



**IMMANUEL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Manitowoc, Wisconsin

**April 11-14, 2024**

## Welcome

Thanks for being here! 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 worshiping family – there is no better way for them to learn how to listen and pray than by bringing them to church! So, if your children are acting up, please know it's never a bother to our worship service. However, if you're concerned your fellow worshipers are being distracted and you'd like a place to calm a restless little one, our lobby area with screens and audio might allow you to continue your worship with us.

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

**Make yourself at home.** You don't have to rush off after the service today. Light refreshments are typically provided in our lobby after the 8:00 am service. 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, feel free to contact our pastors or principal at any time (*contact info 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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# Our Risen Savior Deserves Our Praise

**Our Opening Praise – “Like the Golden Sun Ascending”**

*(CW 470:1-2)*

## **Our Prayer and Praise**

PASTOR: O Lord, our Heavenly Father, Almighty and Everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day.

**CONG: According to your undeserved love and mercy, forgive our past sins!**

Take all our offenses – those of thought, word and deed – and wash them away forever in the blood of Jesus – your Son – our Living Savior.

**Risen Savior, you promise to cleanse those who confess their sins to you; we trust your promise.**

With great thanks for your perfect life, innocent death and victorious resurrection, we proudly proclaim as your Baptized children:

**You are our God! We are your people!**

Holy Spirit, you are our constant Companion and Guide; bless our worship by the light of your Word. Enrich our faith in your truths and strengthen us by your Word today.

**Renew our joy and desire to serve you.**

Father, Son and Holy Spirit – receive our praise –

**Jesus lives! Our victory is won! Alleluia!**

**Our Easter Praise – “Jesus Lives! The Victory’s Won”**

*(CW 444:1,5)*

## **God’s Word – Luke 24:36-49**

<sup>36</sup> While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” <sup>37</sup> They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. <sup>38</sup> He said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? <sup>39</sup> 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.” <sup>40</sup> When he had said this, he showed

them his hands and feet. <sup>41</sup> And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, “Do you have anything here to eat?” <sup>42</sup> They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup> and he took it and ate it in their presence. <sup>44</sup> 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.”

<sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. <sup>46</sup> He told them, “This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup> and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup> I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

## **Our Confession and Forgiveness**

Lord, even with the confidence your Easter gives, we must acknowledge our sin to you. “Keep [me] from willful sins; may they not rule over me.

**Then I will be blameless, innocent of great transgression.**

Who can discern their own errors?

**Forgive my hidden faults.”**

*(Psalm 19)*

Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have sinned against you in my thoughts, words and actions. Too often, like those fearful disciples, I put my hope in the earthly, the tangible, and the things I can see and touch. But, I often overlook your comforting Word, your promises, your victory over sin, death and hell. When this happens – the world and my flesh fail me, your purpose for my life is blurred, and my joy in you drains away. For these and all other sins, I deserve your punishment; I am truly sorry,

**But I trust in my living Savior Jesus to cleanse me of my sin, and take away my guilt!**

God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all our sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed our guilt forever. We are his own dear children – completely forgiven according to his promise! May God give us the strength to live according to his will.

**Amen!**

## Our Easter Joy – “Alleluia! Jesus Lives!”

(CW 455:1,4)

### Message from God’s Word – Acts 3:12-20

<sup>12</sup> When Peter saw this, he said to them: “Fellow Israelites, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk? <sup>13</sup> The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus. You handed him over to be killed, and you disowned him before Pilate, though he had decided to let him go. <sup>14</sup> You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. <sup>15</sup> You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this. <sup>16</sup> By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus’ name and the faith that comes through him that has completely healed him, as you can all see.

<sup>17</sup> “Now, fellow Israelites, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders. <sup>18</sup> But this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that his Messiah would suffer. <sup>19</sup> Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, <sup>20</sup> and that he may send the Messiah, who has been appointed for you—even Jesus.

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

***All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!***

## Easter Praise – “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

(CW 512:1,3,6)



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### Offerings of Thanks

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



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## God's Grace Keeps on Giving – (Week 2) *A Grateful Response*

### The GREATEST GIVER is GOD

**2 Corinthians 8:9**—For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for our sakes, **he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.**

### GRACE TRUTH #2

- God \_\_\_\_\_.
- I \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_ manages on behalf of \_\_\_\_\_.

### Joyful Giving

**2 Corinthians 9:7**— God loves a cheerful giver.

- Our God is a \_\_\_\_\_ God.
- Our God loves to see us \_\_\_\_\_ Him.

### Grateful Giving

**2 Corinthians 8:1-2**—"We want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. Out of the most severe trial, **their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty** welled up in rich generosity.

- God loves a \_\_\_\_\_ giver.
- Giving isn't a \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_, it's a \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_.
- God trusts us to \_\_\_\_\_.



## A Response to Grace

**1 Chronicles 29:14**—But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand.

- \_\_\_\_\_ is the \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_ giving is the \_\_\_\_\_

## Our Prayer & the Lord's Prayer

Dear Savior, our strength, our song, and our salvation – thank you for rising from the dead! In doing so, you have given us the victory over our own graves. And, because you laid down your life to rescue us – we can praise you for giving us victory over our sins too.

### **Your resurrection is truly proof of our forgiveness!**

Lord Jesus, when you appeared to your disciples in the locked room – you verified FOR US every promise you have ever made to us, your people. Now, with your Word that we have heard today, drive away our skepticism and any doubts we may have that question you. Erase the fears we have of this life's difficulties.

### **Your resurrection confirms you are the one, true, living God!**

Keep before us the vision of your saved people standing before your throne in heaven – where there are no tears or sadness – but only peace and a forever-joy that we are waiting to experience.

### **Make us instruments of this peace as we bring the good news of your Easter victory and new life to others.**

Victorious Savior, you have restored to us the joy of our salvation. With happy hearts, we can say:

### **Alleluia! Thanks be to God! You give us victory over sin, death and the grave!**

We pray all these things in your name, Lord Jesus, in whose name we also join to pray...

### **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.**

## **God's Blessing**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father,

**And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all!**

## **Closing Song – “Jesus, Thank You”**

*(CW 615)*

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

Dear Jesus, thank you for your incredible, undeserved love which has saved me from my sins and reminds me that my life is not blown about by the winds of chance - I am a part of your plan! You saved me by your gracious design, and I serve you according to your own good will and purpose. Give me the strength to love others with deeds of kindness and not merely with good intentions. In your name I pray, Amen.



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