

**Ministers – All Members**  
**Stephen Anenson, Senior Pastor**  
**Kurt Jensen, Associate Pastor**

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Easter Sunday

March 27, 2016

**The Prelude**

**The Hymn**

*“Christ the Lord is Risen Today”*

No. 367

**The Litany for Easter**

**Leader:** People of God, you have come seeking the Christ, the Son of the living God.

**People:** Yes, we have set our doubts aside and we have come. We have lived with our fear too long and we have come. We have heard that Jesus has conquered death and we want to hear that good news again.

**Leader:** Do not be afraid, for He has risen from the dead, He has broken the tomb wide open, He has come back to life and is living together with us right here — right now.

**People:** We have felt His loneliness, we have prayed His prayers, and we have deserted Him. We feel guilty.

**Leader:** There is no need for your guilt — for He has taken it with Him to the cross and has paid the ultimate price for your sin. This is good news — He is alive — so that we can be alive.

**People:** This is good news — He is alive.

**Leader:** He has risen!

**People:** He has risen!

**The Prayer of the Community (In Unison)**

God of great wonder, we sense the greatness of today and we feel like shouting from the rooftops. Our pain has been turned to joy, our guilt has been turned to happiness and our despair has been turned to hope. We thank you that Jesus is with us and that His presence breaks through the silence of this morning. Your perfect plan is complete and we give you thanks and praise for this Easter day. Amen.

**The Time for Greeting**

**The Announcements**

**The Worship Hymn**

*“I Am the Resurrection”*

(on screen)

**The Lesson – I Corinthians 15:19-26**

<sup>19</sup> If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

<sup>20</sup> But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. <sup>21</sup> For since death

came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. <sup>22</sup> For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. <sup>23</sup> But each in turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. <sup>24</sup> Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. <sup>25</sup> For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup> The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

#### **The Gospel – Luke 24:1-12**

<sup>1</sup> On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. <sup>2</sup> They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup> but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. <sup>4</sup> While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. <sup>5</sup> In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead?” <sup>6</sup> He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: <sup>7</sup> ‘The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.’ ” <sup>8</sup> Then they remembered his words. <sup>9</sup> When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. <sup>10</sup> It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles. <sup>11</sup> But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense. <sup>12</sup> Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened.

#### **The Affirmation of Faith**

I believe in a great God who created the world in power and love and whose character is reflected in all of creation.

I believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of Man. His life, His teachings, His miracles, His death and His resurrection combine to provide true forgiveness of sin and life for all eternity. His strength bolsters my weakness, His love covers my failures and His sacrifice forgives my sin. I trust Him as a friend and brother, a Savior and Lord.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, God at work in and among us. I believe that God is present and active in today's world and that I can know some of the joy of heaven right now. I believe that the church of Christ is the people of God and that in prayer, the sacraments, and the fellowship of the church we can experience true meaning and everlasting love in our lives.

#### **The Children's Sermon**

#### **The Offering**

**The Offertory** “We Are An Offering” (on screen)

#### **The Anthem**

“He is Risen” Price, Besig

The Senior Choir - Susan Amensen, Director

#### **The Message**

“Good News from a Graveyard” Pastor Anenson

#### **The Video**

“Easter Song” Glad

#### **The Closing Prayer**

**The Lord's Prayer** (on screen)

#### **The Benediction**

*Please be seated as the choir assembles for the  
“Hallelujah Chorus.” You will be told when to  
stand during the singing of the song.*

#### **The Closing**

“Hallelujah Chorus” from “Messiah” Handel

*Please allow the choir to recess before you leave.*

#### **The Postlude**

**Organist:** Emily Anderson

**Ushers:** Don Olson, John Johnson, Steve McCoy, Brandon McCoy

**Greeters:** Gayle Tate, Sierra Tate

**Candlelighter:** Josie Concannon

**Reader:** Gayle Tate

**Sound Engineer:** Jim Oberender

**In Jesus' Name... Welcome!** Our church is a gathering of families of faith committed to helping people live their lives through our risen Lord Jesus Christ. His love unites us in spirit and truth. It is our hope that you will experience genuine worship today! Visitors are invited to fill out a worship registration card.

**Former choir members** and others who would like to sing the “Hallelujah Chorus” with the Senior Choir are invited to come up and join the choir after the Benediction. Choir members will provide you with extra music. Please remain in your pews following the “Hallelujah Chorus” until the choir members have recessed. Thank you.

**Thank you to all** those who had a part in making this such a meaningful Lenten Season, whether by helping with the Lenten suppers, providing special music, or attending the services. Thanks to the Senior Choir for sharing the Good News of the Resurrection through song today. Thank you to Mike Billings for the instrumental accompaniment for our first hymn this morning.

**Our appreciation** to our youth for the delicious breakfast they served. Thanks to Zachary Bauknecht and our youth board for coordinating the breakfast this morning.

**Next Sunday** is Food Pantry Sunday. Bring your items and place them in the grocery cart. Checks can be made out to Immanuel with a notation for the Food Pantry and can be placed in the offering plate.

**Attendance last Sunday** - 289

**The 9th grade confirmation parents** will meet from 6:45-7:15 P.M. on Wednesday night in the cornerstone room.

**A New Member Sunday** has been set for May 1. Please call the church office or talk to the pastors if you are interested in joining. A class for those who would like to join but are presently members of a non-Lutheran church will be held soon.

**Work Day.** On Saturday, April 9, the trustees are asking as many members as possible to be part of a work day at church from 9 A.M. - 12 noon. Thanks in advance for your help.

**God's Not Dead 2 Movie** - This Saturday, April 2 we have an opportunity to see a fantastic movie together in Ames. The cost is \$6.75. We will meet at 12:15 at Immanuel and should be back by 3:45. This movie goes in depth about the role that God has in schools and the impact of Christians who stand up for their beliefs in the face of adversity! *This event is open to all people in our congregation.*

**2016 Mission Challenge:** During worship next Sunday, April 3, we will ask for twenty volunteers to receive seed money to use creatively with others for God's mission. Prayerfully consider whether the Holy Spirit might be prompting you to participate in the challenge and make a difference right next door or across the world on behalf of Christ!

**Our sympathy** to Beth & Rod Bunn and their family on the death of Beth's mother, Judith Goodermote on Wednesday. The funeral was yesterday in Appleton, Wisconsin.

**Baby Shower.** Please join us for a baby shower for Travis & Jena Hamilton (son of Tim & Tami Marienau) next Sunday, April 3 at 1 P.M. in the Immanuel social hall.

**Spring Retreat.** All women are invited to the Riverside Cluster Spring Retreat to be held at Bethesda Lutheran Church in Jewell on Friday, April 8. Registration begins at 8:30 A.M. Cost is \$8.00 which covers the refreshments and noon lunch. Chaplain Sandy Anenson of Bethany Life Communities will be speaking on "Dignity in Aging." The activities will conclude by 2 P.M. To make a reservation, please contact the Immanuel or Bethesda church office by this Friday, April 1.

### Learning Opportunities

#### • **Adult Classes in the Cornerstone Room**

- **"Work as Worship"** - The last session of this adult class will be Sunday, April 3 at 8:30 A.M. *Work as Worship* challenges all of us to consider the reason God calls us to work. *Even if you haven't been with us for the previous sessions, come to this one on "Don't Worship Your Work."* You can watch other sessions whenever you like at [www.rightnow.org](http://www.rightnow.org).
- **"Unstuck: Moving from the Mundane to the Meaningful"** - 8:30 A.M., Sundays, April 10 – May 8. *Are you stuck in a rut?* It's easy for Christians to find themselves caught up in the life of cluttered schedules, rhythms, and routines dictated by our culture. Many feel stuck in the routine of life—their jobs, relationships, and daily circumstances. The *Unstuck* video Bible study can help guide you out of the ruts and pitfalls that so often ensnare us all. You will be inspired and equipped through the powerful biblical teaching of Mark Batterson, Francis Chan, Lisa Harper and Rich Stearns. The dynamic combination of the film, profound biblical teaching and powerful real-life stories from everyday people will help you get unstuck and back on the path to a life of purpose that God intends for you. Miss a session? Watch it anytime at [www.rightnow.org](http://www.rightnow.org) with your free RightNow Media account (let us know if you don't have one yet!).

#### • **Adult Classes in the Social Hall**

- On Sunday, April 3, Pastor Anenson will lead a Bible Study called **"The Radiance of the Resurrection - What this Event Means for Our Every Day Lives."**
- Sundays, April 10-24, Pastor Tom Hunt will lead a study **"From Victim to Victor: Naming and Claiming the Promises of God."** "Have you ever wondered where is the joy the Bible says I'm supposed to have? Where is God's peace when I seem to fret about every little thing? This three week session will try to understand the thinking that often defeats us, the attitudes and behaviors that keep us from living a truly joyous victorious life in Christ. I'd love to have you join us. Please bring your Bibles as we rediscover the awesome promises of God applying His Word to everyday life." -- Pastor Tom Hunt

### Reminders

- **A nursery/playroom** is available across from the restrooms on the main floor of the educational wing.
- **The Children's Activity Bulletins** are available from the ushers for young children.
- **Hearing devices** for those who have a difficult time hearing the service can be found on the shelf in the narthex.

- **The regular and large print** editions of the "Our Daily Bread" devotional books are on the shelf in the narthex.
- **All the change in the offering** each week goes to help those who are suffering from hunger. Why not put an extra quarter in the plate each week?
- **A Handicap Accessible Restroom** is located in the northwest corner of the lower level of the education wing. Additional restrooms are available on the lower level of the educational wing and in the social hall.



As a congregation, let's be in prayer for:

- Those who lost loved ones in the terror attack in Brussels.
- The Bunn family as they mourn.
- Rich Olive at Mary Greeley.

We praise God for:

- Raising His Son to life so that we too might have freedom from sin and freedom from fear.

#### Youth Activities

##### High School Youth Activities

**Our next meeting** - Will be next Sunday, April 3rd as we gather from 4:00-5:00PM. Bring a friend! \*Please note the time change.\*

**Good Friday service** - Thank you to all who helped put together our service this past Friday!!

##### Middle School Youth Activities

**Our next meeting** - Will be next Sunday, April 3rd as we gather from 2:00-3:15PM. Bring a friend! Hope you can make it out for a fun afternoon.

**Easter Breakfast** - Thank you to the youth who helped serve breakfast this morning. You rock!

##### Middle and High School Youth Activities

**God's Not Dead 2 Movie** - This coming Saturday April 2nd we have an awesome opportunity to see a fantastic movie together in Ames. The cost is \$6.75 and we will meet at 12:15 at Immanuel. We should be back by 3:45 or so. Please wear your orange youth group shirt if you have one. This movie goes in depth about the role that God has in schools and the impact of Christians who stand up for their beliefs in the face of adversity! Please bring a friend to see this powerful and encouraging movie.

### **March 27 - April 3, 2016** **Worship & Study Opportunities at Immanuel**

#### **Sunday, March 27 – Easter Sunday**

8:00 A.M.	Radio Broadcast on KASI (1430 AM)
8:15 A.M.	Easter Breakfast
9:30 A.M.	Easter Festival Service

#### **Monday, March 28**

#### **Tuesday, March 29**

9:30 A.M.	Staff Meeting
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#### **Wednesday, March 30**

6:30 P.M.	Junior Choir
6:30 P.M.	Pizza Supper for Trinity & Confirmation Classes
6:45 P.M.	Trinity & Confirmation Classes
6:45 P.M.	Senior Confirmation Parents Meeting
7:15 P.M.	Senior Choir

#### **Thursday, March 31**

#### **Friday, April 1**

#### **Saturday, April 2**

8:00 A.M.	Men of Immanuel
12:15 P.M.	God's Not Dead 2 Movie

#### **Sunday, April 3 – Communion Sunday**

8:00 A.M.	Radio Broadcast on KASI (1430 AM)
8:30 A.M.	Sunday School Classes
9:00 A.M.	Coffee Fellowship (Narthex)
9:30 A.M.	Worship
10:30 A.M.	Coffee Fellowship (Narthex)
1:00 P.M.	Open House Baby Shower for Travis & Jenna Hamilton
2:00 P.M.	MS Youth Group
4:00 P.M.	HS Youth Group
4:00 P.M.	"Core" Bible Study
5:30 P.M.	"Core" (last year's group) supper and meeting

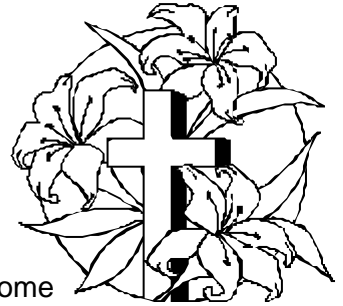


# Easter Lilies

## EASTER LILIES

We wish to thank all who shared in the beautiful floral Easter displays in the sanctuary and the narthex. The white lily symbolizes life bursting forth into beauty, and its fragrance is a foreshadow of the heavenly dawn for each believer.

If you were honored with or ordered a lily through the church office, you are welcome to take one home with you after the service today.



We acknowledge the following donors who have given flowers:

Ron & Susan Kinyon in memory of Mary Jane & Ole B. Skaar Sr.

Ron & Susan Kinyon in memory of Leo Kinyon

Ron & Susan Kinyon in memory of Mark Steckelberg

John, Corine, Kyle, Michael & Jamie Nordeen in memory of loved ones gone before us

John, Corine, Kyle, Michael & Jamie Nordeen in honor of loved ones still with us

Irene Alvestad and family in memory of Ralph Alvestad

Loren & Solvay Twedt in memory of their son, Brad

Grant, Laura, Jerry & Henry Severson in memory of Jerry Severson and Milt Severson

Grant, Laura, Jerry & Henry Severson in memory of Lester & Sally Meinmann

Gary & Sue Uthe in memory of their parents and brother

Craig & Nancy Sargent in memory of loved ones

Berniece Voga and family in memory of Jim Voga

Theresa Haskin and Jessica Haskin in memory of Rose Teresa Haskin

Steve & Miriam Skartvedt in memory of Murrel Skartvedt

Nadine Beck and family in memory of Allan Beck

LaVerne Pierce and family in memory of Elaine Pierce

Cathy McKim and Caroline Sorem in memory of Pastor David Lack

Cathy McKim and Caroline Sorem in memory of Pastor Walter & Marjorie Lack

Jessica, Jake and Jakoby in memory of their dad and grandpa,  
Gary Blomberg

Jessica, Jake, Jon, Lea and Jakoby in honor of Grandma Donna  
Kammin and in memory of Grandpa DeWayne Kammin

In memory of Lloyd, Evelyn and Michael Thompson from their  
loving family

In memory of Norm & Evelyn Loots from their loving family

In memory of Jennifer Lynn Loots from her dad and mom

Sara Anderson and family in memory of Leonard Anderson

Tom & Sandy Hunt in memory of their son, Jonathan

Tom & Sandy Hunt in memory of their parents

Don & Doretta Hoffman and family in memory of Les & Ardyce  
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Don & Doretta Hoffmann and family in honor of Melvin Peter

Rich & Marian Olive in thankfulness for all your prayers

Rich & Marian Olive in honor of their children and grandchildren

Rich & Marian Olive in memory of Abel & Shirley Tesdall

Rich & Marian Olive in memory of Bill & Mary Ann Olive

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Alyx and Haidyn

Denny & Marlene Bauman in memory of their parents

John & Sandra Kowalik in memory of Sandra's father, Dennis  
Lee

Sharon Moore in memory of Gary Moore and Cyrus & Gladys  
Thorson

Joel & Mary Danielson in honor of their parents, Raymond &  
Lois Danielson and David & Donna Teigland

Joel & Mary Danielson in honor of their children and  
grandchildren

Curtiss L. Ostrem in memory of his mother and father, Mr. &  
Mrs. Matt (Julia) Ostrem

Curtiss L. Ostrem in memory of his wife, Jeanne E. Ostrem

Tim & Gail Nordholm in honor of their mothers, Phyllis Nordholm  
and Audrey Gauley

Tim & Gail Nordholm in memory of Tim's father, Wayne  
Nordholm

In memory of Darlene Paulson from her family

Justin & Katie Hanson in honor of Donna Gelner

Justin & Katie Hanson in honor of Betty Hanson

Lois & Roger Oakland in memory of Cyrus & Gladys Thorson

Lois & Roger Oakland in memory of Henry Oakland

Pastor & Sandy Anenson in memory of loved ones

Pastor Kurt & Sarah Jensen in memory of Sarah's mother, Kay  
Faust

In honor of Ruby Olson from her family