



# IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH WATERLOO, ILLINOIS

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## **Fifth Sunday in Lent**



*“The Heart of God”*

**Saturday, March 16, 2024 – 5:30 p.m.**  
**Sunday, March 17, 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** [10:15 a.m. – Agape Ringers, “Fanfare Intrada” (J. Behnke)]

**Bells**

**Welcome/Greeting**

*Please stand*

**Opening Hymn, LSB 435, “Come to Calvary’s Holy Mountain”**

### ✠ 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 116:1-4,8; antiphon: Psalm 43:1)

Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly people,

**from the deceitful and unjust man deliver me!**

I love the LORD, because he has heard

**my voice and my pleas for mercy.**

Because he inclined his ear to me,

**therefore I will call on him as long as I live.**

The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;

**I suffered distress and anguish.**

Then I called on the name of the LORD:

**“O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!”**

For you have delivered my soul from death,

**my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.**

**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.**

Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly people,

**from the deceitful and unjust man deliver me!**

### 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, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; 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.) **Agape Ringers**, “The Lamb” (Hansen & Behnke)

## Old Testament Reading, Jeremiah 31:31-34

<sup>31</sup>“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, <sup>32</sup>not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup>And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”

*After the reading:*

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle, Hebrews 5:1-10

<sup>1</sup>Every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. <sup>2</sup>He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. <sup>3</sup>Because of this he is obligated to offer sacrifice for his own sins just as he does for those of the people. <sup>4</sup>And no one takes this honor for himself, but only when called by God, just as Aaron was. <sup>5</sup>So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”; <sup>6</sup>as he says also in another place, “You are a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek.” <sup>7</sup>In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. <sup>8</sup>Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. <sup>9</sup>And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him, <sup>10</sup>being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.

*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, Mark 10:32-45**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>32</sup>And they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them. And they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. And taking the twelve again, he began to tell them what was to happen to him, <sup>33</sup>saying, “See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death and deliver him over to the Gentiles. <sup>34</sup>And they will mock him and spit on him, and flog him and kill him. And after three days he will rise.” <sup>35</sup>And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” <sup>36</sup>And he said to them, “What do you want me to do for you?” <sup>37</sup>And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” <sup>38</sup>Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?” <sup>39</sup>And they said to him, “We are able.” And Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized, <sup>40</sup>but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.” <sup>41</sup>And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. <sup>42</sup>And Jesus called them to him and said to them, “You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. <sup>43</sup>But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, <sup>44</sup>and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. <sup>45</sup>For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

*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* 430, "My Song Is Love Unknown"

**Sermon**, "The Heart of God"

*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.**

*Please be seated*

**Offering** (*During our Saturday service, please place your offering in the plate in the narthex or mail it to the church anytime.*)

*Please stand*

**Offertory**, *LSB* 956, "Create in Me"

Text: Psalm 51:10-12. Tune: Johann Georg Winer, 1583-1651, adapt. Text and tune: Public domain

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new  
a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way  
from Thy pres - ence; and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it



### ✠ 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)





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)

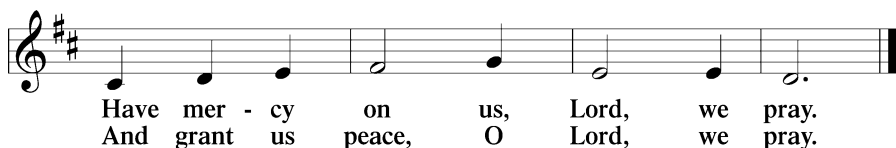
### Pax Domini

**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,



*Please be seated*

## Distribution Hymns

LSB 350, "Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come"

LSB 683, "Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me"

*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 to 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 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 the be - gin - ning, Is  
to now, Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
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



Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**Amen.**

## Benedicamus and Benediction



Let us bless the Lord.

(Psalm 103:1)



**Thanks be to God.**



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.



**Amen.**

## Closing Hymn, *LSB* 392, “God Loves Me Dearly”

## Bells / Postlude

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*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](http://immanuelwaterloo.org).*

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## Worship Helpers

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### Saturday, March 16, 2024 - 5:30 p.m.

Pastor - Rev. Brian Downs

Server - Greg Wiegand

Altar Guild - Marilyn Collette

Pianist - Ron Jones

Acolyte - Gwen Wiegand

Media - Melissa Wiegand

### Sunday, March 17, 2024 - 7:45 a.m.

Pastor - Rev. Brian Downs

Server - Rodney Clamors

Acolytes - Carson Filipiak & Nolan Prather

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

Media - Michael Evers

Music Director - Ann Frank

Lector - Don Birrittier

Altar Guild - Pam Nagel

**Sunday, March 17, 2024 - 10:15 a.m.**

Pastor - Rev. Brian Downs

Server/Lector - Bob Polansky

Acolytes - Ashlyn Whelan & Will Hanks

Ushers - Alan Stumpf, Paul Broske Sr., Tom McDaniel

**Worship Helpers - Wednesday, March 20, 2024 - 6:30 p.m.**

Acolytes - Jakson Gregory & Avery Collmeyer

Media/Facebook Live - Jensyn Collmeyer

**Ushers - Sunday, March 24, 2024**

7:45 a.m. - Kevin Whelan, Alex Whelan, Jacob Dethrow

10:15 a.m. - Lee Eggemeyer, Adam Eggemeyer, Chase Richey, Jakson Gregory

**Acolytes - Sunday, March 24, 2024**

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Avery & Lorelei Griffin

Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Logan Kettler & Chase Richey

Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Jacob & Everly Dethrow

**Servers - Sunday, March 24, 2024**

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Rodney Clamors

Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Jason Valerius

Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Dusty Dethrow

**Media - Sunday, March 24, 2024**

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Liam Garner

Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Carson Filipiak

Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Ayda Eggemeyer

Music Director - Ann Frank

Altar Guild - Susan Hargrave

Media/Facebook Live - Cathy Whelan

**Lectors - Sunday, March 24, 2024**

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

Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Bob Polansky

Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Daniel Niemeyer

**Altar Guild - Sunday, March 24, 2024**

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Diana Heins

Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Barbara Altes

Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Linda Gutknecht

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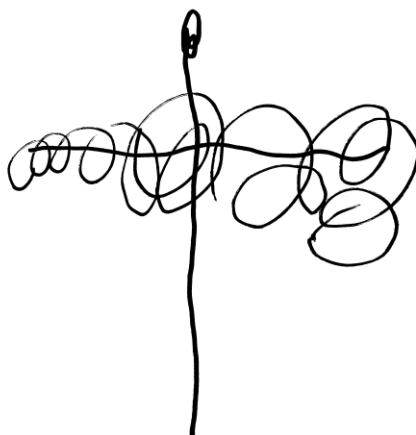
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**Connected  
To  
Christ:**

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



Laura Moss