



IMMANUEL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Manitowoc, Wisconsin
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Welcome

Easter blessings to you!!!! We truly pray that today you find the warmth of our Christian hospitality, the powerful truth of God's Word and the peace-giving assurance of his promises. If we can assist you in any way, please ask. We hope you worship with us again!

If Immanuel Is New to You:

Relax. At Immanuel, our worship is designed to praise God and enrich faith. We aim to make the service clear and appropriately reverent. For your convenience, the service is printed for you here as well as displayed on our screens.

Bring the kids. Our congregation really loves and encourages the worshipping family! If your children are acting up, please know it's never a bother to our worship service. However, if you feel other worshipers could be distracted, parents who want to calm their restless child are invited to use our lobby area with screens so that you may continue your worship with us.

Restrooms are located in the lobby, just to the right of the elevator.

Join us for Breakfast. You don't have to rush off after the service today. An Easter Breakfast is being served downstairs between 7:30 – 10 am. We'd love for you to join us! If you are comfortable, feel free to follow up with one of our Pastors - we'd be honored if you would take the time to introduce yourself!

Don't feel obligated. Our members give financial offerings to the Lord as an expression of thanks and praise for his amazing love. Please know that you are our guests and we're simply happy you've come to hear about Jesus and his Word today. You're not expected to give an offering; it's your choice.

Cell phones. To remove as many distractions as possible from worshipping God today, we kindly ask that you silence your phone before the service.

Questions? If you'd like to know more about our church or our beliefs, or have questions about our PreK thru 8th grade school, our pastors or principal would love to help. Feel free to contact them at any time (*their contact info is included on the announcement insert*). You may also browse the information counter in our lobby for magazines, brochures and devotional resources.



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The Resurrection of Jesus Christ

Our Pre-Service Prayer: *Dear Jesus, on Friday I pondered your death in silence. I considered the ugliness of my sin and the price you were willing to pay to wash me clean. But, today I sit before you with joyful anticipation. Your powerful resurrection confirms for me that you are the one, true and living God. I trust your promises that my sins are completely forgiven and that when I die, I will rise again to be with you forever! On this special morning, accept my attention, my prayers, and my songs of praise – these are my “thank yous” to you for saving me and for all your other blessings.” Amen!*

Opening Song of Joy – “Jesus Christ is Risen Today”

(CW 438:1-3)

(sung) Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!

Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!

Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!

Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!

Unto Christ, our heav'nly King, Alleluia!

Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!

Sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia!

But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!

Our salvation have procured, Alleluia!

Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!

Where the angels ever sing, Alleluia!

Responsive Opening

(from Luke 24, 1 Peter 1, 1 Corinthians 15, Romans 4)

PASTOR: Who is it you are looking for?

CONG: Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified and buried.

But why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here! He has risen, just as he said!

How can this be?

Remember how he told you... The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.

Brothers and Sisters, God kept his promise – the Lord is risen!

He is risen indeed. Hallelujah!

And by his resurrection, Jesus Christ was declared to be the Son of God with power;

Which has given us a new birth into a living hope.

After his resurrection, Jesus wanted all people to know that he was alive!

Because Jesus wanted all people to know that their sins are forgiven and that heaven is open to all who believe in him!

So, he appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve. After that he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time...

Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, and last of all he appeared to Paul.

8:00 & 10:30 Services – “An Easter Celebration”

(Adult Choir AND Cong)

*(Choir) O sons and daughters of the King, whom heav'n-ly hosts in glory sing,
Today the grave has lost its sting! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*The strife is o'er, the battle done; Now is the victor's triumph won!
Now be the song of praise begun. Alleluia!*

*Thine is the glory, Risen, conqu'ring Son;
End-less is the vic-t'ry Thou o'er death hast won!
Angels in bright raiment Rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded grave - clothes Where Thy body lay.
Thine is the glory, Risen, conquering Son,
End-less is the vic - t'ry Thou o'er death hast won!*

(Choir and Congregation)

Christ the Lord is ris'n today, Alleluia!

Earth and heav'n in chorus say: Alleluia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!

Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth reply: Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Dying once He all doth save, Alleluia!
Where thy victory, O gave? Alleluia!
 Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
 Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
 Death in vain forbids Him rise, Alleluia!
 Christ has opened paradise Alleluia!
Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as His love; Alleluia!
Praise Him, all ye heav'n-ly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia!

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God shares this profound truth through the pen of Paul about Jesus' resurrection on Easter morning: If Christ has not been raised, our faith is futile;

If Christ has not been raised – we are still in our sins...

But here is the good news: Christ has indeed been raised from the dead. On Friday, Jesus was delivered over to death for our sins;

On Easter Sunday, Jesus was raised to life to declare us innocent!

So, dear Friends – God's promise to us is this: *"Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life!" (Jn. 3:36)* Jesus' death paid for our sins completely. Jesus' resurrection from the dead on Easter not only proves he is God, but it also assures us that we too will rise from the dead on the last day to live with him forever! These are the blessings for all who believe in Jesus! With the living hope Easter gives us – let us praise our Savior!

(sung) **In Christ alone my hope is found – He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this Solid Ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My Comforter, my All in All, Here in the love of Christ I stand.**

**In Christ alone, who took on flesh – fullness of God in helpless Babe!
This gift of love and righteousness –
scorned by the ones He came to save.
‘Till on the cross as Jesus died – the wrath of God was satisfied.
For every sin, on Him was laid, here in the death of Christ I live.**

PART 1 of The Easter Account *(a compilation from Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John)*

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus’ body (*Mk 16:1*). Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise (*Mk 16:2*), they went to the tomb (*Mt 28:1*).

There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it (*Mt 28:2*). His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. (*Mt 28:3*). The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men (*Mt 28:4*). Mary Magdalene and the other Mary (*Mt 28:1*) were on their way to the tomb (*Mk 16:2*) with the spices they had prepared (*Lk 24:1*) and they asked each other, “Who will roll the stone away from entrance of the



tomb?” (*Mk 16:3*). But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away (*Mk 16:4*) from the tomb (*Lk 24:2*) and when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus (*Lk 24:3*).

While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men (*Lk 24:4*) dressed in white robes (*Mk 16:5*) that gleamed like lightning stood beside them (*Lk 24:4*). In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground (*Lk 24:5*). The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified (*Mt 28:5*). He has risen! He is not here (*Mk 16:6*). Why do you look for the living among the dead? (*Lk 24:5*) He is not here; He has risen! Remember how He told you, while He was still with you in Galilee: (*Lk 24:6*) ‘The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, be crucified and on the third day be raised again’ (*Lk 24:7*). He is not here; He has risen, just as He said” (*Mt 28:6*). Then they remembered His words (*Lk 24:8*).

The angel said to the women (*Mt 28:5*), “Come and see the place where He lay (*Mt 28:6*). Then go quickly and tell His disciples (*Mt 28:7*) and Peter (*Mk 16:7*): ‘He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see Him’ (*Mt 28:7*), just as He told you (*Mk 16:7*). Now I have told you” (*Mt 28:7*). Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid (*Mk 16:8*) yet filled with joy, and ran to tell His disciples (*Mt 28:8*).

(sung) **There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious day – up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory... sin’s curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.**

**No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me.
From life’s first cry to final breath – Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand;
‘Till He returns or calls me home – here in the power of Christ I’ll stand!**

PART 2 of The Easter Account *(a compilation from Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John)*

Mary Magdalene came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don’t know where they have put Him!” (*Jn 20:2*). So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb (*Jn 20:3*). Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first (*Jn 20:4*). He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in (*Jn 20:5*). Then Simon Peter, who was behind him, arrived and went into the tomb (*Jn 20:6*). Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves (*Lk 24:12*), as well as the burial cloth that had been around Jesus’ head. The cloth was folded up by itself, separate from the linen (*Jn 20:7*). Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed (*Jn 20:8*). Peter, however, went away, wondering to himself what had happened (*Lk 24:12*). They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead (*Jn 20:9*).

Then the disciples went back to their homes (*Jn 20:10*), but Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb (*Jn 20:11*) and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus’ body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot (*Jn 20:12*). They asked her, “Woman why are you crying?” “They have taken my Lord away,” she said, “and I don’t know where they have put Him” (*Jn 20:13*). At this, she

turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus (*Jn 20:14*).

“Woman,” He said, “why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?” Thinking He was the gardener, she said, “Sir, if you have carried Him away, tell me where you have put Him, and I will get Him” (*Jn 20:15*). Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned toward Him and cried out in Aramaic, “Rabboni!,” which means Teacher (*Jn 20:16*). Jesus said, “Do not hold on to Me, for I have not yet returned to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, ‘I am returning to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God’” (*Jn 20:17*).



An Easter Song of Praise – “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today” (*CW 442:1,3-4*)

**Christ the Lord is ris’n today; Alleluia!
Christians, hasten on your way; Alleluia!
see the place where he was laid; Alleluia!
praise him for the ransom paid. Alleluia!
Christ, the victim undefiled, Alleluia!
God and sinners reconciled, Alleluia!
while, in strange and awe-full strife, Alleluia!
met together death and life. Alleluia!
Christ, who once for sinners bled, Alleluia!
now the firstborn from the dead, Alleluia!
throned in endless might and pow’r, Alleluia!
lives and reigns forevermore. Alleluia!**

PART 3 of The Easter Account (*a compilation from Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John*)

When Jesus rose early on the first day of the week, He appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom He had driven seven demons (*Mk 16:9*). The other women ran to tell His disciples (*Mt 28:8*). Suddenly Jesus met them. “Greetings,” He said. They came to Him, clasped His feet and worshiped Him (*Mt 28:9*). Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me” (*Mt 28:10*).

While the women were on their way, some of the guards went into the city and reported to the chief priests everything that had happened (*Mt 28:11*). When the chief priests had met with the elders and devised a plan, they gave the soldiers a large sum of money (*Mt 28:12*), telling them, “You are to say, ‘His disciples came during the night and stole Him away while we were asleep’ (*Mt 28:13*). If this report gets to the governor, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble” (*Mt 28:14*). So the soldiers took the money and did as they were instructed.

While the other women were on their way (*Mt 28:11*), Mary Magdalene went to the disciples (*Jn 20:18*) who were mourning and weeping (*Mk 16:10*) with the news: “I have seen the Lord!” And she told them that He had said these things to her (*Jn 20:18*). When the disciples heard that Jesus was alive and that she had seen Him, they did not believe it (*Mk 16:11*). The women came back from the tomb and told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them told this to the apostles (*Lk 24:10*). But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense (*Lk 24:11*).

An Easter Song of Praise – “He’s Risen, He’s Risen”

(CW 445:1-3)

(sung) **He’s risen, he’s risen, Christ Jesus, the Lord;
He opened death’s prison, the incarnate Word.
Break forth, hosts of heaven, in jubilant song
And earth, sea, and mountain the praises prolong.
The foe was triumphant when on Calvary
the Lord of creation was nailed to the tree.
In Satan’s domain did the hosts shout and jeer,
for Jesus was slain, whom the evil ones fear.
But short was their triumph; the Savior arose,
and death, hell, and Satan he vanquished, his foes.
The conquering Lord lifts his banner on high;
he lives, yes, he lives, and will nevermore die.**

An Easter Message from God’s Word – *John 20:1-2, 11-88*

Things I’d like to remember this week...

Easter Means Jesus is The Light

Our Response of Easter Joy – “Jesus Lives! The Victory’s Won” (CW 444:1,3,5)

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.
Jesus lives! For me he died; hence will I, to Jesus living,
pure in heart and act abide, praise to him and glory giving.
All I need God will dispense; this shall be my confidence.
Jesus lives! And now is death but the gate to 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!

Offerings of Thanks



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If you are visiting today, please don’t feel obligated to take part in the offering. Our church family joyfully gives these gifts as one of the many ways we can say “*thank you*” to Jesus. You are here as our guest – we’re so happy you’ve joined us this morning.



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Our Easter Prayer and the 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.

PART 4 of The Easter Account *(a compilation from Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John)*

Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem (Lk 24:13). They were talking to each other about everything that had happened (Lk 24:14). As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus Himself came up and walked along with them (Lk 24:15); but they were kept from recognizing Him (Lk 24:16).

He asked them, “What are you discussing together as you walk along?” They stood still, their faces downcast (Lk 24:17). One of them, named Cleopas, asked Him, “Are you the

only one living in Jerusalem who doesn't know the things that have happened there in these days? (*Lk 24:18*).

"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 (*Lk 24:19*). The chief priests and our rulers handed Him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified Him (*Lk 24:20*); 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 (*Lk 24:21*). In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning (*Lk 24:22*) but didn't find His body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said He was alive (*Lk 24:23*). Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but Him they did not see" (*Lk 24:24*).



Jesus said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! (*Lk 24:25*). Did not the Christ have to suffer these things and then enter His glory?" (*Lk 24:26*). And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, He explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning Himself (*Lk 24:27*).

As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus acted as if He were going farther (*Lk 24:28*). 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 (*Lk 24:29*). When He was at the table with them, He took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them (*Lk 24:30*). Then their eyes were opened and they recognized Him, and He disappeared from their sight (*Lk 24:31*). 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?" (*Lk 24:32*).

They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together (*Lk 24:33*) and saying, "It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon" (*Lk 24:34*). Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when He broke the bread (*Lk 24:35*), but they did not believe them either (*Mk 16:13*).

Your God’s Easter Blessing for You

This is the day the Lord has made!

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Come and see the place where he lay.

Then let us go quickly and tell the news of his triumph!

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Amen!

Our Easter Joy – “I Know That My Redeemer Lives”

(CW 441:1,2,7,8)

(sung) **I know that my Redeemer lives;**

What comfort this sweet sentence gives!

He lives, he lives, who once was dead; He lives, my ever living Head!

He lives triumphant from the grave; He live eternally to save.

He lives all glorious in the sky; He lives exalted there on high.

**He lives and grants me daily breath; he lives, and I shall conquer death;
he lives my mansion to prepare; he lives to bring me safely there.**

He lives, all glory to his name! He lives, my Jesus, still the same.

Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives: I know that my Redeemer lives!

Silent Prayer – *feel free to use this silent prayer of thanks*

Dear Jesus, our risen Savior, when the night of death passed you rose and ushered in the day of salvation. What joy and confidence we have with you! Your resurrection is proof of our forgiveness and our own resurrection to be with you in heaven. Fill us with your Easter joy today and always. Open our lips to share the good news of salvation with all people! Amen.



Musician: Ann Wilson

Worship Leader: Pastor Matt Zimpelmann

Flowers: See insert