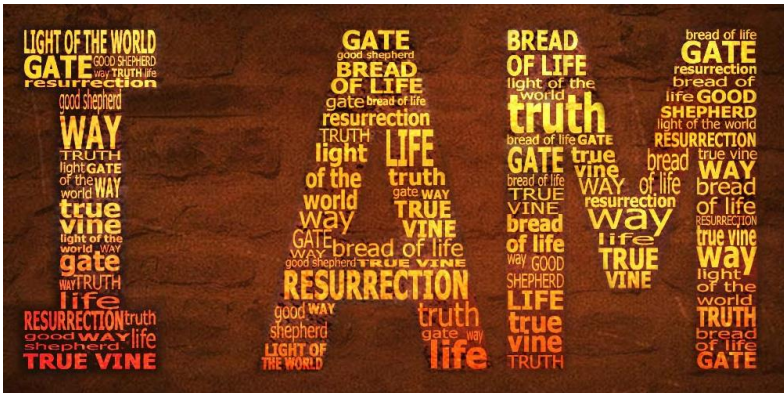




IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH WATERLOO, ILLINOIS

Lenten Midweek Service 3



“Whom Do You Follow”

**Wednesday, March 6, 2024
6:30 p.m.**

“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. 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.

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

Please stand

OPENING HYMN, LSB 427, "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

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 19:1-16b. 1 Then Pilate took Jesus and flogged him. 2 And the soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head and arrayed him in a purple robe. 3 They came up to him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!” and struck him with their hands. 4 Pilate went out again and said to them, “See, I am bringing him out to you that you may know that I find no guilt in him.” 5 So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, “Behold the man!” 6 When the chief priests and the officers saw him, they cried out, “Crucify him, crucify him!” Pilate said to them, “Take him yourselves and crucify him, for I find no guilt in him.” 7 The Jews answered him, “We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has made himself the Son of God.” 8 When Pilate heard this statement, he was even more afraid. 9 He entered his headquarters again and said to Jesus, “Where are you from?” But Jesus gave him no answer. 10 So Pilate said to him, “You will not speak to me? Do you not know that I have authority to release you and authority to crucify you?” 11 Jesus answered him, “You would have no authority over me at all unless it had been given you from above. Therefore he who delivered me over to you has the greater sin.” 12 From then on Pilate sought to release him, but the Jews cried out, “If you release this man, you are not Caesar’s friend. Everyone who makes himself a king opposes Caesar.” 13 So when Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called The Stone Pavement, and in Aramaic Gabbatha. 14 Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover. It was about the sixth hour. He said to the Jews, “Behold your King!” 15 They cried out, “Away with him, away with him, crucify him!” Pilate said to them, “Shall I crucify your King?” The chief priests answered, “We have no king but Caesar.” 16 So he delivered him over to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus.

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. 7-9, "O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken"

SERMON, John 19:1-16b, "Whom Do You Follow"

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 886, “The Day Thou Gavest”

BELLS / POSTLUDE

Worship Helpers

Pastor – Rev. Brian Downs

Music Director – Mrs. Ann Frank

Acolytes – Colton Glessner & Michael Evers

Media/Facebook Live – Nash Bradley

In Our Prayers...

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 (recovering from surgery), Harold Daugherty

(undergoing tests for possible cancer), Kathy Clevenger (recovering from knee surgery)

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, Evelyn Marquardt (cancer), Dorothy Hagemeyer (vertigo), Delbert Wittenauer (cancer)

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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JIGSAW PUZZLE CONTEST

Calling all jigsaw puzzle players up to 6/team!

A graphic featuring several interlocking jigsaw puzzle pieces in yellow, blue, and red, arranged in a partial border around the event details.

Sunday, March 10th
11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Lunch & prizes included!
RSVP by 3/3/24
618-939-6480

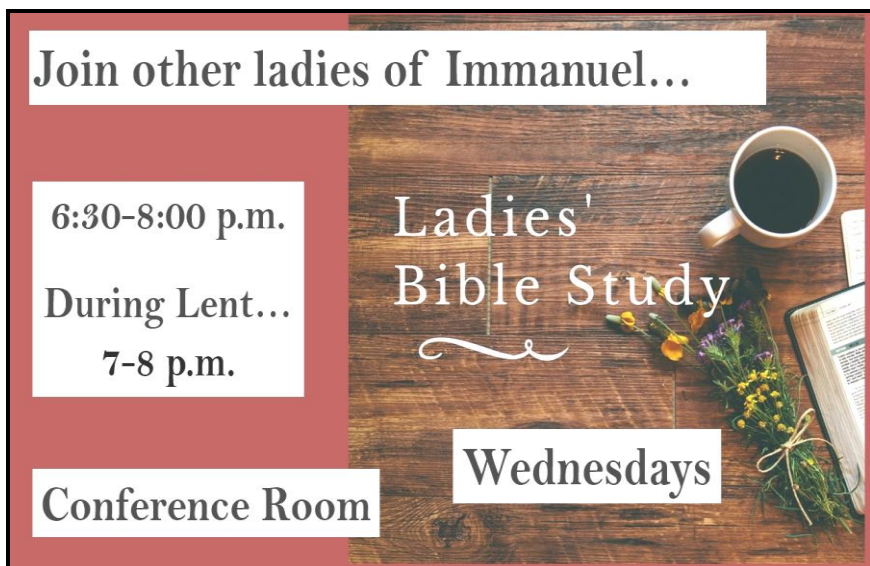
A graphic for Lenten Dinners and Services. The background is a dark, textured surface with a wooden cross and a purple flower. The text is white and bold.

Wednesdays – 3/6, 3/13, 3/20

LENTEN

Dinners and Services

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

A graphic for Ladies' Bible Study. The background is a wooden surface with a cup of coffee, a Bible, and a small bouquet of flowers. The text is white and elegant.

Join other ladies of Immanuel...

6:30-8:00 p.m.

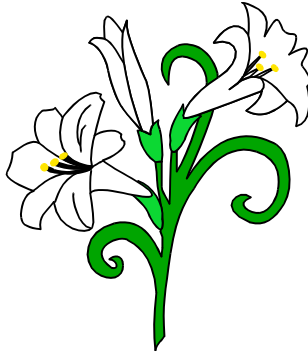
During Lent...

7-8 p.m.

Ladies' Bible Study

Wednesdays

Conference Room



EASTER LILIES

We will decorate our church and narthex with lilies on Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024. Lilies have long been a symbol of the new life Christ won for us by His resurrection. There will be space for 20-25 live lilies. You can also purchase virtual lilies which will be shown on the screens. **Each lily (either live or virtual) is \$10.00.**

If you would like to purchase a lily, please fill out the order form on the insert and return it to the church office or the wooden box in the narthex **by Sunday, March 24** with your money. The flowers are to be picked up following the last service on Easter morning.

Lilies can be designated in memory or in recognition of a loved one, or in thanksgiving for someone or something. If you would like to participate in this special display and have a lily simply on behalf of yourself or your family, this is also welcomed and encouraged.

Given by _____

In Memory of _____

In recognition of _____

In Thanksgiving for _____

I will order _____ Easter lilies at \$10.00 each. Please make checks payable to Immanuel.

_____ Live

_____ Virtual