



April 5<sup>th</sup> 2026  
Easter Sunday  
8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

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# PROCESSION OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE & OPENING HYMN

*Please stand as you are able.*

## Jesus Christ Is Risen Today



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!  
4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!  
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!  
praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!



who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!  
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!  
now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!  
praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!  
sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!  
where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Latin carol, 14th cent., sts. 1-3; tr. J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt.; Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, st. 4  
Music: EASTER HYMN, J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708

## CALL TO WORSHIP

My dear friends, we have known grief. We have known loss. We have known the long road, tired and winding. We have whispered prayers on bended knees. We have stared at the sky, empty of stars. But today—

**today we know hope.**

Today we know life.

**Today we know the sound of Alleluias.**

Today we know that death does not have the last word.

**Today we know that nothing can separate us from the love of God.**

It is Easter. May hope find you. And may you know, deep in your bones, that today is a new day. Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

## CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

On Easter Sunday we remember that the world did its worst to God. The world battered and bruised, betrayed and abandoned, crucified and buried our living God. And despite it all, Jesus still chose to return. Jesus rose again and immediately went to work spreading God's love to the very people who had hurt him. So hear me when I say, there is nothing you can do that could keep God's love at bay. With that good news mind, let us go to God in prayer, trusting that Jesus Christ loves, claims, and seeks us. Let us pray:

**Gracious God, we want to be Easter people. We want to shout your good news from the rooftop. We want to follow the angels, who said, "Be not afraid," but we are afraid, and we don't know where to look. Forgive us, for we are imperfect Easter people. We are an out-of-tune chorus of "alleluias." We are on our way, but we are not there yet. Show us how to embody your good news in this world. With hope for tomorrow, we pray. Amen.**

Family of faith, even when we are an out-of-tune chorus of "alleluias," we belong to God. Jesus died and rose for you. And there is nothing that could keep God's love at bay. So, join me in this good news declaration:

**Through Jesus Christ we are seen, saved, loved, and claimed. This is the good news of the gospel! Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

God of alleluias and empty tombs,

It is Easter. It is finally Easter. In a world full of grief and heartache, in a world full of violence and oppression, in a world full of loss and separation, we long for this day because Easter sings a different song. Easter sings a song of hope. Easter sings a song of new life. Easter sings a song of love that makes you want to jump out of your chair and run barefoot to the tomb. Easter smells of fresh flowers and baked bread. It sounds like trumpets and laughter. It feels like a crowded table and a warm hug. Yes, Easter sings a different song. So in a world full of grief, help us to cling to Easter's hope. In a world full of grief, help us hear this story of good news. With hope we pray, with hope we listen.

**Amen.**

## **SPECIAL MUSIC *Jesus Shall Reign (St. John Immanuel Bell Choir)***

### **READING: ACTS 10:34-43**

<sup>34</sup> Peter began to speak to the people: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup> but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup> You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup> That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup> how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup> We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup> but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup> not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup> He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup> All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Word of God. Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God**



## **GOSPEL: Matthew 28:1-10**

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. <sup>2</sup> And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup> His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. <sup>4</sup> For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup> But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup> He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup> Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” <sup>8</sup> So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup> Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

The Gospel of The Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

## **SERMON**

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

## That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright



1 That Eas - ter day with joy - was bright; the  
2 O Je - sus, king of gen - tle - ness, with  
3 O Christ, you are the Lord of all in  
4 All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to



sun shone out with fair - er light when, to their long - ing  
con - stant love our hearts pos - sess; to you our lips will  
this our Eas - ter fes - ti - val, for you will be our  
you, once dead, but now a - live! To God the Fa - ther



eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord!  
ev - er raise the trib - ute of our grate - ful praise.  
strength and shield from ev - 'ry weap - on death can wield.  
e - qual praise, and God the Spir - it, now we raise!

Text: Latin hymn, 5th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.  
Music: PUER NOBIS, European tune, adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621

### PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

God has given us life in the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

In gratitude, let us offer our hearts and the fruit of our labor to God's service.

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## ***GIVE THANKS***

**Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son. Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son. And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am rich," because of what the Lord has done for us. And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am rich," because of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!**

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

God of yesterday, tomorrow, and right now, God of the sun, the moon, and the glow before dawn, we are full of alleluias. Because this morning the sun rose once again. This morning, the birds sang for you. This morning children laughed, flowers bloomed, and hope was shared. This morning, we heard how the stone was rolled away. This morning, we dare to believe that life is stronger than death and love is stronger than evil. So today, we are full of alleluias. Today we are full of hope. However, we know that not every day feels like today. Just two days ago, we walked the path to the cross. Just two days ago, we remembered the violence humanity is capable of. Just two days ago, we remembered the cruelty that this world knows all too well. So on this hopeful day, as well as on those grief-filled days, we ask that you would meet us here. Meet us in this sanctuary. Meet us in this community. Meet us at this Table. Pour out your Spirit on this bread and cup. Roll back the stone as many times as it takes for us to see you. Call us by name as many times as it takes for us to hear you. Pull us from the trenches of our grief, and give us reason to hope.

**Amen.**

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING DIALOGUE**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (page 207)***

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION & LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

It is Easter and all are welcome to draw near. The stone has been rolled away. The tomb is empty. Christ is risen, just as he said. Here all are welcome, those who carry Easter joy, those who are still trembling with uncertainty, those who are searching for hope, and those still longing for something good. So hear this: on this day, death is not the end. Love has broken the grave. And the risen Christ meets us still—not only on the road, but here at the table. In the bread of life and cup of salvation. So come and see. Come and receive. Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

***LAMB OF GOD (page 154)***

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.**

# COMMUNION HYMNS

## Morning Has Broken



1 Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing;  
2 Sweet the rain's new fall, sun - lit from heav - en,  
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing,



black - bird has spo - ken like the first bird.  
like the first dew - fall on the first grass.  
born of the one light E - den saw play!



Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!  
Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,  
Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - 'ry morn - ing,



Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!  
sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.  
God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

Text: Eleanor Farjeon, 1881–1965

Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune

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## Let Us Break Bread Together



1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;  
2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;  
3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;



let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.  
let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.  
let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.



When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing



sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: BREAK BREAD TOGETHER, African American spiritual

## Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to  
2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry  
3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy  
4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and spot - less



earth come down! Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy  
trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us  
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -  
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,  
find thy prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;  
more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,  
ly re - stored in thee! Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,



pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with  
Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as  
serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee  
till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.  
its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.  
with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.  
crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788

Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Holy One,

In this meal you have met us in the risen Christ and filled us with the promise of new life. As you are making all things new, send us out as people of Easter: to carry your peace into fear, your love into brokenness, and your healing into every corner of creation. In the name of Jesus we pray. **Amen.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **BLESSING**

May the God of new life meet you in the real soil of your days—in the thawing ground, in the lingering chill, in the quiet work beneath the surface.

May hope take root in you like seeds hidden in the earth, growing slowly, faithfully, even when you cannot yet see it.

May you notice the small resurrections around you: buds opening on bare branches, light stretching longer into the evening, life returning where all seemed still.

And when the path is heavy or uncertain, may you trust that new life is still unfolding—tender, persistent, and sure.

May the risen Christ walk with you through it all, bringing peace that holds, and hope that endures.

In the name of the Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## **SENDING HYMN**

## Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing



1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands  
 2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant  
 3 In ev - 'ry in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,  
 4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the  
 5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to



emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with  
 years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,  
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet  
 Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the  
 this and ev - 'ry age, till earth and sky and



prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.  
 here and now, and touch - ing ev - 'ry place and time.  
 loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.  
 life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.  
 o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: TRURO, T. Williams, *Psalmody Evangelica*, 1789

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## DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

***Welcome to all! Please remember to silence pagers and cell phones.***

***To those who are visiting:*** Welcome to St. John Immanuel and thank you for joining us! You are welcome to sign our registry in the narthex.

**Holy Communion** is celebrated every Sunday. All are welcome to Christ's Table.

***Reminder!*** If you are in need of Pastoral care, or if you or a loved one is in the hospital and would like a visit from Pastor Maggie, please contact St. John Immanuel (715) 675-6950

**Food Basket.** Each week you are invited to bring **non-perishable grocery** items to be given to a local food pantry. Place your gift in the *Shopping Cart*.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup> Noisy offering!** bring your coins (bills also accepted 😊).

This noisy offering will go to: Northcentral Technical College Food Pantry. Noisy offering will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month. Money will be raised and donated quarterly.

**Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.** – Book Club will meet for a discussion on the book “The Measure” by Nikki Erlick.

**Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. worship** - St. John Immanuel 3rd graders will receive their Bibles during Worship.

**Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.**-Adult Study class will discuss Luke 19:27-24

**Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. - St. John Immanuel Youth Group Fundraiser** –

Ready for a mouthwatering meal that supports a great cause? Join us at Cousins Subs (225 S 18th Ave) on Monday, April 27th between 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM and make a difference! With every order you place, 15% will be donated to St. John Immanuel Youth Group.

Please mention you are eating at Cousins to support St. John's Youth! Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity to dine for a purpose!

**Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 7 a.m.** – National Day of Prayer at Immanuel Baptist Church, Doors open at 6:30 a.m. and program starts at 7 a.m. to 8 a.m. Glorify God among the nations, Seeking him in all generations [Chronicles 16:24]. All are welcome.

**Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> starting at 8:00 a.m.** – Bring Your Tractor to Church / Spring Clean-Up! We'll be doing outdoor work around the church grounds, and we'll also need volunteers to help clean and organize inside the church.

**Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup> Save the Date!** - Mark your calendar to celebrate our church's 160th anniversary. The theme will be "**Celebrating Our Past, Present, and Future**". Watch for more details next month!

**June 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Synod Assembly in Oshkosh.** We have space for one more delegate to attend. If you are interested, please let Pastor Maggie know.

**Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup> – Friday July 17<sup>th</sup> Mission Trip to Duluth, MN**

**Youth Mission Trip Sponsorships Needed:**

Help support our youth as they travel to Duluth for a summer mission trip. Gifts of \$50, \$100, or \$200 are especially helpful, though contributions of any size are appreciated. All donations will help make this important experience of service and faith possible. Please mark “Youth Mission Trip” on an offering envelope. Thank you!

**Wednesday, July 15<sup>th</sup> - Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup>** - Women of the ELCA Triennial Gathering in Des Moines. Sign up by April 15. Contact Marilyn at 920-362-5746 or [marilynn.quirk@gmail.com](mailto:marilynn.quirk@gmail.com). More information posted in the Narthex.

**Every Second Saturday of the month @ 8:00 a.m.** – Men’s Bible Study at LC’s Restaurant in Marathon WI – 304 Main St. Marathon City, WI 54448 – See Eugene Dehnel for details.

**Kwik Trip Gift Cards Sign-up in the Fellowship Hall or on our website!** Help support St. John Immanuel with Kwik Trip gift cards!

**Live Streaming and Photography Notice.** When you enter a St. John Immanuel Lutheran Church service or event, you will be entering an area where photography, video and audio recording or live streaming may occur. If you prefer not to be recognized on camera, the back row inside the church is not within viewing distance of a camera and communion will typically be only on a wide shot where it may be difficult to recognize congregants. Parents, please note our children’s sermons are being recorded and live streamed. If you do not want your child to be recognized on camera, please refrain from having them participate.

**Coming This Week @ St. John Immanuel April 5<sup>th</sup> - April 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Today – Easter Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 a.m. Easter Sunday Worship / No Sunday School

9:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast

10:30 a.m. Easter Sunday Worship

**Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup>**

Church is Closed

**Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 a.m. Quilting

**Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup>**

5:30 p.m. Bells Practice

6:30 p.m. Council Meeting

**Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 a.m. All Conference Pastor's Meeting

**Easter Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship

10:15 a.m. Coffee Hour/Sunday School – Doubting Thomas

10:45 a.m. Youth Leaders Meeting



**Thank you for Fellowship this Lent!**

For all who prepared a meal, who brought food, who helped set up, helped clean up, and for all who enjoyed food and fellowship!

**We would also like to acknowledge our confirmation students!**

I AM  
THANKFUL  
FOR...

From serving beverages, bussing tables, washing dishes, to bell ringing, ushering, and greeting. The students did a great job learning new areas of our church and the help was greatly appreciated!

**1st year students:** Cullin O, Jacob M, Mason H, Rylan C, & Tyler M.

**2nd year students:** Bianca M, Billie G, Blake S, Brian L, Elise G, Ethan P, & Isaac O

**Thank you each for your help and a great confirmation class year!**

*Pastor Maggie, Lane, Gavin & Schmidt*