

Welcome to Immanuel Lutheran Church
Sunday, April 15, 2018 9:00 am
Third Sunday of Easter

Prelude “He Lives” Alfred Ackley

“I Know That My Redeemer Lives” John Hatton

Announcements

Greeting

P: Blessed is the Kingdom of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Canticle of Praise “Glory be to God in Heaven” pg. 204

Prayer of the Day

Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Opening Hymn “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!” #373 vss. 1,4,5,6

A.M.: Psalm 4

A.M.: Let us read the Psalm responsively.

¹Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause;
you set me free when I was in distress; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

²**“You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory;
how long will you love illusions and seek after lies?”**

³Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful;
the LORD will hear me when I call.

⁴**Tremble, then, and do not sin;
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.**

⁵Offer the appointed sacrifices,
and put your trust in the LORD.

⁶**Many are saying, “Who will show us any good?”
Let the light of your face shine upon us, O LORD.**

⁷You have put gladness in my heart,

more than when grain and wine abound.

**⁸In peace, I will lie down and sleep;
for you alone, O LORD, make me rest secure.**

A.M.: Let us pray

O God, source of deliverance and help, do not let our hearts be troubled, but fill us with such confidence and joy that we may sleep in your peace and rise in your light; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Children Sermon

Maggie and Holly Westaby

Choir Anthem

Gospel Acclamation “Halle, Halle, Hallelujah” #172

A.M.: Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia. Our hearts burn within us while you open to us the scriptures.

Alleluia. (Luke 24:32)

Holy Gospel: Luke 24:36b-48 (Bible in pew) pg. 861

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

^{36b}Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, “Peace be with you.” ³⁷They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost.

³⁸He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence.

⁴⁴Then 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, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ. Amen.

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Niveen Sarras

Hymn of the Day “O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing” #386 vss. 1, 2, 8

A.M.: Prayers of Intercession

A.M.: Let us pray

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

Rejoicing in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we pray for the witness of the church, the wholeness of creation, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

Creating God, you gave us dominion over every living creature. Grant us wisdom to use our power to develop sustainable farming and housing practices. Slow down our rush to consume. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Merciful God, walk with all refugees who leave their homes to move to safety. Protect them on their journey. Greet them with hospitality. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Compassionate God, you heal us. For all who have not been granted the healing they desire and for all who cannot access the care they need, send social workers, doctors, parish nurses, and other caregivers. Today we pray especially for Carol Hatinga. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God our provider, you call us to give generously. Bless the finance and stewardship teams of this congregation. Make us joyful givers of the time, talents, and treasures you have first given us. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Loving God, bless Baylen Hulstrom, Grace, and Emily Kallio today who are receiving their First Holy Communion that they may grow in their love and appreciation for worship and for Jesus’ presence with us in the Blessed Sacrament of Holy Communion. Faithful God, make Baylen, Grace and Emily eager to share in the banquet of Jesus. Give them the strength of the Holy Spirit to profess the faith of your church. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Merciful God, we lift up before you the godparents Jill Jansen and Emy and Calvin Hesse and Dan Kallio asking to encourage them to fulfill their baptismal promises faithfully under the influence of the Holy Spirit and your grace. Inspire them to teach Baylen, Grace, and Emily to be true witnesses and disciples of Jesus. Help these godparents to enjoy being godparents. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of our ancestors, in you we have our beginning and our end. We remember all the faithful departed. Enfold in a shield of peace all those who mourn. Hold them in your love. Let us pray by singing “Be Not Afraid”

“Be Not Afraid” (*sing twice*) **#388**

Be Not Afraid, sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!

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Pastor: We entrust all our prayers to you, gracious God. Receive them by the power of the Holy Spirit and the love of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Sharing of Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always

C: and also with you.

Offering “Let us Break Bread Together” African American Spiritual

Offering Hymn “Now the Silence” **#460**

Offering 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,

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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.

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.

First Communion Candidates Reading Prayers

Candidates Kneel

Invitation to Communion

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

(While congregation singing, candidates will receive communion.)

P: Prayer for Communion Candidates

Baylen, Grace, and Emily may your First Communion celebrate your friendship with Jesus. As you grow in this friendship may your words be gentle and your touch be kind. May you hear whispers of love in your heart each day. May you have fun in discovering God hidden everywhere! And, may you remember to thank God often for the gift of life.

May God bless your parents and godparents that they may continue to enjoy the fruit of their love in their children and continue to nourish you in faith.

Lamb of God

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Communion Hymn “As We Gather at Your Table”

#522

Blessing After Communion

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 “Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!” #382, vss. 1,3,4

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.

Postlude “Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing” T. Williams

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Prayer Concerns: Thelma Bursik, Neil Coakley, Joella Corado (Maggie Westaby’s cousin), Jerrilynn Duxbury, Betty Jane Kettunen, Justin & Ashley Nickolai, Esther Osterby, Barb Peterson, Lucy 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), Ted Sanders, and Youa Xiong & Shelby Brod (Serenity Hulstrom’s Friends)

First Communion Candidates today: Baylen, daughter of Dustin & Kristin Hulstrom and Emily & Grace, daughters of Wayne & Kristin Kallio

Articles for May & June newsletter are due at the church office Monday, April 16th.

Committee reports for the May 20th semi-annual meeting are due to the church office Tuesday, April 17th. This will allow the office staff to get the semi-annual meeting booklets out two weeks before the meeting. You should have received an email from the church office reminding you to submit your reports. If you have already submitted your report, Thank You!

You are invited to join us for our last Bible study on the Book of Revelation. We will meet at 10:30 am in Emmaus Room after worship service on Sunday, April 22nd.

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 Sunday, April 29th following worship service. Joan Johanson

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 6th grade in Houston. 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 13th. Please complete the form with your information. Please fill out the little form so a tally of purchases or cash/check can be taken to the synod meeting May 18th.

ILC potluck will be held on Tuesday, May 1st starting at 5:30pm. Signup sheets for the food and before/after potluck helpers will be in the Narthex. After the potluck, Jean DeVoll-Donaldson, Bishop’s Associate for Evangelical Mission will discuss the results of the vitality survey taken back in January.

Circle of Faith – WIPPS invites you to meet other community members to talk about experience with faith and interfaith relations at the final Circle of Faith dialogue today from 2-3:30 pm at NTC.

Zion Lutheran Church presents concert organist, Bálint Karosi, today at 3:00 pm. Free-will offering.

Conversations About Care in collaboration with NTC invite you to a free film screening and community discussion of the documentary “Being Mortal” on April 17th at the Health Sciences Auditorium at NTC from 6-8pm.

Wings will be holding two seminars on understanding grief. April 19th and April 20th. See bulletin board for all details or contact Nan or Gary Zastrow at 715-845-4159.

Wausau Lyric Choir will perform its spring 2018 concert “Songs of Faith, Hope and Love” at 1st Presbyterian Church, Wausau on Saturday, April 28th at 7:30 pm and Sunday, April 29th at 3:00 pm. A free-will donation will be accepted. No charge tickets are available from choir members, at the Performing Arts Foundation, and at the door.

Marathon County Literacy Council, Inc. offers free help to any one in need of help with English including reading, writing, pronunciation and math. They also offer health and financial literacy and help filling out forms and job applications. They are located at the Wausau Public Library, 1st floor. They are in desperate need of tutors who are willing to help these people. If you can help, please contact them at 715-679-6170.

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

SERVING US TODAY

Worship Leader	Rev. Dr. Niveen Sarras
Assisting Minister	Mary McDonell
Ministers	All Members of Immanuel
Choir Director	Kay Pope
Pianist	Marino Taylor
Acolyte	Brittney Riehle
Communion Assistants	Mary McDonell, Jerry & Judy Nickolai
Head Usher	Bruce Knox
Greeters	Roger & Donna Neiter
Nursery	Dixie Burk
Video Recorder	Al Spoehr
Presentation Manager	Jerry Nickolai
Altar Guild	Joanne Diestelhorst & Lisa Steltenpohl
Contact Person	Mary Munson

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sun. Apr. 15 **First Communion**
8:15a Choir Practice
9:00a Communion Worship Service, First Communion
10:15a Coffee Fellowship
10:15a Sunday School
10:30a Choir Practice
10:45a Executive Committee Meeting

Mon. Apr. 16 **MAY & JUNE NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE**
Tues. Apr. 17 **COMMITTEE REPORTS DUE FOR SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING**

5:30p Handbell Choir Practice
5:45p TV Worship CH 980
6:35p Council Meeting

Wed. Apr. 18 -----

Thurs. Apr. 19 7:30a Men's Discussion Group
9:00a Quilters
9:15a TV Worship CH 980

Fri. Apr. 20 Church Office Closed

Sat. Apr. 21 -----

Sun. Apr. 22 9:00a Worship Service, Handbell Choir
10:15a Coffee Fellowship
10:30a Lenten Bible Study: The book of Revelation

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Flowers on the altar today are given by Neil and Mary Munson with thanks to God, family and friends for the many blessings.

Coffee fellowship today is hosted by Jack & Marsha Klein and Jim & Pat Stolen. There will also be a cake to honor our First Communion Candidates.