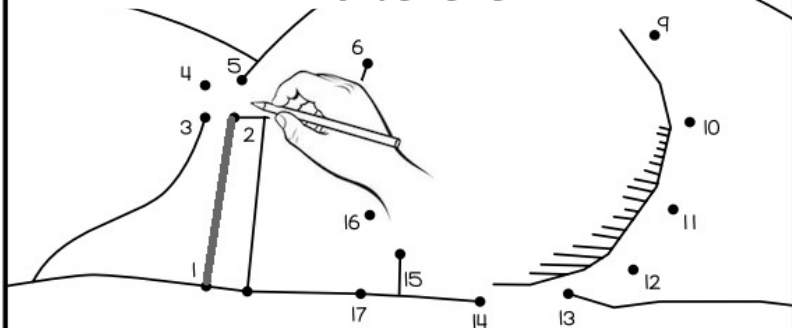




April 17-18, 2021
The Second
Weekend after Easter

*I pray that the eyes of your heart
may be enlightened, so that you
may know what is the hope of His
calling...and what is the surpassing
greatness of His power toward us
who believe.*



*These are in accordance with the
working of the strength of His
might which He brought about in
Christ, when He raised Him from
the dead.*

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Today's Worship

For a printed liturgy, see the green liturgy folder, page 18.

Pre-Service Meditation: For You have delivered my soul from death. Have You not kept my feet from falling, That I may walk before God In the light of the living? (Psalm 56:13)

Hymns: 188 206:1-4 206:8-10 788:1
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New Testament Reading.....Acts 4:8-12

⁸ Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders of Israel: ⁹ If we this day are judged for a good deed done to a helpless man, by what means he has been made well, ¹⁰ let it be known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by Him this man stands here before you whole. ¹¹ This is the ‘stone which was rejected by you builders, which has become the chief cornerstone.’ ¹² Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

Epistle Reading.....1 John 1:1-2:2

¹ That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life— ² the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us— ³ that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ. ⁴ And these things we write to you that your joy may be full. ⁵ This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. ⁶ If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. ⁷ But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one

another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us. ^{2:1}My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. ²And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.

Sermon Text.....Luke 24:36-49



³⁶Now as they said these things, Jesus Himself stood in the midst of them, and said to them, "Peace to you." ³⁷But they were terrified and frightened, and supposed they had seen a spirit. ³⁸And He said to them, "Why are you troubled? And why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Behold My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself. Handle Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see I have." ⁴⁰When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His feet. ⁴¹But while they still did not believe for joy, and marveled, He said to them, "Have you any food here?" ⁴²So they gave Him a piece of a broiled fish and some honeycomb. ⁴³And He took it and ate in their presence. ⁴⁴Then He said to them, "These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me." ⁴⁵And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures. ⁴⁶Then He said to them, "Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. ⁴⁸And you are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high."

MAKE THE "RISEN CHRIST" CONNECTION!

I. It changes *fear* to *faith*

II. It changes *pointlessness* to *purpose*

Preaching Today: Pastor Bruce Naumann



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Communion Announcement: Since the Lord's Supper implies a unity of faith and confession, we ask that those who have not previously participated with us in the Lord's Supper meet first with the pastor to discuss our Scriptural doctrine before partaking of the Lord's Supper in our services. In this practice of closed communion, we seek to follow and obey the

Word of God.

This Week at Messiah

**Masks required indoors by government mandate.
Sunday services live-streamed/archived at
eauclairemessiah.com.**

Sun, 4/18	9:00 am	Worship Service (Ushers #4, Counters F)
	10:00 am	Dove West
	10:15 am	Bible Class/Sunday School/Young Adults
	1:30 pm	Dove South
Tue, 4/20	5:00 pm	Stewardship
	6:30 pm	Board of Education
Wed, 4/21	4:30 pm	Afternoon Catechism
	4:30 pm	Building Committee
	6:30 pm	Council
	8:00 pm	Ruth's Retreat
Sat, 4/24	9:00 am	Church Workday
	6:30 pm	Worship Service (Ushers #3)
	7:45 pm	Bible Class/Sunday School
Sun, 4/25	9:00 am	Worship Service (Ushers #6, Counters G)
	10:00 am	Dove West
	10:15 am	Bible Class/Sunday School/Young Adults
	1:30 pm	Dove South

Announcements

"The State of Christendom in the New Century" will be the topic of our Bible Class beginning this weekend. If you would like to get a preview of this subject, there is a booklet with both sections available in the back of the fellowship hall, or you may find it at tinyurl.com/lau-christendom. Join us for discussion!

Young Adults Bible Study: Join us Sunday morning for our continuing series based on *"Uncommon Ground: Living Faithfully In a World of Difference"* by Timothy Keller and John Inazu. - Prof. Joel Gullerud

We give thanks to the LORD for His gracious blessings to Pastor Paul and Eileen Tiefel, who celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary this Saturday, April 17. We wish them God's continued blessings in their lives together, in service to God.

Our call acknowledged - *"Dear Members of Messiah Lutheran Church, I have received the Divine Call to serve in your 5-6th grade classroom. As I endeavor to examine the call extended to me and my present duties and responsibilities, I know that in this matter, as in all, God will continue to bless me and our congregations. Your prayers and your thoughts are appreciated. In Christ, Nathan Buck"*

Upcoming changes - On April 15, Messiah's Board of Deacons reviewed a report from the CDC, informing us that COVID virus transmission from surface contacts is very rare (1 in 10,000). Beginning next weekend, we will discontinue our current practice of having volunteer teams disinfect the sanctuary and fellowship hall between services and Bible class. Hymnals will also be returned to the pew racks. Our members should also know that, since we are no longer taking attendance for contact tracing, as of next weekend all of our church and school entrances will be available for use. We continue to follow local ordinances that require masks and social distancing. The current local ordinance expires June 30.

Service schedule notes - our Deacons are anticipating upcoming worship services that may have attendance that exceeds our capacity for social distancing. We are adding an additional 11 am Sunday service for the following dates: **May 9** (ILC Banquet weekend), **May 23** (ILC graduation weekend), **June 6** (Confirmation). On Confirmation Sunday, the 11 am service will be intended for the families of the confirmands, as well as for those whom they invite. The Saturday 6:30 pm service and Sunday 9 am service will continue throughout. Bible class and Sunday school will be held between the Sunday services on May 9.

Highlights from the Special Voters' meeting on 4/11/21:

<> Membership: Paul Naumann, Ben Oster, and Levi Wittorp were accepted into voting membership. <> Teacher call: Nathan Buck, who currently serves at Valley Bible Academy (St. John's Lutheran) in Clarkston, WI was called to serve in our 5th-6th grade. <> Convention delegates: Fred Radichel and Jim Sydow were elected to serve as our delegates for this summer's Great Lakes Delegate Conference and the CLC Convention. Joel Carstensen and Steve Lentz will serve as alternates. <> Announcements: Personal loans for the building project are due. So far we have just over \$100K in private loans secured.

"Here I Stand" - This Sunday marks the 500th anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther's brave declaration at the Diet of Worms (that is, the official meeting of church and civil authorities in the city of Worms, Germany). Luther was confronted with grave personal danger because of his defense of the true Gospel of salvation by grace alone, through faith alone, based on Scripture alone. It is good for us to offer sincere thanks to God for this heritage of grace, which has been preserved for us down to our own generation. For some details on this important moment in Gospel history, see tinyurl.com/luther-diet.

The Porkies Youth Camp-Out: will be held on

August 11-15, For Grades 8-12. The camp fee is \$85 (from EC) or \$95 (from MN). Lodging and meals are included in this fee. Transportation will be provided. Check out the **Porcupine Mountains Camp-Out** Facebook page - You'll find a registration link on the Facebook page, or you can scan this code.



Plans for building project volunteers - Tom Beekman, our building project coordinator, is organizing a targeted approach for volunteer help over the coming months. In other words, he would like to have a list of volunteers to call on for specific projects as they arise. Please do let him know if you may be available for help with certain projects at 715-491-2025 or thomasbeekman1961@gmail.com.

ILC High School Visitors Day: ILC will host an in-person High School Visitors Day on Friday, April 30, 2021, starting at 9:00 am for students grades 8 and up. Please register students and chaperones at www.ilc.edu by Friday, April 23. A live theater performance *Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch* will take place on Friday at 1:30 pm for those attending Visitors Day and for families of performers. A limited live audience may attend the

Saturday performance at 7:30 pm. Both performances will be livestreamed at youtube.com/ilcvideos. An outdoor band concert will be open to the public on Friday at 3:30 pm. For additional information please contact Prof. Joel Gullerud (joel.gullerud@ilc.edu 715-544-8446).

CLC News: <> The CLC Call Committee on Graduates met on Wednesday evening, and issued these calls: seminary graduate Drew Naumann to Trinity Lutheran, Spokane WA; teacher graduate Ben Hansen to St. John's Lutheran, Okabena MN; teacher graduate Katie Naumann to Immanuel Lutheran, Winter Haven FL. We thank the LORD for His gifts to His Church, and pray for the ministries of our graduates. <> Pastor Nathanael Mayhew of Sleepy Eye, MN has been called to serve in Eden Prairie, MN. <> Mrs. Beth Sandeen been called to serve as ILC's on-campus female mentor, beginning in the 2021-22 academic year. (Steve Sydow serves as the male mentor).

Financial Aid Applications: ILC has a financial aid program that helps students to attend by assisting with loans, multi-student grants, college and seminary grants, scholarships, and work study. While the scholarships are automatically applied based upon academic performance, these other items are provided upon application made by the responsible party. In order to be as helpful and as equitable to all, these forms need to be submitted by the deadline which is May 1, 2021, for the 2021-22 academic year. If any potential student is giving any interest in attending Immanuel, applying now ensures that you will be considered for financial assistance. While applications have already been provided to the families of current students, you may still find them at ilc.edu/resources/ under the heading "Financial Assistance Forms & Info." **[Note** that Messiah also has its own Student Aid Grant Fund for high school families, and application for this help is due by May 1. You may contact Pastor Tiefel or David Johannes (715-379-9987 or Bitbybitcomputer@gmail.com) for more information.]

Little Church Libraries - We have three ready to put up. These little libraries have a variety of good Christian books free for the taking. If you would like one, please contact Josh Gurgel (715-379-7917) or Pastor Naumann (715-864-3465) or Pastor Tiefel (715-829-2000). There is a crew that will dig the hole and set everything up.



Service Preview for the Upcoming Weekend
GOD'S WORD SERVING US:



Sermon Text - Acts 4:23-33

Bible Class - The State of Christendom in the New Century, Pt. 2

CHRISTIANS SERVING US:

Saturday 4/24 6:30 pm: Usher Team 3

Gary Meyer	Blane Knutson
Luke Knutson	Tom Beekman
Jon Oster	Jack Mielke

Sunday 4/25 9:00 am: Usher Team 6

Darin Oster	Ben Oster
Tim Oster	Jeremy Plath
Isaiah Plath	Gabe Plath
Andrew Plath	

Counters for the week following 4/25 - G

Andy Buck, Mark Franson, Josh Gurgel

Thank you!

Messiah Shut-ins: Ida Drews (2455 Sawgrass Place #213, Altoona), Marge Eckel (1431 Peterson Ave.), Shirley Johnson (2512 New Pine Dr. Altoona), Mae Noeldner (3706 Damon St. #17), Ellen Knuth (Care Partners, 887 Brian Lane, Altoona), Connie Larson (1500 S. Edgewater Dr.), Tom and Linda Larson (3134 Eldorado Blvd.), Betty Nolting (HeatherWood Assisted Living #213), Mavis Thelen (418 N. Barstow), Paul Tiefel, Sr. (2455 Sawgrass Rd #419, Altoona), Johanna Williams (2118 Augusta St.) and Shelly Williamson (Bellevue, IA).

Fruits of Faith Last Week ~ April 10 & 11, 2021

Weekend Worship: (Sat. 109 - Sun. 184) 293

Communion: (Sat. 97 - Sun. 139) 236

Bible Class: (Sat. 25 - Sun. 46) 71 Sunday School: (Sat. 3 - Sun. 44) 47

Young Adults: 17 Dove West: 9 Dove South: 13

Online: (Worship: 261, ILC Streaming: 10, Bible Class: 59)

Weekly Offering Information

Offering Summary	Home Budget	Missions (CBP)
2021 Budget	\$778,000.00	\$200,000.00
YTD Budget	\$224,423.00	\$57,692.00
YTD Offerings	\$207,268.03	\$56,660.75
Weekly Need	\$15,425.00	\$3,874.00
Last Week (4/11)	\$10,878.76	\$6,229.25
Amount Still Needed	\$570,731.97	\$143,339.25

Building Fund	
\$450,000.00	Goal
\$471,665.04	Received to Date
\$1,440.00	Last Week (4/11)

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions; April 19-24, '21

Mon Acts 4:5-12 In slouched the jackals and hyenas, wary of an ambush (5-7); God doesn't ambush but helps the helpless get on their feet (8-9). The word on the street: "Jesus has done the miracle of healing the lame man, Jesus is none other than heaven's provider of salvation, and you have put yourselves in mortal jeopardy by rejecting and murdering Him. Jesus alone provides access to the throne of grace, so you need to reset your compass!"

Note: Every word is important, so that's how we read God's Word.

Tues Luke 24:36-49 The last time the disciples had laid eyes on Jesus, He was a bloody corpse (so it's understandable that they were spooked), but after He calmed them down (36-38), He provided impressive proof that He was their old Friend, alive and well – and hungry (39-43). What did it all mean? Jesus explained that since He had fulfilled His mission on Earth, His disciples were prepared to share His victory with their friends, relatives, etc., (47-49).

Wed 1 John 1:1-2:2 Jesus used John's ears, eyes, hands, and heart to get him prepared to publicize all that Jesus had entrusted to him: the Truth, the whole Truth, and nothing but the Truth (1:1-5). That starts, of course, with the truth about our unholy selves (8), which God counters with the truth about holy Jesus, the divine solution for humanity's sins (2:1-2).

Thurs Psalm 118 We join the psalmist's hour of worship (1-4), confident that the Lord can handle all humanity (5-14) and our own limitations (15-18). We share his Christian confession (19-20), recognizing Jesus in vv. 22-24, and close with our prayer and praises. *Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good!*

Fri Matthew 28:11-15 Some of those soldiers who had been floored by the angel (v.4) stumbled into town to report *all the things that had happened* in the early morning out at the cemetery. They knew the truth, but the ruling Sanhedrin bribed them to bear false witness against the disciples and against the Easter angel, too. Doing so put the soldiers into jeopardy, of course, but the Sanhedrin had money to solve

that problem. How tragic that people will believe human lies rather than God's Truth about Easter (15)!

Sat Acts 23:11-35 It seems that Paul needed some cheering up (11), so Jesus obliged just as things were turning nasty. Paul, God's messenger of the Truth, had enemies so rabid that they vowed to kill him before breakfast. Of course, it boomeranged, for Jesus had other plans (12-22). In the protection of federal troops, Paul was ushered out of danger via a two-day trip to the Roman provincial capital, where he was kept safe for a fair trial.

[We are left wondering how many Jews broke their oath rather than starve.]