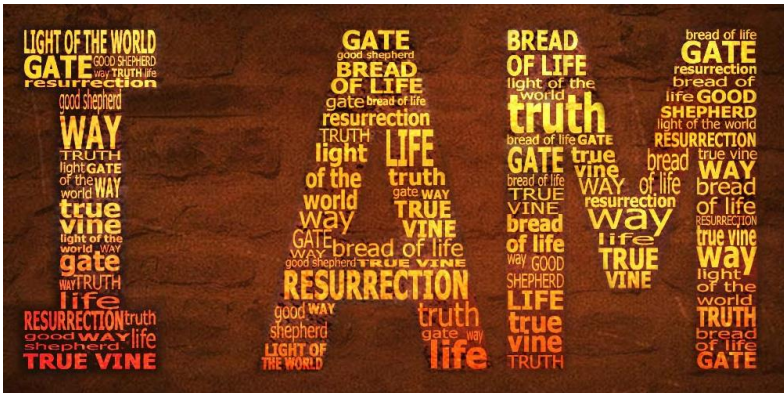




# IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH WATERLOO, ILLINOIS

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## Lenten Midweek Service 1



“When I Am Not, Jesus Declares I AM He”

**Wednesday, February 21, 2024**  
**6:30 p.m.**

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

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**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. Please place this card in the offering plate in the narthex. As you leave, please introduce yourself to the pastor.

**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.

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*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**

### **OPENING HYMN, LSB 423, “Jesus, Refuge of the Weary”**

*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])

#### **OPENING VERSICLES**

**P:** This is the day which the Lord has made;

**C:** **let us rejoice and be glad in it.** (Psalm 118:24)

**P:** From the rising of the sun to its setting,

**C:** **the name of the Lord is to be praised.** (Psalm 113:3)

**P:** 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.**

**P:** Jesus said: If any man would come after Me,

**C:** **let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.**

**P:** Christ was wounded for our transgressions.

**C:** **He was bruised for our iniquities.**

**P:** 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*



**C** 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  
be for - ev - er. A - men.



*Please be seated*

## READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

**John 18:12-27.** <sup>12</sup>So the band of soldiers and their captain and the officers of the Jews arrested Jesus and bound him. <sup>13</sup>First they led him to Annas, for he was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was high priest that year. <sup>14</sup>It was Caiaphas who had advised the Jews that it would be expedient that one man should die for the people. <sup>15</sup>Simon Peter followed Jesus, and so did another disciple. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he entered with Jesus into the court of the high priest, <sup>16</sup>but Peter stood outside at the door. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out and spoke to the servant girl who kept watch at the door, and brought Peter in. <sup>17</sup>The servant girl at the door said to Peter, “You also are not one of this man’s disciples, are you?” He said, “I am not.” <sup>18</sup>Now the servants and officers had made a charcoal fire, because it was cold, and they were standing and warming themselves. Peter also was with them, standing and warming himself. <sup>19</sup>The high priest then questioned Jesus about his disciples and his teaching. <sup>20</sup>Jesus answered him, “I have spoken openly to the world. I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret. <sup>21</sup>Why do you ask me? Ask those who have heard me what I said to them; they know what I said.” <sup>22</sup>When he had said these things, one of the officers standing by struck Jesus with his hand, saying, “Is that how you answer the high priest?” <sup>23</sup>Jesus answered him, “If what I said is wrong, bear witness about the wrong; but if what I said is right, why do you strike me?” <sup>24</sup>Annas then sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest. <sup>25</sup>Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. So they said to him, “You also are not one of his disciples, are you?” He denied it and said, “I am not.” <sup>26</sup>One of the servants of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, “Did I not see you in the garden with him?” <sup>27</sup>Peter again denied it, and at once a rooster crowed.

**P:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

## RESPONSORY FOR LENT

**P:** We have an advocate with the Father: Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.

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

**P: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.**

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

**P: We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.**

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

**+ CATECHISM +**

*Please stand*

## **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*

**LENTEN THEME HYMN**, *LSB* 439 v. 1-3, "O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken"

**SERMON**, John 18:12-27, "When I Am Not, Jesus Declares I AM He"

**OFFERING** *(There will be no offering gathered during the service, but please feel free to place your offerings and attendance cards in the plate in the narthex.)*

*Please stand*

## PRAYER

**P:** In peace let us pray to the Lord:

**C:** Lord, have mercy.

**P:** 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.

**P:** 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.

**P:** 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.

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

**C:** Lord, have mercy.

- P: 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.**
- P: 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.**
- P: For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:
- C: Lord, have mercy.**
- P: For ... *[additional bids for prayer may be inserted here]* ... let us pray to the Lord:
- C: Lord, have mercy.**
- P: 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

- P: 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.**



## **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)

**P:** Let us bless the Lord.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

**P:** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

**C:** **Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN, LSB 880, “Now Rest Beneath Night’s Shadow”**

## **BELLS / POSTLUDE**

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### **Worship Helpers**

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Pastor – Rev. Brian Downs

Music Director – Mrs. Ann Frank

Acolytes – Logan Kettler & Jakson Gregory

Media/Facebook Live – Michael Evers

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### **In Our Prayers...**

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**We Pray for our Fellow Parishioners:** Millie Menke, Sandy Moore (MS), Iva Mesnarich, Marie Dietzel, Chris Morris (ALS & Non-Hodgkin lymphoma), Ken Schanz (leukemia), Carolyn Henry, Pat Jones, Helen Clamors, Randy Wetzler (cancer), Sue Bradshaw, Marvin Henry (back problems), Sandy Thompson (leg circulation problems), Christy Gardner (breast cancer, recovering from surgery), TJ Joellenbeck, Diana Pulcher (cancer), Wendy Maag (preparing for surgery on 2/22), Harold Daugherty (undergoing tests for possible cancer)

**We Pray for Friends and Relatives of Parishioners:** Michael Washausen, Nina Van Kamp (recovering from another surgery), Sarah

Castelli, Brian Kreher (brain tumor), Elsa Wiemerslage (leukemia relapse), Chris Urquhart (ongoing health issues), Marsha Ehlers (pancreatic cancer), Gary Hayes (infection), Palin Cleaves (knee surgery), Bill Hanks (Alzheimer's), Matt Driskill (cancer), Ray Kellerman (recovering from stroke), Pastor Terry Grebing (kidney cancer), Jeff Kistner, Elisha Fink (liver failure), Judy Murray (back surgery), Danny Altschuh (very sick, liver disease), Tracey Bender-Fahey (cancer), Nate Gifford (cancer), Dennis Knobloch

**We Pray for Those in the Service of Our Nation:** Dustin Bender, Alex Naumann, Paul Doty, Minseok Oh

**We Pray for Our Missionaries and Special Missions:** Immanuel's Mission Team, Unity Lutheran Elementary School (E. St. Louis, IL), Christ Our Savior Lutheran High School (Evansville, IL)

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**Join other ladies of Immanuel...**

**6:30–8:00 p.m.**

**During Lent...**

**7–8 p.m.**

**Conference Room**

**Ladies'  
Bible Study**

**Wednesdays**



**ALL ARE WELCOME**

*New Member*

**WELCOME**

**LUNCH**

**11:30 a.m.**  
**Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>**

*Sponsored by  
the Board of  
Social Ministry  
(Community  
Care)*

**It'll be a potluck! Meat, bread & drinks will be provided. Please bring a salad/side dish (last names beginning A-M) or a dessert (last names beginning N-Z) to share!**



*Sponsored by the Board of Evangelism...*

**JIGSAW  
PUZZLE  
CONTEST**

**Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>**

**11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

**Lunch & prizes included!**

**RSVP by 3/3/24**  
**618-939-6480**

**Calling all jigsaw puzzle players up to 6/team!**

Wednesdays – 2/21, 2/28, 3/6, 3/13, 3/20

# LENTEN

Dinners and Services

Dinner 5-6:30 p.m. – Service 6:30 p.m.

**Sunday, Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>**

**1:00 p.m. - ??**

# Church WORK DAY

*Lend a Helping Hand*

**ALL help appreciated!**

***Moving items & prep work for floor waxing.***

# YOUTH Group

**Sunday, Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> – 6-8 p.m.**

**Youth Room!**

**Be there.**