

# Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church

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*“Inspired by God’s Grace  
to Love and Serve all”*



**APRIL 28, 2024  
9:00 AM  
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

## **Welcome & Announcements**

**WE WELCOME GUESTS WHO WORSHIP WITH US TODAY!**

Please sign the guest book in the narthex. Thank you!

**The flowers on the altar** are given to the glory of God in gratitude for renewal and Spring from Darlene Machtan.

**Please sign up for altar flowers for 2024, the price remains at \$14.00. The sign up sheet is on the table in the Narthex.**

**We welcome our Interim Pastor John Kuziej** to worship this morning as our worship leader. Thank you Pastor John for sharing your gifts and talents!

**OFFICE HOURS**—Administrative Assistant Kari Britton Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 am to Noon. Pastor John Kuziej: Tuesday 10:00 am—Noon and by appointment. Pastor John is happy to schedule visits with home-bound individuals and is also available for hospital visits. Cell: 906-932-4165; email: [johnckuziej2@gmail.com](mailto:johnckuziej2@gmail.com).

**NATH MEALS:** Please consider signing your group up to provide a meal for 2024. To volunteer, please sign-up on the sheet in the narthex or you can call Sue Larsen at 715-362-2544.

**MAY WORSHIP – *Please sign up in the narthex*** OR call the office if you can assist with Worship. We need readers, ushers, livestream assistant, and communion assistant.

**Offering envelopes for 2024** are available to be picked up in the Narthex. If you need envelopes contact Kari in the office.

**WELCA BIBLE STUDY**—2nd Wednesday of each month at 10:00am.

**WOMEN'S CIRCLE BIBLE STUDY**—"Twelve Women of the Bible" 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm. Dinner at 5:00 pm. at an area restaurant. Call Sheree at 715-360-3176 for more information.

**The Quilting group** is in need of clean, lightly used sheets of any size and any fabric. Thank you for your help!

**SPRING CONCERT**—May 4th at 2pm at First Congregational United Church of Christ featuring the Northwoods Choraliers, Rhinelander Male Chorus, and Hymns & Hers. A free will offering will be taken.

## Prelude

*Statio: Holy Pause—Silence*

*Please stand as you are able.*

### **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.

*(continued)*

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**

***Gathering Hymn***

*"All Are Welcome" ELW #641*

### **Pastoral Greeting**

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.**

**Kyrie** (Sing)

**Also Found on Page 213**

Kyrie eleison: **Lord, have mercy.**

Christe eleison: **Christ, have mercy.**

Kyrie eleison: **Lord, have mercy.**

**Hymn of Praise** (Sing)

**Also Found on Page 213-215**

**Glory to God, glory to God,  
glory to God in the highest:  
glory to God, glory to God,  
and peace to God's people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,  
Almighty God and Father, we worship you,  
we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

**Glory to God, glory to God,  
glory to God in the highest:  
glory to God, glory to God,  
and peace to God's people on earth.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**Glory to God, glory to God,  
glory to God in the highest:  
glory to God, glory to God,  
and peace to God's people on earth.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**Glory to God, glory to God,  
glory to God in the highest:  
glory to God, glory to God,  
and peace to God's people on earth,  
and peace to God's people on earth.**

### **Prayer of the Day**

O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, 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.*

# WORD

## First Lesson

## Acts 8:26-40

26 Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) 27 So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship 28 and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. 29 Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' 30 So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' 31 He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. 32 Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,  
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,  
so he does not open his mouth.

33 In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth.'

34 The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?' 35 Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus.

36 As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?' 38 He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him.

39 When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. 40 But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

*The Word of the Lord*

***Thanks be to God***

## **Psalm 22:25-31**

**Read Responsively**

25 From you comes my praise in the great congregation;  
my vows I will pay before those who fear him.

**26 The poor shall eat and be satisfied;  
those who seek him shall praise the Lord.  
May your hearts live forever!**

27 All the ends of the earth shall remember  
and turn to the Lord;  
and all the families of the nations  
shall worship before him.

**28 For dominion belongs to the Lord,  
and he rules over the nations.**

29 To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down;  
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,  
and I shall live for him.

**30 Posterity will serve him;  
future generations will be told about the Lord,**

31 and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn,  
saying that he has done it.

## Second Lesson

## 1 John 4:7-21

7 Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. 8 Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. 9 God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. 10 In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. 11 Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. 12 No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

13 By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. 14 And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. 15 God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. 16 So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. 17 Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. 18 There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. 19 We love because he first loved us. 20 Those who say, 'I love God', and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. 21 The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

*The Word of the Lord*

*Thanks be to God*



*Please rise for the Gospel Acclamation.*

## **Gospel Acclamation**

**Also found on Page 151**

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

## **Gospel**

**John 15:1-8**

*The Gospel of the Lord according to John*  
***Glory to you, O Lord***

15 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. 2 He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. 3 You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. 4 Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. 5 I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. 6 Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. 7 If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. 8 My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

*The Gospel of the Lord*      ***Praise to you, O Christ***

*Please be seated.*

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

### **SERMON**

Rev. John Kuziej

# HYMN OF THE DAY

## "Bind Us Together"

Text: Bob Gilman, b. 1946

Music: Bob Gilman, b. 1946

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The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Bind Us Together". It is written in G major and 4/4 time. The score is arranged in two staves: a treble clef staff for the melody and a bass clef staff for the accompaniment. The music is divided into several systems, each with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a time signature of 4/4. The first system is labeled "Refrain" and starts with a chord of F. The lyrics are: "Bind us to - geth - er, Lord, bind us to - geth - er with cords that". The second system starts with a chord of C7 and has the lyrics: "can - not be bro - ken. Bind us to - geth - er, Lord,". The third system starts with a chord of Dm and has the lyrics: "bind us to - geth - er, Lord; bind us to - geth - er in love." The fourth system starts with a chord of F and has two verses of lyrics: "1 There . . is on - ly one God. There . . is on - ly one King." and "2 You are the fam - ly of God. You are the prom - ise di - vine." The fifth system starts with a chord of F and has the lyrics: "There . . is on - ly one Bod - y; that . . is why we can sing:" and "You are God's cho - sen de - sire, you are the glo - rious new wine." The score ends with a "Refrain" label and a chord of Bb/C.

Refrain  
F Dm Gm  
Bind us to - geth - er, Lord, bind us to - geth - er with cords that  
can - not be bro - ken. Bind us to - geth - er, Lord,  
bind us to - geth - er, Lord; bind us to - geth - er in love.  
1 There . . is on - ly one God. There . . is on - ly one King.  
2 You are the fam - ly of God. You are the prom - ise di - vine.  
There . . is on - ly one Bod - y; that . . is why we can sing:  
You are God's cho - sen de - sire, you are the glo - rious new wine.  
Refrain  
F C7 F F C7 F B<sup>b</sup>/C

*Please stand as you are able.*

## **NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God, the Father,  
the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
of one being with the Father;  
through Him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
He suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day He rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;**

**He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and  
His kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who  
has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. 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.*

God of grace, ***hear our prayer.***

## **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

***And also with you.***

*Please share a sign of peace, keeping in mind social distancing and respecting others boundaries.*

*Please be seated.*

# Offering (Please sing hymn while the collection is being taken.)

## Offering Song—"The Gift"

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Song #CT-046

Emi B7 Eb E F# G Emi Ami D/F#

1. O Lord, you've giv-en up your life for me; I give my life to  
2. O Lord, you've giv-en me the will to live; I give my will to  
3. O Lord, you've giv-en me a love for life; I give my love to

G B7 Emi Ami B7 Emi

you. And in the giv-ing I re-ceive the gift of giv-ing, too. The  
you. And in the giv-ing I re-ceive the gift of liv-ing, too. The  
you. And in the giv-ing I re-ceive the gift of lov-ing, too. The

Emi Ami D D/F# c Natural G B7

gift of giv-ing, too, O Lord, the gift of giv-ing, too; And  
gift of liv-ing; too, O Lord, the gift of liv-ing, too; And  
gift of lov-ing; too, O Lord, the gift of lov-ing, too; And

Emi Ami Bsus B7 Emi

in the giv-ing I re-ceive the gift of giv-ing, too.  
in the giv-ing I re-ceive the gift of liv-ing, too.  
in the giv-ing I re-ceive the gift of lov-ing, too.

*Please stand as you are able.*

## **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 Prayer**

*Gathered into one with the Holy Spirit let us pray  
as Jesus taught us.*

**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.****

## SENDING

### 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.**

### *Sending Hymn*

*“Go, My Children, with My Blessing” ELW #543*

### DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

### *Postlude*

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### Serving Today

**Ushers**

**Reader**

**Live Stream**

**Counters**

**Coffee Treats**

JoAnne Barrix

Cory Dellenbach

Sue Larsen, Dianne Syms,

Crystal Barnard

Bill & Karen Anderson

## **Welcome Our New Member, Dauna Gollhardt!**

Hello! I moved from Green Bay to Rhinelander in 2022. I enjoy being in the Rhinelander area and living closer to my children. I look forward to being a member of Immanuel and meeting more of my new church community members. Hope to see you soon. Dauna

*(Dauna's daughter and son-in-law are recent new members, Karen and Bill Anderson)*

### **Take a Hike!**

It's time to get out and enjoy the Northwoods a bit! As part of Synod Assembly activities this year, each of the eight conferences in the Northern Great Lakes Synod is doing a hike between May 11 and 18.

The Hikes are being done in collaboration with U.P. Wild. The Hikes are open to anyone (you don't have to attend Synod Assembly to participate).

Our conference (Conference 3) hike will take place on Saturday, May 18, beginning at 3:30 p.m. at Ascension Lutheran Church in Minocqua.

This is a great event for youth and families! For more information on the hike for our conference, contact Pastor Grant Van Lishout at [grantvanlishout@gmail.com](mailto:grantvanlishout@gmail.com).