

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

Second Sunday in Lent
March 5, 2023—10:15am

We celebrate the Lord's Supper today! Please prepare yourselves using these questions as a guide:

- Have I been baptized in the Name of the Triune God, Father, Son & Holy Spirit?
- Do I believe that I am a sinful being without hope for eternal life except in mercy of Jesus Christ?
- Do I believe in Jesus as My Savior?
- Do I believe that Jesus Christ is personally present in communion with His body and blood to forgive my sins, as the Bible teaches?
- Do I desire and strive by the power of the Holy Spirit to live a God-pleasing life?

As you come to the Lord's Supper you are affirming with each communicant that Jesus is your Lord and Savior, and that the Lutheran Church's confession of Jesus Christ and His Supper is your confession as well.

White grape juice is now available in the center of the communion tray for those who cannot partake of alcohol. Gluten free wafers available upon request during distribution.

Prelude

Welcome: Pastor Haara

Please note that in the hymnal whenever we see a small triangle next to a hymn verse, that triangle means the Trinity is proclaimed in that verse and we are to stand for that verse.

Hymn: "Great is the Lord"

Chorus

Great is the Lord, He is holy and just,
By His power we trust in His love.
Great is the Lord, He is faithful and true
By His mercy He proves He is love.
Great is the Lord, and worthy of glory,
Great is the Lord, and worthy of praise.
Great is the Lord, Now lift up your voice,
Now lift up your voice: Great is the Lord!

Chorus

Great are you Lord, and worthy of glory,
Great are You, Lord, and worthy of praise.
Great are You, Lord, I lift up my voice,
I lift up my voice: Great are You.

Chorus

The Invocation and Confession *(Please rise)*

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Be gracious to me, O Lord, for to You do I cry all the day. Gladden the soul of Your servant, for to You, Lord, do I lift up my soul.

People: For You, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon You.

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ said, "Love the Lord, you God, with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength," and "Love your neighbor as yourself." This is both what the

Law demands and what our Christian lives seek. Let us consider our lives and reflect upon the words of our Lord.

(Silence for meditation and reflection)

People: **In the presence of my brothers and sisters, I confess to You, my God, that I am a sinner. In choosing wrong and in failing to choose right, I have sinned against You, whom I should love above all, and against my neighbor, whom I should love as myself. With all my heart I am sorry for my sins. Give me, O Lord, Your grace and Your Spirit that I may amend my sinful life. Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner. Amen.**

Pastor 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 of the of Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Old Testament Reading – Genesis 12:1-9 *(God calls Abraham to follow Him)*

¹ Now the LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you.

² And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing.

³ I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

⁴ So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

⁵ And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, ⁶ Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land.

⁷ Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him.

⁸ From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the LORD and called upon the name of the LORD.

⁹ And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Children’s Message Song: “Father, I Adore You”

Father, I adore You, lay my life before You
How I love You

Jesus, I adore You, lay my life before You
How I Love You

Spirit I adore You, lay my life before You
How I Love You

Children’s Message:

Please rise as you are able for the reading of our Gospel Lesson

The Gospel (*Jesus full of the Holy Spirit is tempted*)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel is written in the 3rd chapter of St. John beginning at the 1st verse.

People: Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

¹ Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews.

² This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him."

³ Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God."

⁴ Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?"

⁵ Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.

⁶ That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

⁷ Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.'

⁸ The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

⁹ Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?"

¹⁰ Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things?"

¹¹ Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony.

¹² If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things?

¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.

¹⁴ And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶ "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

Message Song: "Thy Word"

Chorus

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
and a light unto my path

Repeat

When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way,
Still You're there right beside me.
And nothing will I fear as long as You are near.
Please be near me to the end.

Chorus

I will not forget Your love for me,
And yet my heart forever is wandering.
Jesus, be my guide and hold me to Your side,
And I will love You to the end.

Chorus

Sermon: "Promises" Pastor Haara Genesis 12:1-9

The Apostles Creed

All: 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 life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers

Healing for Sherry Bardell, aunt of Elizabeth Combs

Healing for Rose Day, aunt of TC Combs

Healing and restoration for Greg Brill, friend of the Clarke family

Offerings are gathered

SACRAMENT

Preface

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Jesus was hungry.

People: He was tempted to turn stones into bread.

Pastor: He answered man does not live by bread alone.

People: He comes today to feed us with bread from Heaven.

Pastor: We seek to be fed.

People: Jesus is the bread of life.

The Lord's Prayer *(Please rise)*

All: 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.

(Please help us keep our attendance numbers accurate by filling out the attendance cards and giving to Ushers at communion.)

The Words of Institution

Pastor: 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."

(Distribution is continuous style. Please come to the communion rail and kneel or stand. As a place at the communion rail becomes open, please come forward and take that spot. After receiving the bread and the wine and you feel comfortable, please dismiss yourself to return to your seat; the post communion blessing will be given to all at the end.)

Peace

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: And also with you.

(We greet each other with our Lord's peace.)

Distribution

Distribution Hymn: "Think About His Love"

Think about His love, think about His goodness
Think about His grace that's brought us through.
For as high as the heavens above
So great is the measure of our Father's love.
Great is the measure of our Father's love.

Repeat

Post-Communion Collect

Pastor: 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.

People: **Amen.**

Blessing

All: **Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.**
(Hebrews 12:2)

Closing Hymn: "Lord Fill My Life"

Chorus

Lord fill my life with you alone.
Empty myself of all that's my own.
Lord fill my life with you alone
Jesus keep my eyes on you

Help me stand, Help me stand for what's right
Help me walk Help me walk in the light.
Help me run Help me run for the prize.
Jesus keep my eyes on you.
Jesus keep my eyes on you. *Chorus*

Our Vision:

Pastor: As a reminder of the reason why we exist as a church let us speak our vision statement together.

All: **Through Word and Sacrament ministry, we share the love, joy and peace of Jesus Christ among ourselves and with those around us.**

Pastor: Our worship has ended, our service now begins. Let us go in peace.

All: **And serve the Lord**

Altar flowers are placed to the glory of God and in loving memory of Louise Borgstede.

Services will be live-streamed and a recording of service will be posted by the end of the day. You may watch these on Facebook, YouTube or go to website under Worship or scroll down on home page and find the latest services.

Please keep the church office updated on prayers that have been asked to be kept on indefinitely, military and ones for continued healing or cancer treatments.

Continued Prayers

Peace & comfort for the family of Pat, Aunt of Beth Hutches

Strength & comfort for Lora Swarr as she has been going thru cancer treatments for many years, friend of Nancy Trathowen

Peace, strength & comfort for all the victims of Hurricane Ian, who have lost loved ones or their home and belongings and are still going thru a lot.

We pray to God our Lord for the new Hispanic Mission in Immanuel and that through the Holy Spirit he will give us guidance to share the Gospel with new families.

Employment for those struggling to find a job

Healing or Good Test Results

Kathy Hogue

Michael Locklear, nephew of Marsha Doon

Doug Felton

Battling with Cancer or Serious Illness

Kathi Dillon, sister of Kim Blomquist

Justin, son of neighbor of Kim Blomquist

Andrew Hynick, father of Aaron Hynick

Victoria Hage, friend of Cindy Szczesny

Alan Conklin, friend of Cindy Szczesny

Karen, friend of Sandy Goode

Chris DeVito, sister of Patty Shawver

Stacey Chamberlain with ALS and husband David and family, friends of Kim Blomquist

Rusty Cotterman, friend of Ed Clarke

Tammy Smith, friend of Danielle Farnsworth

Lou Mercaldo & family, as he is suffering with dementia, grandfather of Carolyn Clarke

Donald Crouse as he has dementia, brother-in-law of Joan Crouse

Kidney transplant for Charles, grandfather of Immanuel student

Don Monahan, brother-in-law of Cathy Wilson

David, son-in-law of Nancy Christianson

Nancy Schild, (non-Hodgkins Lymphoma) former teacher of ILS and member of ILC

Lee, father of Ashlee Garrett

Rich Richards

Barbara LaVere

Barbara Knott

Yvonne Lenzen, grandmother of Grace Sierra

Cathy Nichols with terminal cancer, mother of Cathy Wilson

David, brother of Larry Habeck

Don Swisher, step-father of Larry Habeck

Tracy, cousin of Jacquelyn Hahn

Lisa Steinbrueck, niece of the Steinbrueck's

Tom Meyferth

PRAYERS FOR THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY

Safety for... and strength for families:

Kincaide Green, stationed at Lackland AFB in San Antonio, TX

Robert Lowry

Joshua Littrel, stationed at Ft. Campbell, KY with the 101st Airborne/Air Assault Division, 3rd Brigade "Rakkasans

Luke Buchholz, Navy, grandson of Ann Donahue, stationed at Norfolk, VA

Matthew Reikowski as he is deployed on the Carl S. Vinson

Logan Crouse, US Army, great-nephew of Joan Crouse, stationed at Ft. Campbell in NC

Samuel Drake, Captain stationed at Holloman AFB in Alamogordo, NM, son of Kerry Drake

Cpl. Xander Ritter, USMC, stationed at Camp Pendleton, CA

Gavin Mattson, para-rescue man, stationed in the Panhandle of FL, grandson of Edith Mattson

Jeremy Brockmeier (USMC) & family, stationed at Camp Pendleton in CA, son of Jerry and Janice Brockmeier

ALSO, FOR ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND FIRST RESPONDERS

PRAYERS FOR OUR FAMILIES

Sunday: David Becker
Monday: Jerry & Kathy Begley
Tuesday: Karen Bergmann
Wed: Bob & Linda Beutel
Thurs: Thomas Bieske, Emma
Friday: Judy Black, Ron
Saturday: Thomas Blair, Dena, Thomas

**PRAYERS FOR OUR SCHOOL
STUDENTS & FAMILIES**

Sunday Sebastian Ayala
Monday: Tianna Bennett
Tuesday Joshua Bonese
Wed: Rylie Bretton
Thurs: Lilah Briggs
Friday: Alayah & Braylen Brown
Saturday: Blu'Jae Brown

The Call Committee asks all members to please post this scripture verse and prayer in a visible place, memorize the scripture, and pray for Pastor Jon and Becky.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13

Lord God, Heavenly Father, we come before You again, lifting Pastor Jon and Becky to You. We thank you for the time Pastor Jon took to meet and get to know many members and learn as much as possible about the ministry at ILCS while they were here. We thank you for their safe travels and ask that you keep them in your care as they continue to ponder and pray about our Call as Senior Pastor.

In the precious and strong Name of Christ, Amen.