

'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone'?

Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him."

Luke 20:17-18

Welcome to Immanuel

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

April 6th 2025 9:00am

Preparing for the Lord's Supper (Holy Communion)

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 Holy 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."

† "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.

† "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."



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.

Office Lights this month are given...

Eternal Lights this month are given... Altar Flowers today are given...

We thank those who serve today in worship:

Presiding Minister & Reader: Preacher: Alan Taylor

Pastor Ryan Ushers:

Assisting Minister Greg Tausch, Chris Voigts, Bruce Pflieger and Renate Roehl

Communion Assistant: Greeter:

Adele Tarlton Diane Wardenburg

Acolyte: Altar Guild:

Tyler Madyda Claire Roehl and Organist/Minister of Music: Marie Dettling

Oyeniran Oyedeji Audio & Visual:

Cantor: (a) Joel Wardenburg

Meg Bond (v) Zach Booth

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

Distribution Trio:

Deanne Schultz, Julie Yapoujian,

T. J. Keller

Flute:

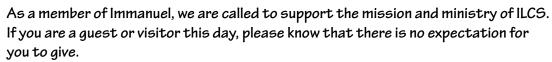
Norma Lopez-Burton

Violin:

Alex Bond



Offerings are given as a response of all God's gifts given to us.





We do invite you to fill out the visitor card and place it in the offering plate so that we can share with you all the ministries of Immanuel.



"Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work." —2 Corinthians 9:7-8

From Your AudioVisual Team...

Our worship today will be livestreamed for those members and friends that are unable to join us in person. By entering the Sanctuary, you give permission to Immanuel Lutheran Church and School to film or photograph you, and any minor children under the age of 18, and use your likeness on our social media channels and website.

If you would like to limit your time on camera please sit towards the back of the Sanctuary or off to either side. If you have any concerns, please speak with one of the ushers before or after service today.



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!

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.

Divine Service Setting III LSB 184

Prelude "In the Cross of Christ I Glory" arr. Wilbur Held

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome

Choral Introit "This Is the Day the Lord Has Made" arr. Mark Hayes

ILC Parish Choir

Stand

Opening Hymn The Church's One Foundation LSB 644 stz, 2 women | stz, 4 men

4 Confession & Forgiveness 4

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

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **C** who made heaven and earth.
- **P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

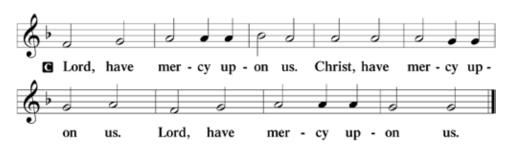
Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

\pm Service of the Word \pm

Kyrie (Lord, Have Mercy)

LSB 186





Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 43:16-21

16Thus says the LORD,
who makes a way in the sea,
a path in the mighty waters,
17who brings forth chariot and horse,
army and warrior;
they lie down, they cannot rise,
they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:

nor consider the things of old.

19Behold, I am doing a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not
perceive it?

¹⁸"Remember not the former things,

I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

20 The wild beasts will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches, for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people,

21 the people whom I formed for myself that they might declare my praise."

- **L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.



¹When the LORD restored the fortunes of | Zion,*

we were like | those who dream.

²Then our mouth was filled with | laughter,*

and our tongue with | shouts of joy;

then they said among the nations, "The LORD has done great | things for them."*

3 The LORD has done great things for us; | we are glad.

⁴Restore our fortunes, | O LORD,*

like streams in the | Negeb!

⁵Those who | sow in tears*

shall reap with | shouts of joy!

⁶He who goes out weeping, bearing the seed for | sowing,* shall come home with shouts of joy, bringing his | sheaves with him.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son * and to the Holy | Spirit; as it was in the be- | ginning, * is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Epistle Philippians 3:8–14

⁸Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— ¹⁰that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹²Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

- **I** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Stand

Holy Gospel Luke 20:9–20

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twentieth chapter.



⁹[Jesus] began to tell the people this parable: "A man planted a vineyard and let it out to tenants and went into another country for a long while. ¹⁰When the time came, he sent a servant to the tenants, so that they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. ¹¹And he sent another servant. But they also beat and treated him shamefully, and sent him away empty-handed. ¹²And he sent yet a third. This one also they wounded and cast out. ¹³Then the owner of the vineyard said, 'What shall I do? I will send my beloved son; perhaps they will respect him.' ¹⁴But when the tenants saw him, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir. Let us kill him, so that the inheritance may be ours.' ¹⁵And they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? ¹⁶He will come and destroy those tenants and give the vineyard to others." When they heard this, they said, "Surely not!" ¹⁷But he looked directly at them and said, "What then is this that is written:

'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone'?

¹⁸Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him."

¹⁹The scribes and the chief priests sought to lay hands on him at that very hour, for they perceived that he had told this parable against them, but they feared the people. ²⁰So they watched him and sent spies, who pretended to be sincere, that they might catch him in something he said, so as to deliver him up to the authority and jurisdiction of the governor.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Apostles' Creed LSB 191

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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.

Sit

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

LSB 426

Sermon

Offertory

"Cast Thy Burden Upon the Lord from Elijah" Felix Mendelssohn
ILC Parish Choir

Prayers of the Church

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

Sharing of the Peace

The people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

(Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).

$oldsymbol{\pm}$ Service of the Sacrament $oldsymbol{\pm}$

Preface LSB 194



It is truly meet, 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)

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Lord's Prayer

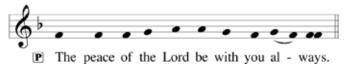
- P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- Our Father who art in heaven,
 hallowed be Thy name,
 Thy kingdom come,
 Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
 give us this day our daily bread;
 and forgive us our trespasses
 as we forgive those who trespass against us;
 and lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
 For Thine is the kingdom
 and the power and the glory
 forever and ever. Amen.

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 + 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 + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini (The Peace of the Lord)

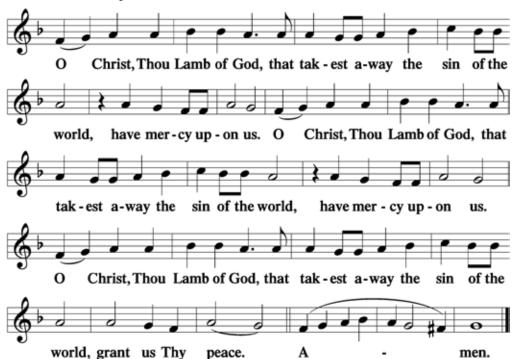
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Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)

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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

"When Jesus Wept"

arr. Gerald Custer

Trio: Deanne Schultz, Julie Yapoujian, T. J. Keller

Communion Hymn

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

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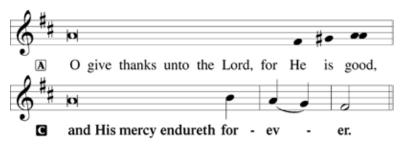
Stand

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.



Thanksgiving LSB 200



Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Salutation and Benedicamus

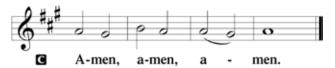
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Benediction LSB 202

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.



Closing Hymn

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

LSB 575

Postlude

"Fanfare on 'Hymn to Joy'" Ludwig von Beethoven, arr. Edward Broughton

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This week we pray for...

- Immanuel Lutheran School
 Mrs. Venuti & Mrs. Lindley's Pre-Schoolers
 Lily, Evelyn, Parker, Solomon, Maria, Abigail, Eleanor, Arthur,
 Daxton, Adrian, Rose, Ryan, Kayden, Noah, Gabriellie, Bellamy
- Chris Benson
- Joyce Russotti

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus

1 Thessalonians 5:1 6-18

Sunday Bible Study-

"When You Pray"

Join us for Bible Study after church service as Pastor presents a series on Prayer.

What is prayer's purpose? How do should we pray? What do we pray about?

Discover a deeper, richer, prayer life.



Immanuel Lutheran Church & School

this week...

• Sun. April. 6th

9:00am Worship Service 10:30am Sunday School

10:30am Adult Class

11:30am

ILS Track Meet @Immaculate

4:00pm Confirmation Class 6:00pm Last Supper Rehearsal

Mon. April 7th
 ILS Accreditation Visit
 5:30pm Accreditation Dinner

- Tue. April 8th
 ILS Accreditation Visit
- Wed. April 9th
 ILS Accreditation Visit

6:00am Men's Mornings @Elmer's 8:30am School Chapel all are welcome!

12:00pm Lenten Prayer Service6:00pm Dinner Church

• Thurs. April 10th

6:30pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal 7:45pm Parish Choir Rehearsal

- Fri. April 11th
 3:00pm Girl Scouts
 6:30pm
 Last Supper Dress Rehearsal
- Sat. April 12th
 9:00am Spiritual Care Meeting
 7:30pm Last Supper Performance

coming up...

- Lenten Prayer Service
 Wednesday Afternoons in Lent
 March 12th- April 9th @12pm
- Lenten Dinner Church
 Wednesday Evenings in Lent
 March 12th- April 9th
 Fellowship Meal I 6pm
 Church Begins I 6:30pm



- Last Supper Enactment
 April 12th 7:30pm Performance
 April 13th 2:30pm Performance
- Palm Sunday April 13th 9:00am
- Maundy Thursday April 17th 7:00pm
- Good Friday
 April 18th 12:00pm & 7:00pm
- Blood Drive Friday April 18th 8am- 1pm
- Immanuel Family Game Night April 19th 6:30pm
- Easter Sunday April 20th 9:00am



Easter Flowers

Order a beautiful plant, or two, to help decorate our Church Sanctuary for Easter!

Tulips & Daffodils \$15 Lilies \$20

- Checks may be made payable to ILC noted with a memo 'Easter Flowers'
- Place your payment in a flower/ candle fund envelope and give it to the church office.





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Art Room News!

Spring is finally here, and the Art room is buzzing with activity. Pre-K students did a directed drawing of a pig and practiced their painting technique with pink tempera paint. Next week they will create a background for their baby pigs.

Kindergarten learned the sponge painting technique when they sponged dark grey paint on a light grey background to mimic the texture of an elephant's hide. Next week they will be cutting out their heads with the trunk looped upward to hold in good luck and nice big ears.

First graders are doing their annual Maya Angelou project. They are using repousse (metal impressing) and a mini collage to make a protective talisman to hang on a cord with beads.

Second grade is working on a toucan sculpture using Model Magic clay. The pieces feature a large colorful beak and dangling beaded legs. Of course, the students could not resist naming their new friends!

A tiger head is the subject of the **third-grade** symmetry project. Painting only two or three lines at a time on one side of the paper they then fold the paper in half and gently rub the paper to transfer the paint to the other side of the paper – creating a symmetrical monoprint. It's very challenging!

A name banner is the focus of the **fourth and fifth graders**. They are drawing the individual letters of their name using sign language. When finished we will use mini clothes pins to hang them on a line.

The sixth through eighth grade are starting a new project focusing on value. They are making life size cardboard pigeons and painting them with tempera paint in shades of grey. They have the option of adding tiny amounts of greyed down color to mimic the iridescence of feathers. This project really seems to have captured their imagination. I am really looking forward to seeing our flock of pigeons!

Faithfully Submitted, **Linda Nemergut**ILS Art Teacher

Accreditation Visit

We will be welcoming the school accreditation team to Immanuel this upcoming week. We have been very busy getting ready for their visit. I want to thank everyone who has poured in so much time and effort to help us gather all the evidence and information that we have needed for this process. I also want to thank those who have volunteered to help with meals, welcome packages, and everything in between. It is no small task and I truly feel so blessed to have so many willing hearts that have stepped up for the benefit of our school and, in turn, the ministry of our school and church.

The accreditation team will be here from Monday, April 7th through Wednesday, April 9th. They will be doing their diligence to make sure our school is viable to be licensed. I ask for your prayers for traveling mercies over the team and for God's favor as we seek to pass accreditation. In all things, may His will be done.

In His Grace,

Vickie Baker



LENTEN DINNER CHURCH

Another great evening of food and worship at Dinner-Church.

Wednesday's dinner theme was appetizers and boy did we eat. Charcuterie board, stuffed bread, pigs in blanket and bacon, meatballs, rolled stuffed meats, chips and dips, deviled | will again be served.

eggs, Chinese veggie rolls. fresh baked chive bread with butter and desserts.

Service was again enlightening with table discussion, song and prayer.

Please join us for our last Dinner-Church of the Lenten season with dinner theme being favorite pasta dish. I've been told fresh baked bread



In appreciation of our Lord,

Loretta Fox

Blood Drive

Immanuel Lutheran Church

Held in the Family Life Center 18 Clapboard Ridge Rd. Danbury, CT 06810

Friday, April 18, 2025 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: ImmanuelDanbury to schedule an appointment.

Do you have a graduating Senior?



As we move through Lent, summer gets closer. With summer also comes the time for our high school seniors to graduate.

If you have a graduating high school senior please leave their name and a contact number (parents) with the church office. churchoffice@immanueldanbury.org



Immanuel's Annual Tag Sale is Coming!

The tag sale is coming the weekend of June 6th and 7th. Get rid of your quality, gently used, items all for a great cause!

Proceeds benefit Immanuel Lutheran School & Women's Service Organization Mission Projects.

Keep an eye out for more updates, including drop off times for donations.

-ILCS Tag Sale Crew

A note From your musician...

As we head towards Holy Week and Easter, this is the perfect time to join the Parish Choir, even if only for the Sundays of Lent, Holy Week, and/or Easter Sunday. If you normally don't sing in the choir but have been thinking about giving it a try, now's the time!

During the Lenten season, we rehearse from 7:45 – 9:15 pm on Thursdays. We look forward to seeing you!



FOOD PANTRY @IMMANUEL

Our church currently donates to two food pantries: **The Daily Bread and Jericho.**

The pantries are desperately trying to provide enough food for the current unprecedented desperate need.

In 2021 Daily Bread was supporting 50-60 families, now they are the lifeline to 750 families.

As a mission centered congregation we are praying that members will help us increase our giving by serving and proclaiming the kingdom of God.

How can you help increase our donations?

There is a box and a closet in the back of the church labeled Food Pantry which we hope to fill every month.

We are also going to organize a food drive at the Danbury Stop and Shop to collect food (details to follow).

Items Most Needed:

- Dried Beans large bags
- Rice large bags
- Cooking Oil
- Tea & Coffee
- Baby Food

- Cereals
- All Condiments
- Sugar & Flour & Mixes
- Special Treats for children
- Toiletry Products.

Contact Pam Steeves for more information or to please help with the Food Drive

lomlmeo@aol.com (203) 994-8580

Blessings!

Have you read the Herald?

If you look outside of the church office, there is a rack of papers, please take one home and look it over!

Inside, every month, you will find articles from the Pastor and Principal, articles from your Teams, Calendar for the month ahead, and more!

Pick up your copy today and see what is going on around Immanuel.

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

We Invite You to Join us for Worship

Sunday mornings at 9:00 am

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

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† The Last Supper Enactment

Saturday April 12th 7:30pm Sunday April 13th 2:30pm

April 13th





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