

The Risen Savior Gives the Miracle of Faith

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OPENING HYMN #142

"Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain" (Stand for final verse)



INVOCATION

- M: The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.
- C: And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

- 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.
- M: 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.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: O God, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world from the despair of death. By his resurrection to life,

grant your faithful people gladness of heart and the hope of eternal joys. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Acts 4:8-12 The risen Christ is enough to save

⁸ Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders of Israel, ⁹ if we are being questioned today for a kind act that was done for the lame man, as to how this man has been healed, ¹⁰ let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead! By him this man stands before you healed. ¹¹ This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you builders, which has become the cornerstone. ¹² "There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to people by which we must be saved."

PSALM OF THE DAY Psalm 118



The LORD is my strength <u>and</u> my song;* he has become my salvation.

The LORD'S right hand is <u>lift</u>ed high;* the LORD'S right hand has done <u>mighty</u> things!

I will not die but live,*

and will proclaim what the LORD has done.

Refrain

I will give you thanks, for you <u>an</u>swered me;* you have become my salvation.

The stone the builders rejected has become the <u>cap</u>stone;* the LORD has done this, and it is marvelous <u>in</u> our eyes.

This is the day the <u>LORD</u> has made;* let us rejoice and be <u>glad</u> in it.

Glory be to the Father and <u>to</u> the Son* and to the Holy <u>Spir</u>it, as it was in the be<u>gin</u>ning,* is now, and will be forever. <u>A</u>men.

Refrain

SECOND LESSON

1 John 1:1-2:2

Trust the reliable testimony of reliable witnesses

¹That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have observed and our hands have touched regarding the Word of Life- ²the life appeared, and we have seen it. We testify and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. ³ We are proclaiming what we have seen and heard also to you, so that you may have fellowship with us. Our fellowship is with the Father and his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴We write these things to you so that our joy may be complete. ⁵ This is the message we heard from him and proclaim to you: God is light. In him there is no darkness at all. ⁶ If we say we have fellowship with him but still walk in darkness, we are lying and do not put the truth into practice. ⁷ But if we walk in the light, just 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. ⁸ If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰ If we say

we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar, and his Word is not in us. ^{2:1} My children, I write these things to you so that you will not sin. If anyone does sin, we have an Advocate before the Father: Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. ² He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the whole world.

VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. Our hearts were burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us. Alleluia. (Luke 24:32)



GOSPEL

Luke 24:36-49

The Word removes doubts and strengthens faith

³⁶ As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ³⁷ But they were terrified and frightened and thought they were looking at a ghost. ³⁸ He said to them, "Why are you troubled? Why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹ Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself. Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." ⁴⁰ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹ While they still did not believe it (because of their joy), and while they were still wondering, he said to them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" ⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish and some honeycomb. ⁴³ He took it and ate in front of them. ⁴⁴ He said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms." ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶ He said to them, "This is what is written and so it must be: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ Look, I am sending you what my Father promised. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."



HYMN OF THE DAY #720, verses 1-6

"Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands"





5 Here the true Paschal Lamb we see, Whom God so freely gave us; He died on the accursed tree — So strong his love — to save us.
See, his blood now marks our door; Faith points to it; death passes o'er, And Satan cannot harm us. Alleluia! Alleluia! 6 So let us keep the festival To which the Lord invites us; Christ is himself the joy of all, The sun that warms and lights us. Now his grace to us imparts Eternal sunshine to our hearts; The night of sin is ended. Alleluia! Alleluia!

SERMON

Acts 4:8-12

Faith Stands Secure on Jesus

- 1. God approved his saving work.
- 2. He is the reliable Source to trust.

APOSTLES' CREED

- I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
- I believe 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.

OFFERING

At this time our offering will be brought forward and presented to the Lord. For those still desiring to give an offering, an offering plate remains near the Usher's Cart at the back of the church.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- M: O Lord God, our strength, our song, and our salvation, you fulfilled your promises by the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, from the dead.
- C: Thanks be to God! You give us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.
- M: In your compassion you sent Christ, the Good Shepherd, who laid down his life to rescue the lost.
- C: Drive out all doubt and gloom that we may delight in your glorious triumph.
- M: Lift our eyes heavenward to see him who lives to make intercession for the saints, and grant us confidence in the greatness of his power. Keep before us the vision of your redeemed people standing before your throne and singing the song of victory.
- C: Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive wisdom and power and honor and glory and praise.
- M: Make us instruments of your peace as we bring the good news of hope and new life to those around us. Guide us in the use of all that you have entrusted to us: our time, our talents, and our treasures.
- C: Risen Lord, live in us that we may live for you.
- M: Merciful Lord Jesus, grant healing to the sick, and strengthen the faith of the suffering and the dying. Assure them of your abiding presence, and comfort them with the hope of eternal life.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

- M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions. *Silent prayer.*
- M: Gracious Father, you have restored to us the joy of your salvation. With happy hearts, we come before you and say:
- C: Alleluia! Thanks be to God! Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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.

HYMN #531

"Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"



M: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace. We pray this through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



BLESSING

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



CLOSING HYMN #145, verses 1-2, 4

"Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won"

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday (4/14)	8:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:15 AM	Worship Sunday School / Bible Study Worship
Monday (4/15)	3:00-7:00 PM	ILC Community Blood Drive
Tuesday (4/16)	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Open Forum @ NLHS Delegate Meeting @ NLHS
Wednesday (4/17)	3:45 PM 6:30 PM	Catechism Bible Study
Thursday (4/18)	6:00 PM	Sisters In Christ Board Painting @ ILC
Friday (4/19)	9:00-3:00PM	Circuit Pastors Meeting, St. Paul, Mauston
Saturday (4/20)	8:30AM-Noon 8:00 AM	WI River Valley Spring Rally @ St Peter, Schofield ILC Outdoor Spring Clean-up
Sunday (4/21)	9:00 AM 10:15 AM	Worship (w. Holy Communion) Fellowship to Follow Sharing the Greatest Message Presentation

GOD'S GIFT OF A CHILD The Lord blessed Andy and Amy Sondelski with the gift of a daughter, Emma Mae. She will experience God's love in baptism today during the 10:15am service.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE is Monday, April 15th, from 3:00 -7:00 PM. In only 30-45 minutes you can donate and help up to three people. Walk-ins are welcome, but go on a first come first served basis. Schedule a time to donate by calling 800.280.4102.

SISTERS IN CHRIST SPRING EVENT All ladies are welcome to join us for our spring Sisters in Christ event on Thursday, April 18th, 6-8pm hosted at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Mosinee. We'll be doing a board painting class. Three designs are offered, they are on the flyers on bulletin boards. You will need to choose one. Cost is \$40. Craft supplies are provided. Snacks and drinks also provided. Please RSVP by April 8 to Cassy Ewald (cinderella.ewald@gmail.com) or scan the flyer QR code. (The password is <u>Immanuel</u>.) Hope to see you there!

LWMS Wisconsin River Valley Fall Rally is Saturday, April 20th. Cathy Duncan, wife of retired missionary, Michael Duncan, will be speaking on: Woman to Woman, Reaching out to Hindu and Muslim Women in South Asia. All are welcome to attend! Registration fee is \$3. Doors open at 8:00am with registration at 8:30am, and Rally from 9:00am to 12:00pm.

IMMANUEL'S OUTDOOR SPRING CLEAN-UP is Saturday, April 20th, 8:00-10:00am. You may bring a rake, leaf blower, gloves, and/or shovel. Most work entails raking up leaves and brushing away road gravel.

SHARING THE GREATEST MESSAGE On Sunday, April 21st at 10:15am (after service), Dave Malnes, president of Praise and Proclaim Ministries will present an overview of the new dynamic of evangelism in a post-Christian digital world and ways to reach a distracted audience. He will define 'digital evangelism,' describe tools used for digital evangelism campaigns, and provide tips for members to participate. No one will be asked to commit, pressured, or forced into anything. Please consider your opportunity to come learn ways to share your faith comfortably as opportunities arise.

WELS YOUTH NIGHT- at NLHS is Sunday, April 28th from 5:45-8:30pm. This event is free, and we are inviting all area teens (WELS and their guests) from 8th to 12th grade to join us. There will be pizza, devotion and a Nerf war in the gym set up for you to enjoy. This "war" be like "paint ball" but with nerf guns. Eye protection is encouraged. Both guns and ammo will be provided. It also helps if you can sign-up in advance on the website mysaintpeter.org. Thank-you and we'll see you there! **THE PASCHAL CANDLE**, the large candle standing beside the baptismal font, symbolizes the living presence of Christ. 'Paschal' [pronounced: paskel] has to do with Passover, that event in the history of Israel when God spared the lives of those who spread the blood of a perfect lamb over the doorframes of their houses. (Exodus 14:1-30) The Bible calls Jesus our 'Passover Lamb,' slain for us. (1 Corinthians 5:7)

On the Paschal Candle are a variety of symbols: A depiction of Jesus as the Sacrificial Lamb of God; a cross, the means by which we are saved through our baptisms; and two Greek letters, an Alpha [A] and an Omega $[\Omega]$, which remind that Jesus is the Beginning and the End. Most importantly, the Paschal Candle symbolizes the resurrection victory over the darkness of sin and death. It is lit during the Easter season and whenever there is a baptism (or funeral), serving as a visual reminder of the close connection between Jesus' resurrection and the new life he gives us at baptism.

NEW BEGINNINGS BABY BOTTLE – Ladies Aid is collecting money/loose change for New Beginnings, A Home for Mothers, sponsored by Christian Life Resources. This is a Christian-based home for single mothers which helps assist residents in becoming responsible parents. Donations will be collected through May 12th. The baby bottle can be found on the Usher's Cart. See the bulletin board for additional information about NEW BEGINNINGS or contact Joy Peterson 920-737-3147, Thank you.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY - Immanuel is in need of assistance law mowing throughout the summer. If you are interested and could help out, please sign up on the bulletin board, A schedule will then be created. Any questions, please contact Nathan Nechuta.

Serving You in Worship:								
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Today								
April 14, 8:00 AM	Dan Colrud	Matt Sondelski	Aidan Sondelski					
Today								
April 14, 10:15 AM	Kyle Olund		Clara Ewald					
Next Week Sun.								
April 21 9:00 AM	Terry Landwehr	Rev. em. Suckow	Nicole Luedtke					

NORTHLAND NOTES

TOGETHER WE SHINE is coming up April 21! As we have for the last several years, we will hold our famous Soup Cook-Off and Silent Auction. If you have any wonderful and valuable prizes for the auction, please bring them to the school office. In the past, we have auctioned off prize items ranging from artwork to grills, gourmet baskets to quilts, Packer helmets to vacation cabin stays or attraction tickets. Also consider creating an award-winning soup for the cook-off! Prizes will be awarded for best soups, and the first one to run out!

As part of our annual Together We Shine fundraiser, we will be adding a Bake Sale! Could you make something sweet or savory we could add to the fun? Let us know, and bring your wonderful concoction to school by April 19. Thank you!

DEBT REDUCTION: Northland's total debt has now gone from \$3,500,000 to \$1,081,869. Can your Christ-compelled heart get us to the next goal: only \$31,869 to get to \$1,050,000 remaining (which gets us to only 30% of debt left)? Then, let's keep praying we get the other \$50,000 by June 30 to get below \$1M! PRAISE GOD!

OPEN FORUM–Our Northland delegates will meet at 7 pm on Tuesday, April 16th. Prior to that, the board will hold an Open Forum at 6 pm for anyone interested. Discussions will include changes for the upcoming school year as well as other topics. We hope you can join us!

BLOOD DRIVE! Because our Blood Drive was canceled due to a snow day, we will be holding it on Thursday, May 2. Would you like to give the gift of life? Email Miss Stelter at astelter@nlhs.org to participate.

HOUSING FOR FOREIGN STUDENTS, 24-25 - Would you consider hosting a foreign student next school year? We are looking for several families who would open their hearts and homes to a student far from home, here for an American education. The bonus is that we are able to share Jesus with these students. You would receive a stipend for the student's room and board, as well as new experiences, warm memories, and often lifetime friendships. Call or email if you are interested in this unique opportunity, 715-359-3400 or nlhsoffice@nlhs.org.