



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH WATERLOO, ILLINOIS

Fourth Sunday in Lent



Saturday, March 26, 2022 – 5:30 pm
Sunday, March 27, 2022 – 7:45 am & 10:15 am

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

Welcome to Immanuel!

Please turn off your cell phones and/or paging devices. Thank you!

If you are a guest, please fill out a guests' card located in the cardholder on the back of each pew and then place it in the offering plate. We look forward to meeting you!

Members, please help us love and care for one another by filling out an attendance card. Remember to include all the members of your family who are present in worship today. If you are communing, please check in the appropriate place. Thank you for filling out an Attendance-Communion card every time you attend Church.

We celebrate Holy Communion today! In this Supper of our Lord we receive the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the earthly forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith. This Holy Communion is also a sign of our shared confession of the Christian faith. If you have not communed with us before, please speak with one of our pastors before doing so.

During the communion service: If you're not able to drink wine, the lighter colored glasses in the center of the tray of individual cups contain water with a drop of wine. These special glasses allow communicants to celebrate the Lord's Supper according to Christ's institution, but have a very small amount of alcohol.

Worship at Immanuel is...

Christ Centered. We believe that at the heart of worship is the Good News that God has rescued us from our sins through Jesus' death on the cross and rising to life again.

Trinitarian. We believe that the object of worship is the only true God—The Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Multigenerational. We believe that it is a great blessing for family members to worship together. Taking seriously Jesus' words, "Let the little children come to me and so not forbid them" (Mark 10:14), we encourage children to worship with their parents and grandparents and provide resources such as children's bulletins and children's sermons.

Eclectic. Eclectic means, "selecting what seems best of various sources." We believe that we should strive to use the best hymns and practices that the church has to offer. Our worship may include hymns written 500 years ago as well as pieces written 5 months ago.

In preparation for worship we ask that you silence your cell phones and/or paging devices. Thank you. The time before service begins can be a good time to pray and prepare your heart and mind for worship. You will find helpful prayers on the inside cover of the hymnal located in the pew in front of you.

Preservice Music / Bells

Welcome [7:45 am – Alex Voges]

(5:30 pm) **Reception of New Member** [Debbie Conover]

Opening Hymn, LSB 428, “Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow”

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- 1 Cross of Jesus, cross of sorrow,
 Where the blood of Christ was shed,
Perfect Man on thee did suffer,
 Perfect God on thee has bled!**
- 2 Here the King of all the ages,
 Throned in light ere worlds could be,
Robed in mortal flesh is dying,
 Crucified by sin for me.**
- 3 O mysterious condescending!
 O abandonment sublime!
Very God Himself is bearing
 All the sufferings of time!**
- 4 Cross of Jesus, cross of sorrow,
 Where the blood of Christ was shed,
Perfect Man on thee did suffer,
 Perfect God on thee has bled!**

Please stand

Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.** (Matthew 28:19b; [18:20])

Confession and Absolution

(Psalm 51:1-2)

- P** Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
- C** **and cleanse me from my sin!**
- P** Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love;

C according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

Silence for meditation and reflection.

P Merciful Father,

C we beg You, O Lord, to have mercy upon us sinners. Though we deserve nothing of Your kindness, deliver us according to the mercy You have promised in Your Son, Jesus Christ, and restore us as Your own sons and daughters. Forgive us all our sins, create in us new and contrite hearts, and instill in us the will and desire for all that is good and right and true. Make us to know Your will and grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

+ Service of the Word +

Introit of the Day

(Psalm 51:2-6; antiphon: v. 1)

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;

according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,

and cleanse me from my sin!

For I know my transgressions,

and my sin is ever before me.

Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight,

so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.

Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,

and in sin did my mother conceive me.

Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being,

and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.

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.

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

(2 Timothy 4:22)

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

C **Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Please be seated

Old Testament Reading, Isaiah 12:1-6

¹You will say in that day: "I will give thanks to you, O LORD, for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away, that you might comfort me.

²"Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation." ³With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. ⁴And you will say in that day: "Give thanks to the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted. ⁵"Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth. ⁶"Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle, 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer.

¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. ¹⁸All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

Holy Gospel, Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 15th chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear [Jesus]. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.” ³So he told them this parable: . . . “There was a man who had two sons. ¹²And the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.’ And he divided his property between them. ¹³Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. ¹⁴And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷“But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! ¹⁸I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.”’ ²⁰And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. ²¹And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ ²²But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. ²³And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. ²⁴For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.’ And they began to celebrate. ²⁵“Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. ²⁷And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.’ ²⁸But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, ²⁹but he answered his father, ‘Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!’ ³¹And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³²It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.’”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Please be seated

Children's Message (Parents of young children may also come forward with their children.)

Hymn of the Day, LSB 571, "God Loved the World So That He Gave"

Text: Heiliges Lippen- und Hertzens-Opfer, c. 1778, Stettin; tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt. Text: Public domain

- 1 God loved the world so that He gave
His only Son the lost to save,
That all who would in Him believe
Should everlasting life receive.**
- 2 Christ Jesus is the ground of faith,
Who was made flesh and suffered death;
All then who trust in Him alone
Are built on this chief cornerstone.**
- 3 God would not have the sinner die;
His Son with saving grace is nigh;
His Spirit in the Word declares
How we in Christ are heaven's heirs.**
- 4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son
Forgives all sins which you have done;
And, justified by Jesus' blood,
Your Baptism grants the highest good.**
- 5 If you are sick, if death is near,
This truth your troubled heart can cheer:
Christ Jesus saves your soul from death;
That is the firmest ground of faith.**
- △ 6 Glory to God the Father, Son,
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To You, O blessed Trinity,
Be praise now and eternally!**

Sermon, Luke 15:11-32, "Who's the Hero?"

Please stand

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 the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

P As prodigals, we come into the arms of our heavenly Father, waiting even more for us to pray than we are to petition His mercy.

Heavenly Father, we have all been one with Adam in the rebellion of our stubborn wills and in suffering the consequences of sin with its death. Grant us grace that we may return to You with humble hearts and rejoice in Your forgiveness so that our hearts may be at peace and we may be rescued from our guilt, shame, and despair. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Blessed Lord, in Baptism You made us anew, raising up from the water a new person, created in Christ Jesus for good works. Give us the will and desire to do what is good, right, and pleasing in Your sight. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Mighty God, deliver the nations from violence and war, and teach us generosity, compassion, and the path of peace. Bless our president, Congress, governor, legislature, and all who make, administer, and judge Your laws. Bless also those who labor for peace and justice even at the peril of their own lives. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Merciful God, deliver us from rebellion and bitterness that we not only find a home in Your mercy but show forth Your grace, forgiveness, and joy to all those around us. Bless the missionary and church planter as they bring Your saving Word to those who have not heard it and plant congregations for Your people to gather around Your Word and Table. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Compassionate Father, You know our needs even before we ask but still we cry to You on behalf of all the sick and those who

suffer, [*especially...*]. Give them healing in accordance with Your will, grace to endure their affliction, and peace in the hour of death. Lord, in Your mercy,

C

hear our prayer.

P

(*Special petitions...*) Lord, in Your mercy,

C

hear our prayer.

P

Into Your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C

Amen.

Please be seated

Offering (*During our Saturday evening service, please feel free to place your offerings and attendance cards in the plate in the narthex.*)

Please stand

Offertory, LSB 806, “Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart”

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**Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He's given
Jesus Christ His Son. (*Repeat once*)**

**And now let the weak say “I am strong,”
Let the poor say “I am rich,”
Because of what the Lord has done for us. (*Repeat once*)**

Give thanks, give thanks.

+ Service of the Sacrament +

In this Supper of our Lord we receive the true body and blood of Jesus Christ under the earthly forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith. Since this Holy Communion is also a sign of how we commonly confess the Christian faith, we welcome to the Lord's Table those who are confirmed members of congregations of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

Preface

P

The Lord be with you.

(2 Timothy 4:22)

C

And also with you.

P

Lift up your hearts.

(Colossians 3:1)

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. (Psalm 136)

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

P It is truly good, 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 saying:

Sanctus (Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9)

C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. (*Hosanna* is a Hebrew word of praise meaning "save us now.")

The Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13)

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.

Words of Our Lord (Matt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1 Cor 11:23-25)

Pax Domini (John 20:19)

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Please be seated

Distribution

LSB 618, “I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table”

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- 1 I come, O Savior, to Thy table,
For weak and weary is my soul;
Thou, Bread of Life, alone art able
To satisfy and make me whole: *Refrain***

***Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood
Be for my soul the highest good!***
- 2 Thy heart is filled with fervent yearning
That sinners may salvation see
Who, Lord, to Thee in faith are turning;
So I, a sinner, come to Thee. *Refrain***
- 3 Unworthy though I am, O Savior,
Because I have a sinful heart,
Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt banish never,
For Thou my faithful shepherd art: *Refrain***
- 4 Weary am I and heavy laden;
With sin my soul is sore oppressed;
Receive me graciously and gladden
My heart, for I am now Thy guest. *Refrain***
- 5 What higher gift can we inherit?
It is faith’s bond and solid base;
It is the strength of heart and spirit,
The covenant of hope and grace. *Refrain***

LSB 440, “Jesus, I Will Ponder Now”

Text: Sigismund von Birken, 1626–81; tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt. Text: Public domain

- 1 Jesus, I will ponder now
On Your holy passion;
With Your Spirit me endow
For such meditation.
Grant that I in love and faith
May the image cherish**

**Of Your suff'ring, pain, and death
That I may not perish.**

**2 Make me see Your great distress,
 Anguish, and affliction,
 Bonds and stripes and wretchedness
 And Your crucifixion;
 Make me see how scourge and rod,
 Spear and nails did wound You,
 How for them You died, O God,
 Who with thorns had crowned You.**

**3 Yet, O Lord, not thus alone
 Make me see Your passion,
 But its cause to me make known
 And its termination.
 Ah! I also and my sin
 Wrought Your deep affliction;
 This indeed the cause has been
 Of Your crucifixion.**

**4 Grant that I Your passion view
 With repentant grieving.
 Let me not bring shame to You
 By unholy living.
 How could I refuse to shun
 Ev'ry sinful pleasure
 Since for me God's only Son
 Suffered without measure?**

**5 If my sins give me alarm
 And my conscience grieve me,
 Let Your cross my fear disarm;
 Peace of conscience give me.
 Help me see forgiveness won
 By Your holy passion.
 If for me He slays His Son,
 God must have compassion!**

**6 Graciously my faith renew;
 Help me bear my crosses,
 Learning humbleness from You,**

**Peace mid pain and losses.
May I give You love for love!
Hear me, O my Savior,
That I may in heav'n above
Sing Your praise forever.**

Please stand

Dismissal

P Now may this... Go in peace.

C Amen.

Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

Glory to You, O Lord, for the mercy You have shown to us, for the Word spoken in our midst, and for the Sacrament upon which we are fed the body and blood of our Savior, Jesus Christ. As You have gathered us here, we pray You to continue to gather Your people as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and shelter us in the comfort of Your love forevermore; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benediction

(Numbers 6:24-26)

P 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.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn, "As the Deer"

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- 1. As the deer panteth for the water,
so my soul longeth after Thee
You alone are my heart's desire,
And I long to worship Thee. *Refrain.***

*You alone are my strength, my shield;
To You alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire,
and I long to worship Thee.*

2. **You're my friend and You are my brother
Even though You are a King.
I love You more than any other,
So much more than anything. *Refrain.***

3. **I want You more than gold or silver,
Only You can satisfy.
You alone are the real joy giver
And the apple of my eye. *Refrain.***

Bells / Postlude

We invite you to take the service folder and announcements home with you as you leave today so you can see what's happening this week as well as meditate on the Scriptures, prayers, and hymns from today's service as you go through the week. You can also find helpful information on our church website: immanuelwaterloo.org.

Worship Helpers

Saturday, March 26, 2022 - 5:30 pm

Preacher - Rev. Dr. Tony Troup

Server - Greg Wiegand

Media - Melissa Wiegand

Pianist - Ron Jones

Acolyte - Gwen Wiegand

Sunday, March 27, 2022 - 7:45 am

Preacher - Rev. Dr. Tony Troup

Server/Lector - Warren Frank

Acolytes - Madalyn Prather & Ava Hemmer

Ushers - Roy Unterseh, Jim Stueve, Ed Arras, Lilly Prather

Celebrant - Rev. Merritt Demski

Music Director - Ann Frank

Sunday, March 27, 2022 - 10:15 am

Preacher - Rev. Dr. Tony Troup

Music Director - Ann Frank

Acolytes - Charli & Tyler Major

Ushers - Rodney Clamors, Jenna Hoeffken, Wyatt & Masson Fink

Media/Facebook Live - Lisa Clamors

Celebrant - Rev. Merritt Demski

Server - Bob Polansky

Lector - Jen Janssen

Ushers - Sunday, April 3, 2022

7:45 am - Chuck Keller, Craig Mehner, Larry Taake, Dawn Rubemeyer

10:15 am - Don & Carol Matzenbacher

Acolytes - Sunday, April 3, 2022

Saturday 5:30 pm - Danny & Zachary Bundenthal

Sunday 7:45 am - Trinity Drewes & Clark Deptula

Sunday 10:15 am - Jakson Gregory & Logan Kettler

Lectors - Sunday, April 3, 2022

Saturday 5:30 pm - n/a

Sunday 7:45 am - Daniel Niemeyer

Sunday 10:15 am - Travis Henry

Servers - Sunday, April 3, 2022

Saturday 5:30 pm - *need someone*

Sunday 7:45 am - Rodney Clamors

Sunday 10:15 am - Travis Henry

Altar Guild - Sunday, April 3, 2022

Saturday 5:30 pm - Diana Heins

Sunday 7:45 am - Barbara Altes

Sunday 10:15 am - Susan Hargrave

Media - Sunday, April 3, 2022

Saturday 5:30 pm - Cathy Whelan

Sunday 7:45 am - Kelley Keller

Sunday 10:15 am - Lisa Clamors

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