



On the first day of the week, the women went to the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.

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PRESERVICE PRAYER: Heavenly Father, We thank and praise You for the grace You have revealed in Jesus' resurrection. Grant us the peace that comes through the justification you have announced to all the world through Jesus' resurrection, and instill the hope of our own resurrection to eternal life through faith in Jesus as our ever-living Lord. We praise and bless You through Jesus Christ Your Son and our Redeemer God. Amen.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

EASTER GREETING: Psalm 118:14, 19-24

¹⁴ The LORD is my strength and song,

And He has become my salvation

²⁰ This is the gate of the LORD,

Through which the righteous shall enter.

²¹ I will praise You, For You have answered me,

And have become my salvation.

²² The stone which the builders rejected

Has become the chief cornerstone.

²³ This was the LORD's doing;

It is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴ This is the day the LORD has made;

We will rejoice and be glad in it.

P: Christ Is Risen!

C: The Lord is Risen Indeed!

HYMN: 191 Christ the Lord Is Ris'n Today; Alleluia!

1 Christ the Lord is ris'n today; Alleluia!

Christians, haste your vows to pay; Alleluia!

Offer ye your praises meet Alleluia!

At the Paschal Victim's feet. Alleluia!

2 For the sheep the Lamb hath bled, Alleluia!

Sinless in the sinner's stead. Alleluia!

"Christ is ris'n," today we cry; Alleluia!

Now He lives no more to die. Alleluia!

3 Christ, the Victim undefiled, Alleluia!

God and man hath reconciled Alleluia!

While in strange and awe-full strife Alleluia!

Met together Death and Life. Alleluia!

4 Christians, on this happy day Alleluia!
Haste with joy your vows to pay. Alleluia!
"Christ is ris'n," today we cry; Alleluia!
Now He lives no more to die. Alleluia!

5 Christ, who once for sinners bled, Alleluia!
Now the First-born from the dead, Alleluia!
Throned in endless might and power, Alleluia!
Lives and reigns forevermore. Alleluia!

6 Hail, eternal Hope on high! Alleluia!
Hail, Thou King of victory! Alleluia!
Hail, Thou Prince of Life adored! Alleluia!
Help and save us, gracious Lord. Alleluia!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Beloved of God: On this Easter morning, let us with a true heart confess our sins to God our Father, asking Him, in the name of our resurrected Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

C: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer: we confess that we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have not loved You above all things. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy on us, and, for the sake of our risen Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us our sins.

P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son Jesus Christ to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. God raised God from the dead proving His acceptance. of the full payment of our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of our risen 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. Amen.

PRAYER (Pastor)

Dear Jesus, King of kings and Lord of lords, we thank and praise You that by Your suffering and death on the cross You endured the very agony of hell for us, reconciling us to God. On Easter we especially thank and praise You for Your resurrection from the dead, for it proves that You are God's Son and seals Your sacrifice as the full payment for our sins. Our King, accept our heartfelt praise for all that You have so graciously done for our salvation, and keep on ruling in our hearts and lives. We ask this In Your name, Amen.

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 25:6-9

And in this mountain

The LORD of hosts will make for all people

A feast of choice pieces,

A feast of wines on the lees,

Of fat things full of marrow,

Of well-refined wines on the lees.

⁷ And He will destroy on this mountain

The surface of the covering cast over all people,

And the veil that is spread over all nations.

⁸ He will swallow up death forever,

And the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces;

The rebuke of His people

He will take away from all the earth;

For the LORD has spoken.

⁹ And it will be said in that day:

“Behold, this *is* our God;

We have waited for Him, and He will save us.

This *is* the LORD; We have waited for Him;

We will be glad and rejoice in His salvation.” (NKJV)

THE EPSITILE LESSON: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most pitiable. ²⁰ But now Christ is risen from the dead, *and* has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹ For since by man *came* death, by Man also *came* the resurrection of the dead. ²² For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive. ²³ But each one in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, afterward those *who are* Christ’s at His coming. ²⁴ 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. ²⁵ For He must reign till He has put all enemies under His feet. ²⁶ The last enemy *that* will be destroyed *is* death.(NKJV)

HYMN 198:1,4,5 He’s Risen, He’s Risen, Christ Jesus, the Lord

1. He’s risen, He’s risen, Christ Jesus, the Lord;
He opened Death’s prison, the Incarnate Word.
Break forth, hosts of heaven, in jubilant song,
And, earth, sea, and mountain, the paean prolong.

4. Oh, where is thy sting, Death? We fear thee no more;
Christ rose, and now open is fair Eden’s door.
For all our transgressions His blood does atone;
Redeemed and forgiven, we now are His own.

5. Then sing your hosannas and raise your glad voice;
Proclaim the blest tidings that all may rejoice.
Laud, honor, and praise to the Lamb that was slain,
Who sitteth in glory and ever shall reign.

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 16:1-8

Now when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary *the mother* of James, and Salome bought spices, that they might come and anoint Him. ²Very early in the morning, on the first *day* of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen. ³And they said among themselves, "Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?" ⁴But when they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away—for it was very large. ⁵And entering the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a long white robe sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. ⁶But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him. ⁷But go, tell His disciples—and Peter—that He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him, as He said to you." ⁸So they went out quickly and fled from the tomb, for they trembled and were amazed. And they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid." (NKJV)

THE CONFESSION OF FAITH:

Luther's Explanation to The Second Article

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, Begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord: He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sin, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with His holy precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death.

He did this that I should be His very own, live under Him in His Kingdom, and serve Him in eternal righteousness, innocence, and joy; just as He is risen from death, lives and reigns in eternity.

THIS IS MOST CERTAINLY TRUE.

HYMN 193 Christ the Lord is Ris'n Today

1 "Christ the Lord is ris'n today,"
Sons of men and angels say.
Raise your joys and triumphs high;
Sing, ye heav'ns, and, earth, reply.

2 Love's redeeming work is done,
Fought the fight, the battle won.
Lo, our Sun's eclipse is o'er;
Lo, He sets in blood no more.

3 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal;
Christ has burst the gates of hell.
Death in vain forbids His rise;
Christ has opened Paradise.

4 Lives again our glorious King;
Where, O Death, is now thy sting?
Once He died our souls to save;
Where thy victory, O Grave?

5 Soar we now where Christ has led,
Following our exalted Head.
Made like Him, like Him we rise;
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.

6 Hail the Lord of earth and heaven!
Praise to Thee by both be given!
Thee we greet triumphant now:
Hail, the Resurrection Thou!

THE SERMON: Romans 14:9

For to this end Christ died and rose and lived again, that He might be Lord of both the dead and the living. (NKJV)

It is All About Our Redemption!

THEME: He Is Risen from Death, Lives and Rules!

I. He Died and Rose Again.

II. He Lives Again.

III. He Rules Over All.

Prayer and Lord's Prayer.

HYMN: 200:1,2,5,7,8 I Know that My Redeemer Lives

1 I know that my Redeemer lives;
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my ever-living Head.

2 He lives triumphant from the grave,
He lives eternally to save,
He lives all-glorious in the sky,
He lives exalted there on high.

5 He lives to silence all my fears,
He lives to wipe away my tears,
He lives to calm my troubled heart,
He lives all blessings to impart.

7 He lives and grants me daily breath;
He lives, and I shall conquer death;
He lives my mansion to prepare;
He lives to bring me safely there.

8 He lives, all glory to His name!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same.
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives,
“I know that my Redeemer lives!”

The Benediction

HYMN: 207:2 “Thanks to Thee, O Christ victorious”

2 Thanks to Thee, O Christ victorious!
Thanks to Thee, O Lord of Life!
Death hath now no power o’er us,
Thou hast conquered in the strife.
Thanks because thou didst arise
And hast opened Paradise!
None can fully sing the glory
Of the resurrection story.

CALENDAR

TODAY: NO Sunday school or Bible class today.

WEDNESDAY: Catechism class is scheduled to meet via ZOOM at 4:00 p.m.

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 9:30 with April Church council meeting scheduled to follow the service.

Sunday, April 25th: Quarterly Voters Meeting at 12:30 p.m.

June 24- 27: CLC Convention in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. Convention is scheduled for a Thursday – Sunday.

SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

March 28 attendance -13 Bible Class - 9 April 1 (Maundy Thursday) – 11 April 2 (Good Friday) - 11

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,285.00	Other offerings	
Offerings Received	\$795.00	Prop. Imprv. Fund	\$100.00
Needed for Year:	\$16,705.00		
Received for Year:	\$15,825.00		

April Church Cleaning: Nelson

CLC NEWS: Pastor Dave Naumann, St. John's, Clarkston, WA/Peace, Orofino, ID has returned the call extended to him by Redeemer, Sister Lakes, MI.

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 by May 1st to ILC student Sam Radermacher: samurade@ilc.edu.

After Banquet Party: 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, 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