

EASTER—RESURRECTION DAY

April 4, 2021

Peace Thru Christ

LUTHERAN CHURCH

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OPENING HYMN: "Christ is Arisen"

PASTOR: Christ is arisen from the grave's dark prison.

We now rejoice with gladness; Christ will end all sadness. Lord, have mercy.

CONGREGATION:

All our hopes were ended had Jesus not ascended from the grave triumphantly. For this Lord Christ, we worship Thee. Lord, have mercy.

ALL: Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We now rejoice with gladness; Christ will end all sadness. Lord, have mercy. Amen.

Hymn 188(1-4,): "Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!"

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

PASTOR: Even on this joyous, festival day, if we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

CONGREGATION:

But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

ALL: Almighty God, heavenly Father, we confess that we have not remained strong in faith. We have not always let the Good News of the resurrection victory dispel the fear and anxiety that wells up within us. We have thought, spoken and acted in sinful ways. We have not loved You with our whole hearts, and have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We deserve Your eternal judgment. Forgive us and renew in us the assurance of joining the saints and angels around the eternal feast which You have prepared for all who call upon Your Son, their Savior and Lord.

PASTOR: By His suffering and death our Lord has paid for our sins, and by His rising from the dead He has destroyed the power of death over us. As a called servant of our risen and triumphant Lord Jesus Christ and by His authority I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen

HYMN 198: "He's Risen, He's Risen, Christ Jesus, the Lord"

PASTOR: Jesus lives!

CONGREGATION: Jesus is risen!

PASTOR: Jesus is risen indeed!

CONGREGATION:

Alleluia! The King lives.

PASTOR: Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?"

CONGREGATION:

By grace through faith, yes, I believe this.

PASTOR: "Why do you seek the living among the dead?"

CONGREGATION: He is not here, but is risen!

PASTOR: Remember how He spoke to you when He was still in Galilee, saying,

CONGREGATION: The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified and the third day rise again."

PASTOR: "Thus it was written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day,

CONGREGATION: and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

PASTOR: And you are witnesses of these things."

CONGREGATION:

"Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more;

PASTOR: Death no longer has dominion over Him."

CONGREGATION:

"Christ, who has redeemed us with His blood,

PASTOR: Is risen and has appeared to us."

CONGREGATION:

"Where, O death is your victory?"

PASTOR: Where, O death is your sting?"

All: "Death has been swallowed up in victory!"

PASTOR: "Thanks be to God!

All: He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!"

PASTOR: Jesus is risen!

CONGREGATION:

Jesus is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Scripture Reading:

Matthew 28:1-15

Now after the Sabbath, as the first day of the week began to dawn, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb. And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat on it. His countenance was like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow. And the guards shook for fear of him, and became like dead men. But the angel answered and said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. And go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead, and indeed He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him. Behold, I have told you." So they went out quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to bring His disciples word. And as they went to tell His disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, "Rejoice!" So they came and held Him by the feet and worshiped Him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell My brethren to go to Galilee, and there they will see Me." Now while they were going, behold, some of the guard came into the city and reported to the chief priests all the things that had happened. When they had assembled with the elders and consulted together, they gave a large sum of money to the soldiers, saying,

"Tell them, 'His disciples came at night and stole Him away while we slept.' And if this comes to the governor's ears, we will appease him and make you secure." So they took the money and did as they were instructed; and this saying is commonly reported among the Jews until this day.

I Corinthians 15:19-26

In this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most pitiable. But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive. But each one in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, afterward those who are Christ's at His coming. Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power. For He must reign till He has put all enemies under His feet. The last enemy that will be destroyed is death.

CONFESSION OF FAITH –

Hymn 206: "Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense"

Sing v. 1-2; Read v. 3-4; Sing v. 5-6; Read v. 7-9; Sing v. 10

The Sermon

Sermon Text: **John 20:19-23**

Sermon Theme: **Life-Giving Hands!**

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."*

HYMN 728: "Christ is Living"

EASTER PRAYER

HYMN 200: "I Know that My Redeemer Lives"

(vs. 1-2 Sung; 3-5 Read; 6-8 Sung)

Communion Liturgy, W. S. p.17-21

HOLY COMMUNION:

The Lord's Supper is being celebrated this morning. We encourage all of our members to attend this meal of forgiveness from our Savior. Since it is a confession of oneness in faith and doctrine, we ask that only members of Peace Thru Christ or of a sister congregation in the CLC partake of the Lord's Supper. If you have any questions concerning this practice called "Close Communion," please see Pastor Bernthal. Thank you.

BENEDICTION

HYMN 205 (1 & 3): "The Day of Resurrection"

SILENT PRAYER

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PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES YOU!

A joyous welcome to all in the name of the risen and ever living King, our Savior, Jesus Christ. May the blessings of our Savior's Resurrection Victory over death remain in your hearts forevermore. It is a privilege and pleasure to share the Easter message of life over death with you. If you are a visitor and are perhaps seeking a church home, we invite you to inquire of the pastor regarding our teachings based on God's verbally inspired Word. Please sign our guest register and we invite you to come worship your Savior with us again.

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This Week:

Today: 10:00 a.m. Easter Resurrection Service/Communion

Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Bible Class by Zoom

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

Next Sunday 9:00 a.m. S.S./Bible Class

10:00 a.m. Family Worship

11:15 a.m. Children's Play Group

7:00 p.m. Church Council by Zoom

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS:

Our mid-week Bible Class resumes this Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. by Zoom.

BIBLE CLASS RESUMES:

Our Thursday morning Bible Class at Heritage, after having been shut down for a year due to Covid, is resuming this Thursday at 10:45 a.m. Praise the Lord!

SERVICE TO OUR LORD:

Cleaners this week: A. Birkholz/Peterson B. Schaser/Schaser
Counters: Matt Schaser & Gail Schaefer

OFFERINGS 3/28 & 4/1-2 for Unified Budget: \$1,126.00

Benevolence Fund: \$1,000.00

Project Kinship: \$ 235.00

ATTENDANCE: Facebook 21 / YouTube views 1/ Church 34
Bible Class: 15 S.S. 0

Maundy Thursday: Facebook 16 / YouTube views 0/ Church 22

Good Friday: Facebook 16/ YouTube views 0/ Church 20

IN YOUR MAILBOX: April Calendar & Newsletter

CHILDREN'S PLAY GROUP:

As conditions around us improve, the BOCE is beginning early-phase planning to restart Peace Thru Christ's Wednesday morning playgroup. To gauge interest and begin planning, there will be a brief meeting after church on Sunday, April 11. Anyone interested in participating or willing to volunteer is encouraged to attend.

SPRING WORK DAY:

Our spring workday is scheduled for Saturday, April 17. Please contact John Gerbitz if you are aware of work that needs to be completed. Watch the bulletin board for a list of work to be done.

THANKS:

to those members who helped take down the Christmas lights from the trees around the parking lot.

REMEMBRANCE LILIES:

The Easter lilies on the altar this morning were donated to the glory of God and in loving memory of these past saints who died in the Lord looking forward to the glorious resurrection when our Savior returns again on the Last Day.

Martin/Arlene Bernthal

Waldemar (Brownie)
Bernthal

John Birkholz

Herman/Helen Bratz

Enno & Bea Gerbitz

Roland/Lois Gurgel

Paul/Audrey Kottke

Duane/Delilah Riggert

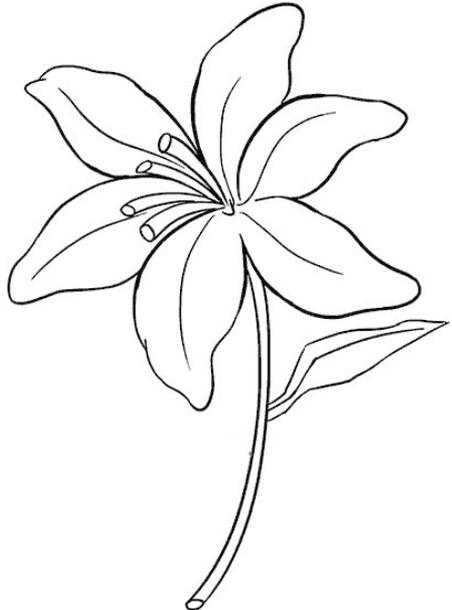
Monte Riggert

Ray/Agnes Schaefer

Michael Sydow

Bruce Templeton

Deb Ude



For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

John 3:16

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ILC DORM SUPERVISORS:

ILC is accepting applicants for these two positions to begin the 2021-22 year, an adult male for the boys' dorm and an adult female for the girls' dorm. These roles are vital to our campus given how they provide spiritual counsel and a fatherly or motherly role to those students who are living away from home. Those who are CLC members in good standing and are able and willing to fill this position may contact ILC President Daniel Schierenbeck (dan.schierenbeck@ilc.edu/660.864.9231) for more information about the responsibilities and compensation for this position. An application is available online at ilc.edu Forms and Applications ILC Employment Application. Please apply by April 6.

CLC NEWS:

- Pastor Dave Naumann, St. John's, Clarkston, WA/Peace, Orofino, ID has returned the call by Redeemer, Sister Lakes, MI.
- Debra Mayhew accepted the one year call to teach K-8 at Grace, Sleepy Eve, MN.
- Matthew Kranz, returned the call from Immanuel, Winter Haven, FL. and now has been called to be 5-6 grade teacher at Messiah, Eau Claire, WI.
- Immanuel, Mankato, MN has called Eric Libby to the Assistant Principal/Counselor position.
- Mr. Kevin Schrader, Austin, TX has accepted the call issued by Immanuel, Mankato MN to teach high school math and science.

IMMANUEL PROFESSORAGE COMMITTEE:

The Immanuel Professorage Committee (IPC) consists of five men who are charged with monitoring the condition of the professorages at Immanuel. Annual inspections are held

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during which the IPC identifies necessary repairs (plumbing, caulking, painting, trim work, etc.) as well as major projects that need to be completed (reroofing, residing, replacing windows, insulating, kitchen upgrades, flooring, carpeting, furnace replacement, etc). Obviously a small committee can not do all the work identified.

What we are looking for is a number of individuals with skills in the areas mentioned who are willing to do some of the work. Such a list of volunteers would support the efforts to keep the housing for the professors in good shape. The people signing up would not be obligated to take on a task. It would just be a list of willing folks we could call on for some of the tasks.

This link, tinyurl.com/ipc-form-21, is intended to collect names of willing volunteers along with skills they are willing to share. Signing on does not obligate you. We would call you about a project and if you have time, you could consider working at it; if not, we would continue calling. The time you spend could be a couple hours, a day, or more. It's completely up to you. Alternately, we could prepare a list of projects that you would be able to look through and determine if you would be able to help with that project. Please consider adding your name to the list to help out the Kingdom work here at Immanuel.

In His service, The IPC
Pastor Tiefel (715-829-2000),
Charles Wittorp, Jeff Rutz (715-559-6826),
Dean Carstensen (715-797-0331),
Ross Roehl (715-864-1764)

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

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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.



MAN-UP:

The 2021 ManUp! Men's Retreat will be held September 30 - October 3, 2021, at beautiful Wyalusing State Park near Prairie du Chien, WI, about an hour south of La Crosse. ManUp! offers strength and encouragement for men 18 and older for their personal faith, family, and fellowship at church. The weekend will include Bible study, fellowship, leadership training, team building, relationship building, worship, and many outdoor bonding activities. The cost is \$75, including lodging and meals. You can register by going to the Man Up! website here: www.manup.clclutheran.org. You will also find additional information, pictures of previous ManUp weekends, and reviews of those who have attended in the past.