



St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Worship: 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School and Bible Class: 10:30 a.m.

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1st Sunday after Easter

PRESERVICE PRAYER Heavenly Father, we come before You to praise your Holy name. We acknowledge our sin and unworthiness, and yet You have loved us with an everlasting love. You sent Your only begotten Son into the world to bear our sin and redeem us from death. Grant that we may always believe this, and believing have life in Jesus' name. By the power of Your Holy Spirit grant us grace that we also may love one another as You have loved us, and thereby show forth the glory of Your salvation to the world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE: (p. 22 Worship Supplement 2000)

HYMN 188:1,2,4,5 Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!

1 Hallelujah! Jesus lives! He is now the Living One;
From the gloomy halls of death Christ the Conqueror has gone,
Bright Forerunner to the skies Of His people, yet to rise.

2 Jesus lives! Let all rejoice! Praise Him, ransomed ones of earth.
Praise Him in a nobler song, Cherubim of heav'nly birth.
Praise the Victor-King, whose sway Sin and death and hell obey.

4 Jesus lives! And thus, my soul, Life eternal waits for thee;
Joined to Him, thy living Head, Where He is, thou, too shalt be;
With Himself, at His right hand, Victor over death shalt stand.

5 Jesus lives! To Him my heart Draws with ever new delight.
Earthly vanities, depart, Hinder not my heavenward flight.
Let this spirit ever rise To its Magnet in the skies.

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.

C: If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Together let us pray.

C: Almighty God, merciful Father, we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. But we are sorry for our transgressions and pray You, of Your bountiful mercy, to be gracious and merciful unto us. Forgive us for Jesus' sake, renew us by Your Spirit, and lead us in the way everlasting. Amen.

P: Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. We are forgiven! With boldness and confidence we may approach the throne to find grace to help in time of need. In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

THE EPISTLE TESTAMENT LESSON: Acts 3:12-20

So when Peter saw *it*, he responded to the people: "Men of Israel, why do you marvel at this? Or why look so intently at us, as though by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk? ¹³The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified His Servant Jesus, whom you delivered up and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let *Him* go. ¹⁴But you denied the Holy One and the Just, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, ¹⁵and killed the Prince of life, whom God raised from the dead, of which we are witnesses. ¹⁶And His name, through faith in His name, has made this man strong, whom you see and know. Yes, the faith which *comes* through Him has given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.

¹⁷"Yet now, brethren, I know that you did *it* in ignorance, as *did* also your rulers. ¹⁸But those things which God foretold by the mouth of all His prophets, that the Christ would suffer, He has thus fulfilled. ¹⁹Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that

times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord,²⁰ and that He may send Jesus Christ, who was preached to you before.” (NKJV)

THE GOSPEL LESSON: John 20:19-31

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.”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 So Jesus said to them again, “Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send 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 retain the *sins* of any, they are retained.”

²⁴ Now Thomas, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.²⁵ The other disciples therefore said to him, “We have seen the Lord.”

So he said to them, “Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe.”

²⁶ And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, “Peace to you!”²⁷ Then He said to Thomas, “Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand *here*, and put *it* into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing.”

²⁸ And Thomas answered and said to Him, “My Lord and my God!”

²⁹ Jesus said to him, “Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed *are* those who have not seen and *yet* have believed.”

³⁰ And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book;³¹ but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name. (NKJV)

THE APOSTLES CREED

HYMN 201 Jesus Lives! the Victory's Won

1 Jesus lives! The vict'ry's won! Death no longer can appall me;
Jesus lives! Death's reign is done! From the grave Christ will recall me.
Brighter scenes will then commence; This shall be my confidence.

2 Jesus lives! To Him the throne High o'er heav'n and earth is given.
I shall go where He is gone, Live and reign with Him in heaven.
God is faithful. Doubtings, hence! This shall be my confidence.

3 Jesus lives! For me He died, Hence will I, to Jesus living,
Pure in heart and act abide, Praise to Him and glory giving.
Freely God doth aid dispense; This shall be my confidence.

4 Jesus lives! I know full well Naught from me His love shall sever;
Life nor death nor powers of hell Part me now from Christ forever.
God will be a sure Defense; This shall be my confidence.

5 Jesus lives! and now is death But the gate of life immortal;
This shall calm my trembling breath When I pass its gloomy portal.
Faith shall cry, as fails each sense, Jesus is my confidence!

THE SERMON: 1 John 5:1-6

Theme: Blessed with a Victorious Faith in a Risen Savior

- I. A Faith that Loves
- II. A Faith the Overcomes the World
- III. A Faith Created and Sustained by the Spirit's Testimony

SERMON TEXT: 1 John 5:1-6

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves Him who begot also loves him who is begotten of Him. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep His commandments. ³For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome. ⁴For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. ⁵Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

⁶This is He who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not only by water, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who bears witness, because the Spirit is truth. (NKJV)

PRAYER; THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN 207:1,3,4,5 Like the Golden Sun Ascending

1 Like the golden sun ascending,
Breaking thro' the gloom of night,
On the earth his glory spending
So that darkness takes to flight,
Thus my Jesus from the grave
And Death's dismal, dreadful cave
Rose triumphant Easter morning
At the early purple dawning.

3 Though I be by sin o'ertaken,
Though I lie in helplessness,
Though I be by friends forsaken
And must suffer sore distress,
Though I be despised, contemned,
And by all the world condemned,
Though the dark grave yawn before me,
Yet the light of hope shines o'er me.

4 Thou hast died for my transgression,
All my sins on Thee were laid;
Thou hast won for me salvation,
On the cross my debt was paid.
From the grave I shall arise
And shall meet Thee in the skies.
Death itself is transitory;
I shall lift my head in glory.

5 Grant me grace, O blessed Savior,
And Thy Holy Spirit send
That my walk and my behavior
May be pleasing to the end;
That I may not fall again
Into Death's grim pit and pain,
Whence by grace Thou hast retrieved me
And from which Thou hast relieved me.

BENEDICTION

C: Amen.

HYMN 207:2,6 Like the golden Sun Ascending

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.

6 For the joy Thy advent gave me,
For Thy holy, precious Word;
For Thy Baptism, which doth save me,
For Thy blest Communion board;
For Thy death, the bitter scorn,
For Thy resurrection morn,
Lord, I thank Thee and extol Thee,
And in heaven I shall behold Thee.

CALENDAR

TODAY: Thank you for coming to hear the Word.

Used bulletins should either be taken home or deposited in the wastepaper basket at the narthex door. Your offerings may be placed in the offering plate at the rear of the nave. **Church council** is scheduled to follow the service this morning. **Ladies Aid** will have a brief business meeting following the service this morning. **No Adult Bible Class** this morning.

WEDNESDAY: Catechism class via Zoom beginning at 4:00 p.m.

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship with Holy communion at 9:30. Adult Bible class next Sunday. Sermon text: Acts 4:8-12.

FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

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

SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: April 4 worship – 24 No Bible class

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,285.00	Other offerings	
Offerings Received	\$1620.00	Missions	\$ 70.00
Needed for Year:	\$17,990.00	Memorial: Lincoln Cole	
Received for Year:	\$17,445.00	Prop. Imprv. Fund	\$ 50.00

April Church Cleaning – Nelson

CLC NEWS: Volunteers needed at ILC: The Immanuel Professorage Committee (IPC) conducts annual inspections of professors’ homes identifying 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). We are looking for individuals with skills in the areas mentioned who are willing to do some of the work. 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. The link tinyurl.com/ipc-form-21 is intended to collect names of willing volunteers along with skills they are willing to share.

The 2021 ManUp! Men's Retreat will be held September 30 - October 3, 2021, at Wyalusing State Park near Prairie du Chien, WI. ManUp! offers 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: www.manup.clclutheran.org.

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. We rely on donations from the parents, families and local businesses. 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.