

WEST IDA IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Sunday, April 20, 2025
RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD/EASTER

"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!

(Congregation Responses in Bold)

Ring of Bell

Prelude

Thanksgiving for Baptism

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

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.

Water may be poured before or during the thanksgiving.

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

make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making. Baptized into you, O Living One,

make us one as you are one.

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

Baptized into you, O Living One,

make us one as you are one.

Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living 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.

Processional Hymn "Jesus Christ is Risen Today" ELW#365

Grace Lietaert, Trumpeter

Kyrie – Setting 5, WOV,pg 28
Hymn of Praise

Prayer of the Day

O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Readings for This Day

First Reading: Acts 10:34-43

Peter began to speak to [the people]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

The responsive reading today is Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24

Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good; God's mercy endures forever.

Let Israel now declare, "God's mercy endures forever."

The LORD is my strength and my song, and has become my salvation.

Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!

The right hand of the LORD is exalted! The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"

I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.

The LORD indeed punished me sorely, but did not hand me over to death.

Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.

"This is the gate of the LORD; here the righteous may enter."

I give thanks to you, for you have answered me and you have become my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

By the LORD has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. ²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. ²¹For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; ²²for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. ²³But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

The Word of the Lord, **Thanks be to God.**

Please rise, in body or spirit for the reading of the Gospel

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

Alleluia. You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia, alleluia.

The holy Gospel according to **Luke 24: 1-12**
Glory to you O Lord.

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, [the women] came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. ²They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³but when they went in, they did not find the body. ⁴While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. ⁵The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. ⁶Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." ⁸Then they remembered his words, ⁹and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹²But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ**

Children's Talk
Sermon

Hymn of the Day "Now The Green Blade Rises" ELW#379

Prayers of Intercession

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

The Offering is Gathered

Offertory Hymn: "Yours, Lord is the Glory" ELW#849

Offertory Prayer

Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...we praise

And also with you.

We lift them to the Lord.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Your name and join their unending hymn:

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heav'n 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, hosanna in the highest.

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.

**Communion Songs "Lamb of God" WOV pg. 39
"Living Hope" ccli#7106807**

Post Communion Prayer

Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world. Amen.

Announcements

Blessing

The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come,
Sovereign, ✚ Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn,
now and always.

Amen.

Sending Hymn "Thine is the Glory" ELW#376

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!

Serving Today:

Usher:	Emily Frank
Communion Assistant:	Kayla Kraftchick
Reader:	Paula Nyitray
Communion Bread:	Melanie Mero
No Fellowship hour after worship!	

Serving April 27:

Usher:	Kathie Kominek
Communion Assistant:	Shari Drouillard
Collection Counters:	Paul Kraftchick & Kathie Kominek
Reader:	Karen Church
Hungry Seekers:	Shelly Lietaert
Communion Bread:	Volunteer Needed
Fellowship Hour:	Volunteer Needed

EASTER FLOWERS WERE PLACED BY:

Pastor Denise:	To the Glory of God
Emily Frank:	In Memory of Dorothy & Wilmond Frank, August & Minnie Frank and Steve Frank
Brad & Vanessa Auten:	In Memory of Grandpa Ruehs and in Honor of our family
The Leonard & Capling Families:	In memory of loved ones
Paul & Shirley Kraftchick:	In Memory of Jon & Clara Ness and in Honor of the Kraftchick Family
Shari Drouillard:	In Memory of Joe Drouillard
Shari Drouillard & Sandy Hayter:	In Memory of Lee, Wanda, and Jason Weiler
Pam Hayden and Family:	In Memory of Art & Arleen Miller, Angela Young and Darrian Young
Paula Nyitray:	In Memory of Edward Nyitray
Sam & Mardi Ruehs:	In Honor of Ed & Jan Ruehs and in Memory of Ruehs & Reid Families who have passed
Paul Loga:	In Memory of Barbara Loga
Diane Ruehs:	In Memory of Dad on his first Heavenly Easter and in Honor of my family.
The Kraftchick Family:	In Honor of Paul & Shirley Kraftchick
Kathie Kominek:	In Honor of Kayla Kraftchick, Kourtney Kraftchick, Kristie Kraftchick, and Debbie and Kerrie Kraftchick
	In Memory of John & Clara Ness, Fritz & Joyce Kominek, and Earnest & Helen Kraftchick
In Honor of:	Melanie, Trang, and Pastor Denise

Announcements

Happy Birthday to Jason Weber on April 21; Sydney Ruehs on April 22; and Grace Lietaert on April 23rd!

CLEAN UP DAY is scheduled for next Sunday, April 27th; with a rain date of May 4th! Please plan as you're able to stay after and help. There are jobs and fun to be had by everyone!

IDA COMMUNITY DAYS will be held on May 17th from 9am to 3pm. We plan on having a table like we did last year, and are once again asking for individually wrapped baked goods to sell at the table. Sign-up sheet for working as well as baking contributions is in the hall.

WOMAN'S RETREAT Saturday, May 3 from 10am to 3pm **at St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church**, 9144 Lewis Avenue, Temperance MI Register by April 19; cost \$20.00. Focusing on Ephesians 4:32 **"Sprinkle Kindness Like Confetti"**. Lunch and refreshment are provided. **Call or text Donna @ 419-261-1555 to register.**

EASTER OFFERINGS this year and the loose offering this morning, will go to Samaritas.

This Week We Pray For

Maddie Carew (healing)	Sandi Vance (healing)
Sean Carew (healing)	Deb and Phil Sontag (healing)
Bonnie Cornprobst (healing)	Fred Inman (healing)
Ruth Paselk (healing)	Jacque Inman (healing)
Bill and Sharon Dzierlatka (healing)	Michael Joseph (healing)
Hope Carew (healing)	Fred Kominek (healing)
Tonya Hahn (healing)	Jan Ruehs (healing)
Sharon Hargraves (healing)	Ben Schultz (healing)
Donna Tuttle (healing)	Lee Varga (healing)
Terry McDonald Carmen (healing)	Kim Vargas (healing)
Nathan (healing)	Jamie Carillo (health)
Tom Paselk (healing)	Clark Willmore (Grandson
John Quiel (healing)	of William & Kim Auten who was
Frank Rosza (healing)	diagnosed with MPSIII Children's
Ed Ruehs Jr. (healing)	Alzheimer's)
Elaina Rusnak (healing)	Elliott (discernment & peace)
Bill Salow (healing)	The family of Robin Marshall
Frank Turner (healing)	

Prayers for Those in the Military

Aaron Bunke (stateside)
Christina Dickerson (stateside)
Christopher Odor (Korea, son of William & Kim Auten)
Joey & Megan Noeske (Guard & Reserves)
Brandon Rozanski (stateside)
Ted Warren (stateside)

APRIL Anniversary:

Paul & Shirley Kraftchick - April 30

May Birthdays:

Fred Kominek	May 1
Shelly Lietaert	May 4
Kurt Kraftchick	May 11
Christina Allyn	May 22
Anne Capling	May 25
Tim Leonard	May 30

May Anniversary:

Danny & Andrea Hargraves - May 4

Upcoming Commemorations

Anselm, Bishop of Canterbury, died 1109

Monday, April 21, 2025

This eleventh-century monk was one of the greatest theologians of the Middle Ages. He is remembered for emphasizing the maternal aspects of God, and for the theory that the Son of God became human in order to make the necessary payment for our sin.

Day of the Creation (Día de la Creación) (LLC)

Tuesday, April 22, 2025

This observance invites us to notice and give God thanks for the wonders of the created universe. As stewards of that creation, we are also challenged to be careful in our use of it.

Toyohiko Kagawa, renewer of society, died 1960

Wednesday, April 23, 2025

Born in Kobe, Japan, Kagawa was orphaned as a young child. Later, when he became Christian, he was disowned by the rest of his family. Wishing to bring Christian principles into society, he worked among poor people, established schools and hospitals, and worked for peace.

Mark, Evangelist

Friday, April 25, 2025

He was not numbered among the twelve apostles, yet Mark was probably a member of the early church community. The gospel that bears his name is the shortest and most direct, and many scholars think it was the first to be written.