**Welcome to Immanuel Lutheran Church  
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**Sunday, April 16, 2023  
Second Easter Sunday , Year A**

## We welcome Pastor Justin Smoot to Immanuel and thank him for doing the service for today.

**Prelude**

Announcements

*Please Stand*

Gathering Hymn  “Come Ye Faithful, Raise The Strain” # 363

Confession and Forgiveness

**P:** Trusting in God’s mercy, let us confess our sin.

P: Almighty God,

To whom all hearts are open

All desires known,

And from whom no secrets are hid;

Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts,

By the inspiration of your holy spirit,

That we may perfectly love you

And worthily magnify your holy name,

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

P: Gracious God

**All: Have mercy on us**

**we confess that we have turned from you**

**and given ourselves into the power of sin.**

**We are truly sorry and humbly repent.**

**In your compassion forgive us our sins,**

**known and unknown, things we have done**

**and things we have failed to do.**

**Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your spirit**

**so that we may live and serve you in newness of life,**

**in Jesus Christ, our savior and Lord. Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God,

Jesus Christ was given to die for us,

and for his sake

God forgives us all our sins.

As a called and ordained minister

Of the church of Christ,

and by his authority,

I therefore declare to you

the entire forgiveness of all your sins,

in the name of the Father,

and of the Son,

and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen**

Greeting

P: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: and also, with you.

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This is the Feast pg. 140

Prayer of the Day

**P:** 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.**

*Please be seated.*

**First Lesson Acts 2:14a, 22-32**

R: Word of God, word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm: Psalm 16

R: Let us read responsively

1Protect me, O God, for I take ref- | uge in you;  
  I have said to the Lord, “You are my Lord, my good a- | bove all other.”  
 2**All my delight is in the godly that are | in the land,**  
  **upon those who are noble a- | mong the people.**  
 3But those who run after | other gods  
  shall have their troubles | multiplied.  
 4**I will not pour out drink offerings | to such gods,**  
  **never take their names up- | on my lips.** R  
 5O Lord, you are my portion | and my cup;  
  it is you who up- | hold my lot.  
 6**My boundaries enclose a | pleasant land;**  
  **indeed, I have a | rich inheritance.**  
 7I will bless the Lord who | gives me counsel;  
  my heart teaches me night | after night.  
 8**I have set the Lord al- | ways before me;**  
  **because God is at my right hand, I shall | not be shaken.** R  
 9My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spir- | it rejoices;  
  my body also shall | rest in hope.  
 10**For you will not abandon me | to the grave,**  
  **nor let your holy one | see the pit.**  
 11You will show me the | path of life;  
  in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for- | evermore.

Second Lesson: 1 Peter 1:3-9

R: Word of God, word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation **pg. 142**

P: *Let us stand* for the gospel acclamation

**P:** **Halle, Halle, Hallelujah                         Sing Twice #  172**

Gospel: John 20:19-31

P: The Holy Gospel according to John

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

P: The gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

**Sermon Pastor Justin Smoot**

**Hymn of the day**  **“****Thine Is The Glory” # 376**

*Please stand.*

**Nicene Creed** See the yellow sheet in your pew rack.

Prayers of Intercession

**R:** Sustained by God’s abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation. Please respond with ”**Your mercy is great**”.

**R:** God of rebirth, the good news of your resurrection brings refreshment to a weary world. Following the women at the tomb, empower us to boldly share your radical love through our words and our work. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

As you breathed your Spirit into the disciples, breathe your spirit of healing upon all creation. Nourish the earth with sufficient rains. Strengthen us to counter the effects of pollution and destruction. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You prepared the disciples for their ministry by calming their fears and granting them your peace. Equip our communities’ leaders (*especially*). Give them a spirit of peace and hearts that burn for justice, that their leadership reflects your love. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You come among us in unexpected ways. Send us to those who hide in fear or question your love. Be a healing presence for any isolated by addiction, incarceration, mental illness, chronic pain, sickness, or grief (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

As you met the disciples on the road to Emmaus, show us your presence along our journeys. Bless our doubts and questions. Provide trusting and safe relationships for all ages, to nurture our connection to you and one another. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Resurrecting God, you bring us to new life every day. Thank you for blessing us with companions on our faith journey, especially those who now rest in your love (*especially*). Strengthen us with the eternal peace of your promises. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Rejoicing in the victory of Christ’s resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

**Amen.**

Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And, also with you.**

*You may be seated*.

**Offertory Hymn “Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!” # 382**

*The Usher will bring up the offering plate.*

Offering Prayer

**P:** Liberating God,

**All: you break the bonds of injustice**

**and let the oppressed go free.**

**Receive these offerings in thanksgiving**

**for all your works of merciful power,**

**and shape us as people of your justice and freedom.**

**You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior, Amen.**

*Please stand*.

Great Thanksgiving pg. 144

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also, with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy; that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise….we praise your name and join their unending hymn…

Holy, Holy, Holy pg. 144

Communion Prayer

Words of Institution

In the night in which he was betrayed, Our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying : Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

**P:** Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**Invitation to Communion**

P: Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Happy are those who are called to his banquet.

*Please be seated.*

**Lamb Of God** **pg.** **146**

**Communion Hymn “Now The Green Blade Rises” #379**

*Please stand.*

**Blessing**

P:Almighty God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.

**Prayer**

P: God our redeemer**,**

**All: You have fed us at this table,**

**with gifts of grace, truth, and life.**

**As you have gathered us in joy,**

**send us forth as messengers of your peace.**

**Make us shine with the good news of your glory.**

**Born to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

**Benediction**

**P:** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord’s face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**Amen.**

**Closing Hymn “Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises” # 535**

**refrain, verse 1, refrain, verse 2, refrain (no repeats)**

**Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

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| **Worship Assistants – April 16, 2023** | | | |
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| **Pianist / Organist** | **Reader** | **Usher** | **Communion** |
| Karen Zuidema | Sue Schwede | Mike Schwede |  |
| **Altar Guild**  Holly Westaby & Kathy Knox | | | |

**Prayer Concerns: Joan Bonstead, Tom McDonell, Thelma Bursik, Esther Osterby, Brent Harring, Joy Karnitz and family** (contact ILC office to update)

**April 22, 2023. Wisconsin River Valley Women of the ELCA Spring Event.** Hosted by St. John Lutheran Church 901 11th Street, Mosinee WI 54455. Registration begins at 8:30 am. Program concludes at 12:45 pm. All ELCA women are invited.