

Welcome to Immanuel Lutheran Church

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Sunday, April 27, 2025

Second Sunday of Easter, Year C



Please welcome Kathy Robinson as she leads us in Worship today.

Prelude

Announcements

Introduction

In spite of all we have heard and all we have seen, it is often hard to believe. Because it is hard to believe, we will invest ourselves in the Easter mystery for fifty days (a week of weeks). Because it is hard to believe, John the evangelist will provide sign after sign celebrating Jesus' victory over death. Because it is hard to believe, the risen Jesus will return to us again and again in the mystery of holy communion, inviting us to touch and taste his presence, and offering us his peace.

Please stand if able.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

In the name of ✙ the One
who was, who is, and who is to come.

Amen.

Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection,
and called to live the baptized life,
let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Water may be poured before or during the thanksgiving.

Holy God,
we give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
waters that make a people your own,
that restore to wholeness,
and empower us to be witnesses in your name.
Baptized into you, O Living One,
make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
waters that strengthen believers
and give new life to beloved servants of your church;
waters that extend your boundless love
and cross barriers of our own making.
Baptized into you, O Living One,
make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
waters that open the hearts of believers
and give a voice in the night to those in captivity;
waters that set your people on a new path,
rejoicing in the Spirit's power.
Baptized into you, O Living One,
make us one as you are one.

Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One,
that our every day is shaped by these waters
that give us our very lives in you.
We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.
Amen.

Gathering Hymn “That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright” #384

Greeting: “The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all” (2 Corinthians 13:14).
C: And also, with you.

Prayer of the Day

P: O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated.

First Reading: Acts 5:27-32

Peter has been arrested for proclaiming the good news of Jesus' death and resurrection. His response to the charges of the high priest summarizes the early church's proclamation of forgiveness of sin through repentance.

²⁷ When they had brought [the apostles,] they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, ²⁸ saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." ²⁹ But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. ³⁰ The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹ God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³² And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

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

Psalm: Psalm 118:14-29

R: Please read responsively to Psalm 118:14-29

You are my God, and I will exalt you. (Ps. 118:28)

¹⁴ The LORD is my strength | and my song,
and has become | my salvation.

¹⁵ **Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents | of the righteous:**
"The right hand of the | LORD acts valiantly!

- ¹⁶ The right hand of the LORD [|] is exalted!
The right hand of the [|] LORD acts valiantly!”
- ¹⁷ **I shall not [|] die, but live,
and declare the works [|] of the LORD. R**
- ¹⁸ The LORD indeed pun- [|] ished me sorely,
but did not hand me o- [|] ver to death.
- ¹⁹ **Open for me the [|] gates of righteousness;
I will enter them and give thanks [|] to the LORD.**
- ²⁰ “This is the gate [|] of the LORD;
here the righ- [|] teous may enter.”
- ²¹ **I give thanks to you, for you have [|] answered me
and you have become [|] my salvation. R**
- ²² The stone that the build- [|] ers rejected
has become the chief [|] cornerstone.
- ²³ **By the LORD has [|] this been done;
it is marvelous [|] in our eyes.**
- ²⁴ This is the day that the [|] LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be [|] glad in it.
- ²⁵ **Hosanna! [|] O LORD, save us!
We pray to you, LORD, pros- [|] per our days! R**
- ²⁶ Blessed is the one who comes in the name [|] of the LORD;
we bless you from the house [|] of the LORD.
- ²⁷ **The LORD is God and has giv- [|] en us light.
Form a procession with branches up to the corners [|] of the altar.**
- ²⁸ You are my God, and [|] I will thank you;
you are my God, and I [|] will exalt you.
- ²⁹ **Give thanks to the LORD, for the [|] LORD is good;
God’s mercy en- [|] dures forever. R**

Second Reading: Revelation 1:4-8

The book of Revelation recounts a mystical vision of the risen Christ experienced by a Christian prophet named John. Here he describes Christ as a timeless redeemer, the beginning, present, and end of all time.

⁴ John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶ and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷ Look! He is coming with the clouds;

every eye will see him,

even those who pierced him;

and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

⁸ “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

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

Please stand for the Gospel.

Gospel Acclamation

“Alleluia”

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Gospel: John 20:19-31

P: The Holy Gospel according to John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

The unprecedented events of the day of resurrection continue as the risen Jesus appears to his fearful disciples. A week later, after Thomas worships Jesus, Jesus pronounces that the blessings of the resurrection are also for those who “have not seen and yet believe.”

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked 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, which are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Pulpit Hymn “Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing” #389

Sermon Kathy Robinson

Silence for reflection.

Hymn of the Day “Beautiful Savior” #838

Please stand if able.

Apostles’ Creed See the yellow sheet in the back of your hymnal.

Sharing of the Peace

P: The Peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also, with you.

P: I invite you to share the Peace however you feel comfortable.

Please be seated for the Prayers.

Prayers of Intercession

Read by our Lector today:

Sue Schwede

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

After “Hear us, O God” please respond with “Your mercy is great”

A brief silence.

The Lord’s Prayer

Offertory Hymn

“I’m So Glad Jesus Lifted Me”

#860

The usher will bring up the offering plate.

Please stand if able.

Offering Prayer

P: Risen One,

you have gathered us around your table of grace
along with these gifts we bring.

Come among us again,

breathe your life into us,

and enliven us with this meal,

that we may live as your risen body in the world.

Amen.

Blessing

The triune God,

who was, who is, and who is to come,
Sovereign, ✝ Savior, and Spirit,
light your way with resurrection dawn,
now and always.

Amen.

Sending Hymn

“Savior, Again to Your Dear Name”

#534

Dismissal

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P: Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

Attendance on 4/20/2025: 58

Prayer Concerns: Mary Ann Klinker, Joan Bonstead, Judi McGill and Bob Henning for medical challenges. Joan Winterhoff, Karen Spoehrs. (For updates, please contact the ILC Office)

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Our Sister Church is the Lobatla Parish. Pastor Elijah Lekwate. Email for Justice Pule: pulejustice74@gmail.com

Volunteers needed to Host Coffee Hours. The sign-up sheet is in the kitchen.

Serving us Today

Leader: Kathy Robinson

Organist/Pianist: Karen Z.

Reader: Sue Schwede

Usher: Mike Schwede

Video Recorder: Bob Henning

Altar Guild: Kathy Knox, Joanne Distelhorst, and Pattie Bricko

Mark Your Calendars for these dates in May 2025:

The members of Immanuel Lutheran Church will be attending worship services at the following churches on the dates indicated in May 2025:

- **Sunday, May 4, 2025.** Worship service starts at 9:00am at **Saint Andrew Lutheran Church**. The address is 150202 County Rd. NN, Wausau, WI 54401
- **Sunday May 11, 2025.** Worship service starts at 9:00am at **St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church**. The address is 5304 44th Avenue, Wausau, WI 54401
- **Sunday, May 18, 2025.** Worship service starts at 9:00am at **First English Lutheran Church**. The address is 402 N 3rd Ave, Wausau, WI 54401

Remember, there will be NO services at Immanuel Lutheran Church for the three weeks listed above.

Offerings will continue during May despite no church services being held for the first three Sundays in May. Donations support our regular ministry and mission. This makes a difference in the lives of many who are touched by our ministry every day. Your gifts also are an expression of your faith and an offering of thanksgiving to God.

There are several ways to make a gift during this time:

- ✓ Mail a check to 630 Adams St. Wausau, WI 54403..
- ✓ You can leave your offering in the safe box at the entry door of the church parking lot.
- ✓ Use your bank's online bill pay service to send a contribution - this is usually free, and you don't need to pay for postage.

I will be adding bulletins and newsletters for the above churches on the bulletin board in the hallway leading to the Narthex.

The deadline for items to be included in the ILC May 2025 Newsletter is **Tuesday, April 29, 2025.**

The Men's Discussion Group meets Thursdays at 7:30 am, in the Koinonia room. New participants are always welcome.

Strong Bones Senior Exercise Group meets every Tuesday and Thursday in the old Nursery at 10:30 am. The class is open to anyone wishing to improve balance and maintain strength to prevent falls. New faces are happily welcome.

Food Pantry Donations for the Neighbors' Place

Place your items on the black cart next to the pew near the Gathering Room and they will be delivered to the Neighbors' Place.

WMC (Wausau Marathon County) Shelter

The new WMC (Wausau Marathon County) shelter is slated to begin services on May 1st. There was enough interest in serving this population that in cooperation with St Stephen members and Good Shepherd members, The Good Steward group will be hosting guests at the new shelter site - First United Methodist church - from 6 to 9pm on Monday May 19th. We will assist guests coming in to change clothes, store personal belongings, *provide a meal* and settle in for the night. The meal will need to be prepared elsewhere and come ready to serve in crockpots, nesco or packaged in aluminum disposable pans. Breakfast will be provided by the shelter.

So again, the details are:

Monday May 19, 2025, from 6-9PM


First United Methodist Church

Meal prepared elsewhere or ready to serve.

That's it! And we have committed to every 3rd Monday of the month until the end of the year 2025. We have folks who can't do all of them and that's OK! If we have enough interest we can look at taking on another Monday as well.



Please contact Shauna at (608) 514-4504.

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First Presbyterian Church
406 Grant Street, Wausau
Friday, May 9, 2025 7:00pm
Saturday, May 10, 2025 3:00pm

In lieu of tickets, a free will donation would be greatly appreciated.

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