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Sunday, March 31, 2024, 8:30am / 10:30am

GATHERING

Easter Sunday

Welcome to worship! Please complete a Connection Card and place the card in the offering plate. Thank you!

Christ is risen!
Jesus is alive, and God has swallowed up death forever. With Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, we may feel astonished and confused, unsure of what to make of the empty tomb. But this is why we gather: to proclaim, witness, praise, and affirm the liberating reality of Christ's death and resurrection. In word and feast, we celebrate God's unending love, and depart to share this good news with all the world. Alleluia!

PRELUDE

EASTER GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

WELCOME

(Please stand as you are comfortable in body or spirit)

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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

Look, here is water!
Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life.

Look, here is water!
Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Look, here is water!
Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

GATHERING SONG

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

#365

(You are invited to use your streamers.)

GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb



who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was
 slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.
Final refrain
 This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through 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)

CHOIR ANTHEM

Christ Is Risen, Alleluia

Choir

WORD

FIRST READING: Acts 10:34-43

³⁴Peter began to speak to [the people]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how 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. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not 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. ⁴²He 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. ⁴³All 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.**

Peter crosses the immense religious and social boundary that separates Jews from Gentiles in order to proclaim the good news of Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection, so that God’s forgiveness in Jesus’ name would reach out to all people.

*This is the day
that
the LORD has
made; let us
rejoice and be
glad in it.*

(Ps. 118:24)

*The core of the
Christian faith
and Paul's
preaching is
the death and
resurrection of
Jesus Christ. As
the crucified
and risen Christ
appeared to
the earliest of
his followers,
so we experi-
ence the pres-
ence of the
Risen One in
the preaching
of this faith.*

PSALM: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good; God's mercy endures forever.

²**Let Israel now declare, "God's mercy endures forever."**

¹⁴The 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!

¹⁶The 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.**

¹⁸The LORD indeed punished me sorely, but did not hand me over 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 righteous may enter."

²¹**I give thanks to you, for you have answered me and you have become my salvation.**

²²The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

²³**By the LORD has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

²⁴This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

¹Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ²through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain. ³For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ ³died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

Word of God. **Word of Life. Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand as you are comfortable in body or spirit)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia

#142

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: Mark 16:1-8

The holy gospel according to...

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint [Jesus' body]. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" ⁴When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. ⁶But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." ⁸So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

(Please be seated)

SERMON

Pastor Bre Kinnunen

(Please stand as you are comfortable in body or spirit)

HYMN OF THE DAY

Thine Is the Glory

#376

APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

A brief silence.

The resurrection of Jesus is announced, and the response is one of terror and amazement.

Holy God, we pray for the body of Christ, the church. Where the church is persecuted, protect it. Where the church is privileged, grant it humility. Where the church is fractured, heal it. Guide us all to embody Christ's love in the world. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Life-giving God, we pray for the earth, your good creation. Join our prayers with branches lifted in praise and roaring waters of new life, that together we may proclaim Easter hope. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, we pray for all peoples and nations. Free oppressed communities from occupation, exploitation, and abuse. Teach leaders your way of justice. Empower peacemakers and all who work to end violence and strife. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Liberating God, we pray for people everywhere who long for good news. Roll away the stones that keep people from living with dignity and wholeness. Breathe new life and hope into people struggling to make it through each day. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Loving God, we pray for this community of faith and for your Spirit in our midst. Feed us at your Easter table and fill us with your wisdom, that we may serve and care for others. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Eternal God, we remember those who have gone before us in death (*especially John Donne and all whose ministry in the arts inspired generations to faith*). Renew our trust in your promises, that we live with joyful courage and compassion. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord. **Amen.**

SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

(Please be seated)

MEAL

OFFERING

(Please stand as you are comfortable in body or spirit)

OFFERING SONG

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful, Lord

#184

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that
we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of



all; u - nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble
with your pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER

Risen One, **you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen.**

THE LORD'S SUPPER

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, ... with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the

forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

THE 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

The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table.

COMMUNION HYMNS:	<i>Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds</i>	#367
	<i>Now the Green Blade Rises</i>	#379
	<i>At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing (v. 1, 2, 6-8)</i>	#362

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. Amen.

SENDING

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Bre Kinnunen

(Please stand as you are comfortable in body or spirit)

BLESSING

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

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope ☩ bless you now and always. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN	<i>Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia (v. 1 & 5)</i>	#364
	<i>(You are invited to use your streamers. Please place them in the basket on your way out.)</i>	

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF March 31—April 7, 2024

***FELLOWSHIP HOUR:** Are you willing to help with Fellowship hour? Donations that are needed are bakery items, crackers, cheese, fruit, or whatever suits your fancy, & cleanup! Your Fellowship Hour committee for April is Property Committee. If it fits your schedule to bring items before Sunday morning, there are shelves in the refrigerator tagged for **Coffee Hour** or leave on the counter marked "Coffee Hour". Please contact Walter Scanlon or Marty Saari with your date and any item you wish to bring. **THANK YOU ALL FOR VOLUNTEERING!**

***TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY** All are welcome to come to our study on **TUESDAYS** from 7:30pm-9:00pm at Pasquali's in Negaunee. We welcome you to drop in as your schedule allows. Each week's discussion will be structured as a stand-alone study. **This week's Bible Study will be Exodus 7: 8-13—Moses' staff turns into a snake.** Bring your questions, confusions, and doubts! If you have questions, call or text 540-435-4915.

***WELCOME CHILDREN & FAMILIES** We don't mind the noise. We're glad you're here! The family room across the hall has toys if that would be helpful. Activity bags are also available for the children to use during the service.

***FORTUNE LAKE LUTHERAN CAMP** Registration is open. Scholarships are available for all. If you register by **tomorrow, April 1**, you will receive \$25 off. Contact Stacy at 361-9123 or email her at stacymc6@gmail.com.

***NEW ORLEANS YOUTH TRIP** This summer, a group of youth from Immanuel is going to New Orleans for the national youth gathering. At this event, they will expand their faith through worship, interactive learning, Bible study, service, and fellowship. It is a unique experience for all those involved. They would really appreciate the continued support from the congregation. The youth are extremely grateful for all the generous donations that they have received. Without the love from you, they would never be able to go! The group is on their way to hitting their goal and could use your help. If you would like to donate, there are envelopes on a white board in the fellowship hall. Please put your donation in one of the envelopes and then put it in the offering plate. Thank you!

***VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** will be held at Immanuel from June 10-14, 2024, with classes for children Age 2 through Grade 5. **Registration forms are now available on the church website.** The success of our VBS program lies in having enough staff so the children can have a safe, fun learning experience. Our exact number of classroom staff will depend on our enrollment. We have several teachers, but need more. We need teacher assistants. Snack center has some volunteers, but need more- come for the whole week- or for one day. Our BIG need is for Playground helpers! Responsibilities will be to set up equipment. Play with the kids. Take down the equipment. This will take about an hour and a half mid-morning. Snacks will be included! **Please text Paulette Patron (906)361-1562- or leave a message with the Office for more details.**

***CPR/AED TRAINING** will be held on **Wednesday, May 1, 2024**, from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. People from across the ministries of Immanuel are encouraged to attend including those from both Sunday worship services, the quilters, and various Bible Study and committee members, etc. Contact the church office to sign up.

***COMPANION CONGREGATION CELEBRATION** Enjoy worship on **April 7, 2024**, as we celebrate with our brothers and sisters of Yombo Lutheran in Tanzania, Africa. Drs. Brian and Danielle Anderson will preach. They currently coordinate the synod's dental project in Tanzania. Some Tanzanian traditions will be incorporated into our service with some verses of hymns being sung in Swahili. Tanzanian snacks will be available during coffee hour.

***"GOT SNEAKERS??"** We are collecting used ATHLETIC SNEAKERS which are then sent to a company that reuses those that are still usable and recycles those that aren't. There is currently a bag in the Stewardship corner where they can be deposited. Thank you for your donation.

***BEACON DEADLINE** The deadline for the May/June Beacon is **April 14**.

***COMMUNITY MEAL** The next Community Meal will be held on **April 21** at 5:00pm.

***BARBARA LEHTONEN FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP** This scholarship will be available to Immanuel graduating seniors again this year. If you are interested in applying, please fill out an application in the high school office.

***HABITAT FOR HUMANITY** Habitat for Humanity would like to ask for our help providing lunches to their volunteers in the 2024 build season. They will need anywhere between 4 and 25 lunches on any given day. There will be advanced notice to lunch donors regarding the number of lunches needed. Please contact the church office if you are interested in helping out this summer!

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Evangelical  
Lutheran Church  
in America

**IN APRIL** our **ELCA World Hunger** will be our Monthly Mission Emphases. The world provides enough food for all, but more than 800 million people around the world face chronic hunger. We believe in a God of abundance, so as a church, we live out our call in baptism to strive for a just world where all are fed.

ELCA World Hunger is this church, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, at work. We walk alongside our partners and companions in the United States and more than 60 other countries. Generating unique solutions to local challenges starts by listening to our neighbors and communities. Then, together, we work and serve to help break the cycle of hunger and poverty – for good.

If you wish to give to ELCA World Hunger, use the *April Monthly Mission envelope* from your offering envelope box or in some other way designate your gift. *Thank you for your generosity!*



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS March 31—April 7, 2024

**YOU CAN FIND ALL ONLINE INFORMATION REFERENCED BELOW AT...**

**[www.ImmanuelNegaunee.org](http://www.ImmanuelNegaunee.org)**

|                  |                                             |                                              |
|------------------|---------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
|                  | <b><i>Easter Sunday</i></b>                 |                                              |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | 8:30am                                      | Worship Service                              |
|                  | <b>NO SUNDAY SCHOOL</b>                     |                                              |
|                  | 10:30am                                     | Worship Service                              |
|                  | 6:00pm                                      | <b>NO</b> Worship Service in Fellowship Hall |
|                  | 7:30pm                                      | AA Group Meets (men & women)                 |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | 10:00am                                     | Bible Study                                  |
|                  | 7:00pm                                      | Bible Study @ Pasquali's                     |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | 6:00pm                                      | Choir                                        |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | 10:00am                                     | Quilting                                     |
| <b>Friday</b>    | <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>                        |                                              |
|                  | 10:00am                                     | AA                                           |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | 8:00-10:00am                                | Men's Bible Study/Breakfast                  |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b><i>Second Sunday of Easter</i></b>       |                                              |
|                  | <b><i>Companion Congregation Sunday</i></b> |                                              |
|                  | 9:30am                                      | Worship Service                              |
|                  | 9:30am                                      | Sunday School                                |
|                  | 10:30am                                     | Coffee & Fellowship                          |
|                  | 6:00pm                                      | Worship Service in Fellowship Hall           |
|                  | 7:30pm                                      | AA Group Meets (men & women)                 |

*(FYI: Pastor Bre can be reached at 507-993-1909 or email: [upbre3@gmail.com](mailto:upbre3@gmail.com))*

## ASSISTING IN SERVICE

SERVING IN WORSHIP: *Pastor Bre Kinnunen*

ORGANIST/PIANIST/MUSICIAN: *Connie Scanlon*

Office Hours are 8:00am-2:00pm, Monday-Thursday (or by appt.)

### VOLUNTEERS ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE:

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|------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 8:30am GREETERS  | <i>Alice Mutkala<br/>Dave Hallgren</i>                    | 10:30am GREETERS  | <i>Tom Johnson<br/>Katie Ritzenhein</i>                          |
| 8:30am USHERS    | <i>Alice Mutkala<br/>Dave Hallgren</i>                    | 10:30am USHERS    | <i>Tom Johnson<br/>Katie Ritzenhein</i>                          |
| 8:30am LECTOR    | <i>Alice Zinsser</i>                                      | 10:30am LECTOR    | <i>Jill Sladek</i>                                               |
| 8:30am COMM ASST | <i>Paulette Patron<br/>Alice Zinsser<br/>Bill Zinsser</i> | 10:30am COMM ASST | <i>Dana Echelbarger<br/>Sally Echelbarger<br/>Walter Scanlon</i> |
| 8:30am Tech Team | <i>Tyler Moore</i>                                        |                   |                                                                  |

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KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Pray For: *Lori Bell, Betty Carilli, Kevin Carlson, Karen Couture, Dan Hendrickson, Betty Kinnunen, Michael Kjellman, Anna Laurila, Don & Mary Leece, Kathryn Madison, Diane Nault, Gerald Neldon, Ezra Newman, Kathy Palomaki, Shirley Pizziola, Jim Ritzenhein, Jessica Roberts, Marlene Romback, Reuven Romback, Louise Spickerman, Kathy Stambaugh, Molly Taseris, Bob Walker.*

Our Shut-ins: *Jonelle Collins, Rudy Gagnon, June Jarvi, Timothy Kjellman, Betty Lukkarinen, Butch Pynnonen, Dolores Reichel, Lillian Rivers, Paul Alan Smith, Elsie Suardini, Lynne Tossava.*

Members in the Armed Service: *Luke DeWitt, Adrianna Gustafson, Michael Gustafson, Spencer Harvala, Hunter (Jessica) Hetrick, Dennis Koski, Tanner Romback, Michael Sedlock, Ethan Wallner, and all Armed Services Families.*

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