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2nd Sunday of Easter – April 7, 2024

Order of Worship Service of the Word & Sacrament

Find today's order of service printed on the liturgy insert tucked inside the front cover of the maroon *Lutheran Service Book* (in the hymnal rack). Large print copies of the order of worship and worship bulletin are on the shelf under the tract rack or speak to an usher who will be happy to share them with you. A warm welcome in Christ to all worshipers!

Serving Us Today

Organist Carly Mess

Ushers Don Claeys, Ed Chiappetti

- ◆ Pre-Service Devotion: Psalm 16 (pew bible, p.486)
- ◆ The Hymns: 464, 470, 623, 461 (1,4,8)
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: 1 John 5:1-5, John 20:19-31
- ◆ Confession of Faith: The Nicene Creed (last page of liturgy insert)

Sermon Text – Acts 3:11-21

"The Sumptuous Easter Feast Continues!"

- ◆ Prayer & the Lord's Prayer
- ◆ Communion Liturgy (liturgy insert, pp.17-21)
- ◆ Benediction & Closing Hymn (461, stanzas 1,4,8)

Today's Scriptures

First Lesson – 1 John 5:1-5

Overcoming the World

1 Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. 2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. 3 For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. 4 For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world— our faith. 5 Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

Easter Acclamation

P The Lord has risen!

C He has risen indeed! Alleluia!

P Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,

C His steadfast love endures forever.

P The Lord has risen indeed!

C Remember how he told you, that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise.

P The Lord has risen!

C He has risen indeed!

P The Lord's mighty arm has triumphed; his power has brought us victory!

C I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the LORD.

P When Christ who is our life appears, then we also will appear with him in glory.

C The Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces.

P Let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation!

C The Lord has risen indeed!

Second Lesson – John 20:19-31

*Jesus Appears to the Disciples /
Seeing and Believing*

19 On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” 20 When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. 21 Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” 22 And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.” 24 Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. 25 So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.” 26 Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” 27 Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.” 28 Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” 29 Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.” 30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; 31 but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

Sermon Text – Acts 3:11-21

Peter Speaks in Solomon’s Portico

11 While he clung to Peter and John, all the people, utterly astounded, ran together to them in the portico called Solomon’s. 12 And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: “Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? 13 The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. 14 But you

denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, 15 and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. 16 And his name—by faith in his name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all. 17 “And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. 18 But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. 19 Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, 20 that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, 21 whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago.

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To our guests seeking an altar at which to commune

We believe the Lord’s Supper is an expression of outward unity in the faith as well as inner union with Christ. For this reason we practice “Fellowship Communion” (we ask only those who are communicant members of our fellowship to come forward to receive the Sacrament). We follow this practice in loving obedience to the Scriptures, not in judgment of anyone’s faith, sincerity, or standing before God. If you would like more information or are interested in becoming a St. Paul member, please speak to the pastor. Thank you.

This Week at St. Paul

Today (4/7) 8:30 am Choir Practice
 9:30 am Worship Service with Holy Communion
 10:45 am Sunday School & Bible Class
Sun (4/14) 8:30 am Church Council Meeting
 9:30 am Worship Service
 10:45 am Sunday School & Bible Class
 10:45 am Mary/Martha Ladies Meeting

Upcoming in April

- Front Range Mission Fest Service: Sunday, April 21, 10:30 am, hosted by Redeemer Lutheran, Cheyenne (*see note below*)
- Spring Clean-Up Day: Saturday, April 27 (8 am to noon)
- Quarterly Voters Meeting: Sunday, April 28, 10:45 am

Annual Front Range Mission Festival

- When: Sunday, April 21, 10:30 am
- Where: Redeemer Lutheran Church, Cheyenne, WY
- Guest Speaker: Pastor Paul Nolting
- Schedule for the Day: Worship Service, 10:30 am; Fellowship Meal: 11:30 am; Mission Presentation by Pastor Nolting (on our mission work in Tanzania): after the meal
- If you need transportation to this event, see Pastor Schuetze



A lay service will also be conducted on April 21
at St. Paul at the customary time, 9:30 am.

In Our Prayers: The family of retired pastor/professor David Lau who was called home to his eternal rest last Wednesday. David was a founding father of the CLC. He served as a pastor and ILC professor for many years before his retirement. "*Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.*" "*Yes,*" *says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, and their works follow them."* Revelation 14:13.

Pictorial Volunteers: It has been quite a few years since St. Paul has published a pictorial directory with photos of our members. You are invited to consider serving on a committee to spearhead such a project. Please let the pastor know if you are open to consider serving in this way. Thank you.

Synod News & Notes

- **The CLC Boards** (Missions, Regents, Trustees, Doctrine, Education & Publications) will meet in Eau Claire, WI this week Monday and Tuesday. The Coordinating Council will meet on Wednesday.
- **Call News:** Pastor Nathanael Mayhew of Grace Ev. Lutheran, Sleepy Eye, MN, has accepted the call from Immanuel Lutheran Church, Mankato, MN, to serve as their second pastor. <> St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran of Iron River, MI and Calvary Lutheran of Marquette, MI have requested a seminary graduate to serve both congregations (joint call). The Call Committee on Graduates meets this Wednesday evening, April 10.
- **ILHS Visitors Day:** Immanuel Lutheran High School in Eau Claire, WI will host their annual High School Visitors Day on Friday, April 26, 2024 for students grades 7 and up. A schedule of events and online registration can be found at www.ilc.edu. Please register students and chaperones by Friday, April 19. A theater performance of *The Crazy Cowgirls of Pemberley Ranch* (an adaptation of *Pride and Prejudice*) will take place on Friday and Saturday at 7:30 pm. Friday night's play performance will be live-streamed (but not recorded) at youtube.com/@ilcvideos. The Immanuel Band will perform before the play on Friday at 7:00 pm, and student talent performances will take place Saturday at 7:00 pm. Performances are free and open to the public. For more information please contact Prof. Joel Gullerud (joel.gullerud@ilc.edu 715-544-8446). Visitors Day Links: [Visitors Day Registration Form](#), [Visitors Day Schedule](#), [Visitors Day Invitation Letter](#)
- **After Banquet Party:** Parents of Immanuel Lutheran High School students are presently working on this year's After Banquet Party to be held Saturday May 4, 2024 in Eau Claire, WI. 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,

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 or Jen LeDuc, jenleduc04@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!

- **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 any 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/ under the heading "Financial Assistance Forms & Info."
- **CLC Youth Camp** will be taking place on the Immanuel campus in Eau Claire, June 9-15, 2024. It is a week-long camp of faith, fellowship, and fun. Camp is open to kids going into grades 6-9 and the cost is \$140/camper. There is also a morning pre-camp program available for kids going into grades K-5 with a cost of \$60/camper. Registration will open **Saturday, March 16th at 10 AM CST**. For more information visit youthcampclc.wixsite.com/camp, or email the camp directors Amber Casto and Sam Radermacher at youthcamp.clc@gmail.com.

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

April 8-13

Mon John 21:15-17 The risen Lord brings restoration to Simon Peter. Peter, who so recently denied knowing Jesus, now finds comfort in the fact that Jesus knows (and forgives) him.

Tues John 21:18-24 Jesus indicates the kind of death by which Peter will glorify God. He can face such a death by following his risen Lord. The same Lord will also take care of John and the others in His own way.

Wed John 6:65-71 After Jesus' resurrection, how the disciples must have remembered all the times that He had prepared them for the suffering and triumph that lay ahead! He not only **has** the words of eternal life (v68), but He **is** the Way, the Truth, and the Life!

Thurs 1 John 4:1-6 The faith that the Spirit of God works in us is one that confesses that the human Jesus is the divine Messiah. This is what makes the difference between those from God and those from the world.

Fri 1 Peter 1:22-25 It is through the living and enduring word of God that we have been born again, purified through His forgiveness in Christ. His great love for us is reflected in our love for one another.

Sat Genesis 32:22-31 At a time of uncertainty in his life, Jacob seeks a blessing from God (v30) rather than from his own cleverness. His wrestling partner can dislocate with a mere touch, but blesses Jacob and gives him a new name: Israel.