

Here I Stand



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2nd Sunday after Easter

PRESERVICE PRAYER Heavenly Father, we thank and praise You for the salvation which You have provided to a fallen world by sending your Son to suffer and die for us upon the cross. We rejoice in Your grace that in raising Jesus from the dead You have proclaimed Your satisfaction with the ransom price He paid, so that we have remission of sins and everlasting life. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that our faith in Christ as our Risen and Ever-living Lord may be strengthened unto eternal life. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

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

HYMN 196:1-4 I Am Content! My Jesus Liveth Still

1 I am content! My Jesus liveth still, In whom my heart is pleased.
He hath fulfilled the Law of God for me;
God's wrath He hath appeased. Since He in death could perish never,
I also shall not die forever. I am content! I am content!

2 I am content! My Jesus is my Head; His member I will be.
He bowed His head when on the cross He died
With cries of agony. Now death is brought into subjection
For me, too, by His resurrection. I am content! I am content!

3 I am content! My Jesus is my Lord, My Prince of Life and Peace;
His heart is yearning for my future bliss
And for my soul's release. The home where He, my Master, liveth
He also to His servant giveth. I am content! I am content!

4 I am content! My Jesus is my Light, My radiant Sun of Grace.
His cheering rays beam blessings forth for all:
Sweet comfort, hope, and peace. This Easter Sun doth bring salvation
And everlasting exultation. I am content! I am content!

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: 1 John1:1-2:2

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life— ² the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us— ³ that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ. ⁴ And these things we write to you that your joy may be full.

⁵This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. ⁷But 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.

⁸If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

²My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. ²And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world. (NKJV)

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 24:36-49

Now as they said these things, Jesus Himself stood in the midst of them, and said to them, “Peace to you.” ³⁷But they were terrified and frightened, and supposed they had seen a spirit. ³⁸And He said to them, “Why are you troubled? And why do doubts arise in your hearts?”

³⁹Behold My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself. Handle Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see I have.”

⁴⁰^[a]When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His feet.

⁴¹But while they still did not believe for joy, and marveled, He said to them, “Have you any food here?” ⁴²So they gave Him a piece of a broiled fish and some honeycomb. ⁴³And He took *it* and ate in their presence.

⁴⁴Then He said to them, “These *are* the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and *the* Prophets and *the* Psalms concerning Me.” ⁴⁵And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures.

⁴⁶Then He said to them, “Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. ⁴⁸And you are witnesses of these things.

⁴⁹Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high.” (NKJV)

THE APOSTLES CREED

HYMN 192 Awake, My Heart, with Gladness

1 Awake, my heart, with gladness, See what today is done;
Now, after gloom and sadness, Comes forth the glorious Sun.
My Savior there was laid Where our bed must be made
When to the realms of light Our spirit wings its flight.

5 The world against me rageth, Its fury I disdain;
Though bitter war it wageth, Its work is all in vain.
My heart from care is free, No trouble troubles me.
Misfortune now is play, And night is bright as day.

6 Now I will cling forever To Christ, my Savior true;
My Lord will leave me never, Whate'er He passeth through.
He rends Death's iron chain, He breaks through sin and pain,
He shatters hell's dark thrall,-- I follow Him through all.

7 To halls of heavenly splendor With Him I penetrate;
And trouble ne'er may hinder Nor make me hesitate.
Let tempests rage at will, My Savior shields me still;
He grants abiding peace And bids all tumult cease.

THE SERMON: Acts 4:8-12

Theme: Witnessing the Power of a Living Savior!

- I. The Power to Save.
- II. The Power to Empower His Disciples.
- III. The Power to Steadfastly Proclaim the Gospel.

SERMON TEXT: Acts 4:8-20

Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders of Israel: ⁹If we this day are judged for a good deed *done* to a helpless man, by what means he has been made well, ¹⁰let it be known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by Him this man stands here before you whole. ¹¹This is the 'stone which was rejected by you builders, which has become the chief cornerstone.' ¹²Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."
¹³Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated and untrained men, they marveled. And they realized that they had been with Jesus. ¹⁴And seeing the man who had

been healed standing with them, they could say nothing against it. ¹⁵ But when they had commanded them to go aside out of the council, they conferred among themselves, ¹⁶ saying, “What shall we do to these men? For, indeed, that a notable miracle has been done through them *is* evident to all who dwell in Jerusalem, and we cannot deny *it*. ¹⁷ But so that it spreads no further among the people, let us severely threaten them, that from now on they speak to no man in this name.”

¹⁸ So they called them and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus. ¹⁹ But Peter and John answered and said to them, “Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you more than to God, you judge. ²⁰ For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.” (NKJV)

PRAYER; THE LORD’S PRAYER

HYMN 305:1,4,7 Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness

1 Soul, adorn thyself with gladness, Leave behind all gloom and sadness;
Come into the day-light's splendor, There with joy thy praises render
Unto Him whose grace unbounded Hath this wondrous Supper founded.
High o'er all the heav'ns He reigneth, Yet to dwell with thee He deigneth.

4 Ah, how hungers all my spirit For the love I do not merit!
Oft have I, with sighs fast thronging,
Thought upon this food with longing,
In the battle well-nigh worsted, For this cup of life have thirsted,
For the Friend who here invites us And to God Himself unites us.

7 Jesus, Sun of Life, my Splendor, Jesus, Thou my Friend most tender,
Jesus, Joy of my desiring, Fount of life, my soul inspiring--
At Thy feet I cry, my Maker, Let me be a fit partaker
Of this blessed food from heaven, For our good, Thy glory, given.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

We observe the Scriptural practice of close communion. Since participation in communion is a confession of unity of teaching and faith, you will not want to commune with us until you have had a chance to compare your beliefs with ours. Please speak with the pastor to set up an appointment - we want to share this blessing with you!

PRAYER:

C: Amen.

BENEDICTION

C: Amen.

HYMN 207:6 Like the Golden Sun Ascending

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. **Adult Bible Class** is scheduled to follow the service.

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

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 9:30. Sermon text: Acts 4:23-33. Adult Bible class is scheduled to follow the service. A potluck lunch will follow after Bible class. The **quarterly voters meeting** is scheduled to begin at 12:30 p.m.

FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

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:

Attendance: April 11 worship – 16 No Bible class

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,285.00	Other offerings	
Offerings Received	\$1410.00	Memorial: Lincoln Cole	
Needed for Year:	\$19,275.00	Prop. Imprv. Fund	\$ 40.00
Received for Year:	\$18,855.00		

April Church Cleaning – Nelson

CLC NEWS: The Call Committee for ILC Graduates extended the following calls to the upcoming graduates. Pastoral Call: Drew Naumann to Trinity, Spokane, WA. Teacher Calls: Ben Hansen to St. John’s, Okabena, MN. Kathleen Naumann to Immanuel, Winter Haven, FL.

St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, Melrose, WI has expressed their doctrinal agreement with the CLC and has applied for membership in the CLC. “I (President Michel Eichstadt) am happy and grateful to the Lord to announce our fellowship with them.”

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.

Retirement Gift: Professor John Reim has announced his retirement effective the end of the current academic year. His faithful service to our church and our school will be acknowledged during the ILC Class Day/Graduation festivities on May 21-22. Our custom is to present a monetary gift as a token of our appreciation. CLC members are invited to contribute to this gift which will be presented to him at Graduation. Please make your checks payable to Immanuel Lutheran College and indicate: "Prof. Reim Retirement." Send your gift to: Immanuel Lutheran College, 501 Grover Road, Eau Claire, WI 54701

“Here I Stand” - This Sunday marks the 500th anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther’s brave declaration at the Diet of Worms (that is, the official meeting of church and civil authorities in the city of Worms, Germany). Luther was confronted with grave personal danger because of his defense of the true Gospel of salvation by grace alone, through faith alone, based on Scripture alone. It is good for us to offer sincere thanks to God for this heritage of grace, which has been preserved for us down to our own generation. For some details on this important moment in Gospel history, see tinyurl.com/luther-diet.