

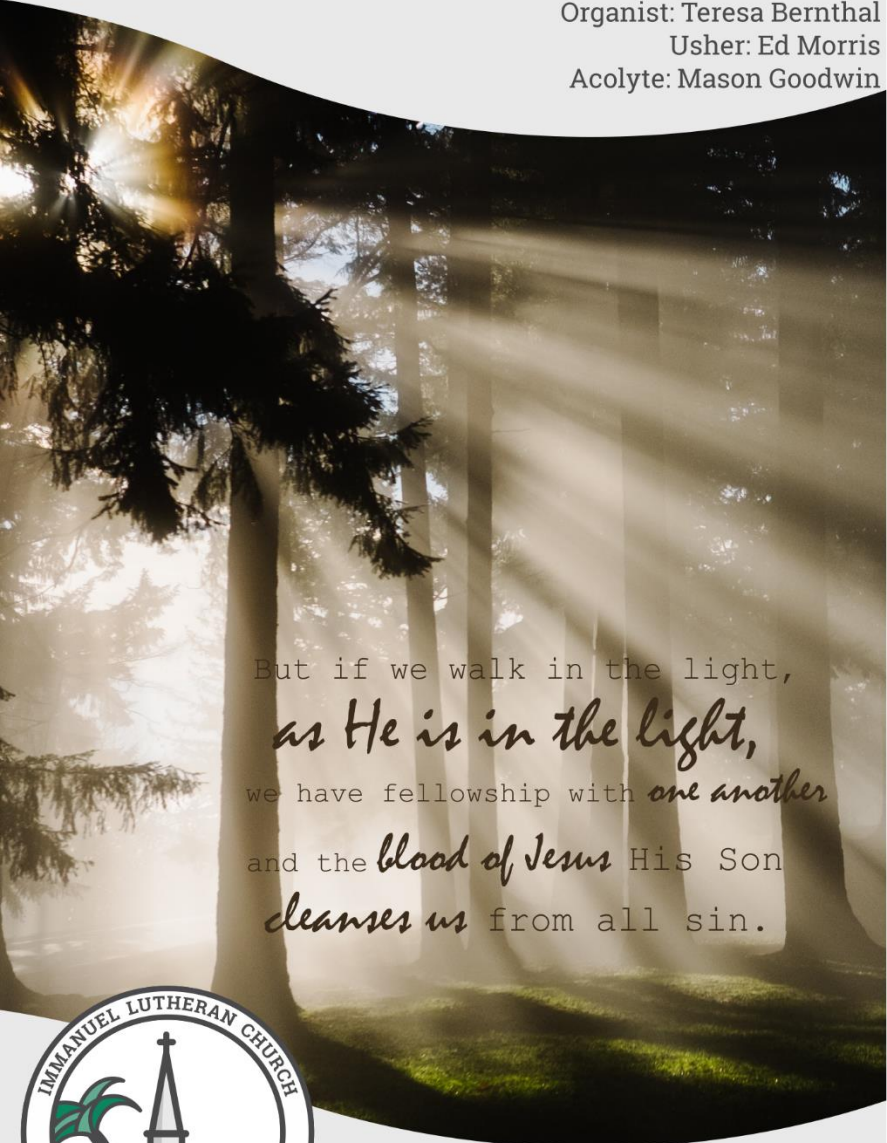
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Easter 2

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But if we walk in the light,
as He is in the light,
we have fellowship with *one another*
and the *blood of Jesus* His Son
cleanses us from all sin.



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PRE-SERVICE MEDITATION

Ps. 148:1-6, 13-14

¹ Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights! ² Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his hosts! ³ Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, all you shining stars! ⁴ Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens! ⁵ Let them praise the name of the LORD! For he commanded and they were created. ⁶ And he established them forever and ever; he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away. ... ¹³ Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his majesty is above earth and heaven. ¹⁴ He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his saints, for the people of Israel who are near to him. Praise the LORD!

✠ Order of Divine Worship ✠

OPENING PRAYER

Hymn: TLH #65:1-2,5-6 "When Sinners See Their Lost Condition"

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

C *♩* A - - - men.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

We come before God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C *♩* **Who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

C *♩* **And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.**

P Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **O most merciful God, who hast given Thine only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Thy Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of Thee and of Thy will and true obedience to Thy Word, to the end**

that by Thy grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in His name He gives power to become the sons of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C *♩* **A - - - men.**

INTROIT

Ps. 105:1-5, 8; 1 Pt. 2:2-3

A collection of passages that set the tone for the service.

P Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation—if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

C **O give thanks to the LORD; call upon His name; make known His deeds among the peoples!**

P Sing to Him, sing praises to Him; tell of all His wondrous works!

C **Glory in His holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!**

P Seek the LORD and His strength; seek His presence continually!

C **Remember the wondrous works that He has done, His miracles, and the judgments He uttered.**

P He remembers His covenant forever, the Word that He commanded for over a thousand generations. Glory be to the Father!

GLORIA PATRI

Latin for "Glory be to the Father"

C Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;

as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems. The first system has a vocal line in treble clef and a piano accompaniment in bass clef. The second system also has a vocal line in treble clef and a piano accompaniment in bass clef. The lyrics are placed between the vocal lines. The piano accompaniment features a steady, rhythmic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Rom. 6:9; John 20:19b

Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him. Alleluia. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed. Alleluia.

THE KYRIE

Latin for "O Lord." We approach our Lord with a cry for help in all the needs of our life.

C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST

TLH #237:1

C All glory be to God on high, Who hath our race befriended! To us no harm shall now come nigh, The strife at last is ended. God showeth His good will to men, And peace shall reign on earth again; O thank Him for His goodness!

P Let us pray . . . through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C A - - - men.

OLD TESTAMENT READING – Acts 4:32-35 Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. ³³ And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴ There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold ³⁵ and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

GOSPEL READING – John 20:19-31 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.

P This is the Word of the LORD.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

The Apostles' Creed is a summary of Christian faith as taught by the Apostles. We boldly confess what God has taught us to believe.

**I believe in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived
by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius
Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into
hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into
heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father**

almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn: TLH #208:4-8

“Ye Sons and Daughters of the King”


SERMON – 1 John 1:1-2:2 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life--² the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us--³ that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ.⁴ And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.⁵ This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.⁶ If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.⁷ But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.⁸ If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.¹⁰ If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. **2**¹ My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.² He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

This is the True Message that Jesus Brings

- I. God does not tolerate darkness
- II. God brings us into the light

OFFERTORY

In this prayer we OFFER God our hearts, asking Him for that best of all gifts, the Holy Spirit.

- C**  Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

Hymn: TLH #206:1,8-10


“Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense”

- OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS –


Followed immediately by the Offering Hymn printed below:

Offering Hymn: TLH #438:4

“Almighty Father, Heaven...”

- C**  We, Lord, would lay at Thy behest The costliest offerings on Thy shrine; But when we give, and give our best, We give Thee only what is Thine.

PRAYER, LORD’S PRAYER, and BENEDICTION

- 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, amen, a – men.

Closing Hymn: WS #747

“Earth and All Stars”

✠ Announcements ✠

CLC Call News Professor Paul Schaller has announced his retirement from the full time public ministry effective at the end of the 2018-19 academic year.

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

Looking Ahead...

- ✠ **Apr. 14:** Church Work Day
- ✠ **Apr. 15:** Trustees & Council
- ✠ **Apr. 15:** Ladies of Immanuel
- ✠ **Apr. 29:** Qtr. Voters Meeting
- ✠ **Apr. 29:** Ladies of Immanuel (May Meeting)

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.

Last Week (4/1) Attendance: WH – 70

General = \$3,161 | CLC Missions = \$60 | Prop. Imprv. = \$30
Bldg. Fund = \$40 | Tuition Aid = \$90 | **Total Offering = \$3,381**

**April Usher: Morris | Acolyte (4/15): Joel
| Cleaner (4/14): Sedberry**

Welcome!

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

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