

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

Third Sunday in Lent

March 12, 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.*

AS WE GATHER

Our Gospel reading today has Jesus speaking with a Samaritan woman at a well. He wants to give her more than the water she seeks, he wants to give her living water. Jesus nourishes us as we gather together this week to be fed and nourished by him. This week we pray for the war torn country of Afghanistan. We pray for one of our own members stationed there and for peace in that nation.

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: "Come, Let Us Worship and Bow Down"

Come, let us worship and bow down;
Let us kneel before the Lord our God, our Maker
Repeat

For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture
And the sheep of His hand,

"Lead Me to the Cross"

Savior I come, quiet my soul,
Remember redemptions' hill
Where Your blood was spilled
For my ransom.

Ev'rything I once held dear, I count it all as loss.
Lead me to the cross,
Where Your love poured out.
Bring me to my knees,
Lord, I lay me down.
Rid me of myself, I belong to You
Oh, lead me. Lead me to the cross.

The Invocation and Confession

(Please rise)

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

People: Maker, Redeemer, Life-giver

Pastor: By this name, O Lord, You revealed Yourself.

People: To Your holy name, we say "Amen!"

Pastor: In this name, O Lord, we were baptized.

People: To Your holy calling, we say "Amen!"

Pastor: For this name, O Lord, You ask us to serve with gladness.

People: And confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, "Amen!"

Pastor: We come into this House of God and we pray.

People: We pray for all people and we pray that the will of God be done

Pastor: Jesus entered the temple area and drove out all who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves.

People: "Is it not written, "My House will be called a House of prayer for all nations." (Mark 11:17)

Pastor: As we go through this year.

People: Help us to pray, for each other, and for all people

Pastor: Especially those we have differences with just like the Samaritans.

People: Thank you Jesus for the living water you give

(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 – Exodus 17:1-7 *(God provides water for the people) (To be read by Pastor Miguel)*

¹All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink.

²Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." And Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?"

³But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?"

⁴So Moses cried to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me."

⁵And the LORD said to Moses, "Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go.

⁶Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink." And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel.

⁷And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the LORD by saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Children's Message Song: "My God is So Great"

My God is so great, so strong and so mighty

There's nothing my God cannot do!

The mountains are His, the rivers are His,
the stars are His handiwork, too.

My God is so great, so strong and so mighty!

There's nothing my God cannot do!

Children's Message:

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

The Gospel *(Jesus speaks to a Samaritan woman at a well)*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel is written in the 4th chapter of St. John beginning at the 5th verse.

People: **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

⁵ So he came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph.

⁶ Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.

⁷ A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink."

⁸ (For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.)

⁹ The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.)

¹⁰ Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water."

¹¹ The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?"

¹² Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock."

¹³ Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

¹⁵ The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water."

¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here."

¹⁷ The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; ¹⁸ for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true."

¹⁹ The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet.

²⁰ Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship."

²¹ Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father.

²² You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews.

²³ But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him.

²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."

²⁵ The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things."

²⁶ Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he."

²⁷ Just then his disciples came back. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you seek?” or, “Why are you talking with her?”

²⁸ So the woman left her water jar and went away into town and said to the people, ²⁹“Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?” ³⁰They went out of the town and were coming to him.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God**

Message Song: “Change My Heart O God”

Change my heart O God, make it ever true
Change my heart, O God, may I be like You

You are the Potter, I am the clay
Mold me and make me, this is what I pray

Change my heart O god, make it ever true
Change my heart, O God, may I be like You

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Sermon: “News Worth Leaving Your Water Jar at the Well”

John 4:5-30

Pastor Haara

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

Peace & comfort for the family of Leonard Wurl, father-in-law of Joseph Abiera

Healing for Marina Abiera

Healing for Wilda Persinger, friend of Sandy Goode

Healing and strength for Adam, nephew of Ray & Beth Kelp

Healing and coping for Sherry Mielens, sister of Judy Black

Healing for Julie Ryden

Offerings are gathered

SACRAMENT

Preface

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with thy Spirit.**

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: "Eat This Bread"

Eat this bread, drink this cup,
come to Me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup,
trust in Me and you will not thirst
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: "You are My King" (Amazing Love)

I'm forgiven, because You were forsaken
I'm accepted, You were condemned
I'm alive and well, our Spirit is within me
Because you died and rose again

Chorus

Amazing love, how can it be
That You my king would die for me?
Amazing love, I know it's true
And it's my joy to honor You
In all I do I honor You

You are my king, You are my king
Jesus, You are my king, Jesus, You are my king
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

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, 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 our Hispanic Ministry 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

Sherry Bardell, aunt of Elizabeth Combs

Rose Day, aunt of TC Combs

Greg Brill, friend of the Clarke family

Kathy Hogue

Michael Locklear, nephew of Marsha Doon

Doug Felton

Battling with Cancer or Serious Illness

Lora Swarr, friend of Nancy Trathowen
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
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: Kim Blomquist, John
Monday: Bob Boetger
Tuesday: Frank & Karen Brady
Wed: Scott Briggs, Farrah, Lilah
Thurs: Jerry & Jan Brockmeier
Friday: Kristine Brown
Saturday: Chuck & Jonelle Butler

PRAYERS FOR OUR SCHOOL STUDENTS & FAMILIES

Sunday Kiara Brummels
Monday: Bellah, & Lilah Brutus
Tuesday: Tavaris Buggs
Wed: Julian Burgos
Thurs: Jacob Byrne
Friday: Jaidyn, Kamryn & Shaniya Campbell
Saturday: Sebastian Cancio

Please post this scripture verse and prayer in a visible place, memorize the scripture, and pray for the pastor God will provide.

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Romans 12:12

Lord God, Heavenly Father, we pray your continued presence with all of our Immanuel family, with the Call Committee, with Pastor Dan, Pastor Haara, and with the Pastor you are preparing to come to serve here at Immanuel. Keep us strong in hope, patient for the timing of Your plan and faithful in daily coming to You in prayer. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

Almighty God, You show the light of Your truth to those in darkness. Give strength to all who are joined in Your family to reject what erodes their faith and to follow Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever Amen.