

**Welcome to Immanuel Lutheran Church**  
**Resurrection of Our Lord: Easter Day**  
**Sunday, April 1, 2018**

**Children Sermon...Procession Singing**  
**“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”**

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**Thanksgiving for Baptism**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P: Christus er oppstanden! (Norwegian)

**C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P: Krist ist auferstanden! (German)

**C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P: El Messieh kahm! (Arabic)

**C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P: Christos anesti! (Greek)

**C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P: Just as God’s work of creation never ends,  
so the gifts received in baptism are renewed every day.  
Let us give thanks together for the life given in baptism.  
We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of life:  
for water to bathe in, water to drink,  
for waters to play in and waters that inspire wonder,  
for water that gives life to our planet.

**C: We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of life.**

P: We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of this place:  
for water from our tap, for rain and snow,  
for Wisconsin River and Lake Wausau.

**C: We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of this place.**

P: We give you thanks for your salvation through water:  
for delivering Noah and his family through the floodwaters,  
for leading your people Israel through the sea into freedom,  
for preserving your prophet Elijah through the time of drought,  
for guiding your people across the Jordan into a new land,  
for quenching the Samaritan woman’s thirst with living water.

**C: We give you thanks for your salvation through water.**

P: We give you thanks for the life of all the baptized,

and for all who gather here;  
for godparents and baptismal sponsors,  
for children and grandchildren,  
for our brothers and sisters in Christ  
whom we have never seen but to whom we are bound.  
**C: We give you thanks for the life of all the baptized.**

P: We give you thanks for life in Christ through your Holy Spirit:  
for our entry into Jesus' death through these waters,  
for our new birth into a life of freedom and service,  
for our calling to be your people, sent out for the life of the world.

**C: We give you thanks, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. Amen.**

*Sprinkling water*

**Hymn**                      **“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”**                      **#365**

**Prayer of the Day**

**God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**Choir Anthem**

**Gospel Acclamation “Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”**                      **#172**

*P: Alleluia. Christ, our paschal lamb, has been sacrificed. Therefore, let us keep the feast.*

**Gospel: John 20:1-18**

The holy gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. <sup>2</sup>So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” <sup>3</sup>Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. <sup>4</sup>The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup>He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. <sup>6</sup>Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, <sup>7</sup>and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. <sup>8</sup>Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; <sup>9</sup>for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. <sup>10</sup>Then the disciples returned to their homes.

<sup>11</sup>But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; <sup>12</sup>and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. <sup>13</sup>They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” <sup>14</sup>When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup>Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). <sup>17</sup>Jesus said to her, “Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” <sup>18</sup>Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ. Amen.**

**Sermon**

**Rev. Dr. Niveen Sarras**

**Hymn of the Day “Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!”**

**#380, vss. 1, 4, 5**

**Prayers of Intercession**

**After each petition, please respond with “Hear our prayer”**

*The prayers are prepared locally for each occasion. The following examples may be adapted or used as appropriate.*

On this day of rejoicing, we pray for the life of the church, the world, and all people in any need.

*A brief silence.*

We pray for the church and our sister church Lobatla Parish in South Africa. We pray for the church and our sister church Lobatla Parish in South Africa. You give life to your church by joining the baptized to the body of Christ. Bless the newly baptized (*especially*) as we proclaim the one whose death and resurrection makes us one in you. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

You give life to the creation by renewing the earth in every season. Curb our exploitation of natural resources, and cause us to preserve the health of plant and animal habitats. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

You give life to the world by laying a cornerstone among the nations. Rebuild the powers and principalities around us in ways that protect the vulnerable and raise up the lowly. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

You give life to those in need by the anointing of your Holy Spirit. Comfort those who suffer, encourage those who care for the sick, bind up the brokenhearted, and wipe away the tears of all who mourn. We pray especially for . . . Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

You give life to this community of faith by infusing us with love for one another. Inspire us to reach out to our neighbors in meaningful ways and bring the joys of community to a wider family of people. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

You give life to your saints by setting a banquet table of rich food. Feed us with the bread of life and bring us with all your saints to the feast that has no end. Let us pray by singing “Be Not Afraid:

“Be Not Afraid” (sing twice)

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Be not a-fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le - lu - ia!

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The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The second staff is identical to the first.

**Pastor:** Into your hands, O God, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Jesus Christ, the spring of new and everlasting life.

**Amen.**

**Offering**

**Offertory**

“This Joyful Eastertide”

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**Offertory Prayer**

A.M.: Let us pray together in union.

**Be known to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread,  
as you were made known to the disciples.**

**Receive these gifts, and the offering of our lives,  
that we may be your risen body in the world.**

**Amen.**

**Holy Communion**

**Great Thanksgiving**

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The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ,  
the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin;  
who in dying has destroyed death,  
and in rising has brought us to eternal life.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection,  
with earth and sea and all their creatures,  
and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,**

**Lord God of pow'r and might,**

**heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

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**The Institution of the Holy Communion**

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**The Lord's Prayer**

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Happy are those who are called to his banquet.

## **Invitation to Communion**

**A.M.:** Now let us feast this Easter day  
on Christ, the bread of heaven. Hallelujah!

## **Lamb of God**

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**Communion Hymns**    **“Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia”**                    **#364**  
                                         **“Now the Green Blade Rises”**                    **#379**

## **Prayer after Communion**

**A.M.:** Life-giving God,  
in the mystery of Christ’s death and resurrection  
you send light to conquer darkness,  
water to give new life,  
and the bread of heaven to nourish your people.  
Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus’ resurrection  
that we may show your glory to all the world;  
through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.  
**Amen.**

## **Blessing**

**P:** May God who has brought us from death to life  
fill you with great joy.  
Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

**Closing Hymn**    **“Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”**                    **#367**

## **Dismissal**

**A.M.:** Alleluia! Christ is risen.  
**C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**  
**A.M.:** You are the body of Christ raised up for the world.  
Go in peace. Share the good news.  
**C: I will and I ask God to help me.**

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**Prayer Concerns:** Thelma Bursik, Neil Coakley, Joella Corado (Maggie Westaby’s cousin), Jerrilynn Duxbury, Betty Jane Kettunen, Justin Nickolai, Esther Osterby, Barb Peterson, Dolores Riege, Pam (Rodney Riese’s wife), Dina Sarras, Kathrine Sylvia Sarras, Norm Winterhoff, April Winters (Jamie Rice-

Heckendorf's niece), Breanna Kurth, Meredith Westaby, Connor Rice (Jamie Rice-Heckendorf's cousin), Janci Treutel, Ashley Nickolai, Lucy Peterson, and Youa Xiong & Shelby Brod (Serenity Hulstrom's Friends)

**Noisy offering** will be today. Social Concerns uses the money to help feed the needy in our area. Contact Marge Warner with any questions.

**Greetings and grace to all of you at Immanuel Lutheran Church.** I have been in contact with your pastor and your president and we have decided, together, to spend some time in conversation to explore new ways of communicating with one another. Your congregation has experienced recent change and there are rich lessons that come from that. We will explore what the future might hold with the learning that has already happened.

I work with our synod office and I am trained to work with the systems of the church. My passion is the health of the system - the climate that makes people want to join your congregation! I hope that you will take the time to join us in conversation on April 29<sup>th</sup>.  
Joan Johanson

**We will be sending** a care package to Ashley Nickolai April 5<sup>th</sup>. Example of items: books, cards, treats. You may bring your items and place them in the box in Narthex.

**Pictures – Church Directory Time!** It's time to create an updated church photo directory! We will once again be partnering with Lifetouch to complete a church directory. They will be here April 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> to take photographs. Watch for additional information as well as phone call messages with additional information. There will be no obligation to purchase; each family receives a copy of their directory photo free as well as a directory. If you have any questions, please contact the office or Jamie Rice-Heckendorf. Please sign up on the sheets in the Gathering Room.

We will also need volunteers during the photos shoots. It's a great way to see your fellow worshipers and socialize! To volunteer please contact Jamie Rice-Heckendorf 715-848-4678 or vicepres@immanuelwausau.org

**First Communion** will be April 15<sup>th</sup> during worship service.

**Synod Assembly 2018 Service Project** will be "Blast Off for Books". Purchase a book(s) for a child in need by helping the National Youth Gathering collect 100,000 books for students pre-K through 6<sup>th</sup> grade in Houston. See the insert for all the information. On the Narthex table is the list of accepted book; only purchase what is on the list. All books must be new or gently used. If you bring books, you may drop them off in the Gathering Room box by May 13<sup>th</sup>. Please complete the form with your information. The books will be taken to the Synod meeting May 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Today is the final day to turn in your registration to ILC office** for the WI River Valley Conference Women's Spring Event at First English Lutheran Church, Wausau on Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup>. Registration: \$15. Make your check payable to First English Lutheran Church. All info on bulletin board outside ILC office.

**Our Sister Church** is the Lobatla Parish. Address is: c/o Moruti (Pastor) Rev. G.M. Nkale, P.O. Box 160, Motswedi 2870, Republic of South Africa. Email for Pastor: [nkalesto@gmail.com](mailto:nkalesto@gmail.com)

**SERVING US TODAY**

<b>Worship Leader</b>	Rev. Dr. Niveen Sarras
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Holly Westaby
<b>Ministers</b>	All Members of Immanuel
<b>Choir Director</b>	Kay Pope
<b>Organist</b>	Judy Kort
<b>Acolyte</b>	Serenity Hulstrom
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Holly Westaby, Jane Reilly-Smith, Dwala Smail
<b>Chanter</b>	Mike Steltenpohl
<b>Head Usher</b>	Mike Schwede
<b>Greeters</b>	Tom and Mary McDonell
<b>Nursery</b>	Judy Nickolai
<b>Video Recorder</b>	Doug Helling
<b>Presentation Manager</b>	Jerry Nickolai
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Joanne Diestelhorst & Lisa Steltenpohl
<b>Contact Person</b>	Mary Munson

**WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

<b>Sun.</b>	<b>Apr. 01</b>	<b>Easter Sunday</b>
	8:15a	Choir Practice
	9:00a	Communion Worship Service, Choir, Noisy Offering
	10:15a	Sunday School
	10:15a	Easter Breakfast & Easter Egg Hunt
	10:30a	Choir Practice
<b>Mon.</b>	<b>Apr. 02</b>	-----
<b>Tues.</b>	<b>Apr. 03</b>	5:30p Handbell Choir Practice
	5:45p	TV Worship CH 980
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>Apr. 04</b>	1:00p -----
<b>Thurs.</b>	<b>Apr. 05</b>	7:30a Men's Discussion Group
	9:00a	Quilters
	9:15a	TV Worship CH 980
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>Apr. 06</b>	Church Office Closed
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>Apr. 07</b>	-----
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>Apr. 08</b>	9:00a Worship Service
	10:15a	Coffee Fellowship
	10:30a	First Communion Class

**Attendance For**     3/25/18    101

**EVERYONE WELCOME!! Easter Breakfast downstairs in fellowship hall today.** The breakfast is hosted by the Diestelhorst, McDonell, Nickolai and Spoehr families. Thank you for hosting! Happy Easter Everyone.