

Welcome



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Third Sunday of Easter

April 23, 2023

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



The Road to Emmaus



"Were not our hearts burning [within us] while he spoke to us on the way and opened the scriptures to us?" (Lk 24:32)

Luke 24:13-14

"Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. 14 They were talking with each other about everything that had happened."



IMMANUEL STAFF

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Pat Remer, Accompanist
Volunteers Church Custodian
Mark Weslander, Administrative Assistant & Financial Recorder/Secretary
Daryl Abrahamson, Cemetery Groundskeeper
Jason & DeeDee Fredlund, Youth Directors

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 **ELW**; Red Book

PRELUDE:

WELCOME ANNOUNCEMENTS:

INTRODUCTION:

Today's gospel begins with two disciples walking to Emmaus, overcome with sadness, loss, and disappointment. They had hoped Jesus, who was crucified, would be the one to redeem Israel! Yet the risen Christ walks with them and then opens their eyes in the breaking of the bread. The story of Emmaus becomes the pattern of our worship each Lord's day.

CALL TO WORSHIP:

L: Christ is present with us in this place and in all places.

C: Even when we do not recognize him.

L: God is revealed in the breaking of the bread.

C: Feed us with your holy Word, O God.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

P: We confess our sins before God and one another.

Pause for silence and reflection.

P: God of resurrection,

C: You have redeemed us through the gift of your son, yet we often act as though we don't know what that means. We fail to see where we need to change, and where we need to work to bring positive change to the world. We remain fixated on ourselves rather than living in love and service for others. Forgive us our sins of thought, word, and action or lack of action, that we might better do your will.

P: Christ is risen indeed, and proclaims to you and all of creation the entire forgiveness of sin. Receive this gift of forgiveness with joy

OPENING HYMN: Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds #367 ELW

SPECIAL MUSIC: Moses Puni

CHILDREN'S SERMON:

FIRST READING:

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Today's reading is the conclusion of Peter's sermon preached following the giving of the Holy Spirit to the apostles on the day of Pentecost. The center of his preaching is the bold declaration that God has made the crucified Jesus both Lord and Christ.

^{14a}Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]:
³⁶"Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified." ³⁷Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" ³⁸Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." ⁴⁰And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." ⁴¹So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

PSALM:

Psalms 116:1-4, 12-19

R: I love the LORD, who has heard my voice,
and listened to my supplication,

C: for the LORD has given ear to me whenever I called.

R: The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave came upon me; I came to grief and sorrow.

**C: Then I called upon the name of the LORD:
"O LORD, I pray you, save my life."**

R: How shall I repay the LORD
for all the good things God has done for me?

C: I will lift the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD.

R: I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all God's people.

C: Precious in your sight, O LORD, is the death of your servants.

R: O LORD, truly I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.

**C: I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call upon the name of the LORD.**

R: I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all God's people,

**C: in the courts of the LORD's house,
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!**

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 = Pastor
L = Leader
C = Congregation
R = Reader

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

Today's Scripture

Acts 2:14a, 36-41
Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19
1 Peter 1:17-23
Luke 24:13-35

Today's Hymns

Hymn #367 (ELW)
Hymn #377 (ELW)
Hymn #385 (ELW)

**Happy Birthday
this week!**

- 26
Mark McKenzie
Lyanna Carlson
- 27
Rachel Blakeslee
Dianne Wiik
- 28
Nicole Lundsted
Kurt Swenson

SECOND READING:

1 Peter 1:17-23

The imagery of exile is used to help the readers of this letter understand that they are strangers in a strange land. Christians no longer belong to this age. Through the death of Christ we belong to God, so that our focus, faith, and hope are no longer on such things as silver or gold.

¹⁷If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. ¹⁸You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. ²⁰He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. ²¹Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. ²²Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. ²³You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Open Our Eyes Lord

Robert Cull

O - pen our eyes, Lord, We want to see Je - sus,
 To reach out and touch Him, And say that we love Him.
 O - pen our ears, Lord, And help us to lis - ten;
 O - pen our eyes, Lord, We want to see Je - sus.

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~ Psalm 33 Creations ~

GOSPEL:

Luke 24:13-35

Glory to you, O Lord

The colorful story of Jesus' appearance to two disciples on the road to Emmaus answers the question of how Jesus is to be recognized among us. Here, he is revealed through the scriptures and in the breaking of bread.

¹³Now on that same day [when Jesus had appeared to Mary Magdalene,] two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" ¹⁹He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²²Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." ²⁵Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" ²⁷Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. ²⁸As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" ³³That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

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

Pastor:
Justin Fenger

Organist:
Momoh Freeman

Special Music:
Moses Puni

Reader:
Jeske Noordergraaf

Ushers:
Don & Pat Noyes

Sound Tech:
Merrie Tolzmann

Camera Tech:
Tracy Tolzmann

Children's Sermon:
Jeske Noordergraaf

Teachers:
Cami Peltier &
Julie Abrahamson

Altar Guild: White
Joanne Johnson &
Diane Rothe

Coffee Servers:
Youth Group

**Immanuel Church
Calendar This Week**

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

Monday, April 24

9-5 Office Hours
6:00 Worship & Music

Tuesday, April 25

9-5 Office Hours
9:00 Worship Team meets
6:00 Joyful Noise Rehearsal
@ ILC

Wednesday, April 26

9-5 Office Hours
12:00 Deadline for bulletin
Info
2:00 Bulletins Printed
4:00 Sarah Circle @ Church
6:30-8 Youth Meeting

Thursday, April 27

Friday, April 28

Saturday, April 29

Sunday, April 30

8:00 Joyful Noise sings @
Trinity & 9:30 @ ILC
9:30 Communion Worship
Service Live and Online,
Sunday School is after
children's sermon

Confirmation is after church
10:30 Coffee Servers:
11:00 Counters count offering

SERMON:

HYMN OF THE DAY: Alleluia! Jesus is Risen #377 ELW
v.v. 1,2,3

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

OFFERTORY: Moses Puni

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS:

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit with-
in 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:

God of abundance,
**bless these gifts to your benefit, and may all the earth know of
your goodness and grace, offered through the resurrection of your
son Jesus Christ. Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER:

LITANY: Group 1 Pulpit side; Group 2 Lectern side

All: Walk with us

Group 1: Along the road we wander

Group 2: In our grief and doubt.

All: Walk with us

1: And explain what the scriptures reveal

2: About you and about us.

All: Walk with us

1: As we hear words

2: That stir our hearts.

All: Walk with us

1: As we break bread with you

2: And our eyes open again to your presence.

All: Walk with us

1: Along this path of life

2: And lead us out of doubt.

All: Walk with us.

SENDING:

Today we have walked and talked along the Emmaus road. We walk and talk each week with Christ by our side. Let Him walk with you this week, let Him speak to you and allow him to open the door of your heart, so that you too meet the extraordinary in the ordinary. May you know God's hope, Christ's love and the Holy Spirit's energy this week and always. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!
v.v. 1,3,4 #385 ELW

DISMISSAL:

Go in peace. Serve the Risen One. **Thanks be to God.**

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CONGRATULATIONS

To Riley Alexander Bridgeman and Liliana Grace Bridgeman
on their baptism after the service today.

Their parents are, Nicole Elizabeth Kovach and Shane Andrew
Bridgeman.

Sponsors are, Jason Kovach, Chris Kovach, Shawn Kovach and
Meg Ramirez.

April 16, 2023

Attendance: 86

**Weekly Giving Update:
April 16, 2023**

General	\$2,042.50
Benevolence	\$41.25
Building Fund	\$141.25
Loose	\$29.00
Maunday Th.	\$20.00
Mem. Garden	\$50.00
Online Serv. Fee	<u>\$1.00</u>
Total	\$2,325.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There is a Sarah Circle meeting on Wednesday, April 26th at 4:00 pm at church.

Youth Group meeting @ 6:30-8 on Wednesday, April 26th.

Memorial Day Organizational Meeting is on Thursday April 27th @ 5:30.

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.

Zoom Bible Study.

Send the office your email to get started watching each Monday evening @ 7:30.

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

@immanuellutheranchurchofalmelund

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.

THANK YOU

Ellie Olson would like to thank the church for the Easter Lily! She says she appreciates everyone for thinking of her.



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.



Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota (LSS) invites you to join us at our Metro Benefit for Youth. Gather with us to support LSS Youth & Family Services in helping youth on their journey towards finding safety, stability, housing, opportunity and much more.

Tuesday, May 16, 2023

11:30 am Registration and Lunch*

12:15 pm Find Seats

12:30 pm Program

1:00 pm Checkout

Quincy Hall

1325 Quincy Street NE

Minneapolis, Minnesota

*Lunch will be self-serve at food stations and will remain open during checkout after the program concludes. Please stay and enjoy!

Kindly RSVP by **Thursday, May 4.**

For questions or assistance, please contact LSS Events at 651.432.4731 or events@lssmn.org.

We look forward to seeing you there, Friend!

With gratitude,

Your neighbors from LSS