

Fifth Sunday of Easter April 28, 2024

Immanuel Ev. Lutheran Church

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

Welcome to Immanuel! We are glad that you have joined us for worship! Whether you are joining us for the first time or for the first time in a long time, we want you to know God's love in Jesus.

WE INVITE YOU TO WORSHIP WITH US EVERY WEEK:

Sundays 9:00 am Mondays 6:30 pm Saturday prior to 1st Sunday 4:00 pm

Pastor Matthew Sprunger 920-365-6303 (Cell); mjsprunger@gmail.com

AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX

ask an usher for assistance with any item

- Large Print Hymnals
- Hearing Loop System can be used with a hearing aid to assist your worship
- A DVD of last week's worship service
- Forward in Christ

PARENT'S ROOM

If you need to step out of the worship service with a child, a parent's room is located just off of the narthex. The service can be seen and heard in that room.

RESTROOOMS

A unisex restroom is located by the Parent's Room off of the narthex. Additional restrooms are located on the lower level. Ask an usher for directions.



OUR MISSION IS TO SHARE THE TIMELESS MESSAGE OF SALVATION IN LOVE AND TO SHOW OUR FAITH IN WORDS AND ACTIONS.

Theme of the Day The Living Lord Produces Active Faith

Generally, our actions are shaped by our beliefs. People who eat low-carb diets do so, probably not because they hate pasta, but because they believe it healthiest. If a man buys stock in a company, it probably is because he believes in their business plan. Our beliefs shape our behavior. This is true of Christians' belief in the resurrection. We believe that Christ's resurrection means our resurrection to a glorious eternal life is guaranteed. That inevitably shapes how we will act now. However, it is not simply the facts of the resurrection that shape our behavior. It is the person of the resurrection. Jesus is not some wise, dead sage whose advice is contained in dusty books. Jesus lives! Therefore, through his Word, he is able to work on our minds and hearts, molding them to his perfect will. Here is a resurrection reality. Jesus fills us with his Spirit, not only so that we have faith, but also so that we produce the fruits of faith he seeks.

ORDER OF SERVICE: The Service – Setting TWO, pg. 172

Opening Hymn: 709

Psalm: 63B

Hymn of the Day: 469

Offering: 750 vs. 1

Hymn: 595

Closing Hymn: 681

Today's Message: based on John 15:1-8

"Remain in the True Vine"

Order of Worship

Hymn: Christ the Vine CW 709 long to serve my Sav - ior, seek what's good to and right, a - bove. There came, with grace un - spar - ing, a vine from heav'n And so I'll serve my Sav - ior with pow'r that he pro-vides. and nev - er walk in truth and light. trust wa - ver, to its branch - es meant for bear - ing the fruits of self - less love. my blest Re - deem - er, with - in my soul pow'r not mine; But con - duct pure and ho ly re - quires a Christ who of fered his life up - on The fruit of self - less giv ing will grow by God's de - sign branch is fruit - ful on - ly when an-chored in a vine. for all sin he suf - fered and made a branch of me. I, the branch, keep liv - ing by faith in Christ the vine. as Text: Michael D. Schultz, b. 1963 Tune: Irish

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

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We will have the baptism of Colby Kieckbusch during the <u>Monday</u> Evening Worship Service. Colby is the son of Craig & Maria Kieckbusch.

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Stand

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

actions.

Confession CW 172

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and

I have not loved you with my whole heart;
I have not loved others as I should.
I deserve your punishment both now and forever.
But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of 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.

Lord, Have Mercy

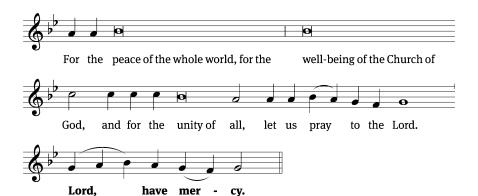
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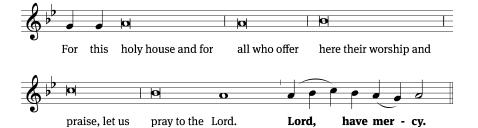


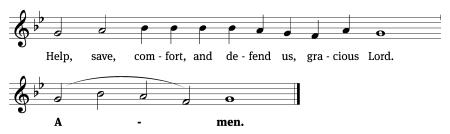


For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.





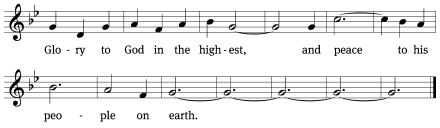




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The Word

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O God, you form the minds of your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that among the many changes of this world, our hearts may ever yearn for the lasting joys of heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

Acts 4:32-37

In the early church, as the apostles preached the resurrection of Christ, the living Lord produced the fruits or unity and generosity.

³² The whole group of believers was one in heart and soul. No one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they held everything in common. ³³ The apostles continued to testify about the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ with great power, and abundant grace was on all of them. ³⁴ There was not a needy person among them. For from time to time those who were owners of lands or houses sold them, brought the proceeds received from what was sold, ³⁵ and laid it at the apostles' feet. It was distributed to each one according to what anyone needed. ³⁶ Joseph, who was called Barnabas by the apostles (which is translated "son of encouragement"), a Levite, a native of Cyprus, ³⁷ sold a field that belonged to him. He brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day: O Lord, My God, Now Hear My Plea Psalm 63B



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Second Reading

1 John 3:18-24

St. John encourages us to demonstrate living faith in loving words and actions.

¹⁸ Dear children, let us love not only with word or with our tongue, but also in action and truth.

¹⁹ This is how we know that we are of the truth and how we will set our hearts at rest in his presence: ²⁰ If our hearts condemn us, God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹ Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God. ²² We also receive from him whatever we ask, because we keep his commands and do what is pleasing in his sight. ²³ This then is his command: that we believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and that we love one another just as he commanded us. ²⁴ The one who keeps his commands remains in God and God in him. This is how we know that he remains in us: We know it from the Spirit, whom he has given to us.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

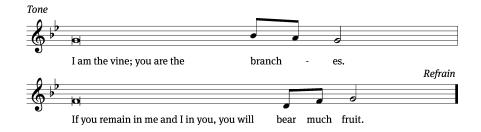
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Gospel Acclamation

John 15:5







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Gospel John 15:1–8

Jesus is the vine who gives us, his branches, the ability to produce fruits of faith.

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. ² Every branch in me that does not bear fruit, he is going to cut off. And he prunes every branch that does bear fruit, so that it will bear more fruit.

³ "You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. ⁴ Remain in me, and I am going to remain in you. A branch cannot bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Likewise, you cannot bear fruit unless you remain in me.

⁵ "I am the Vine; you are the branches. The one who remains in me and I in him is the one who bears much fruit, because without me you can do nothing. ⁶ If anyone does not remain in me, he is thrown away like a branch and withers. Such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷ If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ My Father is glorified by this: that you continue to bear much fruit and prove to be my disciples.

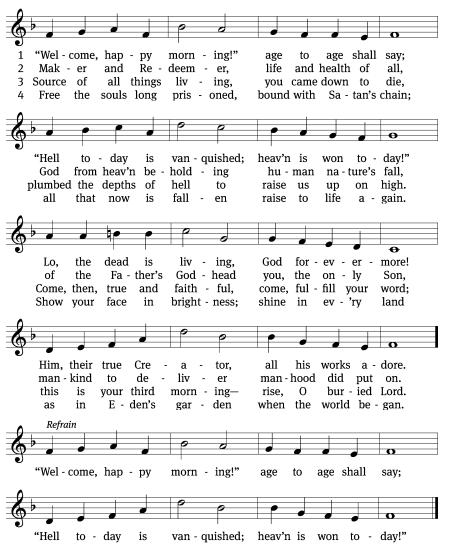
The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Hymn of the Day:

Welcome, Happy Morning CW 469



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Sermon

Stand

Apostles' Creed

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.

Be seated

Prayer of the Church

Eternal Lord, give us peace as we ponder the good news that you forgive our sins in Christ. Lead us to see clearly the path you have laid out for us.

Work in us so that we believe and live the Word we have heard today.

Provide courage and compassion to all who preach and teach your Word. Fill them with a love like yours as they proclaim your grace to us and all people.

Move us to love all ministers of the Word wherever they serve.

Guard and guide the families of our congregation. Lead husbands and wives to love each other with commitment, respect, and patience. Help parents to grasp the eternal value of keeping their children close to Jesus all their lives. Grant joy to those who are single, and make them a blessing to others. **Protect us from the temptations that surround us; give us pure**

Protect us from the temptations that surround us; give us pure hearts and minds.

Provide wisdom and insight to those who make laws and set policies. Give us respect for those who protect us from crime. Lead us to value the rights of our fellow citizens and to defend those who cannot defend themselves.

Bless our land with peace and prosperity so that the gospel may be proclaimed to all.

Give us passion to share the story of your love with our family and friends. Overcome unbelief, and open the hearts of people everywhere to believe the good news that Jesus has forgiven their sins and opened the gates of heaven.

Fill us with joy over every sinner who repents and comes to trust in you.

Extend your healing power to those who are sick and suffering in body or mind. Give patience and compassion to all who care for the sick and dying.

Lift the eyes of the distressed to your love in Christ.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

Gracious God, you govern and direct all things and you love all people. Hear our prayers, spoken and silent, and answer them in your wisdom and grace.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Offering Collection

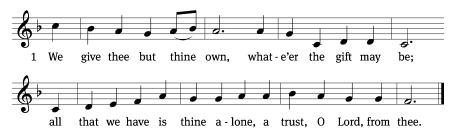
The Manitowoc Lutheran Lancer Link will be shown during the Offering Collection.

Please Stand and Sing CW 750 vs. 1 as the Offering is brought forward

Hymn:

We Give Thee but Thine Own

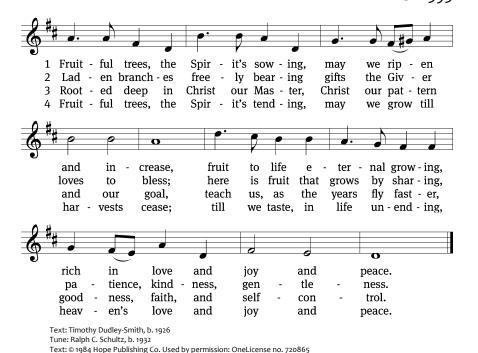
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Hymn:

Fruitful Trees, the Spirit's Sowing CW 595



Stand

Prayer

Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

Amen.

Hymn:

Christ Is with Me

CW 681



- 1 We were bur-ied with him in-to death, that as he was raised
- 2 I have now been graft-ed to the vine, draw-ing life from roots
- 3 I have now been cru ci fied with Christ, I no long er live,



by God's glo - rv, we might walk in life made new mer - cy, rich in bear - ing fruit as Ι a - bide in him. Christ lives in me; now Ι live by faith in God's own Son-



hav - ing died with Christ, we shall live with him. fruit for - ev - er fresh, glo - ri - fy - ing God. one who loved me so, gave him - self for me.





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WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES Each week we will offer a <u>Sunday</u> Service at <u>9:00am</u> and <u>Monday</u> at <u>6:30pm</u>. A <u>monthly Saturday</u> Service corresponding to the 1st Sunday of the Month will also be held at <u>4:00pm</u>.

The Sunday Service is **LIVESTREAMED** on our Facebook page and Website. Tune in at 9am to watch the service live or checkback anytime to watch the recording.

The weekly bulletin is available on our website under the Community Tab & then Bulletins. The Calendar can also be found there.

ATTENDANCE RECORDS We are kindly asking members to sign themselves in using the sign-up sheet located in the Narthex. You can also write who attended with your family on your offering envelope. Thank you!

MONTHLY ALMS COLLECTION Please remember our ALMS each month. This is our way of providing for various ministries that otherwise do not get direct support from our Congregational Mission Offering (CMO), which we provide for in our budget. The offering is part of the LORD's blessings to you, for alms is above and beyond your support of Immanuel. Thank you.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY is studying "Families of the Bible." We meet Sundays at **8AM** in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to join us!

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY The Tuesday Morning Bible Study is meeting under the topic "The Kingdom of God." We meet Tuesdays at **9AM** in the Library. All are welcome to join us!

WEEKLY MONDAY NIGHT SERVICES are being held again at 6:30pm.

YouTube Videos of Immanuel's Worship Services and Sermons are now available on YouTube.

Search "Immanuel Kewaunee". Remember to LIKE and SUBSCRIBE.

APRIL ALMS RECIPIENT WORLD MISSIONS

WELS World Missions conducts and encourages gospel outreach in 46 countries and is exploring outreach opportunities in 19 prospective new mission fields. World Missions brings the light of God's Word to the world through evangelism efforts, church planting, training national workers for ministry, and providing religious materials in foreign languages through Multi-Language Productions (MLP).

47 world missionaries partner with over 500 national pastors to conduct outreach and train more than 400 students for service in Christ's kingdom.

Attendance:

April 21/22: 98/21

Received for Budget Last Week: \$2,814.00 or 55% Needed Weekly for Budget: \$5,138.00

April ALMs to Date: 257.00

VOTERS MEETING TODAY We will have our Quarterly Voters meeting on **April 28**th at 10:15am. Routine business and reports will be presented. If there is something that you would like discussed, please contact Jason Belter so we can get it on the agenda.



SUNDAY SCHOOL SHOWCASE The Sunday School students are excited to share some of their favorite Bible Stories after the 9am Sunday Church Service on May 5th. All children in Sunday School will sing a song they have been practicing and following the

service, the YPS will be providing a light brunch in the Fellowship Hall where the 1st-6th grade students will be presenting the dioramas they have been working on of their favorite Bible Stories. We hope to see you there!

SUNDAY BRUNCH Along with the presentation of the dioramas, the YPS group will be serving a brunch for the congregation on May 5th. 7 youth have plans to attend the WELS International Youth Rally in Colorado in June and funds raised from the brunch will offset their expenses to attend.

SCRIP Reminder for members to purchase SCRIP. The money made through scrip sales will go towards paying for youth activities. YPS members are trying to increase sales to help pay for the youth rally trip in June.



Immanuel has a segment on Hwy 29. A clean-up date is being planned **for Saturday, May 4**th **starting at 8am.** Meet on Sleepy Hollow Road. Contact Mike

Nelson at 920-536-0537 with questions or to let him know you'll be helping.

SPRING CLEAN UP DAY AT IMMANUEL The property board is announcing a spring clean-up day at Immanuel on Saturday, **May** 11th starting at 8am. Job duties will be posted at the back of church. You can clean as long as you like. There will be lots to do!

OWLS will meet on <u>Tuesday, May 7th at 12:30pm</u>, in the Immanuel Library. Please join us for a devotion, short business meeting and fellowship. Consider eating lunch at the Kewaunee Senior Meal Site located at the Community Congregational Church, 502 Center Street, Kewaunee at 11:30 before the meeting. Reservations need to be made 24 hours in advance by calling 1-877-416-7083. Everyone over 55 is welcome.

CONFIRMATION RECOGNITION The Fellowship Committee will be hosting a Confirmation Recognition on **Wednesday, May 15, at 6:15pm** in the Fellowship Hall. Members of the congregation are invited to this fellowship event to honor this year's confirmands: Nathan Bowers, Natalie Miller, Jonah Payton, and Dane Harrell. A meal will be served. Reservations can be made with Mari Fager at 920-388-2841.

OWLS TRIP Join the Lakeshore OWLS group on a trip to Door County on **Tuesday, June 11**th for a day of Door County history. Door County Maritime Museum, lunch at Stone Harbor, History Village at Crossroads and a few other stops. The bus will leave Immanuel Church parking lot at 8:00 with a pick up at St. Paul's School in Algoma at 8:15. Cost is \$75. Sign up with Carol Krueger by calling 920-388-3509.



BREWER BUS "WELS Night at the Brewers" is Friday, July 12 at 7:10pm against the Washington

Nationals. Cost is \$55 for ticket, bus transportation, tailgate food and nonalcoholic beverages. The bus leaves Immanuel parking lot at 2:30. If you are interested in signing up or need more information, contact Scott Karnitz (920-255-3093). **ONLY 5 SEATS REMAIN!!!**



HUGE CONGRATULATIONS to our member Tanor Bortolini on being the 4th round, 117th pick in the 2024 NFL Draft, going to the Indianapolis Colts. God has great things in store for Tanor and we can't wait to watch! To God be the Glory!

MLHS CALL NEWS

Early last week we received word that Mr. Ben Kopczynski has accepted our call to serve as English and geography instructor, praise God for this great news!

Mr. Nathan King received a call to serve at Wisconsin Lutheran High School as their International Admissions Director. Please keep Nathan in your prayers as he considers where to use his gifts to serve.

Miss Abbie Bosin is still holding a call to Lakeside Lutheran High School, in Lake Mills, WI to teach Spanish. Mr. Scott Loberger is still holding a call to serve in administration at Salem Lutheran School in Milwaukee. Please keep Abbie and Scott in your prayers.

SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS

Boys & Girls Basketball: June 3-6

Volleyball: June 17-20 Cross Country: July 8-11 Football: June 17-20 Wrestling: August 3

Speed & Strength: June 3 -Aug 1 | M/W/F For more information/registration visit

www.mlhslancers.org/kids

UPCOMING CONCERT

Prism Concert & Honors Art Show in the MLHS Gymnasium for fine student performances and displays.

5/11 | 4:00PM & 7:00PM

The Next Saturday Service is May 4th at 4pm

BIRTHDAY'S THIS WEEK:

(29) Toni Bortolini, Brenda Vandermause; (30) Hannah Miller; (1) Kevin Obry; (3) BJ Obry; (4) Craig Christman, Maverick Eytcheson.

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK:

(3) Brian & Sally Klimesh; (4) Dan & Kandy Stuebs.

THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL				
<u>April</u>				
S (28)	7:45am	Sunday School		
	8:00am	Bible Class		
	9:00am	Worship Service		
	10:15am	Voters Meeting		
M (29)	6:30pm	Worship Service		
T (30)	9:00am	Bible Class		
<u>May</u>				
W (1)	5:00pm	Confirmation Class		
SA (4)	8:00am	Highway Clean Up		
	4:00pm	Worship Service w/Communion		
S (5)	7:45am	Sunday School		
	8:00am	Bible Class		
	9:00am	Worship Service w/Communion		
	10:15am	Sunday School Showcase		
		w/Brunch served by Youth Group		

Greeters:	April 28	Shirley Kustka/Shirley Prodell
	May 5	Glenn & Annette Teske
	May 12	Jerry & Nancy Kolmorgen
	May 19	Sandy Hlinak & David Hlinak

Organist: Lacy Siegmund

April Altar Guild: Connie Karnitz & Pamela Ledvina

Secretary: Julie Siegmund: 304-0228

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