

The First Sunday after Easter

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WELCOME To all of you who are visiting our service this morning, we extend a most cordial welcome in Jesus' name. It is our hope that you will feel at home in our midst and will be blessed by our message of Christ crucified and risen for the sins of the world

Organist Mrs. Kathy Lueck

Hymn 198 *He's Risen! He's Risen!*

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Epistle Lesson 1 John 5:4-10 For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is He who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not only by water, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who bears witness, because the Spirit is truth. For there are three that bear witness in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one. And there are three that bear witness on earth: the Spirit, the water, and the blood; and these three agree as one.

If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater; for this is the witness of God which He has testified of His Son. He who believes in the Son of God has the witness in himself; he who does not believe God has made Him a liar, because he has not believed the testimony that God has given of His Son.

Gospel Lesson John 21:15-19 So when they had eaten breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon, *son* of Jonah, do you love Me more than these?” He said to Him, “Yes, Lord; You know that I love You.” He said to him, “Feed My lambs.” He said to him again a second time, “Simon, *son* of Jonah, do you love Me?” He said to Him, “Yes, Lord; You know that I love You.” He said to him, “Tend My sheep.” He said to him the third time, “Simon, *son* of Jonah, do you love Me?” Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, “Do you love Me?” And he said to Him, “Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You.” Jesus said to him, “Feed My sheep. Most assuredly, I say to you, when you were younger, you girded yourself and walked where you wished; but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will gird you and carry *you* where you do not wish.” This He spoke, signifying by what death he would glorify God. And when He had spoken this, He said to him, “Follow Me.”

Hymn 210 *The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done*

Sermon John 20:19-31 “Then, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, “Peace be with you.” When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. So Jesus said to them again, “Peace to you! As the Father has sent

Me, I also send you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. "If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." Now Thomas, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples therefore said to him, "We have seen the Lord." So he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe." And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, "Peace to you!" Then He said to Thomas, "Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing." And Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name."

A Believing Thomas...

Offering of Thankful Hearts

Hymn 206:1-4, 9 *Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense*

Prayer + The Lord's Prayer

The Benediction

Hymn 207:1-2 *Like the Golden Sun Ascending*

LADIES AID The April meeting will be held on Tuesday evening at 6:30.

CALL COMMITTEE The group that assigns the ILC graduates to their first call will be meeting on Tuesday evening in Eau Claire. We should know by later on Tuesday night whether our call for a teacher-candidate will be filled.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY The next scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 24.

VOTERS MEETING The Quarterly meeting is scheduled for Sunday, April 22. If you have agenda items, please convey these to the Chairman or pastor.

ILC VISITORS DAY Young people grades 7 and up are invited to attend Immanuel Lutheran High School Visitors Day in Eau Claire, WI on Friday, April 27. See the bulletin board for more information.

LADIES NIGHT OUT The next outing is planned for April 17 in Windom. All women are invited to attend. There is a sign-up sheet in the entryway. See Doreen Iverson for more information.

KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP This will be held on Friday, April 30. Students are asked to register by April 13. Posters will be available for you to put up in places around the community.

CLC NEWS Pastor David Schierenbeck, Inver Grove Heights, will be retiring at the end of June. Nathan Pfeiffer, Spokane, WA has returned the call to Fond du lac, WI. Teacher Amy Mielke, Hales Corners, WI has accepted the call to Eau Claire. Professor Paul Schaller has announced his retirement at the end of 2018-19 school year.

Financial Aid Application Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary has a financial aid program that helps students to attend by assisting with loans, multi-student grants, college and seminary grants, scholarships, and work study. While the scholarships are automatically applied based upon academic performance, these other items are provided upon application made by the responsible party. In order to be as helpful and as equitable to all, these forms need to be submitted by the deadline which is May 1, 2018, for the 2018-19 academic year. If any student has a potential interest in attending Immanuel, applying now ensures that you will be considered for financial assistance. While applications have already been provided to the families of current students, you may still find them at ilc.edu/resources/ under the heading "Financial Assistance Forms & Info."

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