

# Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church

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



**APRIL 14, 2024  
9:00 AM  
THIRD 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 celebration of Devon & JoAnne Barrix's wedding anniversary.

**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).

**BAPTISM**—Emerson Grace Schmitz, daughter of Adam & Rachael Schmitz, and granddaughter of Jerry & Tina Schmitz and Dennis & Kathy Wolfgram will be baptized today. Emerson's sponsors are Jackson Zunker & Ashley Walker. We welcome her into the Body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world. The single rose on the altar is given in honor of Emerson's baptism.

**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.

**APRIL 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.

**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**

*“Borning Cry”*

*Statio: Holy Pause—Silence*

*Please stand as you are able.*

## **THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM**

### **PRESENTATION**

*Candidates for baptism, sponsors, and parents gather with the ministers at the font. Congregation may be seated.*

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God’s mission for the life of the world.

I present Emerson Grace Schmitz for baptism.

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Emerson baptized into Christ?

*Parents Response: I do.*

As you bring Emerson to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with her among God's faithful people  
bring her to the word of God and the holy supper,  
teach her The Lord's Prayer, the Creed,  
and the Ten Commandments,  
place in her hands the holy scriptures,  
and nurture her in faith and prayer,  
so that she may learn to trust God,  
proclaim Christ through word and deed,  
care for others and the world God made,  
and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help Emerson grow in the Christian faith and life?

*Parents Response: I do.*

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Emerson in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help her live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

*Response: I do.*

People of God, do you promise to support Emerson and pray for her in her new life in Christ?

**We do.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

## **Profession of Faith: Parents, Sponsors and Congregation**

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

***Response: I renounce them.***

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

***Response: I renounce them.***

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

***Response: I renounce them.***

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

### **Thanksgiving at the Font**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of you living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **Baptism**

Emerson, I baptize you in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

**Congregation responds:**

**You belong to Christ,  
in whom you have been baptized.**

**Alleluia.**

*Let us pray.*

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Sustain Emerson with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

**Amen.**

Emerson, child of God, you have been sealed with the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

**Amen.**

**A Lighted Candle is presented.**

## **Welcome**

Jesus said, I am the light of the world.  
Whoever follows me  
will have the light of life.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

## **GATHERING**

### **Gathering Hymn**

*“As We Gather at Your Table” ELW #522*

### **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**

Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**CHOIR**                    *"You Are Mine"*

*Please be seated.*

# WORD

## First Lesson

## Acts 3:12-19

12 When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, 'You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? 13 The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. 14 But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, 15 and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. 16 And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

17 'And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. 18 In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. 19 Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out,

*The Word of the Lord*

*Thanks be to God*

## Psalm 4

## Read Responsively

1 Answer me when I call, O God of my right!  
You gave me room when I was in distress.  
Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer.

**2 How long, you people, shall my honor suffer shame?  
How long will you love vain words, and seek after  
lies?**

3 But know that the Lord has set apart the faithful for himself;  
the Lord hears when I call to him.

**4 When you are disturbed, do not sin;  
ponder it on your beds, and be silent.**

5 Offer right sacrifices,  
and put your trust in the Lord.

**6 There are many who say, 'O that we might see some  
good! Let the light of your face shine on us, O Lord!'**

7 You have put gladness in my heart  
more than when their grain and wine abound.

**8 I will both lie down and sleep in peace;  
for you alone, O Lord, make me lie down in safety.**

## **Second Lesson**

## **1 John 3:1-7**

1 See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. 2 Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. 3 And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

4 Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. 5 You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. 6 No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. 7 Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

*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**

**Luke 24:36b-48**

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

36 Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' 37 They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. 38 He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? 39 Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' 40 And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. 41 While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' 42 They gave him a piece of broiled fish, 43 and he took it and ate in their presence. 44 Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' 45 Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, 46 and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, 47 and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. 48 You are witnesses of these things.

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

*Please be seated.*

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**SERMON**

Rev. John Kuziej

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

*"Lord, You Give the Great Commission" ELW #579*

## **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

Detailed description: This system contains the first line of music. It features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. Chord symbols are placed above the staff: Emi, B7, Eb, E, F#, G, Emi, Ami, and D/F#. The lyrics are written below the staff, with three verses.

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

Detailed description: This system contains the second line of music. It features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. Chord symbols are placed above the staff: G, B7, Emi, Ami, B7, and Emi. The lyrics are written below the staff, continuing from the previous system.

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

Detailed description: This system contains the third line of music. It features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. Chord symbols are placed above the staff: Emi, Ami, D, D/F#, c Natural, G, and B7. The lyrics are written below the staff, continuing from the previous system.

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.

Detailed description: This system contains the fourth line of music. It features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. Chord symbols are placed above the staff: Emi, Ami, Bsus, B7, and Emi. The lyrics are written below the staff, continuing from the previous system.

*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*

*“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ” ELW #674*

### DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

### *Postlude*

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## Serving Today

**Ushers**

**Reader**

**Pianist**

**Live Stream**

**Counters**

**Coffee Treats**

Darlene Machtan

Brittany Landphier

Terry & MJ Strong

Bill & Karen 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).

**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.