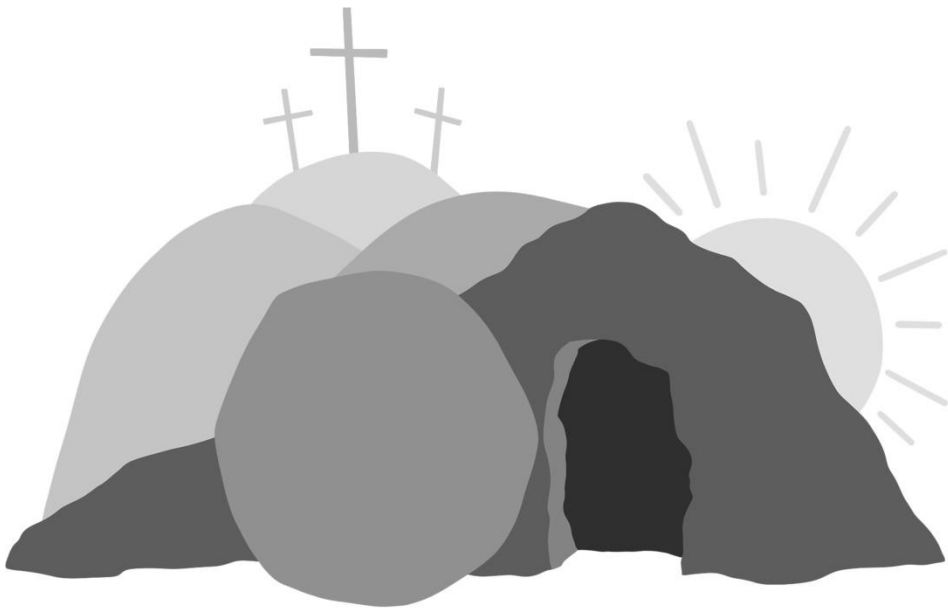


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# GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

## EASTER 2026

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But now Christ is risen from the dead, *and* has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

1 Corinthians 15:20



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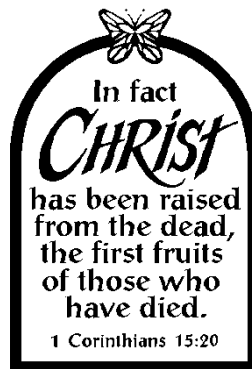
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**Church Year:** Easter

**Organist:** Janelle Hein/Ryan Mueller  
**Grades:** Kindergarten-8<sup>th</sup>  
**Date:** April 5, 2026

**Welcome** to our Festival Easter Service. The events that happened at the cross and tomb are the foundation blocks of our Christian faith. "Jesus our Lord ... was delivered up because of our offenses, and was raised because of our justification" (Romans 4:25). By the vacated cross we have assurance that the penalty for our sins is paid for; and by the empty tomb we have the confidence that we'll be declared "not guilty" before God's judgment throne when we too will be raised from the dead on the Last Day. There is much to rejoice about on this festive occasion! May your worship be truly blessed.



## † The Order of Easter Worship †

**Worship Preparation:** ..... *Psalm 118, TLH p. 148 f.*

**Opening Prayer:** .....

**Response:** .....

*P: He is risen!*

**C: He is risen indeed!**

**Children's Recitation:** ..... *Mark 16:1-8: The Resurrection Account*

**Children's Hymn:** ..... *WS 730: Now Let the Heav'ns Be Joyful*

**Opening Hymn:** ..... *TLH 198: He's Risen! He's Risen, Christ Jesus, The Lord*

**1. He's risen, he's risen, Christ Jesus, the Lord;  
He opened Death's prison, The incarnate, Word.  
Break forth, hosts of heaven, in jubilant song  
While earth, sea, and mountain the paean prolong.**

**2. The foe was triumphant when on Calvary  
The Lord of creation was nailed to the tree.  
In Satan's domain did the hosts shout and jeer,  
For Jesus was slain, whom the evil ones fear.**

**3. But short was their triumph, the Savior arose,  
And death, hell, and Satan He vanquished, His foes;  
The conquering Lord lifts his banner on high.  
He lives, ye, he lives, and will nevermore die.**

**4. Oh, where is your sting, death? We fear thee no more;  
Christ rose, and now open is fair Eden's door.  
For all our transgressions His blood does atone;  
Redeemed and forgiven, we now are His own.**

**5. Then sing your hosannas and raise your glad voice;  
Proclaim the blest tidings that all may rejoice.  
Laud, honor, and praise to the Lamb that was slain;  
Who sitteth in glory, and ever shall reign.**

**Invocation:** .....

*P: We begin our Easter worship in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen*

**Confession and Absolution:** .....

**C: Heavenly Father, just as Your chosen disciples sinned by failing Your Son in their lives and during Holy Week, so we, too, have sinned and failed You in our discipleship in many ways. Sorrow and repentance fill our hearts. Yet, Your disciples sought and found mercy in Your redeeming love. Likewise this day, we come humbly and in faith seeking Your mercy. Forgive us for the sake of our crucified and risen Savior and Your precious Gospel promises.**

*P: Jesus Christ "was delivered for our offenses and raised again for our justification" (Romans 4:25). As He on Easter evening reassured His repentant disciples, "Peace be with you" (John 20:21), so on this Easter day I, as a called servant of Christ, assure you: Be of good cheer. Your sins are forgiven you, Peace be with you.*

**First Reading:** .....

Then Mary Magdalene, one of the women, hurried back ahead of the others and told Peter and John what they had seen. And Peter and John rushed out to the tomb and found it empty, but saw the burial clothes of Jesus neatly folded where Jesus laid. Then they returned to the city.

Meanwhile, Mary Magdalene returned to the empty tomb. As she stood outside the tomb weeping, she bent over and looked in and saw two angels in white sitting where the body of Jesus had been. And they said to her, "Why are you crying?" She said, "Because they have taken my Lord away and I don't know where they have laid Him." And when she turned around she saw someone standing nearby, but she did not know that it was Jesus. He said to her, "Why are you crying? Who are you looking for?" Believing Him to be the caretaker, she replied, "Sir, if you have taken Him away, tell me where." Jesus said to her, "Mary". She turned and said to Him, "Master!" Jesus responded, "Go and tell My disciples that you have seen Me and that I will ascend back to My Father in heaven." But when she told them, they did not yet fully believe her words

**Response:**..... *TLH 192 st. 1-2 Awake, My Heart, With Gladness*

**1. Awake, my heart, with gladness,  
See what today is done;  
Now, after gloom and sadness,  
Comes forth the glorious Sun.  
My Savior there was laid  
Where our bed must be made  
When to the realms of light  
Our spirit wings its flight.**

**2. The Foe in triumph shouted  
When Christ lay in the tomb;  
But, lo, he now is routed,  
His boast is turned to gloom.  
For Christ again is free;  
In glorious victory  
He who is strong to save  
Has triumphed o'er the grave.**

**Second Reading:** .....

And as the other women were walking, suddenly Jesus met them saying, "Greetings!" And they fell at His feet and worshiped Him. And Jesus instructed them to share the News with all their brothers and sisters in Christ. Now the soldiers who had guarded the tomb came into the city and told the Jewish leaders all that had happened. And after meeting, they gave the soldiers a large sum of money to say to all who asked: "The disciples came overnight while we slept and stole the body of Jesus – so that they could say He had risen. And if your story reaches the governor, we will bribe him and you will be safe." And this story is widely known among the Jews to this very day.

Later that first Easter Sunday, the Scriptures tell us that Jesus appeared to Peter and then also to two of His followers on the road to Emmaus. On Easter Sunday evening the Apostle John records the first of several appearances to His disciples, greeting them with the words, "Peace be with you." After showing them His hands and His feet, Jesus assured them of the forgiveness of their sins, His blessing, and their continued calling as witnesses of Him and His resurrection. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed?

**Response:** .....*TLH 192 st. 3-4 Awake, My Heart, With Gladness*

3. This is a sight that gladdens;  
What peace it doth impart!  
Now nothing ever saddens  
The joy within my heart.  
No gloom shall ever shake,  
No foe shall ever take  
The hope which God's own Son  
In love for me hath won.

4. Now hell, its prince, the devil,  
Of all their pow'r are shorn;  
Now I am safe from evil,  
And sin I laugh to scorn.  
Grim Death with all his might  
Cannot my soul affright;  
He is a pow'rless form,  
Howe'er he rave and storm.

**Confession of Faith:** .....*Easter Creed*

**C:** I believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Man, Lord of lords and Savior of the fallen world. I believe that He came to earth on a mission of salvation, lived a holy life as my Law-fulfilling Substitute, was crucified at the hands of sinful men, and endured the punishment of hell at the hands of a just God. He died and was buried. And I believe that on the third day He rose bodily from the dead, exactly as it had been prophesied and as He had promised. Attested to by the inspired Scriptures and by many eyewitnesses, Jesus' resurrection verifies that He is God's Son, that His salvation mission is complete, and that He has triumphed over the last great enemy – death. And in rising and conquering death, Christ has become the first-fruit of all who sleep in Him. Because He rose, I and all who look to Him in faith shall one day rise. Because He lives, I too shall live. For He has promised me: "I am the Resurrection and the Life. He who believes in Me, though He may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die." Amen.

**Hymn:** .....Hymn 200 st. 1-2,5,7-8 I Know That My Redeemer Lives

1. I know that my Redeemer lives;  
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!  
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;  
He lives, my everlasting Head.

2. He lives triumphant from the grave,  
He lives eternally to save,  
He lives all-glorious in the sky,  
He lives exalted there on high.

5. He lives to silence all my fears,  
He lives to wipe away my tears,  
He lives to calm my troubled heart,  
He lives all blessings to impart.

7. He lives and grants me daily breath;  
He lives and I shall conquer death;  
He lives my mansion to prepare;  
He lives to bring me safely there.

8. He lives, all glory to His name!  
He lives, my Jesus, still the same.  
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives,  
"I know that my Redeemer lives!"

**Sermon:** .....1 Corinthians 15:26  
(26) "The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death."

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## "Death Takes an Eternal Holiday"

1. It Is Never Our Friend, Only Our Foe.  
II. Death Has Been Swallowed Up In Victory.
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**Hymn:** ..... *TLH 201: Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won!*

**1. Jesus lives! The vict'ry's won!**  
Death no longer can appal me;  
Jesus lives! Death's reign is done!  
From the grave Christ will recall me.  
Brighter scenes will then commence;  
This shall be my confidence.

**2. Jesus lives! To Him the throne**  
High o'er heav'n and earth is given.  
I shall go where He is gone,  
Live and reign with Him in heaven.  
God is faithful. Doubtings, hence!  
This shall be my confidence.

**3. Jesus lives! For me He died,**  
Hence will I, to Jesus living,  
Pure in heart and act abide,  
Praise to Him and glory giving.  
Freely God doth aid dispense;  
This shall be my confidence.

**4. Jesus lives! I know full well**  
Naught from me His love shall sever;  
Life nor death nor powers of hell  
Part me now from Christ forever.  
God will be a sure Defense;  
This shall be my confidence.

**5. Jesus lives! and now is death**  
But the gate of life immortal;  
This shall calm my trembling breath  
When I pass its gloomy portal.  
Faith shall cry, as fails each sense,  
Jesus is my confidence!



**Easter Responsive Reading:** .....

*P: Dawn quiet... still grief... incredible sorrow.*

**C: The Son of Man lies dead, killed by human grief and fear.**

*P: Cool morning sun... awakening life.*

**C: The garden is now Christ's home, the tomb His dwelling.**

*P: The guards stir, the sun climbs the sky and life begins again.*

**C: Jesus lies in sleep this third day since His death.**

P: It is life that shatters the peace! Blinding light! Incredible energy!

**C: Frantic guards run in fear from the face of God.**

P: Angels! Brilliance! God’s power manifest!

**C: The stone is moved! The body is gone!**

P: The impossible becomes reality!

**C: Life conquers death!**

P: Loving friends come to the garden to offer final farewells.

**C: An empty tomb and joyous angels proclaim: “He is not here! He is risen!**

P: Hearts uplifted, they run to tell, to share, to proclaim:

**C: The Lord is risen indeed!**

P: Incredible joy! Amazing wonder! God’s Son – alive again, as prophesied and promised.

**C: No grave could hold Him – or will hold us forever!**

P: Jesus Christ, the One Who was dead, but now is alive forevermore!

**C: Death has been swallowed up in victory. Thanks be to God Who gives us the victory through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

P: Alleluia – that is our song, that is our praise – today and evermore.

**C: “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ Who, according to His abundant mercy, has begotten us again to a living hope by the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you” (1 Peter 1:3-4).**

**Choir Easter Anthem: .....**

**Offering .....**

**Prayer, Lord’s Prayer: .....**

**Benediction: .....**

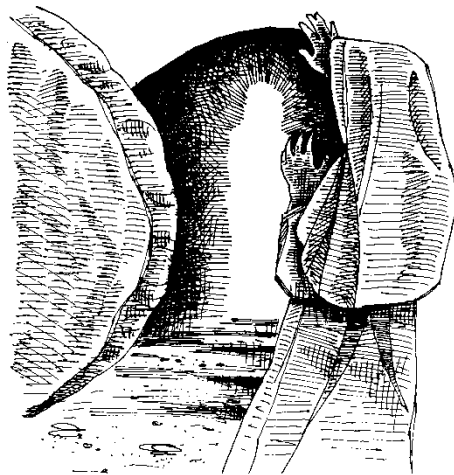
*P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.*



**Closing Hymn:** .....TLH 199: *Jesus Christ is Risen Today, Alleluia!*

**Note:** Everyone sings unless noted otherwise.

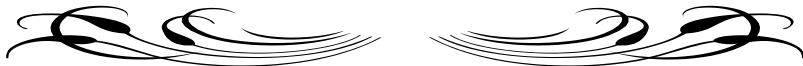
1. **Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!**  
**Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!**  
**Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!**  
**Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!**
2. *[Note: Men only, all on "Alleluia"]*  
Hymns of praise, then, let us sing, **Alleluia!**  
Unto Christ, our heavenly King, **Alleluia!**  
Who endured the cross and grave, **Alleluia!**  
Sinners to redeem and save. **Alleluia!**
3. *[Note: Women only, all on "Alleluia"]*  
But the pains which He endured, **Alleluia!**  
Our salvation have procured. **Alleluia!**  
Now above the sky He's King, **Alleluia!**  
Where the angels ever sing. **Alleluia!**
4. **Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!**  
**Praise eternal as His love: Alleluia!**  
**Praise Him, all ye heav'nly host, Alleluia!**  
**Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!**



“He <sup>has risen,</sup>  
See he is not here.  
the place where  
they laid him.”

Mark 16:6

He lives, all glory to His name!  
He lives, my Jesus, still the same.  
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives,  
“I know that my Redeemer lives!”



**Welcome:** We welcome our visitors on this most joyous of Christian holidays. Please sign our guest register located by the entrance of the church. You are certainly welcome to talk with Chairman Enns to learn more about Grace Lutheran and what we believe Scripture teaches. We cordially invite you to come again, and please let us know how we may provide spiritual ministry to you!

# † The Announcements †

- ➔ **Thanks:** Thank you to Rev. David Schierenbeck for sharing the Easter message with us this morning!
- ➔ **Among us:** It's a boy! Ladies of the congregation are invited to a baby shower for Maddie Maki on Sunday, May 3, after church. Her registry is online <https://my.babylist.com/madeline-maki>. Please RSVP to Heidi Nelson or Laura Wales.
- ➔ **Among us:** Benno Sydow was hospitalized on March 27 for intermittent lightheadedness and on March 31 he received a pacemaker. Benno was discharged on April 1 and is recuperating at home. This week, Jane Cowan was also admitted to the hospital. The doctors found a mass on her lungs and on her liver. A biopsy is now scheduled. Please keep our brother and sister in Christ in your prayers!
- ➔ **Installation of Pastor Naumann** will be Sunday, April 26 at 4 pm. Dorcas Guild committee #1 will host a 5 pm meal. Please bring a dish to share! Chicken and a sheet cake will be provided. There will be normal Sunday morning Bible Class and Worship Service that day.
- ➔ **Welcoming the Naumanns:** To welcome the Naumanns to our church family, two efforts are underway: Bonnie Baker is assembling a 'Minnesota Welcome Basket' with Minnesota-themed items. Contact her with suggestions or to contribute items. Heidi Nelson is organizing a 'fill the pantry' collection of food items to have ready in their kitchen when the Naumanns move in. Please speak with her about donating money or items. Items can be put in the kitchen under the microwave until April 19. Freezer meals are also welcome!
- ➔ **Tuition Aid Fund Distribution:** The Tuition Aid Fund was distributed in February to the Grace students attending Immanuel Lutheran High School in Eau Claire, WI. \$7,500 was distributed to the six students which amounted to \$1,250 per student.
- ➔ **Seminar at Berea:** Berea, Inver Grove Heights will be hosting a seminar entitled "The War on Genders and Sexuality" on Saturday, April 25 from 10:00 a.m. To 12:30 p.m. Pastor Neal Radichel will be presenting a Biblical view on the matter and Matt Starland will be presenting an apologetic response to arguments presented in society. Please email Pastor Nathan Pfeiffer if you have any questions - [revpfei@gmail.com](mailto:revpfei@gmail.com)
- ➔ **Lang Funeral:** A funeral for Gene "Butch" Lang is being held at Berea Lutheran in Inver Grove Heights on Saturday, April 11 at 11:00 am. There will be a visitation at 10:00 am with a meal to follow the service.
- ➔ **CLC Youth camp:** Registration opened March 21 at 12:00pm. Register on: <https://youthcampclc.wixsite.com/camp/register>
- ➔ **ILHS Visitors Day:** Immanuel Lutheran High School in Eau Claire, WI, will host their annual High School Visitors Day on Friday, May 1, 2026, for students grades 7 and up. An invitation letter, schedule of events, and online registration can be found at [www.ilc.edu](http://www.ilc.edu). Please register



students and chaperones by Friday, April 24. A theater performance of The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe will take place on Friday and Saturday at 7:30 pm. The Immanuel Band will perform before the play on Friday at 7:00 pm, and student talent performances will take place Saturday at 7:00 pm. Performances are free and open to the public. For more information regarding ILHS Visitors Day, please contact Prof. Matt Thurow (matt.thurow@ilc.edu 612-516-1177) For general questions regarding the high school program, please contact the high school principal, Prof. Joel Gullerud (joel.gullerud@ilc.edu 715-544-8446).

- ➔ **ILC Dorm Supervisor:** Jaqi Bredehoft will be resigning as girl’s dorm supervisor at the end of this school year. We thank her for her faithful service to the LORD and for being such a positive role model to our dorm students. ILC is accepting applicants for this position to begin the 2026-27 school year. This role is vital to our campus, given how dorm supervisors provide spiritual counsel and a fatherly or motherly role to those students who are living away from home. Females who are CLC members in good standing and are able and willing to fill this position may contact ILC President Daniel Schierenbeck (dan.schierenbeck@ilc.edu/660.864.9231) for more information about the responsibilities and compensation for this position. An application is available online at ilc.edu > Forms and Applications > ILC Employment Application. Review of applications begins April 15.
- ➔ **CLC News:** Teacher Levi Schaller of Messiah Lutheran School, Hales Corners, WI, has **returned** the call to Redeemer Lutheran School, Cheyenne, WY. <> Teacher Ross Kok of Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church, Phoenix, AZ, has **received** the call to teach grades 3-4 and serve as associate principal at Messiah Lutheran School, Eau Claire, WI. <> Teacher Lane Fischer of Immanuel Ev. Lutheran School, Mankato, MN, has **returned** the call to Faith Lutheran School, Markesan, WI. <> Pastor Del Maas of Gift of God Lutheran Church, Mapleton, ND, and St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, Ponsford, MN, has retired due to non life-threatening health concerns. His last service was March 29, 2026.

➔ **The Memorials to Grace Lutheran for Pastor John Hein are summarized below.**

ILC Building Fund	\$25
Liberia Fund	\$960
Missions – ILC Public Ministry Prep Endowment (PMPE)	\$510
Sanctuary Improvement Fund	\$50
Total	\$1545

**1 Corinthians 15:1-4** Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, <sup>2</sup> by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you-- unless you believed in vain. <sup>3</sup> For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup> and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, ...

If you want to judge according to what you see and feel and, when the Word of God is set before you, want to pit your feeling against it and say: You tell me much; but my heart speaks a different language, and if you felt what I feel, you, too, would speak differently – then you do not have the Word of God in the heart but have quenched and extinguished it by your own thoughts, reason, and brooding. In short, if you will not let the Word mean more to you than all your feeling, eyes, senses, and heart, you must be lost, and there is no further help for you. For we are concerned with an article of faith, not an article of your reason or wisdom or human power and ability.

Therefore you must judge solely according to the Word in this matter, irrespective of what you feel and see. I, too, feel my sin and the Law and the devil on my neck. I feel that I lie under these as under a heavy burden. But what should I do? Should I argue according to such feeling and my own ability? In that case I and all men would have to despair and perish. If, however, I want to be helped, I must assuredly turn about, look to the Word, and say: I do indeed feel God's wrath, the devil, death, and hell; but the Word speaks differently to me. It tells me that I have a gracious God through Christ, who is my Lord over the devil and all creatures. I feel and see plainly enough that I and all men must sink into the grave and there decay. But the Word speaks differently to me. It tells me that I shall rise in great glory and live forever. – Martin Luther on 1 Corinthians 15:2

### **EASTER JOY**

Melody: The Lutheran Hymnal 375 (Words by Rev. Daniel Fleischer)

1. Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's Son,  
Who came to earth to save mankind,  
You perfectly fulfilled His will  
And saved us from our sin and shame.  
On this most precious holy day  
We worship You with joyful heart,  
For you Who died have ris'n again.

3. Help us, O Lord, to live the life  
That shuns the evil we detest.  
For as we are alive in you  
We are no longer slaves to sin.  
May ever now our words and life  
Reflect your love and grace to us,  
In thankful adoration.

2. We are the body, You the Head,  
So as You died, we died with You.  
And as You've risen from the dead  
We also are alive with You.  
The evil foe can harm us none,  
As now we wait for Your return  
To take us to our promised Home.

4. O, Christ the Lord who's ris'n indeed,  
Who's reconciled us to God.  
We thank You for the present joy  
And future bliss that now is ours.  
May we forever and again,  
Sing praise to you our Savior dear.  
O, keep us in the faith secure.

# † Today at Grace †

Organists: Janelle Hein/Ryan Mueller

Elder: Frank Radichel

Usher Team 1: Gary Gunther; Daniel Hein; Bob Maki; Bill Rust; David Stifter; Jeff Stifter; Joel Stifter

Counting Team 1: Dale Enns; Larry Nelson; Phil Radichel; Dave Rust

Church Cleaners: R & H Nelson

School: Jankowski

# † Next Week at Grace †

Usher Team 2: Larry Brandt; Jeremiah Boe; Lucas Boe; Dan Degnan; Dale Enns; Brandon Paplow; Pat Paplow

Counting Team 2: Dan Degnan; Rick Nelson; Bill Rust; Bob Vandever

Church Cleaners: R & H Nelson

School: Kelley

# † Our Schedule †

**Sun., April 5:** EASTER DAY  
 7:30 am – Easter Breakfast  
 9:00 am – Easter Festival Worship

**Tue., April 7:** School Resumes

**Thur., April 9** 10:30 am – Youth Catechism Class

**Sun., April 12:** 8:30 am – Choir Practice  
 9:00 am – Sunday School & Bible Class  
 10:00 am – Worship Service w/ Communion (Easter 1)  
 12:00 pm – Council Meetings

**Sun., April 19:** Voter's and Dorcas Guild Meetings

**Sat., April 25:** Grace Workday


**Sun., April 26** Regular Sunday Morning Schedule  
 4:00 pm -- Installation of Pastor Naumann  
 5:00 pm – Fellowship Meal

**Fri., May 1:** Immanuel Lutheran Visitor's Day  
 Immanuel Lutheran Play: The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe

**Sun., May 3:** Maddie Maki Baby shower



**Last Week's Stats:** Mar. 29, 2026: Sun: 89 SS:10 BC:29

Weekly Offering:	Grace:	3,153	CLC:	290	<small>QR Code for Online Giving:</small> 		
Weekly Need (est)	Grace:	5,400	CLC:	1,440			
-Under/+Over	Grace:	-2,247	CLC:	-1150			
Year-to-date Offering	Grace:	79,494	CLC:	22,331			
Year-to-date Need	Grace:	70,200	CLC:	18,720			
Difference from Budget (+/-)	Grace:	9,294	CLC:	3611			
GLC Other:	-	Living Faith:	50	Tuition Aid:	575	Sanctuary:	50
SAF Endowment:	-	MDF:	-	Kinship:	147	EduK8:	-
ILC Student Aid:	-	ILC Bldg.:	-	IIF:	-	CEF:	-
Current Balances:		Tuition Aid:	2,058	Sanctuary:	19,184		