Berea Lutheran Church and School, Inver Grove Heights, MN. *Ms. Katie Naumann* of Immanuel Lutheran School in Winter Haven, FL has received the call to teach at Luther Memorial in Fond du Lac, WI. St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran of Iron River, MI and Calvary Lutheran of Marquette, MI together have requested a seminary graduate to serve both congregations (joint call). The Call Committee meets the evening of Wednesday, April 10.

Looking Ahead...

Today:

11:00 A.M: Bd. of Education.

Wednesday:

6:30 P.M: Bible class.

Thursday:

7:00 A.M: Adult class.

6:00 P.M: Bd. of Elders.

April 16th:

6:30 P.M: Ladies meeting.

April 18th:

6:00 P.M: Church council.



Bible Readings:

4/7	Ruth 1-4; Luke 11:29-54
4/8	1 Samuel 1-3; Luke 12:1-34
4/9	1 Samuel 4-6; Luke 12:35-59
4/10	1 Samuel 7-9; Luke 13:1-21
4/11	1 Samuel 10-12; Luke 13:22-35
4/12	1 Samuel 13-14; Luke 14:1-24
4/13	1 Samuel 15-16; Luke 14:25-35



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April Ushers

Kyle Ackerman
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April Slideshow
Eric Williams

Cleaning Team 4/12-4/19

K/M Winters
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P/E Tiefel
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M/T Mueller

Fruits of Faith	Last Week:	To Date:
Budgetary Offerings*:	\$10,141.83	\$314,035.93
Budgetary Needs:	\$8,380.21	\$341,568.39
Over (Under) Budget:	\$1,761.62	(\$27,532.46)
Sunday School:	\$20.00	\$113.84
MDF**:	\$165.00	\$1,775.00
ILC Building Fund:	\$25.00	\$995.00
CDSIF:	\$35.00	\$220.00
MSAF:	\$35.00	\$1,159.75

*Includes 3/18-3/31 General Fund E-giving: \$1,760.75

**E-giving: \$100.00

Attendance Last Sunday: 173