

REDEMPTION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

Sunday Before Ascension



WELCOME To all of you who are visiting our service this morning, we extend a most cordial welcome in Jesus' name. It is our hope that you will feel at home in our midst and will be blessed by our message of Christ crucified and risen for the sins of the world.

If you are looking for a church home or would like to know more about our beliefs and practices, please see the pastor. He will be glad to visit with you at your convenience. Be sure to join us again.



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Pre-Service Meditation:

Luke 24:52-53 ⁵² And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, ⁵³ and were continually in the temple blessing God.

Prayer: Dear Lord God, Before Your Son left this earth, He gave comfort and confidence to His disciples for the lives they were to live for you. Grant us that same comfort and confidence as we navigate our lives as Your children. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, One God, world without end. Amen.

Service of the Word

Opening Hymn

TLH 213 Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise

Invocation

- P** In the Name of the Father and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

Responsory

Psalm 47

- P** Oh, clap your hands, all you peoples!
- C** Shout to God with the voice of triumph!
- P** For the Lord Most High is awesome;
- C** He is a great King over all the earth.
- P** He will subdue the peoples under us,
- C** And the nations under our feet.
- P** He will choose our inheritance for us,
- C** The excellence of Jacob whom He loves.
- P** God has gone up with a shout,
- C** The Lord with the sound of a trumpet.
- P** Sing praises to God, sing praises!
- C** Sing praises to our King, sing praises!
- P** For God is the King of all the earth;
- C** Sing praises with understanding.
- P** God reigns over the nations;
- C** God sits on His holy throne.
- P** The princes of the people have gathered together,
- C** The people of the God of Abraham.
- P** For the shields of the earth belong to God;
- C** He is greatly exalted.

Confession of Sins

P If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

C Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

P God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.

C Amen. (spoken)

Hymn of Response

A Hymn of Glory

A hymn of glory let us sing:
New songs throughout the world shall ring: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Christ, by a road before untrod,
Ascendeth to the throne of God. Alleluia!

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P Let us pray. . .

. . . through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Epistle Lesson:

Ephesians 1:15-23

For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, ¹⁶ I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, ¹⁷ that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, ¹⁸ having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might ²⁰ that he worked in

Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. ²² And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Response

**O risen Christ, ascended Lord,
All praise to Thee let earth accord, Alleluia! Alleluia!
Who art, while endless ages run,
With Father and with Spirit One. Alleluia!**

Second Reading:

Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, ² until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³ He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. ⁴ And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me; ⁵ for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." ⁶ So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷ He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." ⁹ And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰ And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, ¹¹ and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Gospel Lesson:

Luke 24:44-53

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 and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶ and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷ and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high." ⁵⁰ And he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. ⁵¹ While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵² And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, ⁵³ and were continually in the temple blessing God.

Confession of Faith:

Apostles Creed

**☩ I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from
the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right
hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to
judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the
resurrection of the body, and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.**

Hymn: TLH 222 Look Ye Saints the Sight is Glorious

Sermon:

Luke 24:50-53

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Jesus' Blessing Leaves a Lasting Impression

Offertory:

Create in Me 🎵🎵

Create in me a clean heart O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen

Hymn: WS 737 Up Through Endless Ranks of Angels

Offering of Thankful Hearts

Prayer & 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

Benediction

- ☐ Amen.

Hymn

WS 738 Alleluia Sing to Jesus

Silent Prayer

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Announcements

Upcoming Events:

- **Retirement Gift:** Professor Mark Kranz has announced his retirement effective at the end of the current academic year. His faithful service to our church and our school will be acknowledged during the ILC Class Day/Graduation festivities on May 17-18. Our custom is to present a monetary gift as a token of our appreciation. CLC members are invited to contribute to this gift which will be presented to him at Graduation (May 18). Please make your checks payable to Immanuel Lutheran College and indicate: "Prof. Kranz Retirement." Send your gift to: Immanuel Lutheran College, 501 Grover Road, Eau Claire, WI 54701.
- **Concluding Activities at Immanuel:** Friday, May 17, will be the final day of classes at Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary. In giving the LORD God glory for the various achievements by students and student groups, Class Day will be held at 3 pm. The band will play during this event. At 7:30 pm there will be a concert of sacred music sung by the Concert Choir and Tour Choir at Messiah Lutheran Church. On Saturday, May 18, the concluding Graduation worship service will take place at 10 am at the ILC Fieldhouse. We pray that the students will take what they have learned from the Word of God and treasure the Gospel by expressing their gratitude to the LORD Immanuel in their daily walk with Him.
- **Quinn Sprengeler Retirement:** The celebration of thanks for Quinn Sprengeler's years of service is scheduled for June 9th following the church service at 11:30.
- **VBS:** Our VBS is scheduled for July 23rd – 26th. This is a Tuesday through Friday. If you are interested in helping out, please speak to a member of the Discipleship Committee. Our theme this year is Eagle Express Flight 4031.
- **Women's Group:** To facilitate a desire to meet more often to work through our devotional book, we will be having a devotion only meeting tomorrow night beginning at 7. I will send out a link shortly before the meeting if you are unable to join us in person at church.

Call News:

- Pastor David Ude of Living Hope, Appleton, WI ***has received the call*** to Grace Lutheran, Sleepy Eye, MN
- Teacher Matthew Kranz of Immanuel, Mankato, MN ***has received the call*** to Berea Lutheran, Inver Grove Heights, MN
- Teacher Neil Bernthal, Immanuel Lutheran, Winter Haven, FL ***has received the call*** to Messiah Lutheran, Eau Claire, WI

Upcoming Schedule:

Sunday May 12th Redemption Communion Service at 9

Sunday May 19th Redemption Sunday Service at 9

Sunday May 26th Redemption Sunday Service at 9