

***Praise Be to our God, the Father Almighty, Christ Has Risen! He has Risen Indeed!!!
His Victory is complete. We live in the life He has given.***

**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH 2nd Sunday of Easter
April 7, 2024 --- 8:00 am ---- Worship with Holy Communion**

Opening Prayer Opening Hymn: “O Sons and Daughters of the King” 470 vs. 1-3, 8

Invocation: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C:** Amen.

P: O Lord, open my lips.	C: <i>And my mouth will declare Your praise.</i>
P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me;	C: <i>Make haste to help me, O Lord.</i>
P: The Lord has risen from the dead.	C: <i>He has risen indeed!!!</i>
P: Christ was raised from the dead	C: <i>His victory over death is complete</i>
P: Christ was delivered for our offenses	C: <i>And raised again for our justification</i>
P: In that He lives	C: <i>He lives unto God.</i>
P: This is the day the Lord has made	C: <i>We will rejoice and be glad in it.</i>

Confession and Absolution: pg. 184 /// **The Introit:** *Psalm 148*

P: Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the heights above. **C:** *Praise Him, all His heavenly hosts.*

P: Praise Him, sun and moon, praise Him, all you shining stars. **C:** *Praise Him, you highest heavens and you waters above the skies.*

P: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for He commanded and they were created. **C:** *He set them in place forever and ever; He gave a decree that will never pass away.*

P: Praise the Lord from the earth, you great sea creatures and all ocean depths, lightning and hail, snow and clouds, stormy winds that do His bidding, **C:** *You mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars, wild animals and all cattle, small creatures and flying birds, kings of the earth and all nations, you princes and all rulers on earth, young men and maidens, old men and children.*

P: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for His name alone is exalted; His splendor is above the earth and the heavens. **C:** *He has raised up for His people a horn, the praise of all His saints, of Israel, the people close to His heart. Praise the Lord.*

Gloria Patri: Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to the God the Son, Glory be to God the Spirit, Great Jehovah Three in One! Glory, Glory, While eternal ages run. (LSB 506)

Kyrie: Have mercy on Your people, Lord. Have mercy Christ, Our King (LSB 733) Renew us by Your mercy, Lord; Accept the prayers we bring.

Gloria: Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; His the scepter, His the throne; Alleluia! His the triumph, (LSB 851) His the victory alone. Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion Thunder like a mighty flood: “Jesus out of ev’ry nation Has redeemed us by His blood.”

P: The Lord be with you. C: *And with your spirit.*

Hymn: *“Where Charity and Love Prevail” 845*

Collect: Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord’s resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C:** *Amen.*

(Prefatory Remarks)

N.T. Lesson: *Acts 4:32-35* /// **Epistle Lesson:** *1 John 1:1 – 2:2*

Holy Gospel: *John 20: 19-31* /// **Confession of Faith:** *Nicene Creed (back of Hymnal)*

Sermon Hymn: *“These Things Did Thomas Count as Real” 472 (tune 461)*

Children’s Sermon /// **Sermon** /// **Confessional Hymn:** *“In God We Believe” (802)*

In God we believe: the Creator whose pow’r In mercy has brought us renewal this hour
In Jesus, the Savior, our hope is secure True God and True Man once the cross He endured

God’s Spirit at work in our lives we confess: With power and truth the church now He does bless
As saints, God’s forgiven, one day we shall then Be living in glory forever. Amen.

Offering brought to the Altar

Prayers: The families of Vandergriff, Gary and Janet; Vandergriff, Lisa; and Vandergriff, Steve Nolan and Madison.

Lord’s Prayer: pg 196 /// **Blessing of Elements** /// **Distribution**

Closing Hymn: *“Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds” 465*

Closing Collect: *Heavenly Father, You grant us Your Spirit to open our eyes and enlighten our minds to serve You and fellow believers; lead us by Your Spirit to enable us to witness of Your love, live according to Your will, bring Your Word of life to others, rejoice in the goodness You have showered upon us, and reflect Your love in how we reach out to others; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

Benediction

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Kirk Horstmeyer , Pastor
Matthew Wilson, Organist

WHAT THE SCRIPTURES TEACH CONCERNING THE LORD'S SUPPER

In I Corinthians 11 the Holy Spirit led Paul to write, "This is my body" and "This cup is the new covenant in my blood" to explain the spiritual truth of the Supper: Christ is truly present in His body and blood in the bread and wine. This is a mystery, a Heavenly gift; one we can only understand in faith. Paul further says, "Therefore whoever eats the bread and drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord" and, "let a man examine himself...for he who eats and drinks, eats and drinks judgment to himself if he does not judge the body rightly." There is no doubt from our Lord's Word, we are receiving His body and blood. The Father offers us forgiveness, unity of faith, strengthening of faith, etc.; it is never our right, we approach His altar only by His invitation. If you are visiting we ask that you please speak with the Pastor before receiving the Lord's Supper. We strive to lovingly carry out our responsibility to ensure the supper remains a blessing for all, never a curse. May His richest blessing be upon you all.

THIS WEEK

TODAY: Worship w/HC 8 am, SS 9:10 am, Worship w/HC 10:15am, Fish Fry Meeting

TUESDAY: Confirmation 6 pm

THURSDAY: Bible Study 9:30 am and 6 pm

Next SATURDAY: Confirmation 9:30 am, Worship w/HC 5:30

Next SUNDAY: Worship 8 am, SS 9:10 am, Worship 10:15am

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE: Maundy Thur: 75 LS: 66; Good Friday: 78; Sat, Mar 30: 39 LS: 29; Sun, Mar 31: 6:30 am: 135 LS: 114; 9:30 am: 160 LS: 120

MEMBER PRAYER LIST: Next Sat and Sun we will be praying for the following Vandergriff, Steven, Mackenzie, Ainsley and Walker; Velazquez, Ivan, Lori, Sabrina and Mateo; and Wallace, Cindy.

THANK YOU: God is GOOD! A heartfelt thank you for the beautiful cards and messages along with the many prayers! We appreciate you all. I am on the path to better health. Praise God! Thank you, Rochelle Belt and Family

CHURCH FOOD BANK: I want to express my thanks to those who have graciously donated to our Pantry, it has been appreciated and used. We could use once again: canned fruit, cereal, toilet paper, rice noodle or pasta meals in bags, peanut butter and jelly, macaroni and cheese, raisins, pudding, and dish and laundry soaps. If you can help, thank you!

MONTHLY MEETINGS & EVENTS

VOTER'S MEETING: Will be on Sunday, April 21 following the 10:15 service

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY this year will be on April 28 at the 10:15 service. This is an important day for these youth in our congregation, so please ask the Lord to bless that day and those who will be Confirmed.

LWML WEST ZONE MEETING: The LWML West Zone Board cordially invite the Ladies of the LWML West Zone to a meeting on Saturday, April 27th at St. Peters Lutheran Church in Vincennes. The meeting will start at 10 am EST / 9 am CST and should be done by 1:30/12:30 pm. The Ladies of St. Peters will provide a Salad Luncheon. We will be taking up a love offering to help establish our new treasurer's account. The officers will be installed at this time. If you would like to attend, please email/text/call registrations by April 17th. Barb Rastl, rastl@att.net, 812-890-1735 Sheryl Bloebaum, sbloebaum@frontier.com, 812-890-3657



FISH FRY NEWS:

1st Meeting Sunday, April 7

We are beginning to collect items for the Chinese Auction. Suggestions for items are Gift Cards, Baskets, Candles / Displays, Hair/Makeup items, Toys/Games, Baby things, Car Supplies, Flowers, Books, Pictures, Frames, Blankets / Quilts, Purses/Luggage, Precious Moments/Figurines, DVD/CD's, etc, etc, etc... Please bring your donation in by May 9th. Items may be left in the Church Office. Thanks for your help!!!

SIGN-UP SHEETS ARE POSTED IN THE LOUNGE FOR CHAIRS, CO-CHAIRS AND HELPERS FOR ALL THE COMMITTEES OF THE FISH FRY.