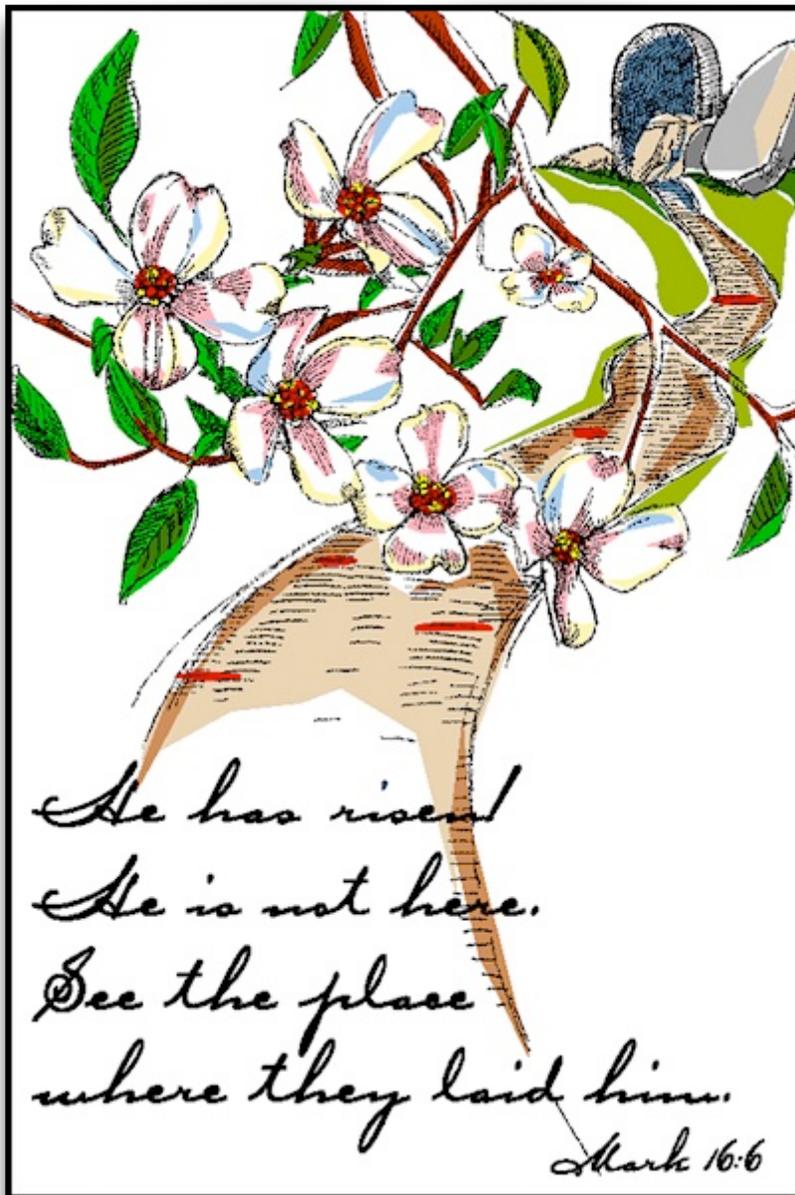


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ORDER OF WORSHIP: SERVICE OF WORD & SACRAMENT

(printed on liturgy insert inside front cover of maroon hymnal)

- ◆ Pre-Service Devotion: Psalm 16 (pew bible, p.486)
- ◆ The Hymns: 906, 477, 465 (1-3), 465 (4)
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: Acts 3:12-20, 1 John 5:1-5
- ◆ Psalm of the Day: From Psalm
- ◆ Confession of Faith: The Nicene Creed (last page of liturgy insert)

Sermon Text – John 20:19-31

HEAR THE MESSAGE OF THE RISEN SAVIOR:

“PEACE BE WITH YOU!”

1. To the Ten on Easter night.
2. To doubting Thomas a week later.
3. To you His disciples today.

- ◆ Presentation of the Offering
- ◆ Prayer & the Lord’s Prayer
- ◆ Communion Liturgy (liturgy insert, pp.17-21)
- ◆ Benediction & Closing Hymn (465, stanza 4)

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Large print bulletins are available on the shelf by
the tract rack or by request from an usher.

You may contribute an offering for God’s kingdom work by
putting it in the collection plate located by the back pew.
There will be no offering collection during the service.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURES

First Lesson – Acts 3:12-20

12 When Peter saw this, he said to them: “Men of Israel, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk? 13 The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus. You handed him over to be killed, and you disowned him before Pilate, though he had decided to let him go. 14 You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. 15 You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this. 16 By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus’ name and the faith that comes through him that has given this complete healing to him, as you can all see. 17 “Now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders. 18 But this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that his Christ would suffer. 19 Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, 20 and that he may send the Christ, who has been appointed for you—even Jesus.

Easter Acclamation

P The Lord is risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P The Lord takes pleasure in His people.

C He honors the humble with victory.

P Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

C By His great mercy He has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

P This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses. To Him who loves us and freed us from our sins by His blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving His God and Father,

C To Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

P “Put your finger here and see My hands.

C Reach out your hand and touch My side. Do not be faithless, but believe.”

P This is the victory that conquers the world, our faith.

C The Lord is risen indeed!

Second Lesson – 1 John 5:1-5

1 Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well. 2 This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands. 3 This is love for God: to obey his commands. And his commands are not burdensome, 4 for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. 5 Who is it that overcomes the world? Only he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.

Sermon Text – John 20:19-31

19 On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors 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 side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. 21 Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” 22 And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you

forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.” 24 Now Thomas (called Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. 25 So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord!” But he said to them, “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it.” 26 A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though 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; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.” 28 Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!” 29 Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.” 30 Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. 31 But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

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A WARM WELCOME IN CHRIST TO OUR WORSHIP GUESTS. We're glad for the opportunity to share with you the Gospel of forgiveness through Jesus! Please introduce yourself to the pastor and sign our guest book. We invite you to come worship with us again. If you would like to know more about St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church and our national organization, the Church of the Lutheran Confession, please speak with the pastor. He would be happy to call on you to share our confession and mission with you.

SERVING US AT GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

Organist, Carly Meyer; Usher, Mark Hartmeister
Communion Usher, Ed Chiappetti

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL

Today (4/11) 9:30 am Worship Service with Communion
10:45 am Sunday School (The Emmaus Disciples, NT 42)
10:45 am Bible Class
Sun (4/18) 9:30 am Worship Service
10:45 am Sunday School (Jesus Appears, NT 43)
10:45 am Mary/Martha Ladies' Meeting
10:45 am Bible Class (meet in Sunday School classroom)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Spring Clean-Up Day: Sat. April 24, beginning at 8:00 am
Quarterly Voters' Meeting: Sun. April 25, 9:30 am
Elders' Meeting: Sun. May 2, 8:30 am

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APRIL BIRTHDAY (ANNIVERSARY) BLESSINGS TO . . .

Mary Anna Sprengeler, Apr 3	Debbie New, Apr 15
Jennifer Roberson, Apr 3	Pat Newton, Apr 19
Wayne Ruegge, Apr 3	Burt Miller, Apr 21
Fred Brethauer, Apr 6	Ruth Claeys, Apr 23
Kylee Acker, Apr 6	Dave Wamboldt, Apr 28
Ruth Greening, Apr 9	(Gilbert & Jo Ellen Blakey, Apr 19)
Dustin Fritzler, Apr 12	(Bob & Carrol Rankin, Apr 28)

LAY DELEGATES ARE NEEDED to represent St. Paul at the West-Central Delegate Conference, to be hosted by Grace Lutheran, Valentine NE, Tue-Thu, May 25-27, and the CLC Convention in Eau Claire WI, Thu-Sun, June 24-27 Please inform the pastor if you are able to serve in this way as a representative for our congregation at either of these events.

SYNOD NEWS

- Each Spring and Fall the various boards of our church body, the Church of the Lutheran Confession, meet to conduct the work of the Lord among us. Representatives from each board (Doctrine, Education & Publications, Missions, Regents, Trustees) then meet as the “Coordinating Council” to consider budgets and other church business, at the direction the president. The April 2021 CC meeting will be held this week Monday-Wednesday on the campus of Immanuel Lutheran College, Eau Claire. The Board of Doctrine will meet on Monday and Tuesday. Pastor Schuetze is a member of this board and plans to attend. He will be out of town from today through Wednesday night. In the event of an emergency you may reach him at this number (720-465-4809) or through one of the elders. Please remember in your prayers the members of our CLC boards and Coordinating Council and the work they carry out for us in Jesus’ name.
- The Call Committee on Graduates will meet on Tuesday to assign calls to pastoral and teaching candidates. There is one Immanuel Seminary graduate this year and two graduates from the ILC teaching program.
- “Immanuel Lutheran High School in Eau Claire, WI will host an in-person High School Visitors Day on Friday, April 30, 2021, starting at 9:00 am for students grades 8 and up. Please register students and chaperones at www.ilc.edu by Friday, April 23. A live theater performance Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch will take place on Friday at 1:30 pm for those attending Visitors Day and for families of performers. A limited live audience may attend the Saturday performance at 7:30 pm. Both performances will be live-streamed at youtube.com/ilcvideos. An outdoor band concert will be open to the public on Friday at 3:30 pm. For additional information please contact Prof. Joel Gullerud (joel.gullerud@ilc.edu 715-544-8446).”
- “ILC Youth Camp registration currently is open to those entering 9th through 12th grade this Fall. Registrations for 8th graders will be accepted starting at 4:00 PM Central, this Sunday, April 11th. We will still be abiding by a lower-than-usual capacity, so it is our recommendation that you register your campers right away when it opens. If we receive any 8th grade registrations prior to 4:00 PM CT on Sunday, they will be voided. Also, please note that we will not be running a bus service this year. Camp is June 13-19 in Pillager, MN. Cost is \$180 per camper. Here is the link to register: <https://youthcampclc.wixsite.com/camp/register>. Please feel free to contact the camp directors with any questions (youthcamp.clc@gmail.com).”

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR HOME DEVOTIONS
APRIL 12-17

Mon Acts 3:11-20 Predictably, Easter opened the floodgates, and the waters of salvation poured out. Repentant Peter clarified that Jesus was God's Choice (though rejected by His countrymen) and had opened the heart of the derelict to receive healing (13-16). *"As for you, repent of your sins against Jesus and receive God's forgiveness as your first step into new life (17-20)."*

Tues John 20:19-31 Peter knew what he was talking about, for Jesus had rescued him and equipped him for service (19-23). Thomas, however, held out until Jesus removed his doubt (24-29). Indeed, Jesus had performed enough miracles, and John has put enough evidence into the written record to substantiate Jesus as our Savior, deserving our trust forever (30-31).

Wed 1 John 5:1-6 Since we are convinced that Jesus is God's Chosen One, we love our brothers/sisters (1) and are happy to follow our Father's house rules (2-3). Being God's dear children, He has brought us into the winners' circle – and living as God's children inoculates us against the sin-pandemic that has brought our world to its knees. Lord, have mercy on us!

Thurs Psalm 16 This is my story; this is my song (1): I claim no credit for being a member of God's family (2-3), for turning my back on ungodliness (4) and for laying claim to God's goodness (5-6). I simply relax in the LORD (7-8), happy that Jesus came through His ordeal and left the cemetery behind (9-10). I am relying on Jesus to *show me the path of life* as I live in His *presence*, and to hold me close (11). This is my story; this is my song!

Fri Mark 16:12-14 Jesus tilled stony ground in the hearts and lives of His disciples, walking with two of them and taking time to explain Scripture prophecy. These two grasped it (12); Hallelujah! But there was more hard-packed ground to cover (13), so He rolled up His sleeves and used as much muscle as the situation required. (Jesus knew how to do it.)

Sat Acts 22:30-23:10 Jesus supported Paul all the way, so when the centurion made arrangements for a Jewish (not a civil) court trial (30), Paul appeared before his accusers but declined to be intimidated (1-5). When Paul put the Resurrection of Jesus on the table (6), that sabotaged the prosecution, for the modernist Sadducees did not agree with the Scripture or with the Pharisee's traditionalist stance on that crucial theological issue (7-9). Jesus had better plans for Paul than his being mauled or killed, so He orchestrated Paul's rescue via the Roman officer with his troopers (10). God's good reason for placing secular authority over a country's citizens is to protect law-abiders – and punish law-breakers. So far, so good. Stay tuned for further developments.