



I lay a stone in  
Zion...

A precious  
cornerstone  
for a sure foundation

(Is. 28:16)



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**Easter 3**

*Good morning and 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.*

**Choir...8:00 A.M. Sunday family worship...9:00 A.M.  
Sunday school and Bible class follow the service**

### Today's Worship

*"You also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house" (1 Peter 2:5).*

**Greeting and prayer:**

**Opening hymn 478: *The Day of Resurrection***

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

**C:** Amen.



P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful by nature. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.

C: Amen.

L O R D , H A V E M E R C Y *Kyrie*

C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

G L O R Y T O G O D I N T H E H I G H E S T *Gloria in Excelsis*

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 of the Day**

P: 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.

**C: Amen.**

## **Epistle lesson: 1 John 1:1-2:2**

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us—that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

# I WILL PRAISE YOU

*Antiphon*

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

*Psalm Tone*

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

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: Luke 24:36-49

As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you!"

But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? 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."

And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate before them.

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."

Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. 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: Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it. Alleluia!



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

## **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 523: *O Word of God Incarnate***

### **Sermon: Acts 4:8-12**

Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well. This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

**No Other Name!**  
I. Hated by many  
II. Chosen by God  
III. Made the Cornerstone

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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.

## Offering

### Hymn 488: *He Is Arisen! Glorious Word*

*He is arisen! Glorious Word! Now reconciled is God, my Lord;  
The gates of heav'n are open. My Jesus did triumphant die,  
And Satan's arrows broken lie, Destroyed hell's fiercest weapon.  
O hear what cheer! Christ victorious, Rising glorious,  
Life is giving. He was dead but now is living!*





## Prayer of the Church

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

*(Minute of silence)*

P: We pray for the whole church, that the message of salvation in Jesus' name alone may joyfully be proclaimed throughout all the world and the forgiveness of sins be celebrated around the globe. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: We pray for the nations of the world, that governments would be a source of blessing to those who are governed, bringing a sense of security and well-being, that the preaching and teaching of the Gospel might not be hindered. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: We pray for ourselves in this amazing season of our Lord's great victory that we may truly be Easter people all year long, radiating the light of Christ in our homes, workplaces, and communities. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: We pray for all who serve us through their callings, especially those who deal with special challenges or dangers on a regular basis, including police officers, firefighters, and other emergency personnel. We also remember the military forces of our nation, those stationed both at home and abroad, whose efforts serve to defend our nation in difficult times. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: We pray for those who are hospitalized, those who grieve, the unemployed, the chronically ill, shut-ins, and all others whose needs are known to us. Provide Your healing for Frank Braun, who will undergo eye surgery this week. Protect him from all harm, and remind him of Your presence and love. Comfort Carol Gilbertson who is suffering from dementia and many other physical troubles. Assure her of Your help and the eternal heavenly joy to come. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Merciful God, we bless You for having placed into our lives faithful Christian people to guide us. We remember those no longer among us on earth, who have completed their earthly races and have won the final victory in Christ. Lead us to follow in their way, that we may forever rejoice together with saints and angels. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C: hear our prayer. Amen.**

## **Lord's Prayer**

**Hymn 912:** *Christ Is Our Cornerstone*

## **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 862:** *Oh, Blest the House*

# Announcements

## Do you live “expectantly” or “fearfully”?

How do you feel about tomorrow or next year or ten years from now? Are you looking forward with the expectation of good things, or do you struggle with fears? Wednesday’s Bible class will take up this subject as we continue our study of the Book of James. Everyone is welcome, either in person or via Zoom: Meeting ID: 895 5704 1420 Passcode: 841406.

## Can you help?

**Mowing list:** The grass is growing, and the mowing list is posted on the cupboard doors. Keeping the church and parsonage property well cared for shows love for the Savior in a way all can see.

**Spring work day:** The work day is planned for Saturday, Apr. 27, beginning at 9 a.m. There are projects both inside and out. The list is posted in the hall. You’re welcome to tackle one or more items before work day.

## CLC news...

**Financial Aid Applications:** Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary has a financial aid program that helps students to attend by assisting with loans, multi-student grants, individual student grants, scholarships, and work study. All students are encouraged to submit an application. While the scholarships are automatically applied based upon academic performance, the other aids are provided upon application made by the responsible party. In order to be as helpful and as equitable to all, these forms need to be submitted by the deadline which is May 1, 2024 for the 2024-25 academic year. If any potential student is showing an interest in attending Immanuel, applying now ensures that you will be considered for financial assistance. While applications have already been provided to the families of current students, you may still find them at [ilc.edu/resources/](http://ilc.edu/resources/) under the heading "Financial Assistance Forms & Info."

**Calls:** *Teacher Katie Naumann* of Immanuel Lutheran School in Winter Haven, FL has received the call to teach at Luther Memorial in Fond du Lac, WI. *Blair Sydow* has received a one-year call to teach the upper grades at Holy Trinity Ev. Lutheran School in West Columbia, SC. Blair is a member of Holy Trinity Ev. Lutheran. The CLC Call Committee on Graduates met last Wednesday evening and issued one call: *Seminary graduate Paul Agenten* to St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran of Iron River, MI and Calvary Lutheran of Marquette, MI.

## Looking Ahead...

### **Today:**

**Lord’s Supper after the service.**

### **Tuesday:**

**6:30 P.M: Ladies meeting.**

### **Wednesday:**

**6:30 P.M: Bible class.**

### **Thursday:**

**6:00 P.M: Church council.**

### **April 27th:**

**9:00 A.M: Spring work day.**



## Bible Readings:

4/14	1 Samuel 17-18; Luke 15:1-10
4/15	1 Samuel 19-21; Luke 15:11-32
4/16	1 Samuel 22-24; Luke 16:1-18
4/17	1 Samuel 25-26; Luke 16:19-31
4/18	1 Samuel 27-29; Luke 17:1-19
4/19	1 Samuel 30-31; Luke 17:20-37
4/20	2 Samuel 1-3; Luke 18:1-17



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## April Ushers

Kyle Ackerman  
Ethan Bailey  
Daniel Nelson-Leete

*April Slideshow*  
Eric Williams

## Cleaning Team 4/19-4/26

D/K Mueller  
BJ Nelson  
K. Nelson  
J/B Mueller  
D. Griffen  
J. Schaser

## Fruits of Faith

	Last Week:	To Date:
Budgetary Offerings:	\$5,949.09	\$319,985.02
Budgetary Needs:	\$8,380.21	\$349,948.60
Over (Under) Budget:	(\$2,431.12)	(\$29,963.58)
Sunday School:	\$0.60	\$114.44
Kinship:	\$8.00	\$1,797.56
CDSIF*:	\$370.00	\$590.00
MSAF*:	\$130.00	\$1,289.75

\*Offerings in memory of E. Bernthal  
*Attendance Last Sunday: 120*