



*"Peace
be with you.
As the
Father
has sent me,
so I send you."*

John 20:21, NRSV

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As We Gather

Feeling lost without purpose or hope? The disciples felt the same after Jesus' death. Like them, many chase temporary things that leave an empty void. But the risen Christ offers hope! He forgives our sins and promises a future free from suffering. Through him, we find purpose in serving others and the everlasting joy of eternal life.

✠ Preparation for Worship ✠

Hymn

726 – Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain

Invocation

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

C Amen.

Easter Acclamation

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Confession and Absolution

1 John 1:6-10

P If we say we have fellowship with Him while we walk in darkness,

C we lie and do not practice the truth.

P But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another,

C and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P If we say we have not sinned,

C we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.



P Almighty and everlasting God, for our many sins we justly deserve eternal condemnation. In Your mercy, You sent Your dear Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who won for us forgiveness of sins and everlasting salvation. Grant us a true confession that, dead to sin, we may be raised up by Your life-giving absolution. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we be ever watchful and live true and godly lives in Your service; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

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 Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called servant of Christ, and by His authority, 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 May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

✠ The Service of the Word ✠

Introit

Psalms 105:1-5, 8

P Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;

C **make known his deeds among the peoples!**

P Sing to him, sing praises to him;

C **tell of all his wondrous works!**

P Glory in his holy name;

C **let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!**

P Seek the LORD and his strength;

C **seek his presence continually!**

P Remember the wondrous works that he has done,

C **his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,**

- P** He remembers his covenant forever,
C the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.

Glory be to the Father

Gloria Patri

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son
 and to the Ho - ly Ghost; As it was in the be - ginning,
 is now, and ev - er shall be for - ev - er more. A - men.

Lord, Have Mercy

Kyrie

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
 on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Glory to God in the Highest

Gloria in Excelsis - 238 (1)

All glory be to God a - lone, For - ev - er more the Highest One,
 Who doth our sin - ful race be - friend And grace and peace to
 us ex - tend. A - mong man - kind may His good will All



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.

First Reading

Acts 4:32-35

³² Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. ³³ And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴ There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold ³⁵ and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 148

- P** Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens;
- C** **praise him in the heights!**
- P** Praise him, all his angels;
- C** **praise him, all his hosts!**
- P** Praise him, sun and moon,
- C** **praise him, all you shining stars!**
- P** Praise him, you highest heavens,
- C** **and you waters above the heavens!**
- P** Let them praise the name of the LORD!
- C** **For he commanded and they were created.**
- P** And he established them forever and ever;
- C** **he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.**

- P** Praise the LORD from the earth,
- C** **you great sea creatures and all deeps,**
- P** fire and hail, snow and mist,
- C** **stormy wind fulfilling his word!**
- P** Mountains and all hills,
- C** **fruit trees and all cedars!**
- P** Beasts and all livestock,
- C** **creeping things and flying birds!**
- P** Kings of the earth and all peoples,
- C** **princes and all rulers of the earth!**
- P** Young men and maidens together,
- C** **old men and children!**
- P** Let them praise the name of the LORD,
- C** **for his name alone is exalted; his majesty is above earth and heaven.**
- P** He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his saints,
- C** **for the people of Israel who are near to him. Praise the LORD!**

Epistle Reading

1 John 1:1-2:2

¹ That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— ² the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us— ³ that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴ And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. ⁵ This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. ⁶ If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. ⁷ But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸ If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰ If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. ¹ My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. ² He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Alleluia

Luke 11:28

P Blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!



Confession of Faith

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, Whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead And the life of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn

65 (1-4) – When Sinners See Their Lost Condition

Sermon Text

John 20:19-31

¹⁹ On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” ²² And 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 withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.” ²⁴ Now Thomas, one of the twelve,

called the Twin, 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 in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.” ²⁶ Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, 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; and put out your hand, and place it in his side. Do not disbelieve, 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 believed.” ³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹ but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.



Sermon

Purpose and Hope

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.

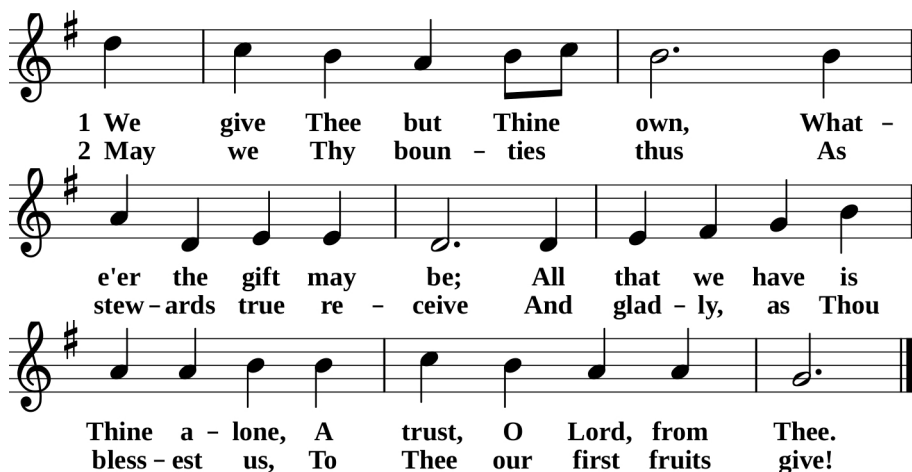
Hymn

192 (1-3, 6, 8) – Awake, My Heart, with Gladness

Offering

Offering Hymn

441 (1-2)



1 We give Thee but Thine own, What -
2 May we Thy bound - ties thus As
e'er the gift may be; All that we have is
stew - ards true re - ceive And glad - ly, as Thou
Thine a - lone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.
bless - est us, To Thee our first fruits give!

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.

✠ The Service of the Sacrament ✠

Preface

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** We lift them up to the Lord.
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.
- C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God...Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:

Holy, Holy, Holy

Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of Sab - a -
oth; Heav'n and earth are full of Your glo - ry; Ho - san - na, Ho -
san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless ed is He, Bless ed is He,
Bless - ed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Words of Institution

Peace of the Lord

Pax Domini

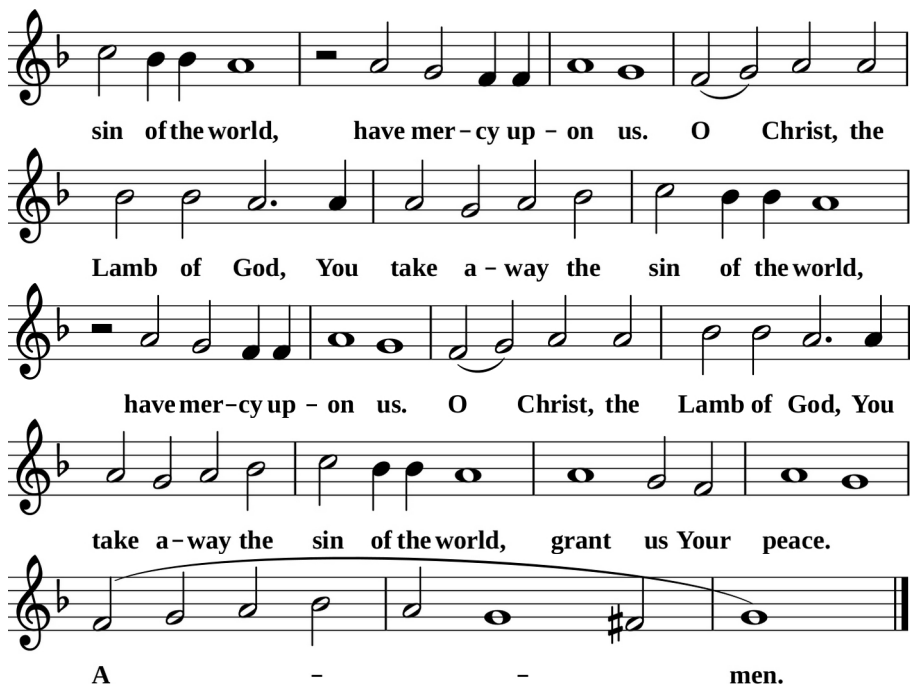
P The peace of the Lord be with you always!

C Amen.

Lamb of God

Agnus Dei

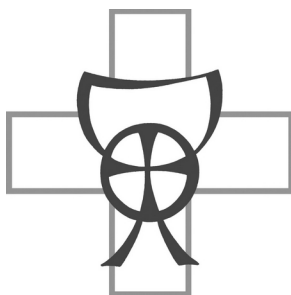
O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take a - way the



sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, the
 Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world,
 have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, the Lamb of God, You
 take a - way the sin of the world, grant us Your peace.
 A - - - men.

Distribution

Holy Communion is rightly called a ‘Sacrament’ because it is a “Sacred act;” not in what WE do for Christ, but in what Christ does for US! Because God’s Word presents the reception of this Sacrament as a most intimate expression of spiritual and confessional unity (1 Corinthians 1:10; 10:16-17 Romans 16:17-18), we ask only those who have publicly professed such oneness of faith and belief with us by membership here or another CLC church come forward at this time. This is not a judgment of anyone’s faith, but rather an expression of ours. Please speak with pastor if you are seeking a church home or have any questions. We’d love to have you!



O Lord, Now Let Your Servant

Nunc Dimittis



Lord, now let Your servant de - part in peace ac -
cording to Your word, For my eyes have seen Your Salvation:
which You have pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
a Light to light - en the Gen - tiles
and the Glo - ry of Your people Is - ra-el. Glo - ry
be to the Father and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;
As it was in the be - ginning, is now, and ev-er shall be, for -
ev - er - more. A - men.

Thanksgiving

- P** Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
- C** for his steadfast love endures forever!

P O God the Father, Fount and Source of all goodness, in loving-kindness You sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh. We thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament. We implore You not to forsake Your children, but evermore to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit, that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benediction

P The LORD bless you and keep you;
The LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
The LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

C Amen.

Hymn

800 – Go My Children, with My Blessing

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✠ Announcements ✠

Upcoming Schedule

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)
April 21	9:15 am	Bible Class
	10:15 am	Worship Service

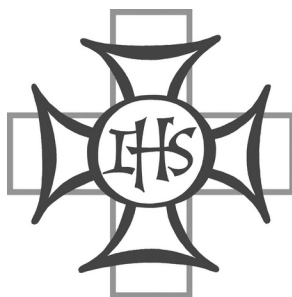
Upcoming Meetings: Here is a schedule of our upcoming meetings:

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

CLC Mission Board Meetings: Pastor Sauers will be leaving for Eau Claire this afternoon for CLC Mission Board meetings and Coordinating Council. He will return to Winter Haven mid-afternoon on Thursday. If there are any pastoral needs while Pastor is away, please call Pastor's cell phone: (920) 602-3242.

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: Ms. Katie Naumann of Immanuel Lutheran School in Winter Haven, FL has received the call to teach at Luther Memorial in Fond du Lac, WI. <> Pastor Nathanael Mayhew of Grace Ev. Lutheran in Sleepy Eye, MN. has accepted the call from Immanuel Lutheran Church and School, Mankato, MN. <> Teacher Ross Kok of Holy Cross Lutheran in Phoenix, AZ has returned 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, is still considering the call to be the 1st & 2nd grade teacher of Faith Lutheran School, Markesan, WI. <> Ms. Ann Sprengeler is still considering the limited call from Grace Lutheran in Valentine, Ne to teach the Grace lower grades from August through December 2024. <> St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran of Iron River, MI and Calvary Lutheran of Marquette, MI together have requested a seminary graduate to serve both congregations (joint call). The Call Committee meets the evening of Wednesday, April 10. This year's graduate from Immanuel Lutheran Seminary is Paul Agenten.



Fruits of Faith		March 31, 2024	Attendance: WH – 51	
<u>Immanuel Lutheran Church</u>		<u>Church of the Lutheran Confession</u>		
<i>General Budget</i>		<i>General Budget</i>		
\$1,660.50	General Budget	\$0.00	CLC General Budget	
\$1,423.00	Weekly Need	\$57.69	Weekly Need	
+\$237.50	-Under / +Over	-\$57.69	-Under / +Over	
\$22,540.50	Year to Date Offerings	\$385.00	Year to Date Offerings	
\$18,499.00	Year to Date Need	\$749.97	Year to Date Need	
+\$4,041.50	Year to Date (+/-)	-\$364.97	Year to Date (+/-)	
<i>Non-Budgetary</i>		<i>Non-Budgetary</i>		
\$50.00	Building Fund		ILC Student Aid Fund	
\$50.00	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	
	School Fund			

✠ Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions ✠

April 8-13

Monday: John 21:15-17 – The risen Lord brings restoration to Simon Peter. Peter, who so recently denied knowing Jesus, now finds comfort in the fact that Jesus knows (and forgives) him.

Tuesday: John 21:18-24 – Jesus indicates the kind of death by which Peter will glorify God. He can face such a death by following his risen Lord. The same Lord will also take care of John and the others in His own way.

Wednesday: John 6:65-71 – After Jesus' resurrection, how the disciples must have remembered all the times that He had prepared them for the suffering and triumph that lay ahead! He not only has the words of eternal life (verse 68), but He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life!

Thursday: 1 John 4:1-6 – The faith that the Spirit of God works in us is one that confesses that the human Jesus is the divine Messiah. This is what makes the difference between those from God and those from the world.

Friday: 1 Peter 1:22-25 – It is through the living and enduring word of God that we have been born again, purified through His forgiveness in Christ. His great love for us is reflected in our love for one another.

Saturday: Genesis 32:22-31 – At a time of uncertainty in his life, Jacob seeks a blessing from God (verse 30) rather than from his own cleverness. His wrestling partner can dislocate with a mere touch, but blesses Jacob and gives him a new name: Israel.