



welcome to Immanuel

*March 5<sup>th</sup> 2025 7:00pm*

# Join Immanuel this Lenten Season...

Join Immanuel as we begin our Lenten Journey to the cross.

We want to remind everyone that we have **special worship opportunities available for the Immanuel Family Wednesdays throughout Lent.**

Our first opportunity for worship will be **Ash Wednesday on March 5th.** Join Immanuel for a **fellowship dinner** of soup and salad starting at **6pm.** Afterwards join us in the **sanctuary at 7pm for worship** with the opportunity for the imposition of ashes.

For the remainder of the Wednesdays, **starting March 12th,** join us for:

- **Brief Lenten Prayer Service at 12pm**
- **Dinner Church. Food service starts at 6pm** and continues through **worship,** which starts **around 6:30pm.**



Our midweek Lent series is "CrossWords". We will be exploring Jesus's final 7 statements as he hung on the cross.

As we begin to wrap up our journey through the Wednesdays in Lent, we approach Holy Week and that great Easter Morning when all shout and praise, He Is Risen! Join us for the following services:

- **Palm Sunday April 13th**
- **Maundy Thursday April 17th**
- **Good Friday April 18th**
- **Easter Sunday April 20th**

**We look forward to seeing you this Lenten Season!**

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## Preparing for the Lord's Supper

All who receive the Lord's Supper at this church—members and guests alike—are encouraged to use the following questions as a guide to self-examination in preparation for Communion:

### † **"Am I a baptized child of the Heavenly Father?"**

Acts 2:38-39. Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to Himself."

### † **"Have I confessed and repented of my sins?"**

Matthew 3:2. "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

### † **"Do I trust that Jesus Christ alone is my Savior from sin?"**

1 John 1:7. But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

### † **"Do I believe that in this Blessed Sacrament (Holy Communion) I am receiving the actual body and blood of Christ, under the bread and wine, for the forgiveness of my sins?"**

Matthew 26:26-28. Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is My body." And He took a cup, and when He had given thanks He gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, for this is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins."

### † **"Do I intend, with the Lord's help, to amend my sinful life?"**

Galatians 5:22-25. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.

If, in good conscience, you are unable to affirm the above questions, we invite you to come forward for a blessing. Simply cross your arms in front of you and the pastor or lay minister will offer a blessing to you.

## Preparation for Worship

Our worship begins with the prelude. The prelude invites us to prepare our hearts and minds for worship. We invite you to separate yourselves from the clutter of everyday life and focus on God through prayerful meditation.

*What does this look like?*

- Close your eyes and take some deep breaths.
- Meditate upon the scripture lessons for today, listed in the bulletin.
- Read the "Before worship" prayer located in the front of the hymnal.
- Silence your phone and silence your mind.

Once the prelude begins, usually five minutes before the service, please refrain from loud conversation. The sanctuary, where the pews are, is a place of worship. While you are encouraged to welcome your brothers and sisters in Christ, we ask that you speak softly so as not to interrupt those who are taking this time to focus on God through the music presented.

**We thank those who serve today in worship:**

<i>Presiding Minister &amp; Preacher:</i> Pastor Ryan	<i>Cantor:</i> Julie Yapoujian
<i>Assisting Minister</i> Dennis Ruopp	<i>Reader:</i> Dennis Ruopp
<i>Communion Assistant:</i> Jeri Surovy	<i>Ushers:</i> Dean Hollrah
<i>Acolyte:</i> Ani Yapoujian	<i>Altar Guild:</i> Michelle Igoe and Linda Thunhorst
<i>Organist/Minister of Music:</i> Oyeniran Oyedeji	<i>Audio &amp; Visual:</i> (a) Joel Wardenburg

**We thank those who serve today through the ministry of music:**

*Flute:*  
Norma Lopez-Burton

✝ Confession & Forgiveness ✝

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

**Notes for your time in worship...**

We are glad that you have chosen to be in the Lord’s house today and pray that God will bless you in this time of worship. The words, “Stand,” and “Sit,” are for those who are able. If you are a guest, we ask that you please complete a green Visitor Card, found in the card rack on the back of the pews, and place it in the offering plate.

**We are delighted that you’re here and hope to see you again!**

**Prelude** *“Chorale Prelude on ‘Aberystwyth’”* Healey Willan

**Chiming of the Hour**

*Stand*

**Opening Hymn** Chief of Sinners Though I Be LSB 611

**Invocation**

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

**Opening Sentences**

- P** “Yet even now,” declares the LORD,
- C** “return to Me with all your heart,
- P** with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;
- C** and rend your hearts and not your garments.”
- P** Return to the LORD, your God, for He is gracious and merciful,
- C** slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love;
- P** and He relents over disaster.

**P** We come, confessing our sins, and relying on God’s mercy and steadfast love. Together we confess in the words of Psalm 51:

**C** **Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to Your steadfast love;  
according to Your abundant mercy  
blot out my transgressions.**

**Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,  
and cleanse me from my sin!**

**For I know my transgressions,  
and my sin is ever before me.**

**Against You, You only, have I sinned  
and done what is evil in Your sight,  
so that You may be justified in Your words  
and blameless in Your judgment.**

**Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,  
and in sin did my mother conceive me.**

**Behold, You delight in truth in the inward being,  
and You teach me wisdom in the secret heart.**

**Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.**

**Let me hear joy and gladness;  
let the bones that You have broken rejoice.**

**Hide Your face from my sins,  
and blot out all my iniquities.**

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.**

**Cast me not away from Your presence,  
and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.**

**Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,  
and uphold me with a willing spirit.**

**P** Hear these words from Psalm 103, “The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**C** He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.

**P** For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him." This steadfast love was shown most clearly in Jesus' death and resurrection for our forgiveness, life, and salvation. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**"As far as the east is from the west, so far does He remove our transgressions from us.**

**P** As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear Him.

**C** For He knows our frame; He remembers that we are dust."

## † Imposition of Ashes †

The congregation is invited forward to receive ashes placed in the sign of the cross upon their forehead or hand.

After receiving the ashes, each person returns to his place in silence.

These words, first spoken by God to Adam, will be spoken as the ashes are imposed:

**P** You are dust, and to dust you shall return.

*Sit*

### Hymn of Repentance

Savior, When in Dust to Thee

LSB 419

## † Service of the Word †

### Collect (Prayer) of the Day

**P** Let us pray.

**C** Almighty and everlasting God, You despise nothing You have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and contrite hearts that lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness we may receive from You full pardon and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## Old Testament Reading

Joel 2:12–19

<sup>12</sup>"Yet even now," declares the LORD, "return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;  
<sup>13</sup>and rend your hearts and not your garments."

Return to the LORD, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster.

<sup>14</sup>Who knows whether he will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind him, a grain offering and a drink offering for the LORD your God?

<sup>15</sup>Blow the trumpet in Zion; consecrate a fast; call a solemn assembly;  
<sup>16</sup>gather the people.

Consecrate the congregation; assemble the elders; gather the children, even nursing infants.

Let the bridegroom leave his room, and the bride her chamber.  
<sup>17</sup>Between the vestibule and the altar let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep and say, "Spare your people, O LORD, and make not your heritage a reproach, a byword among the nations. Why should they say among the peoples, 'Where is their God?'"

<sup>18</sup>Then the LORD became jealous for his land and had pity on his people.

<sup>19</sup>The LORD answered and said to his people, "Behold, I am sending to you grain, wine, and oil, and you will be satisfied; and I will no more make you a reproach among the nations."

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual

Hebrews 12:2

*Cantor Sings*

*[O come, let us fix our eyes on] | Jesus,\**

*the founder and perfecter | of our faith,*

*who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame,\* and is seated at the right hand of the | throne of God.*

## Epistle

2 Corinthians 5:20b—6:10

We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup>For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

<sup>1</sup>Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. <sup>2</sup>For he says,

“In a favorable time I listened to you,  
and in a day of salvation I have helped you.”

Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. <sup>3</sup>We put no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, <sup>4</sup>but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, <sup>5</sup>beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; <sup>6</sup>by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; <sup>7</sup>by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; <sup>8</sup>through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; <sup>9</sup>as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; <sup>10</sup>as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything.

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

**Verse**

*“Return to the Lord, Your God”*

ILC Adult Choir

*arr. Carl F. Schalk*

## Holy Gospel

Matthew 6:1–6, 16–21

<sup>1</sup>[*Jesus said:*] “Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven.

<sup>2</sup>“Thus, when you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. <sup>3</sup>But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, <sup>4</sup>so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

<sup>5</sup>“And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. <sup>6</sup>But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you. . . .

<sup>16</sup>“And when you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. <sup>17</sup>But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, <sup>18</sup>that your fasting may not be seen by others but by your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

<sup>19</sup>“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, <sup>20</sup>but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Responsory

**P** Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.

**C** Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.

**P** In You, O Lord, do I put my trust, leave me not, O Lord, my God.

**C** Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.

**P** Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.

**C** Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.

*Sit*

## Hymn of the Day

I Lay My Sins on Jesus

LSB 606

## Sermon

Stand

## Nicene Creed

**C** I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life  $\dagger$  of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

## Offering

"Lord, For Thy Tender Mercy's Sake"

attrib. Richard Farrant

ILC Parish Choir

Stand

## Offertory

On My Heart Imprint Your Image

LSB 422

On my heart im - print Your im - age, Bless - ed Je - sus, King of grace,  
That life's rich - es, cares, and plea - sures Nev - er may Your work e - rase;  
Let the clear in - scrip - tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,  
Is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, And my glo - ry and sal - va - tion!

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## Prayers of the Church

- A** Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.

# † Service of the Sacrament †

## Preface

- P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** **And also with you.**
- P** Lift up your hearts.  
**C** **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**
- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

## Sanctus *(Holy, Holy, Holy)*

LSB 961



Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;  
heav'n and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est. Bless - ed, bless - ed, bless - ed is He who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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## The Words of Our Lord

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\dagger$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."
- In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\dagger$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## Lord's Prayer

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- 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.**

## Pax Domini *(The Peace of the Lord)*

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C** Amen.

**Agnus Dei** (*Lamb of God*)

LSB 963

Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; grant us Your peace, grant us Your peace.

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*Sit*  
**Communion**

*Gluten-free options are available:  
please indicate to the pastor  
if you need one of these.*

*Alcohol free juice options are available  
in the center of each of the  
individual cup communion trays.*

**Communion Anthem**

*"Just As I Am"*

*arr. John Carter*

ILC Parish Choir | Flute: Norma Lopez-Burton

**Communion Hymn**

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

LSB 641

*Stand*

**Dismissal**

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart † in peace.

**C** Amen.

**Benedicamus**

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Benediction**

**P** The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** Amen.

**Closing Hymn**

O Lord, throughout These 40 Days

LSB 418

**Silent Prayer**

*There is no postlude. We leave the church quietly.*

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# We Invite You to Join us for Worship

## Sunday mornings at 9:00 am

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**Adult Bible Study**  
Sunday mornings  
at 10:30 am  
in the Family Life Center

**Sunday School**  
PreK- 6th grade  
Sunday mornings  
at 10:30 am

and be sure to join Immanuel this Lenten Season...

† **Lenten Prayer Service**

Wednesday Afternoons in Lent  
March 12<sup>th</sup>- April 9<sup>th</sup> @12pm

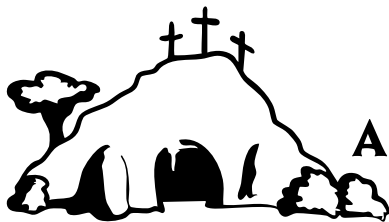
† **Lenten Dinner Church**

Wednesday Evenings in Lent  
March 12<sup>th</sup>- April 9<sup>th</sup>  
Fellowship Meal | 6pm  
Church Begins | 6:30pm

† **The Last Supper Enactment**

Saturday April 12<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm  
Sunday April 13<sup>th</sup> 2:30pm

**April 13<sup>th</sup>**



**April 20<sup>th</sup>**  
**Easter Sunday**

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