

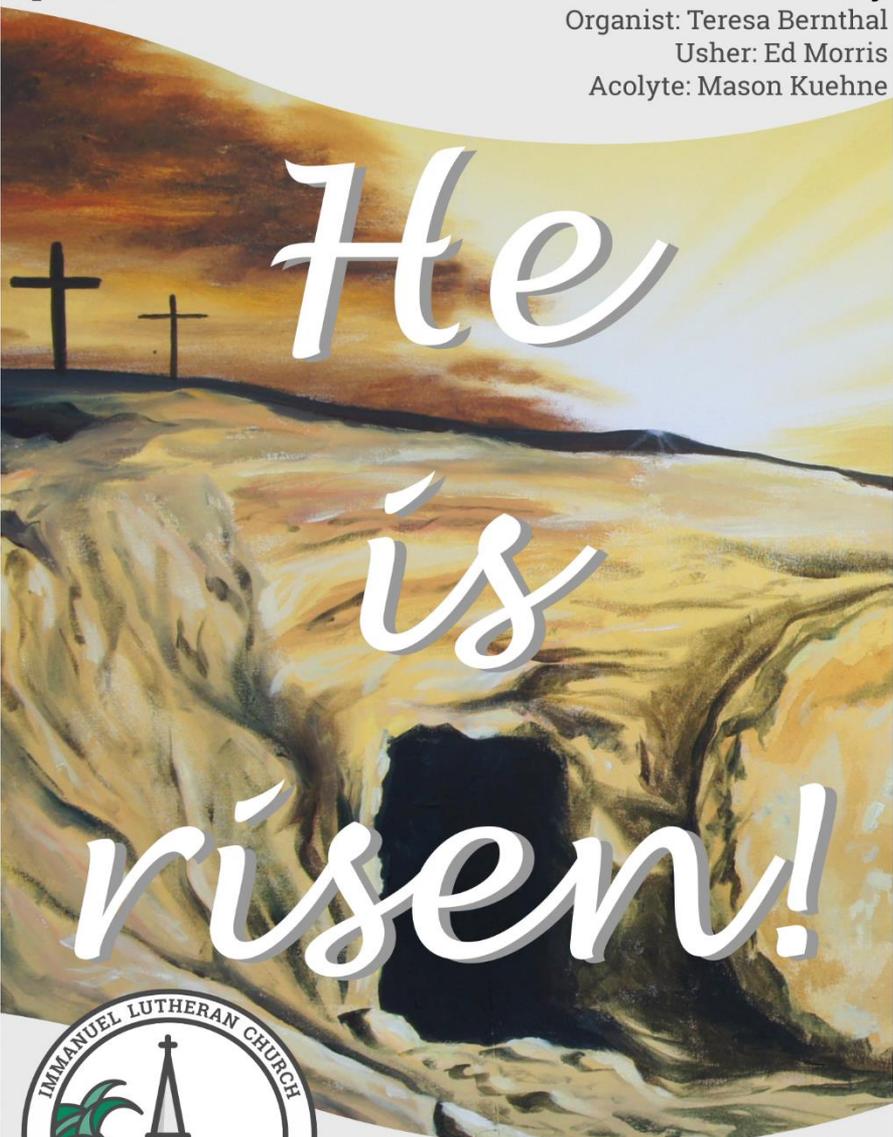
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Easter Sunday

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He
is
risen!



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✠ Order of Service ✠



First Lesson

At the Empty Tomb

Now after the Sabbath, as the first day of the week began to dawn, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb. And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat on it. His countenance was like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow. And the guards shook for fear of him, and became like dead men.

Now while they were going, behold, some of the guard came into the city and reported to the chief priests all the things that had happened. Very early in the morning, they, and certain other women with them, came to the tomb bringing the spices which they had prepared. And they said among themselves, "Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?"

But when they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away; for it was very large. Now when He rose early on the first day of the week, He appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom He had cast seven demons. Mary Magdalene went to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. Then she ran and came to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple, whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken away the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid Him."

Then they (the other women) went in and did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. And it happened, as they were greatly perplexed about this, that behold, two men stood by them in shining garments. Then, as they were afraid and bowed their faces to the earth, they said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. And go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead, and indeed He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him. Behold, I have told you. He is not here, but is risen! Remember how He spoke to you when He was still in Galilee, saying, 'The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.'" And they remembered His words. So they went out quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to bring His disciples word.

P In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P He is risen!

C He is risen indeed!

Resurrection Proclamation

1 Corinthians 15; John 20

P Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures. ... But if Christ is not risen, then our preaching is empty

C and our faith is also empty.

P For if the dead do not rise,

C then Christ is not risen.

P And if Christ is not risen, your faith is futile;

C We are still in our sins!

P But now Christ is risen from the dead,

C and has become the first-fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

P For as in Adam all die,

C even so in Christ all shall be made alive.

P Peace to you! Receive the Holy Spirit. Your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Blessed are those who have not seen, and yet have believed.

C Glory be to You, My Lord and My God!

P He is risen!

C He is risen indeed!



Hymn: TLH #199

Jesus Christ is Risen Today, Alleluia!

Second Lesson

In the Garden

Peter therefore went out, and the other disciple, and were going to the tomb. So they both ran together, and the other disciple outran Peter and came to the tomb first. And he, stooping down and looking in, saw the linen cloths lying there; yet he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb; and he saw the linen cloths lying

there, and the handkerchief that had been around His head, not lying with the linen cloths, but folded together in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who came to the tomb first, went in also; and he saw and believed. For as yet they did not know the Scripture, that He must rise



again from the dead. Then the disciples went away again to their own homes. But Mary stood outside by the tomb weeping, and as she wept she stooped down and looked into the tomb. And she saw two angels in white sitting, one at the head and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain. Then they said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him." Now when she had said this, she

turned around and saw Jesus standing there, and did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" She, supposing Him to be the gardener, said to Him, "Sir, if You have carried Him away, tell me where You have laid Him, and I will take Him away."

Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to Him, "Rabboni!" (which is to say, Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to Me, for I have not yet ascended to My Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, 'I am ascending to My Father and your Father, and to My God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and that He had spoken these things to her.

Hymn: TLH #202:1-2

Welcome, Happy Morning!

Third Lesson

On the Road to Emmaus

Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; but they were kept from recognizing him.

He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?" They stood still, their faces downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, "Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" "What things?" He asked. "About Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. The chief

priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus."

He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. But they urged him strongly, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?"



They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together and saying, "It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon." Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.

Confession of Faith

Easter Creed

I believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of Man, Lord of lords and Savior of the fallen world. I believe that He is the Word made flesh, Who came to earth to redeem all sinners. He was born under the Law, to fulfill all of God's commandments on my behalf. He was crucified at the hands of sinful men, and endured all the punishment that I and all sinners deserved, to fully satisfy the justice of God. He died and was buried.

I believe that on the third day Jesus Christ rose bodily from the dead, as the prophets foretold and as He himself promised. Proved by the inspired Scriptures and by many eyewitnesses, Jesus' resurrection shows that He is God's Son, that His mission of salvation is complete, and that He has triumphed over death, our last great enemy.

With this victory, Christ has become our forerunner, the first-fruits of all who sleep in Him. Because He rose, I and all who trust in His redeeming work shall rise to eternal glory on the Last Day. Because He lives, I too shall live. For He has promised me: "I am the Resurrection and the Life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die." Amen.

Hymn: TLH #201:1,4,5

Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won

Fourth Lesson

Behind Closed Doors

While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have."



When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate it in their presence. He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still

with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms." Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

So Jesus said to them again, "Peace be to you; as the Father has sent Me, I also send you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

Easter Meditation – 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, ² and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you-- unless you believed in vain. ³ For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶ Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸ Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹ For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹ Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

Jesus is Risen!

This is both a **Fact** and a **Comfort!**

Response: TLH #189

He is Arisen! Glorious Word!

♩ He is arisen! Glorious Word! Now reconciled is God, my Lord; The gates of heav'n are open. My Jesus did triumphant die, And Satan's arrows broken lie, Destroyed hell's direst weapon. Oh, hear What cheer! Christ victorious Riseth glorious, Life He giveth— He was dead, but see, He liveth!

- OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS -

Followed immediately by the Offering Hymn printed below:

Offering Hymn: TLH #441:1

“We Give Thee But Thine Own”

♩ We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be; All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

Easter Prayer and Lord's Prayer



Order of Holy Communion

Following the order printed below:



- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** We lift them up to the Lord.
- P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.
- C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God,

Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

1	Wor - thy	is	Christ, the	Lamb	who	was	slain,	Whose
2	Pow -	er,	rich - es,	wis -	dom,	and	strength,	And
3	Sing	with	all the	peo -	ple	of	God,	And
4	Bless -	ing,	hon - or,	glo -	ry,	and	might	Be to
5	For	the	Lamb	who	was	slain	Has be -	

Refrain

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His.
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - - - tion.
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - - - men.
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - - - ia!

P Let us pray...Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. We thank you for Your steadfast love which has brought up our Lord from the dead and delivered us from death and the devil. Graciously receive our prayers that we might be renewed, strengthened, and delivered from all evil. Amen.

P Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed!

P Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

C We have blessed Him from the house of the Lord.

Words of Institution

Matt. 26, Mk. 14, Lk. 22, 1 Cor. 11

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread. And when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take, eat. This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

In the same way He took the cup, after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always!

Please Note: The Lord's Supper is described in I Corinthians 11:23-32 as a most precious medicine for the soul. Like all medicines, of course, it must be used at the right time for the right purpose by the right person, lest it do more harm than good. That is one reason we ask our visitors to please speak to the pastor before you commune with us. Thank you!

P Bless we the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P We thank You, O Lord, for Your resurrection, for through it You have given us new birth into a living hope. Grant that through Your spirit we would know You and walk according to Your Word. **C** Amen.

The Benediction:

Numbers 6:24-26

P The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace. **C** Amen!

Closing Hymn: WS #732 "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"



Easter Lilies

What's that about?

For the Christian, the Easter Lily represents many things in connection with Christ's death and resurrection. As a perennial, the lily dies each year. When the growing season returns the following spring, where once a flower had died and withered away, a new lily springs up and blooms!

This is a powerful reminder to us of the death and miraculous resurrection of our Jesus Christ our Lord. We too will die, and yet in Christ, we have been promised new life. Our earthly bodies will wither away, and yet they will spring up as new when Christ returns to raise the dead.

As the Easter Lily is white, so we appear before God's throne on Judgment Day. Having been washed in the blood of the lamb and adorned in Christ's robes of righteousness, we stand innocent before the Lord.

And so it is an old Christian custom to adorn the altar with Easter Lilies on Easter, as a reminder of the new life won for us in Christ, and the certain hope of the resurrection that Jesus provides for us and our loved ones.

**Easter Lilies have been placed in the sure hope of the resurrection
to everlasting life and in loving memory of:**

Noah Rodebaugh

Grandpa Sherman

Jaxson Goodwin

Aunt Carol

Danny Tremaine

Aunt Betty

Aunt Eileen

Thelma Cook

Aunt Dorothy

Christine Andrews

Aunt Virginia

Ardella Bruns

Papa Scott

Grandparents & Loved Ones

✝ Announcements ✝

CLC Call News The Rev. Nathan Pfeiffer, pastor of Trinity Lutheran, Spokane WA, has returned the call to Luther Memorial, Fond du Lac WI.

Dorm Supervisor Needed

at ILC: Immanuel Lutheran High School in Eau Claire, WI, is in

need of a boys' dormitory supervisor for the 2018-19 school year. Men who are CLC members in good standing and are able to fill this position should ask the pastor for more information about the responsibilities and compensation for this position. Those who are interested in applying should contact the ILC president, Prof. Steve Sippert (steve.sippert@ilc.edu, [715-523-1138](tel:715-523-1138)), for an application or for more information. It is hoped that interested parties can reply by April 5.

Immanuel Lutheran HS Visitor's Day Young people grades 7 and up are invited to attend Immanuel Lutheran High School Visitors Day in Eau Claire, WI on Friday, April 27. Students will have an opportunity to experience firsthand what it would be like to attend Immanuel. The Immanuel Band will perform a concert in the gym at 7:00 pm, followed by a theater performance of *Ask Any Girl* at 7:30 pm. Students and chaperones may register at www.ilc.edu by Friday, April 20.

CLC Youth Camp Just a reminder that registration for CLC Youth Camp @ Pillager, MN will be opening on Sunday, March 25th, at 3:00 PM Central Time. Register online at youthcamp.clclutheran.net. This camp is open to all children entering grades 6-12. More details can be found on the website.

Last Week (3/25) Attendance: WH – 37 | Orl. – 15 | Good Fri. – 34

General = \$1,554 | CLC Missions = \$10 | Prop. Imprv. = \$10
Tuition = \$325 | Petty Cash = \$30 | Lent Offering = \$160

Total Offering = \$2089

April Usher: Morris | **Acolyte (4/8):** Mason G.
| **Cleaner (4/7):** Ireland

Looking Ahead...

- ✝ **TBD:** Church Work Day
- ✝ **Apr. 14:** Trustees & Council
- ✝ **Apr. 14:** Ladies of Immanuel
- ✝ **Apr. 29:** Qtr. Voters Meeting
- ✝ **Apr. 29:** Ladies of Immanuel (May Meeting)

“Death Disarmed”

Colossians 2:15 *Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.*

In the spring of 1952, the U.S. government tested tactical nuclear weapons at the Nevada Proving Ground as part of Operation Tumbler-Snapper. It was the third nuke test series in 18 months at the Nevada site in an era of rapid atomic development. At 4:00 in the morning on May 13, one of the Tumbler-Snapper bombs--code name "Fox"--was scheduled to go off. But the moment passed and no atomic fireball curled into the sky. Shot Fox had misfired. Locked in its cab atop a 300-foot tower rising over the Yucca Flat, the malfunctioning 15-kiloton device posed a serious danger to living things for many miles in all directions. Someone had to disarm the thing. What followed was one of the riskiest and most delicate jobs ever.

Disarming an atomic bomb that would bring instantaneous death to all life for miles around is one thing, but disarming death itself once and for all could be left to the one Man only capable of doing it, God's Son, Jesus Christ. The Apostle Paul writes to the Christians in Colossae saying, "Having disarmed principalities and powers, He [Jesus Christ] made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it" (Colossians 2:15). When it came to disarming death's eternal grip on your sin-soaked soul bound to the fire of hell, there was no room for mistakes. No corners could be cut. Your loving and selfless God and Savior, Jesus Christ, perfectly disarmed death's eternal power over you. He did this by humbly and mercifully taking the full force of God's eternal and atomic wrath against your sins once and for all on the cross. In His powerful victory Jesus publicly triumphed over sin, death, and Satan's power in His resurrection from the grave Easter morning!

Imagine the unbearable suspense followed by the sudden peace flowing through your body having been in that tower where Shot Fox, that atomic bomb, was disarmed! It shouldn't be hard to imagine, because Jesus' cross removes all suspense and gives you once and for all the peace that passes all understanding, in disarming death itself, for you!

-CLC E-Devotions, March 29, 2016

Welcome!

If you are curious about what we believe and teach—at your convenience the Pastor is ready to arrange Bible instruction classes at your home or church for you and your family, so that you may be sure of eternal life!