



Immanuel Lutheran Church, Forest City, Iowa

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April 20, 2025 7:30 & 9:15am

Building community in the name and likeness of Jesus Christ.

"The last enemy to be destroyed is death," Paul writes. Today Christ is risen, and we gather together with astonishment and joy. Christ is risen, and we have been set free from the bonds of death. Christ is risen, and we are forgiven. Christ is risen, and with the women at the tomb and Peter, we are amazed. Let us rejoice: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE: (9:15) "Thine is the Glory"

Bell Choir

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

In the name of † the One who was, who is, and who is to come.

Amen.

Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Holy God, we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name. Baptized into the Holy Trinity,

make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters and promises of baptism, that strengthen believers and give new life to your beloved; that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making. Baptized into the Holy Trinity,

make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters and promises of baptism, rooted in your Holy Word, to open the hearts of all believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power. Baptized into the Holy Trinity,

make us one as you are one.

Grant us grace, love, and life, O Holy Three in One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.

Amen.

(7:30) GATHERING HYMN: "Jesus Christ is Risen Today" #365

(9:15) OPENING MEDLEY: "Jesus Christ is Risen Today" #365 (vs. 1,2)

"Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!" #382 (vs. 1-3)

"Jesus Christ is Risen Today" #365 (vs. 4)

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross, and by his glorious resurrection you have ended death's reign of terror, opening the way to new life for your whole creation. For Mary and Peter, and all the witnesses of the risen Christ, we praise you. In unbroken faith and in the joy of the resurrection make us witnesses today of our living Lord who walks with us still. In the Name of Jesus, our Christ and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Isaiah 65:17-25 *New heavens and a new earth*

SECOND READING: Acts 10:34-43 *God raised Jesus on the third day*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: **"Word of Truth and Life"** Marty Haugen

Praise the God of all creation, God of mercy and compassion:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the Word of truth and life!

Tree of life and endless wisdom, be our root, our growth and glory:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the Word of truth and life!

Come, O Spirit, kindle fire in the hearts of all your people:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the Word of truth and life!

GOSPEL: John 20:1-18 *Seeing the risen Christ*

Announcement: **Glory to you, O Lord.** Conclusion: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON / SERMON

Pastor Zech Anderson

HYMN OF THE DAY: (7:30) **"Awake, My Heart, with Gladness"**

#378

(9:15) **"Thine Is the Glory"**

#376

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *L: God of grace, C: hear our prayer.*

Marj Anderson

Ivy Mae Callow

Taylor & Sarah Nelson on birth baby **Rhett Dean**

David Barloon

Hayden Despenas

Tim Schmidt

Liam Bartleson

Mary Ellis

Jennie Spencer

Taylor Bartleson

Matt Grieff

Joan Swanson

Joan Beebe

Doris Johnson

Lucky Truong

Randall Betz

Mercedes

Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Magallanes

Jan Buffington

Jill (Lewison) Nedved

SHARING OF THE PEACE: *L: The peace of Christ be with you always. C: And also with you.*

OFFERING: "Come and Praise the Risen Lord"

Choir (9:15)

OFFERTORY: (7:30) **"Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies"**

#553 (vs. 2&3)

(9:15) **"O God, Beyond All Praising"**

#880

OFFERING PRAYER

HOLY COMMUNION:

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

EASTER PREFACE

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven 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.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION: (7:30) **"Now the Green Blade Rises"**

#379

(9:15) **"Day of Arising"**

#374

"Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers"

Christ has risen while earth slumbers, Christ has risen where hope died,
As he said and as he promised, as we doubted and denied.

Let the moon embrace the blessing: let the sun sustain the cheer;
Let the world confirm the rumor: Christ is risen, God is here!

Christ has risen for the people whom he died to love and save;
Christ has risen for the women bringing flow'rs to grace his grave.
Christ has risen for disciples, huddled in an upstairs room.
He whose word inspired creation can't be silenced by the tomb.

Christ has risen to companion former friends who fear the night,
Sensing loss and limitation where their faith had once burned bright.
They bemoan what is no longer, they expect no hopeful sign
Till Christ ends their conversation, breaking bread and sharing wine.

Christ has risen and forever lives to challenge and to change
All whose lives are messed or mangled, all who find religion strange.
Christ is risen, Christ is present making us what he has been:
Evidence of transformation in which God is known and seen.

“Alleluia! Christ Is Arisen” #375 (vs. 1,2; vs. 3-4 see below)

vs. 3 Come to the tomb, it is empty. You will not find him here today!
Death has been vanquished forever, new life in Him is on display!
Alleluia! Christ is a risen. Bright is the dawning of the Lord’s day.

vs. 4 Come to the feast, the bread is ready, I long to feed you on your way!
Come to the feast, the wine is plenty, look for my coming wedding day.

“The Risen Christ” #390

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING / PRAYER

SENDING HYMN: (7:30) **“Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing”** #389
(9:15) **Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!”** #369

BLESSING / DISMISSAL: Alleluia! Christ is risen.
Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!
Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

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Today’s worship service is broadcast at 11:00am over KIOW 107.3 FM. Broadcast today is given in memory of Carl A. & Ruth Sunde from children Carmen, Carol, and Carl.

Worship Participants:

Altar Care: Mary Lund Greeter: Shirley Rollefson
Piano/Organ: Karen Post Scripture Reader: (9:15) Tasha Banta
Song Leaders: (9:15) Mark & Joy Newcom Communion Set Up: Ruth Melby
Choir Director: Linda Ferjak Timpani: Antonio Lopes
Ushers: (7:30) Arentson family; (9:15) Jim Lund, Gary McCarthy, Tina Berg
Assisting Minister: (7:30) Patti Strukel (9:15) Kathy McEnelly
Sound/Video Tech: (7:30) Geno Lopes/Ken Ferjak; (9:15) Brody Hopp/Ken Ferjak
Communion Servers: (9:15) Leah Boyd,Carolynn Korth, Keith & Emily Walker
Brass: (9:15) Olivia Maxey-Ladson & Luke Raulie-trumpets, Noah McLaughlin-trombone

IMMANUEL’S MARCH GENERAL OFFERINGS:

March 2025 General Offerings: \$28,064.55 March 2024 General Offerings: \$38,579.34
Monthly Budget: \$40,033.83 YTD Actual 2024: \$100,250.34
YTD Actual 2025: \$93,498.41 Currently we are (\$15,159.18)
Last year we were (\$20,668.44)

Thank you to the following who gave Easter lilies:

In memory of David & Carolyn Newcom given by Stross David Newcom,

In honor of our LGBTQ friends and their families given by Mark & Joy Newcom,

In memory of two cousins, Richard Ross, Linda Isenbrand, and Seth Zroslik, Darlene Tobey, Rusty Meyering, John Monson, Bob Price, Gary Gerdes, Joyce Kasper, Ron & Donna Kvale, Kent Thompson, Alma Hovey, Karen Kofron, and Michaela Farus given by John & Linda Holland (2),

In memory of Ken & Carole Bothwell and David & LaVonne Anderson given by Mark & Kris Anderson (2),

In memory of Karolyn Overlie given by Ted Overlie,

In memory of Karen Kofron, James & Beatrice Kofron, and George & Verna Baker given by Bernie Kofron & Kofron family (3),

In praise and thanksgiving for the risen Lord given by Darwin & Cindi Lehmann (2),

In memory of Forrie Buffington given by Jan Buffington & family,

In memory of Connie Buckman given by Danny, Jason, Lloyd, Jill, Grayson, & Reagan Buckman,

In memory of Paul C. Olson and in honor of my children and their families given by Betty Olson (2),

In memory of our parents given by Ken & Joan Hansen,

In memory of Don & Edell Westerberg given by Steve & Nancy Westerberg,

In memory of Dean & Bev Krieger, Diane (Krieger) Fiala, and Tim Nelson given by Daryl & Tammy Krieger (2),

In memory of John Monson given by Karen, Kris, Kelly & Dale and family, and Kim & Tom and family,

In memory of Bill Baker and Forrie Buffington given by Karen Monson & families,

In memory of Doris Borchardt, Dixie Buns, Joyce Carter, Eunice Clouse, Carroll Etchen, Jody Fox, Ron Hanna, Joyce Kasper, Karen Kofron, Ron & Donna Kvale, Judy Levad, Rose Nelson Meinecke, Verla Messer, Michael Nienhaus, Jeff Oulman, John Sieh, Marge Solberg & Dale Sorenson given by Karen Monson & families (2),

In loving memory of Lanny Jenkins and son-in-law Kevin Harmon given by Sandy Jenkins,

In honor of my 9 grandchildren and 6½ great-grandchildren given by Sandy Jenkins,

In loving memory of Kevin Harmon given by Jody Harmon and families,

In memory of M.H. Herman & Thelma Swanson given by Ellen Olson,

In memory of Conrad & Alpha Reines given by Ken & Linda Ferjak,

In memory of Joe & Rose Ferjak given by Ken & Linda Ferjak,

In memory of Merlen & Helen Erickson, and in honor of Mark & Daniel Melby given by Ruth Melby (2),

In memory of our parents given by Doug & Jean Yeager (2),

In memory of grandson Brandon Seekamp and parents Alvin & Nancy Brandt, and Howard Stumme given by Mark & Becky Stumme (2),

In memory of Ralph & Lois Holst given by the kids and grandkids (2),

In memory of Orval & Elvina Bowman and Mike & Dorothy Christ given by Jim & Nancy Bowman and family (2),
In memory of Jeanette Neuman given by Marla Betz,
In memory of our parents, and in honor of our children given by Bink & Karen Keller (2),
In memory of Marge Solberg given by Lowell Solberg family,
In memory of Matthew & Christopher, and in honor of Roger & James given by Ann Shook (4),
In memory of Kimberly Jordal, and in honor of Griffin, Collin & Tobin Jordal given by Mike & Alice Lewellen,
In memory of Seth Zrostlik given by Hilary, Brinlynn & Elyse Zrostlik,
In memory of Pappa Eddie given by The Johnson's-Mike, Heather, Hayden, Tate & Jordy,
In memory of Norman & Mary McEnelly given by Kathy McEnelly,
In honor of Phuoc & Nga Truong and Nhi & Bai Tran given by Tim, Kim, Landon & Laynie Severson.

The white lily, mentioned many times in the Bible, symbolizes purity, rebirth, new beginnings, and hope associated with the resurrection of Jesus Christ as observed on Easter.



Lilies may be picked up following the morning Easter services

