

Welcome

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IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

37515 Park Trail, Almelund, MN 55012

Pastor Justin Fenger

Second Sunday of Easter

April 16, 2023

A welcoming community rooted in Christ, growing in faith and serving with joy!



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 Pastor Justin 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.

GATHERING

Today's Service is using the **ELW & HFG**; Red & Teal Books

PRELUDE:

We Will Glorify
Create in Me

WOW

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

INTRODUCTION:

In today's gospel the risen Christ appears to the disciples and offers them the gift of peace. Even amid doubts and questions, we experience the resurrection in our Sunday gathering around word and meal, and in our everyday lives. Throughout the coming Sundays of Easter the first two readings will be from the Acts of the Apostles and the first letter of Peter. Even as the early Christians proclaimed the resurrection, we rejoice in the new birth and living hope we receive in baptism.

CALL TO WORSHIP:

P: O that we had the faith of Thomas to doubt, to question what too many take for granted.

C: O that we had the faith of Thomas that could be crushed and broken and be reborn again, learning to trust once more now that everything has changed for the world has shifted and in some unique and mysterious way Jesus is alive in us, through us, between us, among us, for us, with us.

P: O that we had the faith of Thomas to have our eyes wide opened and our vision set on fire again.

C: Dare we?

P: Come let us worship Jesus, risen among us.

OPENING HYMN:

He Lives

#299 HFG (Teal)

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Almighty and eternal God,
the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

SPECIAL MUSIC:

Two Hands One Heart

WOW

CHILDREN'S SERMON:

INSTALLATION LITANY: *Do you this day acknowledge yourself a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ?*

I do.

Will you devote yourself to the service of God in the world?

I will.

Will you so live that you enable this church to be a people of love and peace?

I will.

Will you do all in your power to be responsible to the task for which you have been chosen?

I will.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, **pour out your blessings upon these your servants who have been given particular ministries in your church. Grant them grace to give themselves wholeheartedly in your service. Keep before them the example of our Lord, who did not think first of himself, but gave himself for us all. Let them share his ministry and consecration, that they may enter into his joy. Guide them in their work. Reward their faithfulness with the knowledge that through them your purposes are accomplished; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

(The pastor addresses the congregation:)

Dear friends, rejoice that God provides laborers for the vineyards. Will you do all you can to assist and encourage them in the responsibilities to which they have been called, giving them your cooperation, your counsel, and your prayers?

The congregation responds:

We will.

FIRST READING:

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

After the Holy Spirit comes to the apostles on Pentecost, Peter preaches the gospel to the gathered crowd. He tells them that Jesus, who obediently went to his death according to God's plan, was raised from the dead by God. Finally, he appeals to scripture, quoting Psalm 16:8-11, to show that Jesus is the Messiah: though crucified, the risen Jesus is now enthroned.

^{14a}Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]: ²²"You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know—²³this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. ²⁴But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power.

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

P = Pastor
L = Leader
C = **Congregation**
R = Reader

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

Today's Scripture

Acts 2:14a, 22-32
Psalm 16
1 Peter 1:3-9
John 20:19-31

Today's Hymns

Hymn #299 HFG
Hymn #382 ELW
Hymn #860 ELW
Hymn #857 ELW

**Happy Birthday
this week!**

16
Karl Swenson
17
Jennifer Andersen
18
Jax Yost
19
Lois Johnson
Anna Abbott
Jeske Noordergraaf
20
Jill Hasselquist
Judy Peterson
21
Francis Tauer

²⁵For David says concerning him, 'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; ²⁶therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. ²⁷For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. ²⁸You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence. ²⁹Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. ³¹Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, 'He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.' ³²This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses."

PSALM:

Psalm 16

R: Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; I have said to the LORD,
"You are my Lord, my good above all other."

**C: All my delight is in the godly that are in the land,
upon those who are noble among the people.**

R: But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied.

**C: I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods,
never take their names upon my lips.**

R: O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who uphold my lot.

**C: My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;
indeed, I have a rich inheritance.**

R: I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel;
my heart teaches me night after night.

**C: I have set the LORD always before me;
because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

R: My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;
my body also shall rest in hope.

**C: For you will not abandon me to the grave,
nor let your holy one see the pit.**

R: You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

SECOND READING:

1 Peter 1:3-9

This epistle was written to encourage Christians experiencing hardships and suffering because of their faith in Christ. The letter opens by blessing God for the living hope we have through Christ's resurrection even amid difficult circumstances and surroundings.

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, ⁹for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Christ Is Risen! Alleluia! v.4
#382 ELW (Red)

GOSPEL:

John 20:19-31

Glory to you O Lord

The risen Jesus appears to his disciples, offering them a benediction, a commission, and the gift of the Holy Spirit. But one of their number is missing, and his unbelief prompts another visit from the Lord.

¹⁹When 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." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." ²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So 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."

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

Pastor:
Justin Fenger

Organist:
Momoh Freeman

Special Music:
WOW Group

Reader:
Marlin Ness

Ushers:

Sound Tech:
Nancy Nadeau

Camera Tech:
Jodi Johnson-Waldemar

Communion Ushers:
Todd Peltier,
Dave Rue
Julie Weller

Children's Sermon:
Teresa Carlson

Altar Guild:
Joanne Johnson &
Diane Rothe

Coffee Servers:
The WOW Group

**Immanuel Church
Calendar This Week**

Sunday, April 16

9:30 WOW Communion
Worship Service Live
and Online, W/
Installation of council
members. Sunday School
is after children's sermon
Confirmation is after church
10:30 Coffee Servers:
WOW Group
11:00 Counters count offering

**Monday, April 17
NEWSLETTER DEAD-
LINE**

9-5 Office Hours
5:00 Stewardship

Tuesday, April 18

9-5 Office Hours
9:00 Worship Team Meets
9:30 Naomi meets @ Julie
Weller's
6:00 Joyful Noise Rehearsal
@ Trinity

Wednesday, April 19

9-5 Office Hours
10:00 Newsletter is ready for
proofreading
10:00 Parish Care Meets
12:00 Deadline for bulletin
Info
1:30 Prayer Shawl Meets
2:00 Bulletins Printed

Thursday, April 20

1:30 Filling Newsletters &
Labeling

Friday, April 21

Saturday, April 22

Sunday, April 23

9:30 Worship Service Live
and Online; Sunday
School after Children's
Sermon
10:30 Coffee Servers:
Youth Group
11:00 Counters count offering

²⁶A 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." ²⁷Then 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." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." ³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But 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.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON:

HYMN OF THE DAY: I'm So Glad, Jesus Lifted me #860 ELW

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

God of grace,

hear our prayer.

OFFERTORY:

My God is Real

WOW

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS:

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

OFFERTORY PRAYER:

Generous God,
in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION:

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION:

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

EUCCHARISTIC INVITATION:

Come to the table of the risen Lord.

Doubters and deniers—there is room for you here.

The fearful and the fretful—there is room for you here.

The timid and the tired—there is room for you here.

All are welcome.

All are forgiven.

All are fed at this table.

DISTRIBUTION:

COMMUNION HYMN: All Who Hunger Gather, Gladly WOW

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

Gracious God,

in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name. Amen.

LITANY:

L: When Philip and Nathanael met Jesus

at the beginning of John's gospel, he said to them,

C: Come and see.

L: When Jesus first came among the disciples,

he showed them his hands and his side and said,

C: Come and see.

L: A week later, he appeared to Thomas and did likewise, saying,

C: Come and see.

L: Jesus calls us in our curiosity and our doubt:

C: Come and see.

L: We may not see Jesus in the flesh,

but we have come to believe because we see Jesus in one another,

C: In every beloved child of God, and in the whole of creation.

L: We are blessed because we have come to believe.

C: And we will invite all we meet: Come and see!

BLESSING:

The God of all, who raised Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation.

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: Lord I Lift Your Name on High x2 #857 ELW

DISMISSAL:

Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

Thanks be to God.

April 9, 2023

Attendance: 31/180

**Weekly Giving Update:
April 9, 2023**

General	\$5,882.00
Benevolence	\$310.00
Building	\$250.00
Loose	\$234.00
Noisy Offering	\$155.95
Lent	\$80.00
Mau.Thr./Gd.Fri.	\$90.00
Easter	\$495.00
Easter Mem. Gar.	\$30.00
Online Serv. Fee	\$18.30
Total	\$7,545.25

POSTLUDE:

Lord I Lift Your Name on High

WOW

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

34th Annual Saint Paul Area Synodical Women's Convention

Saturday, April 22, 2023 @ 8:00 am - 4:30 pm

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

700 Snelling Avenue S, Saint Paul

Convention activities include:

- a time for business - election of officers and Board Members, approval of the budget, setting direction for the future
- a time for community - renewing friendships and making new friends, being inspired and renewed by speakers and workshops

May the Holy Spirit bless us as we gather in Christ's Name.

Blessings, Dawn Sargent and Becky Maier SWO Co-Presidents

Zoom Bible Study.

Send the office your email to get started watching each Monday evening @ 7:00.

Tune in our Daily Texts, Monday through Saturday on our Facebook Page

[@immanuelchurchofalmelund](#)

A daily devotional time based on an Old and New Testament bible verse based on a Moravian Church tradition and Ground Up Grace Publications Daily Texts 2023 books are found in the back of Sanctuary by Welcome (Guest) book.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE Is April 17th.

NEWSLETTER PROOFREADING Is April 19th @ 1:00 in room B. Your help is appreciated!

NEWSLETTER ASSEMBLY Is April 20th @1:30 in the Fireside room.

Future Plans: A Legacy Workshop, hosted by the Elim Lutheran Church Foundation, is being held at Elim Lutheran Church, Scandia MN on Saturday April 22 from 9:00-11:30 a.m.

Several speakers will share a variety of information including things you should discuss with your partner/family/financial planner **before** you talk to an attorney. Other topics covered are durable health care directives, power of attorney, wills and trusts, funeral plans, and where to share and store these documents. A member from Minnesota Senior Link Line will be on hand to distribute information about services available to seniors and to answer any questions you may have. Space is limited so reservations are preferred. Please contact Elim's church office today to reserve your spot (651-433-2723; joan.detzler@elimscandia.org) Thank you.

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HEGGIES PIZZA SALES HAVE STARTED!! please see a youth member or Dee to order a delicious Heggies pizza! There are **2 NEW GLUTEN FREE** pizzas too!! We're told their amazing! All the profits go directly to the youth group to help pay for mission trips, retreats and other fun things during the year.

THANKS

The Palm Sunday Breakfast was a great success! Thanks to all who came and supported our great group of kids. We raised \$435 to go towards our activities throughout the year. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!!

We want to thank the Prayer Shawl Group for the beautiful prayer shawl for Arthur. And the Parish Care team for the thoughtful card. We appreciate the well wishes and keeping him in your prayers as his arm continues to heal.

Matt and Soua Carlson

Dear Immanuel Staff:

Every year you honor those who have passed at the Memorial Easter Garden. Please accept this check to honor:

Ruth Gleason
Hilma Bjork
Walter Bjork

Thank you so much,
Lanny and Rhonda Gleason



SPRING TEA LEAVES

Mark your calendars for Saturday,
May 13th at 2:00 PM.

Bring your grandmothers, mothers, daughters, granddaughters, daughters in law, sisters, nieces, aunts and friends. All ages invited.

Sarah Circle invites everyone to a fun afternoon with tea, fancy sandwiches and scones.

Enjoy a fun program

“Pinky’s Up For Tea Time”

Presented by **Loretta Anderson.**

She will tell about the background and history of the Tea Party and related planning and etiquette involved to achieve a successful and fun event. She will cover key points for young kids to guide them as they experience various social gatherings.

Also enjoy beautiful singing by Audra Rambow.

If interested, there will be a sign up in the gathering area until April 30th.