

Welcome



**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
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*A welcoming community rooted in Christ, growing in faith and serving with joy!*



**THE GOSPEL**  
**JOHN**  
**20:19-31**  
**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY**

## Welcome to Immanuel!

Thank you for joining us for our worship service. Whoever you are, whatever you've done, or where ever you are in life. You are loved by God which means, You are welcome here at Immanuel. God's grace is given freely, not earned. So whatever journey you are on, God led you here today. We thank you for coming and hope to see you again soon.

**Visitors**, welcome to worship! If you are interested in knowing more about our congregation please speak to Interim Pastor Matt Saarem or call the church office! Contact info is on the back of this bulletin.

**We Encourage all Children** who can read, to follow along in the bulletin during our worship service.

## Welcome and Announcements

### Call To Worship:

L: Come, gather here brothers and sisters in Christ.

**C: Come, seek the loving God, revealed by Jesus.**

L: Come, worship the one who died and rose again for you and me.

**C: Come, with doubts or faith, come as you are, you are welcome here.**

### Opening Hymn:

Alleluia Sing To Jesus #392 ELW

### Prayer of Adoration and Confession:

R1: Loving God,

**in this Easter season we are reminded of how difficult it was even for the disciples to fully grasp your presence and power. As we come to you this day in this place and/or in our homes, we come bowed down in humble adoration, with no fixed certainties, no fixed faith.**

R2: Living Jesus,

**you came to your disciples when they needed you, come to us now and reassure us. Help us in our moments of doubt to be able to cry out 'My Lord and my God' as Thomas did. Help us to be honest in our words as we wrestle with our uncertainties, knowing that you love us for them not in spite of them.**

R3: Listening Spirit,

**ever present in our lives, surrounding us with your presence, coorie in and make your presence known to us now. Reassure us that our questions are valid and not something for which to be ashamed. Help us voice them as Thomas did.**

R4: Holy Trinity,

**forgive us if we ever let the doubts take over, forgive us for harsh words that belie your love, forgive us the things left undone, and assure us of your never-ending love and grace giving us the peace you offer over and over and over again. Amen.**

### Prayer of the Day:

### First Reading:

Acts 5:27-32

27 When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, <sup>28</sup>saying, 'We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us.' <sup>29</sup>But Peter and the apostles answered, 'We must obey God rather than any human authority. <sup>30</sup>The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. <sup>31</sup>God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour, so that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. <sup>32</sup>And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.'

### Psalm 118:14-29

R: The LORD is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.

**C: There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous: 'The right hand of the LORD does valiantly;**

R: the right hand of the LORD is exalted; the right hand of the LORD does valiantly.'

**C: I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the LORD.**

R: The LORD has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death.

**C: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.**

R: This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.

**C: I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.**

R: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

**C: This is the LORD's doing; it is marvellous in our eyes.**

R: This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**C: Save us, we beseech you, O LORD! O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!**

R: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD. We bless you from the house of the LORD.

**C: The LORD is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.**

R: You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you.

**C: O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures for ever.**

We invite you to follow the service and take part in a way that feels right to you.

Hearing devices are available from an usher.

P = Leader  
C = Congregation  
R = Reader

Sections in **bold** are to be read by the congregation.

### Today's Scripture

Acts	5:27-32
Psalm	118:14-29
Revelation	1:4-8
John	20:19-31

### Today's Hymns

Hymn	#392 (ELW)
Hymn	#635 (ELW)
Hymn	#744 (ELW)
Hymn	#537 (ELW)

**Happy Birthday  
this week!**

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Mark Mckenzie

Lyanna Carlson

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Rachel Blakeslee

Dianne Wiik

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Nicole Lundsted

Kurt Swenson

**Second Reading**

Revelation 1:4-8

4 John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, <sup>5</sup>and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, <sup>6</sup>and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. <sup>7</sup>Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. <sup>8</sup> 'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks Be to God**

**The Gospel**

John 20:19-31

*Jesus Appears to the Disciples*

19 When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

*Jesus and Thomas*

24 But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

26 A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' <sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

*The Purpose of This Book*

30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup>But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

**Children's Sermon**

**Sermon - Jason**

**Hymn of the Day:** We Walk by Faith #635 ELW

**Apostles' Creed:** pg. 105

**Prayers of Intercession:**

**Offertory Hymn:** Lord be Glorified #744 ELW

**Offering Prayer:**

**Prayer of Dedication:**

Lord God, **in offering these our gifts we offer them with no strings attached. These are not a bargain in exchange for certainty, rather a hopeful offering given from our hearts for the building of your kingdom. Accept them as you accept us. Amen**

**The Lord's Prayer:**

**Sending:**

L: We go in God's blessing.

**C: We go in peace.**

L: We go in God's blessing.

**C: We go in hope.**

L: We go in God's blessing.

**C: We go in love.**

**Sending Hymn:** On Our Way Rejoicing #537 ELW

**Dismissal:**

**Thank you for helping  
lead worship today!**

**Leader:**  
Jason Fredlund

**Organist:**  
Lori Fredlund

**Reader:**  
Tate Klanderud  
Sulley Carlson  
Eithan Carlson  
Alexie Hays

**Ushers:** Steve &  
Laurie Peterson

**Sound Tech:**  
Julie Johnson

**Camera Tech:**  
Vern Johnson

**Children's Sermon:**  
Youth Group

**Sunday School**

**Teacher:**  
Cami Peltier

**Immanuel Church  
Calendar This Week**

**Sunday, April 24**

8:30 Serv. Prep. for Leaders.  
9:30 Worship Service Live and  
Online by our Youth Group;  
Sunday School is after  
Children's Sermon  
10:30 Coffee Served: By Bob &  
Diane Rothe  
Council Meeting after church  
11:00 Counters count offering

**Monday, April 25**

9-5 Office Hours  
10:00 NEWSLETTER  
ASSEMBLY  
6:00 Worship & Music Meeting

**Tuesday, April 26**

9-5 Office Hours

**Wednesday, April 27**

9-5 Office Hours  
9:00 Worship Team meets  
6:30-8 Youth Group

**Thursday, April 28**

9-5 Office Hours

**Friday, April 29**

**Saturday, April 30**

**Sunday, May 1**

8:30 Service Prep for Worship  
Leaders.  
9:30 Communion Worship Service  
Live and Online with Paul  
Oman; No Sunday School or  
Children's Sermon  
10:30 Catered Dinner

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**135<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

Paul Oman "Drawn to the Word" coming soon!  
Mark your calendars for May 1st when Immanuel will have the opportunity to see scripture painted before our eyes. All are welcomed to come and experience this unique service in celebration of Immanuel's 135th Anniversary. Jon Ekstrom will cater a Swedish Dinner including Swedish Meatballs/ Cream Sauce, Mashed Potatoes, Peas & Carrots, Beet Pickles, Rye Bread, Dinner Rolls and Swedish Almond Cake with Lingonberries and Whipped Cream.

**VOLUNTEERS** are needed to make Almond Cakes - if you would like to do this, but don't have the special pan, Jon has about 4 he'd be willing to lend out.

**Reservations** for dinner are needed by April 24th. Cost of dinner is \$10.00 per person or \$25.00 for family and may be paid at the door.

**LUTHER POINT CAMPERSHIPS**

It's that time again. Check out the brochures and send the kids to camp. WELCA will pay 2/3rds of the price. If you cannot pay the deposit, please contact Diane Rothe (651-583-2402) and we will help you out.

**Student Scholarships**

I encourage students pursuing a college education to apply for the scholarships available outside the office. The cut-off date is April 30th. Drop off at the office or set outside office door.

**Children's Sermon**

Looking for VOLUNTEERS to give **short** Children's Sermons. We have a small group willing to do this, but would like to add a few more to the list. FYI...The internet is very helpful in finding material!! If interested, please contact Pat.

**YOUTH GROUP NEWS**

Youth group meets every other Wednesday from 6:30-8:00 pm.

If any child 6<sup>th</sup> grade on up would like to attend, please do, we'd love to have you!! Next meetings are: May 11th & 25th.

**HEGGIES PIZZAS** are now on sale as a fundraiser for our upcoming trip.

We are preparing for our mission trip this year to Milwaukee!! The kids are excited to get out and do God's work and spread his love after 2 long years not being able to go. Please contact a youth, Jason or DeeDee if you'd like to order some delicious pizza!!

**NEW THIS YEAR.....Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast!**

We want to make Mother's Day extra special this year by celebrating all the wonderful mom's within our congregation. Breakfast will be served following service.

**Thank you** all for attending the Youth Group's Palm Sunday Breakfast. It felt great to be able to do this again! Thank you for the wonderful donation gifts. It will help pay the expenses for our fast approaching mission trip to Milwaukee in June.

It's time to start planning the Memorial Day Dinner for 2022. Work group E is in charge and will be holding a meeting to organize this on Tuesday May 3rd at 6:30 p.m., in the fireside room at church. Haven't had this dinner for 2 years and will need a refresher course! Thank you and hope to see you on the 3rd! Tora Carlson and Julie Abrahamson

**April 17, 2022  
Attendance: 124**

**Weekly Giving Update:  
April 17, 2022**

General	\$3,157.00
Benevolence	\$70.00
Building Fund	\$71.00
Loose	\$118.30
Lent	\$600.00
Maun. Thrs/Good Fri	\$95.00
Easter	\$2,235
Special Donations	\$50.00
Cdfce	<u>\$7.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,788.30</b>