



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
WATERLOO, ILLINOIS

Lenten Midweek Service 5



Wednesday, March 24, 2021
6:30 pm

“Making more and stronger disciples of Jesus Christ
through the power of the Holy Spirit.”

Welcome to Immanuel! If you are a guest, please fill out a visitor's card located in the cardholder on the back of each pew. During the offering, place this card in the offering plate. As you leave, please introduce yourself to the pastors.

Members, please help us love and care for one another by filling out one of our attendance cards. Remember to include all the members of your family who are present in worship today. Thank you for filling out an Attendance-Communion card every time you attend Church—it helps us keep good records.

PRESERVICE MUSIC / BELLS / WELCOME

Please be seated

OPENING HYMN, LSB 418, "O Lord, throughout These Forty Days"

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- 1 O Lord, throughout these forty days
 You prayed and kept the fast;
 Inspire repentance for our sin,
 And free us from our past.**
- 2 You strove with Satan, and You won;
 Your faithfulness endured;
 Lend us Your nerve, Your skill and trust
 In God's eternal Word.**
- 3 Though parched and hungry, yet You prayed
 And fixed Your mind above;
 So teach us to deny ourselves,
 Since we have known God's love.**
- 4 Be with us through this season, Lord,
 And all our earthly days,
 That when the final Easter dawns,
 We join in heaven's praise.**

Please stand

OPENING VERSICLES

- L:** This is the day which the Lord has made;
C: **let us rejoice and be glad in it.** (Psalm 118:24)
L From the rising of the sun to its setting,
C: **the name of the Lord is to be praised.** (Psalm 113:3)
L: Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful,

- C: slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and repents of evil.
- L: Jesus said: If any man would come after Me,
- C: let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.
- L: Christ was wounded for our transgressions.
- C: He was bruised for our iniquities.
- L: From the rising of the sun to its setting,
- C: the name of the Lord is to be praised. (Psalm 113:3)
- All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT CANTICLE

(Isaiah 12:2b-6)

Refrain



■ The Lord God is my strength and my song, and

He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

With joy will you draw wa - ter from the

wells of sal - va - tion. And you will say in that

day: "Give thanks to the Lord, call up - on His name,

make known His deeds a - mong the peo - ples, pro -

claim that His name is ex - alt - ed."

Refrain

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and

He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

Sing prais - es to the Lord, for He has done

glo - rious - ly; let this be made known in all the

earth. Shout, and sing for joy, O in -

hab - i - tants of Zi - on, for great in your midst is the

Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

Refrain

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and

He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son

and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;

as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will



READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

Acts 17:22-34. ²²So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: “Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. ²³For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription, ‘To the unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. ²⁶And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, ²⁷that they should seek God, in the hope that they might feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, ²⁸for “‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, “‘For we are indeed his offspring.’” ²⁹Being then God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. ³⁰The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.” ³²Now when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked. But others said, “We will hear you again about this.” ³³So Paul went out from their midst. ³⁴But some men joined him and believed, among whom also were Dionysius the Areopagite and a woman named Damaris and others with them.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORY FOR LENT (1 John 2:1; [Mark 10:33]; Psalm 32:1)

L: We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.

C: He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.

- L: Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven and whose sin is put away.
- C: **He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.**
- L: We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.
- C: **He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.**

+ CATECHISM +

TEN COMMANDMENTS

(Exodus 20:2-17)

- C: **You shall have no other gods. You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God. Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Honor your father and your mother. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.**

APOSTLES' CREED

- C: **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.**

LORD'S PRAYER

(Matthew 6:9-13)

- 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.**

Please be seated

SERMON, Acts 17:22-34, “Turn to the Real God”

HYMN OF THE DAY, *LSB* 586, “Preach You the Word”

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- 1 Preach you the Word and plant it home
 To men who like or like it not,
 The Word that shall endure and stand
 When flow’rs and men shall be forgot.**
- 2 We know how hard, O Lord, the task
 Your servant bade us undertake:
 To preach Your Word and never ask
 What prideful profit it may make.**
- 3 The sower sows; his reckless love
 Scatters abroad the goodly seed,
 Intent alone that all may have
 The wholesome loaves that all men need.**
- 4 Though some be snatched and some be scorched
 And some be choked and matted flat,
 The sower sows; his heart cries out,
 “Oh, what of that, and what of that?”**
- 5 Of all his scattered plenteousness
 One-fourth waves ripe on hill and flat,
 And bears a harvest hundredfold:
 “Ah, what of that, Lord, what of that!”**
- 6 Preach you the Word and plant it home
 And never faint; the Harvest Lord
 Who gave the sower seed to sow
 Will watch and tend His planted Word.**

OFFERING (*You can place your offering in the plate in the narthex or mail it to the church anytime.*)

Please stand

PRAYER

L: In peace let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For ... *[additional bids for prayer may be inserted here]* ... let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray...

C: O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our

Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

COLLECT OF THE WORD

L: Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER

C: **I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me.**

BLESSING

(Psalm 103:1)

L: Let us bless the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

L: The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.

C: **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN, *LSB* 878, "Abide with Me"

- 1 Abide with me, fast falls the eventide.
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.**
- 2 I need Thy presence ev'ry passing hour;
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r?
Who like Thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.**

- 3 Come not in terrors, as the King of kings,
But kind and good, with healing in Thy wings;
Tears for all woes, a heart for ev'ry plea.
Come, Friend of sinners, thus abide with me.**
- 4 Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
Change and decay in all around I see;
O Thou who changest not, abide with me.**
- 5 I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still if Thou abide with me!**
- 6 Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows
flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.**

BELLS / POSTLUDE

WORSHIP HELPERS

Preacher – Rev. Merritt Demski

Liturgist – Rev. Dr. Tony Troup

Organist – Mrs. Ann Frank

Acolytes – Kaden & Keaton Roberts

Ushers – Chuck Keller, Craig Mehner, Larry Taake, Dawn Rubemeyer

Media/Facebook Live – Tim Scheibe

IN OUR PRAYERS...

We Pray for our Fellow Parishioners: Millie Menke, Sandy Moore (MS), Perry Koch, Ruby Muench (cancer), Iva Mesnarich (shut in), Shirley Elmore (treated for cancer, recovering from surgery), Alvera Jacobs, Dean Kohlmeier (recovering from surgery), Lana Mueller (recovering at home), Helen Clamors, Betty Schimpf (severe back pain), Marie Dietzel (broken hip), Marian Obst, Roy Weihi, Kylee LaRue, Gene Hoffmann, Babe Matzenbacher

We Pray for Friends and Relatives of Parishioners: Michael Washausen, Nina Van Kamp (recovering from surgery), Ken Horn (cancer), Nicole Bachelier, Gordon Curd (dialysis), Steven Muench, Sarah Castelli, Glenda Manion, Pat Bolañius (dementia), Patrick Bolañius (cancer), Dustin Traw (cancer), Jean Stroisch (cancer), Daryl Bense (dementia), Eleanor Krebel (leukemia), Joan Rhower (cancer), Amy Feldmann (cancer), Shirley Doney (recovering from back surgery), Greg Busch (pneumonia), Dan Schneider (Covid), James London (asthma), Dale Brouck (lung cancer), Wayne Twenhafel (hospitalized), Michael Kurfman (large mass behind eye)

We Pray for Those in the Service of Our Nation: Alicia Gunn, Dustin Bender, Aaron Bommarito, Alex Naumann, Paul Doty, Erik Brandt

We Pray for Our Missionaries and Special Missions: Immanuel's Preschool, Immanuel's Mission Team, Unity Lutheran Elementary School (East St. Louis, IL)

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