

“You are looking for
**JESUS THE
NAZARENE,**
who was crucified.
**HE HAS RISEN!
HE IS NOT HERE.**”

Mark 16:6, NIV

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As We Gather

Those who followed Jesus from Galilee to Jerusalem had hopes and fears, but their experience was within what they expected. So, Isaiah's prophecy, which we shall hear again today, was one of those things that didn't seem to apply, for it was too much of a change to take seriously. And the news from the angel at the tomb went far beyond that! Life after death challenged every understanding so directly that the women were startled into fear-driven silence—at least for a time. That very day others would hear the news and soon many would see Jesus Himself, as Paul tells us in the Epistle. Today is a day to embark on a life based on the startling new reality that death is not the final word for anyone with faith in Christ. How then shall we live before we see Him ourselves?

✠ Preparation for Worship ✠

Opening Sentences

Psalm 118:24

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P All of you choirs of angels and saints in heaven before us:

C **Rejoice at Christ's victory over death.**

P Now, heaven and earth, even all of creation

C **Rejoice, for the eternal darkness has been defeated.**

P Rejoice, brothers and sisters in Christ both here and around the world!

C **Our Lord has kept all God's promises!**

P This is the day the LORD has made;

C **We will rejoice and be glad in it.**

Hymn

205 – The Day of Resurrection

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

P We cannot enter God's presence as we are. Our sinful condition falls short of the glory of God. Let us therefore give voice to those sins, confessing our faults and failures to one another and to God Himself.

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P Rejoice and be glad! God has not merely overlooked your faults; He has not missed your failures; and He knows the frailty of the human condition. Rather, He became one of us as Jesus, who died to pay for every sin or yours and your sinfulness itself. Jesus not only paid the penalty; on this day our heavenly Father proclaimed to all the world that He accepted the payment. Your sins are forgiven indeed!

In the stead and by the command of our risen Lord Jesus Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

✠ The Service of the Word ✠

Hymn of Praise

199 – Jesus Christ is Risen Today, Alleluia!

Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray...

... who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 25:6-9

⁶ And in this mountain The LORD of hosts will make for all people A feast of choice pieces, A feast of wines on the lees, Of fat things full of marrow, Of well-refined wines on the lees. ⁷ And He will destroy on this mountain The surface of the covering cast over all people, And the veil that is spread over all nations. ⁸ He will swallow up death forever, And the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces; The rebuke of His people He will take away from all the earth; For the LORD has spoken. ⁹ And it will be said in that day: “Behold, this is our God; We have waited for Him, and He will save us. This is the LORD; We have waited for Him; We will be glad and rejoice in His salvation.”

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 16

- P** Preserve me, O God,
C for in You I put my trust.
- P** O my soul, you have said to the LORD,
C “You are my Lord, My goodness is nothing apart from You.”
- P** As for the saints who are on the earth,
C “They are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight.”
- P** Their sorrows shall be multiplied who hasten after another god;
C Their drink offerings of blood I will not offer, Nor take up their names on my lips.
- P** O LORD, You are the portion of my inheritance and my cup;
C You maintain my lot.
- P** The lines have fallen to me in pleasant places;
C Yes, I have a good inheritance.
- P** I will bless the LORD who has given me counsel;
C My heart also instructs me in the night seasons.
- P** I have set the LORD always before me;
C Because He is at my right hand I shall not be moved.
- P** Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoices;
C My flesh also will rest in hope.
- P** For You will not leave my soul in Sheol,
C Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption.
- P** You will show me the path of life;
C In Your presence is fullness of joy; At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

¹ Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, ² by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. ³ For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴ and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, ⁵ and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve. ⁶ After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep. ⁷ After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles. ⁸ Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time. ⁹ For I am the least of the apostles, who am not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me. ¹¹ Therefore, whether it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

Alleluia

P Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.



Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia!

Confession of Faith

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn

732 – Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

Sermon Text

Mark 16:1-8

¹ Now when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, that they might come and anoint Him. ² Very early in the morning, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen. ³ And they said among themselves, “Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?” ⁴ But when they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away—for it was very large. ⁵ And entering the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a long white robe sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. ⁶ But he said to them, “Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him. ⁷ But go, tell His disciples—and Peter—that He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him, as He said to you.” ⁸ So they went out quickly and fled from the tomb, for they trembled and were amazed. And they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.



Sermon

The Truth of the Resurrection

Offertory

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from Your
pres - ence, and take not Your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -
store un - to me the joy of Your sal - va - tion; and up -

hold me with Your free spir-it. A - men.

Hymn

198 – He’s Risen, He’s Risen, Christ Jesus, the Lord

Offering

Offering Hymn

Bring to the Lord Your Precious Gifts

Bring to the Lord your pre-cious gifts, For He has
 ris - en from the dead, And we shall live for-ev -
 er. Our tal - ents, voic - es, all we have,
 We lay them at God's roy - al throne, From
 Him shall nothing sev - er. Christ has ris - en!
 In our think-ing, Speak-ing, act - ing, All our liv - ing,
 We our - selves to Je - sus ren - der.

General Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

C Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Benediction

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.
- C** Amen.

Hymn

200 – I know that My Redeemer Lives

✝ Announcements ✝

Upcoming Schedule

March 31	9:00 am	Easter Brunch
	10:15 am	Worship Service
April 7	9:15 am	Bible Class
	10:15 am	Worship Service w/ Holy Communion
	11:30 am	Quarterly Voters' Meeting
April 8-11		Pastor in Eau Claire for Meetings
April 14	8:00 am	Worship Service (Orlando)
	10:15 am	Worship Service (Winter Haven)



Easter Lilies: The Easter Lilies at the front of church have been purchased in loving memory of the following:

- Richard & Emily Kuehne
- Robert C. Sineff
- The Parents of Joe & Gloria Weller
- Loved Ones Who Have Gone Before Us

Upcoming Meetings: Here is a schedule of our upcoming meetings:

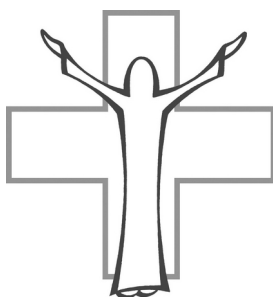
- **April 7** – Quarterly Voters' Meeting
- **May 5** – Board of Education/Board of Elders
- **June 2** – Board of Trustees/Church Council

Birth Announcement: We rejoice with Megan Ryan (Kuehne) and her husband Shaun at the birth of their daughter Darby last Sunday. We pray that the Lord would keep the family under His care and that Darby may be brought to the waters of Holy Baptism and grow up in true fear, love, and trust in our Savior.

ManUp! Weekend: Registration is open for the 2024 ManUp! Weekend, which will be held on September 26-29, 2024, at beautiful Wyalusing State Park near Prairie du Chien, WI. The weekend will offer strength and encouragement for men 18 and older for their personal faith, family, and fellowship at church. The weekend will include Bible study, fellowship, leadership training, team building, relationship building, worship, and many outdoor bonding activities. Register and send in your payment before August 31 for the discounted rate of \$75. Registration increases to \$150 on and after September 1st. The registration includes lodging and meals. You can register by going to the ManUp! website here: <http://www.manup.clclutheranorg> and clicking on the Registration Form. Sign up today, and spread the word!

CLC News: Pastor Nathanael Mayhew of Grace Ev. Lutheran in Sleepy Eye, MN. is still considering the call from Immanuel Lutheran Church and School, Mankato, MN.. <> Caleb Noeldner has returned the call from Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI to be their 5th - 6th grade teacher and assistant principal. <> Teacher Josh Ohlmann Holy Trinity West Columbia, SC has accepted the call to teach at Gethsemane in Saginaw MI. <> Teacher Ross Kok of Holy Cross Lutheran in Phoenix, AZ is still considering the call to Berea Lutheran Church and School, Inver Grove Heights, MN. <> Mrs. Karen Swyter, a member of Peace with God Lutheran Church, Onalaska, WI, has received the call to be the 1st & 2nd grade teacher of Faith Lutheran School, Markesan, WI. <> Grace Lutheran Church and School in Valentine, NE has extended a limited call to Ms. Ann Sprengeler to teach the Grace lower grades from August through December 2024. Noah Ohlmann, who earlier accepted the call to teach in the lower grades, will graduate in December from ILC and will begin teaching at Grace in January 2025.

Fruits of Faith		March 24, 2024	Attendance: ORL – 10, WH – 36	
<u>Immanuel Lutheran Church</u>		<u>Church of the Lutheran Confession</u>		
<i>General Budget</i>		<i>General Budget</i>		
\$1,759.75	General Budget	\$50.00	CLC General Budget	
\$1,423.00	Weekly Need	\$57.69	Weekly Need	
+\$336.75	-Under / +Over	-\$7.69	-Under / +Over	
\$20,880.00	Year to Date Offerings	\$385.00	Year to Date Offerings	
\$17,076.00	Year to Date Need	\$692.28	Year to Date Need	
+\$3,804.00	Year to Date (+/-)	-\$307.28	Year to Date (+/-)	
<i>Non-Budgetary</i>		<i>Non-Budgetary</i>		
	Building Fund		ILC Student Aid Fund	
	Property Improvement		ILC Building Fund	
\$100.00	ILC Scholarship Fund		ILC Improvement Fund	
	Tuition Grant		Mission Development (MDF)	
	Benevolence Fund		Project Kinship	
	Sign Fund		ILC Tour Choir	
\$1,000.00	School Fund			



✠ Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions ✠

April 1-6

Monday: Matthew 28:1-8 – It has already happened: “He has risen....He has risen from the dead” (verse 6)! But it needs to be known by Jesus’ followers, the women and the disciples. The guards are terrified by the same angel who speaks with the women.

Tuesday: 1 Peter 1:3-9 – Believing the news of the resurrection brings us the sure hope of a heavenly inheritance, love, and inexpressible joy; in other words, we receive the salvation of our souls (verse 9).

Wednesday: Job 19:22-27 – In his great affliction, Job clings to the resurrection hope: that even after his body has been destroyed, he will rise up and with his own body will see God. He knows this because he knows that his Redeemer lives (verse 25).

Thursday: John 20:11-18 – Mary Magdalene is back at the tomb and is met by the risen Lord, who calls her by name. Now she is ready to go, like the other women, and tell the disciples the wondrous news: news: “I have seen the Lord!” (verse 18)

Friday: 1 Corinthians 15:12-22 – Everything – our faith, hope, love, and joy; yes, our resurrection – all depend on this, that “in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep” (verse 20).

Saturday: Psalm 118:24-29 – As we continue to rejoice in the day of resurrection, we hear again the song that welcomed Him last week into Jerusalem. This time He is welcomed into His kingdom! “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord” (verse 26).



