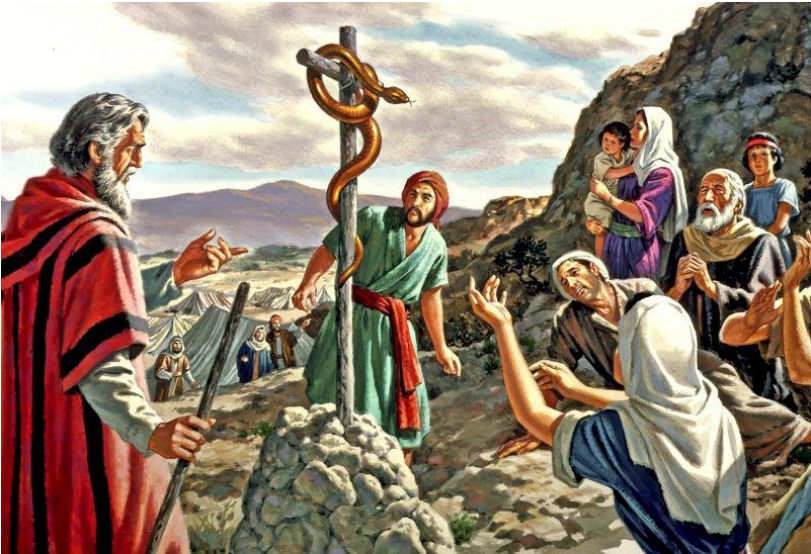




# IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH WATERLOO, ILLINOIS

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## **Fourth Sunday in Lent**



**Saturday, March 9, 2024 – 5:30 p.m.**  
**Sunday, March 10, 2024 – 7:45 a.m. & 10:15 a.m.**

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*“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.*

## Divine Service, Setting Four

(*Lutheran Service Book*, pg. 203)

**Preservice Music** (7:45 a.m. & 10:15 a.m. – Saxophone Selection (Elden Niemeyer), “Amazing Grace,” arr. D. Whitman)

**Bells**

**Welcome**

*Please stand*

**Opening Hymn, LSB 744, “Amazing Grace”**

### ✠ Confession and Absolution ✠

**P** In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.** (Matthew 28:19b; [18:20])

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** **who made heaven and earth.** (Psalm 124:8)

**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C** **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**  
(Psalm 130:3-4)

*Silence for reflection on God’s Word and for self-examination.*

**P** Since we are gathered to hear God’s word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner. (Luke 18:13)

**C** **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. 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. (John 20:19-23)

**C** **Amen.**

## ✠ Service of the Word ✠

### Introit of the Day

(Psalm 27:3-5; antiphon: v. 1)

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

**The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;

**though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.**

One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:

**that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,**

**to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple.**

For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;

**he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock.**

**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.**

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

**The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

### Kyrie

(Mark 10:47)



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

### Salutation and 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*

(10:15 a.m.) **Choir Anthem**, “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”  
(setting P. Niedmann)

## Old Testament Reading, Numbers 21:4-9

<sup>4</sup>From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. <sup>5</sup>And the people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food.” <sup>6</sup>Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. <sup>7</sup>And the people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. <sup>8</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, “Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live.” <sup>9</sup>So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

*After the reading:*

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle, Ephesians 2:1-10

<sup>1</sup>And you were dead in the trespasses and sins <sup>2</sup>in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— <sup>3</sup>among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. <sup>4</sup>But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, <sup>5</sup>even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— <sup>6</sup>and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup>so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup>For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, <sup>9</sup>not a result of works, so that no one may boast. <sup>10</sup>For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

*After the reading:*

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Please stand*

## Alleluia and Verse

(John 20:31)



**C** These things are writ-ten that you may be - lieve that



## **Holy Gospel, John 3:14-21**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>14</sup>[Jesus said:] “As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. <sup>16</sup>“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup>For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. <sup>18</sup>Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. <sup>19</sup>And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their deeds were evil. <sup>20</sup>For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. <sup>21</sup>But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his deeds have been carried out in God.”

*After the reading:*

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **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.**

*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”

### Sermon, “Love, Lift It Up”

*Please stand*

#### Prayer of the Church

(1 Timothy 2:1-4)

**P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

**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.**

**Offering** (*During our Saturday service, please place your offering in the plate in the narthex or mail it to the church anytime.*) [10:15 a.m. – Choir Anthem, “Create in Me a Clean Heart,” arr. P.S. Klemp]

#### Offertory, LSB 767, “Jesus, Remember Me”

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Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when You come in - to Your king - dom.

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*Repeat once*

#### ✠ 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, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. 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** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;  
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.  
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;  
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

### 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**

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always. (John 20:19)

**C** Amen.

### **Agnus Dei**

(John 1:29)

**C** 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,  
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

*Please be seated*

### **Distribution Hymns**

*LSB 542, "When I Behold Jesus Christ"*

*LSB 702, "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"*

*Please stand*

### **Dismissal**

**P** The body and blood...Go in peace.

**C** Amen.

## Nunc Dimittis

(Luke 2:29-32)

**C** 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All  
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the  
glo - ry it, Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;  
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
For as in lead the be - gin - ning, Is  
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -  
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

## Post-Communion Collect

**P** Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Benedicamus and Benediction

- P** Let us bless the Lord. (Psalm 103:1)
- C** **Thanks be to God.**
- P** The Lord bless you and keep you. (Numbers 6:24-26)  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance on you and + give you peace.
- C** **Amen.**

## Closing Hymn, *LSB* 918, “Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer”

## Bells / Postlude

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## Worship Helpers

### Saturday, March 9, 2024 - 5:30 p.m.

Pastor - Rev. Brian Downs

Server - Jason Valerius

Altar Guild - Susan Starbuck

Organist - Joan Ruwald

Acolyte - Audrey Braun

Media - Melissa Wiegand

### Sunday, March 10, 2024 - 7:45 a.m.

Pastor - Rev. Brian Downs

Server/Lector - Warren Frank

Acolytes - Tyler Major & Olivia Rusteberg

Ushers - Allen Jacobs, Don & Gina Birrittier, Michael Evers

Music Director - Ann Frank

Altar Guild - Barbara Altes

Media - Don Birrittier

### Sunday, March 10, 2024 - 10:15 a.m.

Pastor - Rev. Brian Downs

Server - Rodney Clamors

Acolytes - TJ Joellenbeck & Liam Garner

Ushers - Cal Neeman, Jeriah Fink, Jacob Dethrow, Michael Evers

Music Director - Ann Frank

Lector - Daniel Niemeyer

Altar Guild - Joyce McDaniel

Media/Facebook Live - Will Hanks

### Worship Helpers - Wednesday, March 13, 2024 - 6:30 p.m.

Acolytes - Brielle & Jeriah Fink

Media/Facebook Live - Tyler Major

### Ushers - Sunday, March 17, 2024

7:45 a.m. - Roy Unterseh, Jim Stueve, Ed Arras, Maddy Prather

10:15 a.m. - Dusty Dethrow, Davin Dethrow, Collin Dethrow

### Acolytes - Sunday, March 17, 2024

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Gwen Wiegand

Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Carson Filipiak & Nolan Prather

Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Ashlyn Whelan & Will Hanks

### Lectors - Sunday, March 17, 2024

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - n/a

Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Don Birrittier

Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Bob Polansky

**Servers - Sunday, March 17, 2024**

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Greg Wiegand  
Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Rodney Clamors  
Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Bob Polansky

**Media - Sunday, March 17, 2024**

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Melissa Wiegand  
Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Michael Evers  
Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Cathy Whelan

**Altar Guild - Sunday, March 17, 2024**

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Marilyn Collette  
Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Pam Nagel  
Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Susan Hargrave

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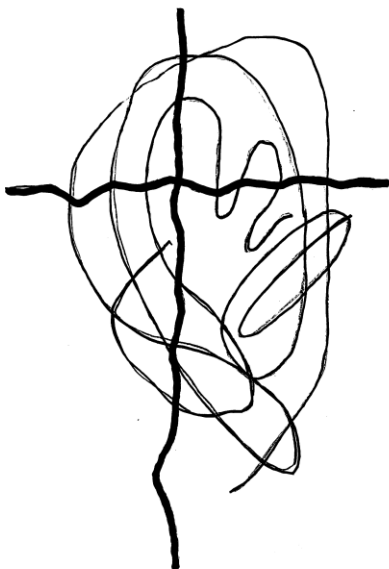
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## Connected to Christ:

I am the vine; you are the branches...John 15:5



Josiah Braswell