



Second Sunday of Easter
Immanuel Lutheran Church
April 12, 2026

Welcome to this place of praise and prayer. We gather today in celebration of the life, death

and resurrection of Jesus Christ, as part of God's family.

- ❖ We would appreciate having you sign our guest book so that we can remember your presence with us. Please note that in the ELW the page numbers are printed at the bottom of the page and hymn numbers are located at the top. The order of worship is outlined on the following pages.
- ❖ The offering reminds us that all of life is a gift of God. We are stewards of that gift. In response, a portion of our income is given as an act of worship to do God's work in the world. Immanuel is a first-fruits congregation. That means that every Sunday when the offering is taken in, we give first to the mission and the ministry of the ELCA. We don't wait to see if we can pay our bills before we give away for God's mission. It is our hands doing God's work, for the sake of the world our Lord loves.
- ❖ We serve Holy Communion on the first Sunday of the month and at all festivals. We offer an open invitation to all baptized believers to participate. It is our understanding that Christ offers his body and blood with the bread and wine to forgive sin and strengthen faith and life. If you receive communion in your home church, you are welcome to receive communion here.
- ❖ We have a toddler worship area in the middle-right section of our pews. This area is intended for children ages 0-3 accompanied by an adult(s) to sit during worship. Children 4K-6th Grade are welcome to join us for Sunday school during worship downstairs. This is a space for families to be fully engaged in worship, while providing quiet activities for young children to accommodate their natural need to move and be busy. Please follow posted guidelines for use of this space. Thank you!
- ❖ We have accommodated seating available in the middle-left and the front-right sections of our pews. Please feel free to utilize this space for those who may need it!

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GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

As you prepare yourself for worship, please take a moment to turn off your cell phones.

Prelude

Welcome And Worship Announcements

*Please note all **bold** text throughout the service are congregational responses

(Please stand as you are able)

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!

Amen.

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Merciful God,

you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come.

You lead us beside still waters.

We thank you for the waters of creation:

morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves.

We thank you for the waters that nourish us.

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys.

We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection.

We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow.

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows.

Break down barriers that divide us.

Fill us with the breath of peace.

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism,
and for making us a new creation.

We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever.

Amen.

Gathering Hymn *Earth is Full of Wit and Wisdom*

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Greeting

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The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Kyrie

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Hymn of Praise (with Intro)

Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia

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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.**

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture readings, preaching, and song

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 "Fellow 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 ²³ this 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. ²⁴ But God raised him up, having released him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. ²⁵ For 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;
²⁶ therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
moreover, my flesh will live in hope.

²⁷ For you will not abandon my soul to Hades
or let your Holy One experience corruption.

²⁸ You have made known to me the ways of life;
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

²⁹ “Fellow 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. ³⁰ Since 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. ³¹ Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

‘He was not abandoned to Hades,
nor did his flesh experience corruption.’

³² “This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.”

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

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.

³ Blessed 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 ⁴ and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶ In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷ so 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. ⁸ Although 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, ⁹ for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Hymn (children come forward)

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

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Word for Kids

(Please stand as you are able)

Gospel Acclamation

Peace, to Soothe Our Bitter Woes vs. 1

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Gospel Reading: John 20:19-31

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.

The holy gospel according to John, chapter 20. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ 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." ²⁷ 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." ²⁸ Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ 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."

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written

in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

This is the gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ!**

(Congregation may be seated)

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

The Risen Christ

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Nicene Creed

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Prayers of the People

The response to each prayer will be, "Lord, in your mercy,"

Congregation reply will be, "**hear our prayer.**"

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

You are welcome to send a text or email to share peace with others.

Offering

(Offerings may be placed in the wooden offering box as you leave the sanctuary)

Offering Response (with Intro)

Goodness Is Stronger than Evil

#721

Goodness is stronger than evil; love is stronger than hate; light is stronger than darkness; life is stronger than death; vict'ry is ours, vict'ry is ours, through God who loves us. Vict'ry is ours, vict'ry is ours, through God who loves us.

Offering Prayer

Blessed are you, O God, **maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts; ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

SENDING

God Blesses Us And Sends Us In Mission To The World.

Benediction

Announcements

Sending Hymn

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

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Dismissal

Go in peace, you are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Thank you to Today's Volunteers!

We would love to have your help during our worship service. Please sign up at the kiosk in the church narthex or on the church website under the sign-up link on the home page. Thank you!

Earth Is Full of Wit and Wisdom



1 Earth is full of wit and wis - dom, sound - ing God's de - light - ed laugh,
2 Earth is full of wit and wis - dom, wo - ven in - to har - mo - ny.
3 Earth is full of wit and wis - dom: pen - guin, pla - ty - pus, and snail,



from the ti - ny ro - ly - po - ly to the tree - top - tall gi - raffé.
Ev - 'ry crea - ture has a pur - pose, ev - 'ry flow'r and bum - ble - bee.
cac - tus, sea slug, oak, and al - gae, from the mi - crobe to the whale.



All cre - a - tion sings in won - der; e - ven rocks and trees re - jice
Spi - der, hu - man, red - wood, geck - o, mon - key, chick - en, mouse, and snake
In this great and strange cre - a - tion, with a breath God gives us birth:



as they join the ring - ing cho - rus: ech - oes of our Mak - er's voice.
live with - in a sin - gle fab - ric: cloth that on - ly God could make.
born of soil to live as stew - ards, called to love and serve the earth.

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Additional News and Notes



Hello.

We would like to introduce you to a new endeavor in Caledonia. It is being hosted and supported by Immanuel Lutheran Church. The program is called Summer Eats! and will provide a free lunch to children toddler through high school seniors three times a week over the summer. Lunch will be served Monday, Wednesday, and Friday starting June 1 and ending August 19.

We are reaching out to you and your group to offer this fabulous volunteer opportunity. In order to make this program work we will need lots of volunteers over the summer. Volunteers are not required to volunteer for every single day lunch is being served. If your group would like to take on 1 day or a week (consisting of 3 days) know every bit helps.

A volunteer day will start in the morning by making sandwiches and packing lunches. Then some of the team will clean up and some will sit outside and pass out lunches. Ideally we would like to see about 8 volunteers per day but there are plenty of jobs if there are more. Volunteering is open to all, however, we require children under age 12 to be accompanied by an adult. Food Safety is one of our top priorities so we need responsible volunteers.

If your group would like to volunteer a few days you would be more than welcome to promote your group as well. Maybe with flyers or just a poster and talk to parents or kids about your group.

We can not make this a viable program for the benefit of all our youth without the help of many volunteers. If you think your group would be interested you can email for more information or to get the sign up dates.

Sign up Genius can be found at

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0D48AFAE2EA1FD0-62226367-summer>

Thank you for considering.

The Team from Summer Eats!
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FREE LUNCH

JUNE 1 TO AUGUST 19

SERVING MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY

11:30-1:00

- * SERVING TODDLER TO H.S. SENIORS ***
- * CHILD MUST BE PRESENT ***
- * NOT INTENDED FOR DAYCARES ***

For information on Donating, Volunteering, or other questions

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**LUNCH WILL BE A TAKE AWAY SACK LUNCH TO BE PICKED UP IN PERSON
AT IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH**



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CONVENTION

APRIL
SATURDAY | **18** | 8:00AM
2026

Coon Valley Lutheran Church
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KEYNOTE SPEAKER:
BISHOP EMERITA,
THE REVERAND DR.
APRIL ULING LARSON

8:00AM REGISTRATION & FELLOWSHIP
9:00AM WORSHIP WITH
REV. BEN MORRIS AND
ASSISTANT TO THE BISHOP
REV. DIONE STEPANEK
10:00AM - 2:30PM CONVENTION