



**Second Sunday of Easter**  
**April 11, 2021**

# **Peace Thru Christ**

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**Pre-service Preparation:** Psalm 4

**THE ORDER OF SERVICE** • Worship Supplement, P. 12

<b>Opening Hymn:.....</b>	<b>730</b>
<b>Before Sermon:.....</b>	<b>208:1-8 (5-7)</b>
<b>Offering Hymn:.....</b>	<b>189</b>
<b>After Prayers: .....</b>	<b>733</b>
<b>Closing Hymn:.....</b>	<b>201 (3-4)</b>
<b>Antiphon Ps. 118 .....</b>	<b>Pg. 29 W.S.</b>

## **SCRIPTURE READING:**

### **John 20:19-31**

The Risen Savior instructs His disciples on Easter evening:

- 1) Concerning their work—proclaiming forgiveness of sins in Jesus’ name;
- 2) Concerning their faith—
  - a) Faith proclaims Jesus as God
  - b) Faith comes through His Word
  - c) Faith’s foundation in Jesus Christ and His Word
  - d) Faith in Jesus assures us of eternal life.

*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.*

## **Acts 5:12; 17-32**

We will be reading in the book of Acts for the Sundays after Easter as a reflection on how the Gospel changed the hearts and lives of the believers and how it affects our lives as well. Today’s reading shows how the resurrection Gospel empowered ordinary men to preach the Gospel with extraordinary power, even in the face of persecution.

*And through the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were done among the people. And they were all with one accord in Solomon’s Porch.*

*Then the high priest rose up, and all those who were with him (which is the sect of the Sadducees), and they were filled with indignation, and laid their hands on the apostles and put them in the common prison. But at night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, "Go, stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this life." And when they heard that, they entered the temple early in the morning and taught. But the high priest and those with him came and called the council together, with all the elders of the children of Israel, and sent to the prison to have them brought. But when the officers came and did not find them in the prison, they returned and reported, saying, "Indeed we found the prison shut securely, and the guards standing outside before the doors; but when we opened them, we found no one inside!" Now when the high priest, the captain of the temple, and the chief priests heard these things, they wondered what the outcome would be. So one came and told them, saying, "Look, the men whom you put in prison are standing in the temple and teaching the people!" Then the captain went with the officers and brought them without violence, for they feared the people, lest they should be stoned. And when they had brought them, they set them before the council. And the high priest asked them, saying, "Did we not strictly command you not to teach in this name? And look, you have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine, and intend to bring this Man's blood on us!" But Peter and the other apostles answered and said: "We ought to obey God rather than men. The God of our fathers raised up Jesus whom you murdered by hanging on a tree. Him God has exalted to His right hand to be Prince and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are His witnesses to these things, and so also is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey Him."*

## THE SERMON:

### Revelation 1:9-19

REVELATION PROCLAIMS OUR RISEN SAVIOR!

I: Through a Special Writer.

II: In a Glorious Vision.

III: With a Life-Giving Message.

*I, John, both your brother and companion in the tribulation and kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was on the island that is called Patmos for the word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ. I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day, and I heard behind me a loud voice, as of a trumpet, saying, "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last," and, "What you see, write in a book and send it to the seven churches which are in Asia: to Ephesus, to Smyrna, to Pergamos, to Thyatira, to Sardis, to Philadelphia, and to Laodicea." Then I turned to see the voice that spoke with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands, and in the midst of the seven lampstands One like the Son of Man, clothed with a garment down to the feet and girded about the chest with a golden band. His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and His eyes like a flame of fire; His feet were like fine brass, as if refined in a furnace, and His voice as the sound of many waters; He had in His right hand seven stars, out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword, and His countenance was like the sun shining in its strength. And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, "Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last. I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death. Write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after this.*

**PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES YOU!**

We are thankful that you are here with us this morning hearing the Good News of our Savior's resurrection. He lives! He reigns! He is in control and shall reign in our hearts through His Word. May the message of the Resurrection Victory of our Savior remain the strengthening power in our daily lives as we live for Jesus. You are warmly invited to come again to hear His Word. Please also sign our guest register before you leave.

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**This Week:**

**Today:** 9:00 a.m. Sunday School: The Rich Man and Poor Lazarus • Bible Class: Vignette 8: All Serve Christ: Vocation  
• 10:00 a.m. Family Worship • 11:15 a.m. Children's Play Group Meeting • 7:00 p.m. Church Council by Zoom

**Mon-Wed.** Pastor at CLC C.C. Meetings

**Thursday** 10:45 a.m. Bible Class at Heritage

**Saturday** 9:00 a.m. Spring Work Day

**Next Sunday** 9:00 a.m. S.S./Bible Class • 10:00 a.m. Family Worship

**NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS:** Due to pastor being in Eau Claire for C.C. Meetings, there will be no Bible Class this week.

**SERVICE TO OUR LORD:** Cleaners this week: A. Birkholz/  
Peterson B. Brandle Counters: Ruth Bernthal & Rachel Meyer

**OFFERINGS 4/4**

for Unified Budget: \$3,920 • MDF: \$200

• ILC Building Fund: \$35 • ILC Student Aid Fund: \$35

**ATTENDANCE:** Facebook 40 / YouTube views 3 / Church 52

**IN YOUR MAILBOX:** April Calendar & Newsletter

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**CHILDREN'S PLAY GROUP MEETING:** Today after church @ 11:15 a.m. Anyone interested in participating or willing to volunteer is encouraged to attend.

**SPRING WORK DAY:** Our spring workday is scheduled for this Saturday. Please contact John Gerbitz if you are aware of work that needs to be completed.

### **CLC NEWS:**

- Matthew Kranz, returned the call to be 5-6 grade teacher at Messiah, Eau Claire, WI.
- Eric Libby has accepted the call from Immanuel, Mankato, MN to the Assistant Principal/Counselor position.
- Mrs. Carrie Reim has been called to teach with primary emphasis on kindergarten at Messiah, Hales Corners, WI.

**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

**AFTER BANQUET PARTY AT ILC:** 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,

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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.



**PROF. REIM RETIREMENT VIDEO:** If you attended Immanuel (Eau Claire, WI) in the past 33 years, you are invited to partake in a commemoration video for Prof. John Reim. All that is needed is a short video clip of you saying, "Thank you Prof. Reim." If you wish to elaborate more and/or share memories, you are most welcome! Entries may be emailed to ILC student Sam Radermacher: samurade@ilc.edu. Deadline is May 1.