

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 26, 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 Dan

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.

Call to Worship from Romans 8

Pastor: There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus.

All: **Who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.**

Pastor: For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.

All: **For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh. God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin.**

Pastor: Trusting in the Word of Life given in our baptism, we are gathered together today in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit!

All: **Amen.**

A Time for Praise *(Please rise as you are able)*

Hymn: "Awesome God"

Oh, when He rolls up His sleeves

He ain't just puttin' on the Ritz.

OUR GOD IS AN AWESOME GOD.

There's thunder in His footsteps

And lightning in His fists

OUR GOD IS AN AWESOME GOD.

And the Lord He wasn't jokin'

When He kicked 'em out of Eden.

It wasn't for no reason that He shed His blood.

His return is very close and so you better be believin' that

OUR GOD IS AN AWESOME GOD.

OUR GOD IS AN AWESOME GOD.
HE REIGNS FROM HEAVEN ABOVE
WITH WISDOM, POWER, AND LOVE
OUR GOD IS AN AWESOME GOD.

And when the sky was starless
In the void of the night,
OUR GOD IS AN AWESOME GOD.
He spoke into the darkness
And created the light.
OUR GOD IS AN AWESOME GOD.
The judgment and wrath He poured out of Sodom,
The mercy and grace He gave us at the Cross.
I hope that we have not too quickly forgotten that
OUR GOD IS AN AWESOME GOD.
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“Glorify Thy Name”

Father, we love You,
We worship and adore You
Glorify Thy name in all the earth
Glorify Thy name, glorify Thy name
Glorify Thy name in all the earth.

Jesus, we love You . . .

Spirit, we love You . . .
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Pastor: Let us pray
We thank You Lord that You have loved us with an everlasting love and have chosen us to be Your people. Through Your life, death and resurrection you gained for us the forgiveness of our sins and the promise of eternal life. We thankfulness in our hearts and soul, we give all glory to You, dear Lord. In Jesus’ name. Amen.
Please be seated

Confession and Absolution

Pastor: To love the Lord our God is our heartbeat, with every breath, with every word, with every action we glorify Him and submit to Him. Jesus calls us to be fishers of the lost—to leave our old ways behind and live for Him. Can you leave you nets by the sea? Can you open your heart and soul to the working of His Holy Spirit who can help you change and live for Him?

People: O Jesus, I confess my heartbeat is often to the tune of a different drummer, whose beat sounds out sinfulness and selfish desires. You call, I run the other way. You call, I pretend I’m too busy to hear. Yet, You keep calling because you love me and have a plan for me in Your kingdom. Forgive my ears that don’t always listen and for my hardened heart. Wash me clean Lord of all my sins and burn in me a holy desire to follow You wherever You may lead.

Pastor: *We pause for a quiet moment of private prayer and confession*

Dear friends in Christ, the love of the Lord has reached through the ages, through the sin and the hardened hearts and flowed to all who call upon Him in true repentance, assuring each and every one of us of forgiveness and unending grace and mercy. Today His love forgives you, restores you, renews you and strengthens you to live for Him.

All: Amen.

Children’s Message Song: “Jesus Loves Me This I Know”

Jesus Loves me, this I know
For the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong:
They are weak, but He is strong.

Chorus
Yes, Jesus loves me,
Yes, Jesus loves me.
Yes, Jesus loves me,
The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me, He who died,
Heaven’s gates to open wide;
He will wash away my sin,
Let His little child come in.

Chorus

Children’s Message: Pastor Dan

Old Testament Reading – Ezekiel 37:1-14

(To be read by)

¹The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones.

²And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry.

³And he said to me, “Son of man, can these bones live?” And I answered, “O Lord GOD, you know.”

⁴Then he said to me, “Prophesy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD.

⁵Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live.

⁶And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD.”

⁷So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a rattling, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone.

⁸And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them.

⁹Then he said to me, “Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live.”

¹⁰So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

¹¹Then he said to me, “Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are indeed cut off.’

¹²Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel.

¹³ And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people.

¹⁴ And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD.”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

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

The Gospel

Pastor: The Holy Gospel is written in the 11th chapter of St. John beginning at the 17th verse.

¹⁷ Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days.

¹⁸ Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, ¹⁹ and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother.

²⁰ So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house.

²¹ Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.

²² But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you.”

²³ Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.”

²⁴ Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.”

²⁵ Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, ²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?”

²⁷ She said to him, “Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world.”

³⁸ Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it.

³⁹ Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days.”

⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?”

⁴¹ So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, “Father, I thank you that you have heard me.

⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me.”

⁴³ When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out.”

⁴⁴ The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

⁴⁵ Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him,

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

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.

Message Song: “How Great is Our God”

The splendor of the King
Clothed in majesty
Let all the earth rejoice
All the earth rejoice
He wraps Himself in light
And darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice
And trembles at His voice

Refrain

How great is our God
Sing with me
How great is our God
And all will see how great
How great is our God

Verse 2

And age to age He stands
And time is in His hands
Beginning and the End
Beginning and the End
The Godhead three in one
Father Spirit Son
The Lion and the Lamb
The Lion and the Lamb

Refrain

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Sermon: “Lazarus, Come Out” *John 11:38-45* *Pastor Dan*

The Offerings are gathered

Prayers for the Church

The Prayers

Strength & comfort for Jean Schultz & family, under hospice care, Aunt of Lynda Smith and Pastor Dan Ritter
Healing from surgery for Mike Zizi, friend of Deb Haver
Healing for Tommy (back issues) and Elizabeth (COVID) Combs
Thanksgiving and praise for the anniversary of Fran & Beverly Mackey
Thanksgiving and praise for the safe birth of a son, Clark Thomas Bader to Daniel & Ashley Bader.

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 Lord's Supper is Celebrated

Pastor: The Consecration of the Bread and Wine

All: "Open Our Eyes Lord"

Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus,
To reach out and touch Him and say that we love Him.
Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen.
Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.

Soften my heart, Lord, melt me and mold me,
Make me a vessel to pour out Your Spirit,
To bring joy and gladness to those who have sorrow.

Open our eyes, Lord, I want to see Jesus.

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(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. There are baskets available for the empty communion cups)

Welcome to the Table of the Lord

Post Communion Blessing

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

The Benediction

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

People: **Amen.**

Closing Hymn: "My Life is in You, Lord"

Chorus

My life is in You, Lord, my strength is in You, Lord,
My hope is in You, Lord, in You, it's in You;
My life is in You, Lord, my strength is in You, Lord,
My hope is in You, Lord, in You, it's in You.

I will praise You with all of my life,
I will praise You with all of my strength;
With all of my life, with all of my strength.
All of my hope is in You

Chorus

Written by Daniel Gardner

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 honor of the anniversary of Fran and Beverly Mackey and in thanksgiving for the birth of Clark Thomas Bader, by grandmother, Barbara Bader

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.

*Thank you for your continued prayers for my recovery and health –
Richard Seedroff*

Continued Prayers

Peace & comfort for the family of Wilda Persinger, friend of Sandy Goode

Healing from emergency surgery for Richard Seedroff

Safe travels for Julia, daughter of Deb Haver

Blessings for Tom & Wilma Meyferth and keep them safe, by son, Donald Meyferth

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

Don Case

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: Joanne Conley, Jay, Eric
Monday: Steve & Pat Cook
Tuesday: Denise Cranmer, Ted
Wed: Joan Crouse
Thurs: Irene Davis
Friday: Heather DeBrocke, Ben, Derek, Drew,
Saturday: Linda Dempsey

PRAYERS FOR OUR SCHOOL STUDENTS & FAMILIES

Sunday Gracelyn Clarito
Monday: Ludger Clerge
Tuesday: Kalib Connell
Wed: Carolina, Ezekiel, Janelle, Natalia, Sophia Cordova
Thurs: Ariella, Aaliyah, Emanuel, Josiah Cordova
Friday: Nicole Cornella
Saturday: Allison & Alliya Cottrell

Also – please use this scripture and prayer to daily lift each other, our vacancy Pastors Pastor Dan, and Pastor Dave, along with the Call Committee, and Pastor Miguel in prayer.

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 and also Pastor Miguel. 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 FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

○ God, by the suffering and death of Your Son You redeemed this fallen world. Grant eternal joy to Your faithful people, whom You have delivered from the danger of everlasting death, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen