



Sunday, April 19th 2026
Third Sunday of Easter
9:00 a.m.

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WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, † one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy. **Amen.**

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

In this season of Easter, we look for the risen Christ among us. Signs of this good news are sprouting up everywhere—blades of grass turning green and lush, flowers emerging from the earth, days growing longer and brighter. And yet, even surrounded by new life, we forget the promise of hope that is alive in us each day. Let us turn to God for forgiveness, grace, and renewal.

Gracious God, in a world as broken and battered as ours, we confess, how easy it is to miss the new life you are bringing forth. Forgive us when we focus so much on what is wrong, that we overlook what is good. Forgive us when the story of Easter fades into the background of our lives. Forgive us when we cling to despair instead of trusting in you. Open our hearts to your presence and your joy. Open our spirits to your grace and your peace. With gratitude we pray. Amen.

Siblings in Christ, hear and believe the good news of the Gospel: We are seen. We are loved. In the risen Christ † we are forgiven. The promise of Easter is alive—and it lives in you.

Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

GATHERING HYMN

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds
 2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings,
 3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love;
 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring



in praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has
 there - fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has
 set heart and will on things a - bove that we
 and with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has



tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of
 tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Now still he
 con - quer through your tri - umph; grant grace suf -
 tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the



an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
 comes to give us life and by his pres - ence stills all
 fi - cient for life's day that by our lives we tru - ly
 Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 strife. "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Risen Christ,

You come to us on every road we walk. Even when we don't recognize you, you remain with us. You journey beside us with a steady presence and abiding grace. Stir your renewing Spirit in our lives. Open our eyes to see you, and make us bold and faithful, even when the path ahead is unclear. With hope in our bones we pray. **Amen.**

READING: Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Moses convened all Israel and said to them, ⁴“Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. ⁵You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. ⁶Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. ⁷Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. ⁸Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, ⁹and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.”
Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God

Psalm 105 (selected verses)

Give thanks to the Lord, call on God's name, and make known God's deeds among all people.

Sing to God and sing praises: tell of all God's wonderful works.

This the Lord our God; whose judgments are in all the earth.

Who is mindful of God's covenant forever, of the word that God commanded for a thousand generations.

God sent God's servant Moses and Aaron, whom he had chosen. They performed God's signs and miracles in the land of Egypt.

Then he brought Israel out of Egypt, and there was no one among their tribes who stumbled.

In the wilderness, God spread a cloud for a covering and fire to give light by night.

They asked, and God brought quails and gave them food from heaven in abundance.

God opened the rock, and water gushed out; it flowed through the desert like a river.

For God remembered God's holy promise and Abraham, God's servant.

God brought the people out with joy and with singing.

God gave them the land, that they might keep the statutes and observe God's laws forever. Praise the Lord!

Romans 15:4,13

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope.

¹³ May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (page 205)

Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word. Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred. Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL: Luke 24:13-35

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³ Now on that same day two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶ but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸ Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not

know the things that have taken place there in these days?”¹⁹ He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people,²⁰ and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him.²¹ But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place.²² Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning,²³ and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive.²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him.”²⁵ Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared!²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?”²⁷ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

²⁸ As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on.²⁹ But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them.³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.³¹ Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight.³² They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?”³³ That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together.³⁴ They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!”³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The Gospel of The Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Day of Arising



1 Day of a - ris - ing, Christ on the road - way,
2 When we are walk - ing, doubt - ful and dread - ing,
3 Lo, I am with you, Je - sus has spo - ken.
4 Christ, our com - pan - ion, hope for the jour - ney,



un - known com - pan - ion walks with his own.
blind - ed by sad - ness, slow - ness of heart,
This is Christ's prom - ise, this is Christ's sign:
bread of com - pas - sion, o - pen our eyes.



When they in - vite him, as fades the first day,
yet Christ walks with us, ev - er a - wait - ing
when the church gath - ers, when bread is bro - ken,
Grant us your vi - sion, set all hearts burn - ing



and bread is bro - ken, Christ is made known.
our in - vi - ta - tion: Stay, do not part.
there Christ is with us in bread and wine.
that all cre - a - tion with you may rise.

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BIBLES

Kassidie Augustine, Henry Marquardt, Lucy Nass, Kylee Pasholk,
and Kyan Van Der Geest.

A BIBLE BLESSING

May you find joy, comfort, wonder, and God’s love in these pages.

May you discover our roots and the story of our faith.

May you experience God’s Word deep in your heart.

May you delight in the Old Testament, with stories told long, long ago—stories
passed from generation to generation, sharing hope, laughter, and God’s love.

May you hear in them God’s faithfulness and God’s desire to be your friend.

May you explore the New Testament, may you find Jesus, and discover awe.

May your relationship with God grow strong.

May God’s Word be like rich and nourishing soil, helping love and kindness grow
all around you.

And may you grow in God’s Word, learning what is true, feeling God’s help, with
a joyful and happy heart.

In the name of the Holy Trinity † One God. Amen

BIBLE PRAYER

Awesome God,

We give thanks for these young minds. May you cultivate curiosity about their
faith, and joy in each one of their hearts. May each of them know that they are
called by name, to grow in life and in faith. Bless them, guide them, and keep
them safe. May your Word be a lamp unto their feet and a light to their path.

In your holy name we pray.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Responding to “God of grace,” with **“hear our prayer.”**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Remember the first believers—who shared one heart and soul, held their possessions in common, and distributed them to all in need.

In that same spirit, let us present our offerings to God.

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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

Holy God,

We give you thanks and praise for light and life and love. Above all, we give thanks for the presence of the living Christ among us. By your Spirit who breathes within us, strengthen our faith, use our gifts, and work in our lives to bear witness to the resurrection of Christ, in whose name we pray. **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 & sea & all their creatures, and with angels & 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 & ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

In this Season of Easter—as the earth awakens around us, as rivers run free, as green shoots push up through the ground—we are reminded that new life is not just a promise, but a reality unfolding all around us. That is the promise of Christ's table: what once seemed ordinary becomes holy, what once seemed finished is made new. The risen Christ meets us here, in bread and wine, grain and grape, and fills them with grace, mercy, and life. Here, at this table, all are welcome. Not because you have it all together, but because Christ is here. Not because you are certain, but because Christ meets you in the journey. All are welcome to come, to taste, and to see the new life that is blooming.

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

Will You Come and Follow Me

The Summons

1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call

your name? Will you go where you don't
 your name? Will you care for cruel and
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low

know and nev - er be the same?
 kind and nev - er be the same?
 free and nev - er be the same?
 side and nev - er be the same?
 you and nev - er be the same.

Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and

name be known, will you let my life be
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and

grown in you and you in me?
 pray'r in you and you in me?
 mean in you and you in me?
 sound in you and you in me?
 grow in you and you in me.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: KELVINGROVE, Scottish traditional

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Living God,

As the sun warms the earth and the breeze stirs the trees, so your love stirs our hearts, filling us with light and hope anew. We give you thanks for this holy meal, and for the taste of grace that strengthens us for the days ahead. As we step into this week, may we carry your peace into our communities, your love in our hearts, and your grace in our spirits. We give thanks that you go with us, into every sunrise, every sunset, and everywhere in between. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

Do not be afraid, for the Living Christ remains with us all.

Go forth knowing our Living God breathes peace into your very being.

Go forth trusting God pours out courage, renewal, and joy.

So you can reflect our Living God in the world: the brilliance of God may shine through your eyes, the love of Christ may radiate through your hands, and the life of the Holy Spirit may rise within you and flow through you always.

In the name of the Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer



1 Guide me ev - er, great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain where the heal - ing
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; hold me
wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me



with your pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,
safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es



feed me now and ev - er - more, feed me now and ev - er - more.
shield me with your might - y arm, shield me with your might - y arm.
I will raise for - ev - er - more, I will raise for - ev - er - more.

Text: William Williams, 1717–1791; tr. William Williams and Peter Williams, 1722–1796, alt.
Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

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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

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

Monday, April 27th 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!

Sunday, May 3rd at 10:15 a.m. - Italy Presentation by Schmidty.

Thursday, May 7th 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]. **This is a free event.**

Freewill offering will be available. Please register to attend! Please use the QR code to Register.



Or go to our website and click on the link.

Saturday, May 9th 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 10th Noisy offering! Bring your coins (bills also accepted 😊).

This noisy offering will go to: **Northcentral Technical College Food Pantry**. Noisy offering will be the 2nd Sunday of the month. Money will be donated quarterly.

Sunday, May 17th New Member Welcome Service!

Sunday, May 31st 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!

Monday, June 1st at 6:30 p.m. Book Club – We will be reading and discussing “There Are Rivers In The Sky” by Elif Shafak.

Sunday, July 12th – Friday July 17th Mission Trip to Duluth, MN

Youth Mission Trip Sponsorships Needed: Help support our youth as they travel to Duluth for a summer mission trip. (Annie Krueger, Kaylee Krueger, Billie Grueneberg, Bianca Melander, Avery Oestreich, Vinca Westaby, Savannah Woods) 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!

****All proceeds from coffee hour will also go towards the Mission Trip to Duluth****

Do you like Texas Roadhouse? Enjoy a meal on a Sunday and earn money back to St. John Immanuel! Bring our church bulletin, turn it into your server, and St. John Immanuel will receive 10% back from your food sales!

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!

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Coming This Week @ St. John Immanuel April 12th - April 19th

Today – Sunday, April 19th

9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship

10:15 a.m. **Coffee Hour/Sunday School – The Ascension

Tuesday, April 21st

6:30 p.m. Parking Lot Meeting

Wednesday, April 22nd

8:30 a.m. Quilting

Thursday, April 23rd

5:30 p.m. Bells Practice

Sunday, April 26th

9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship

10:15 a.m. **Coffee Hour/Sunday School – The Holy Spirit

***** Note All proceeds from coffee hour will go towards the youth Mission trip to Duluth.***