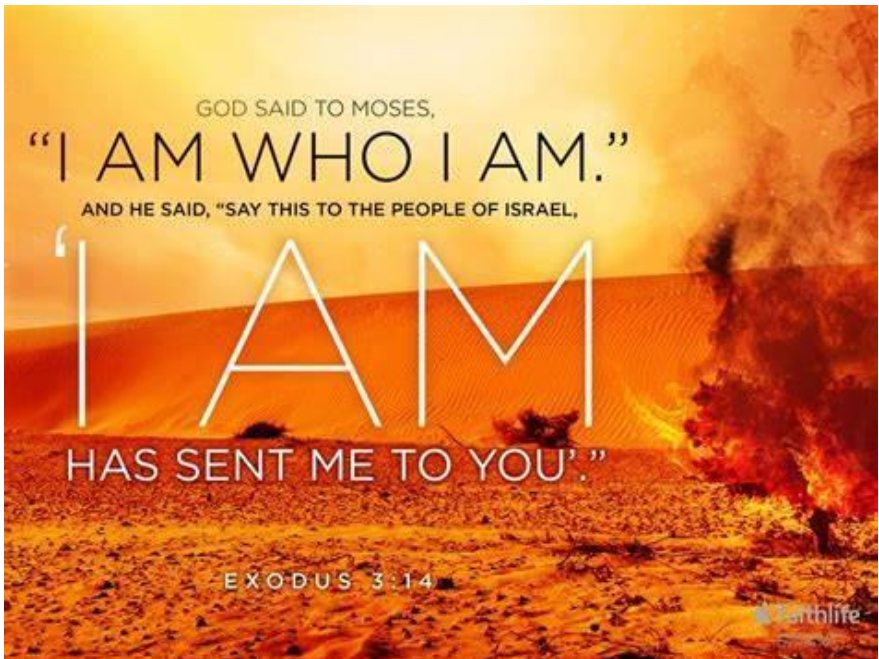




IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
WATERLOO, ILLINOIS

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**Third Sunday in Lent**



**Saturday, March 2, 2024 – 5:30 p.m.**  
**Sunday, March 3, 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 / Bells / Welcome

#### Opening Hymn, *LSB* 850, “God of Grace and God of Glory”

#### ✠ Confession and Absolution ✠

*Please stand*

**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 69:14-16; antiphon: v. 9)

For zeal for your house has consumed me,

**and the reproaches of those who reproach you have fallen on me.**

Deliver me from sinking in the mire;

**let me be delivered from my enemies and from the deep waters.**

Let not the flood sweep over me, or the deep swallow me up,  
**or the pit close its mouth over me.**

Answer me, O LORD, for your steadfast love is good;  
**according to your abundant mercy, turn to me.**

**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.**

For zeal for your house has consumed me,

**and the reproaches of those who reproach you have fallen on 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** O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; 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*

(5:30 p.m.) **Old Testament Reading, Exodus 20:1-17**

<sup>1</sup>And God spoke all these words, saying, <sup>2</sup>"I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. <sup>3</sup>"You shall have no other gods before me. <sup>4</sup>"You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. <sup>5</sup>You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, <sup>6</sup>but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments. <sup>7</sup>"You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain. <sup>8</sup>"Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. <sup>9</sup>Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, <sup>10</sup>but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male

servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. <sup>11</sup>For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy. <sup>12</sup>“Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. <sup>13</sup>“You shall not murder. <sup>14</sup>“You shall not commit adultery. <sup>15</sup>“You shall not steal. <sup>16</sup>“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. <sup>17</sup>“You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor’s.”

*After the reading:*

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

(7:45 a.m. & 10:15 a.m.) **Old Testament Reading, Joshua 1:1-4; 3:7-17**

<sup>1</sup>After the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, the LORD said to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses’ assistant, <sup>2</sup>“Moses my servant is dead. Now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, into the land that I am giving to them, to the people of Israel. <sup>3</sup>Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given to you, just as I promised to Moses. <sup>4</sup>From the wilderness and this Lebanon as far as the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites to the Great Sea toward the going down of the sun shall be your territory. <sup>7</sup>The LORD said to Joshua, “Today I will begin to exalt you in the sight of all Israel, that they may know that, as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. <sup>8</sup>And as for you, command the priests who bear the ark of the covenant, ‘When you come to the brink of the waters of the Jordan, you shall stand still in the Jordan.’” <sup>9</sup>And Joshua said to the people of Israel, “Come here and listen to the words of the LORD your God.” <sup>10</sup>And Joshua said, “Here is how you shall know that the living God is among you and that he will without fail drive out from before you the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Hivites, the Perizzites, the Girgashites, the Amorites, and the Jebusites. <sup>11</sup>Behold, the ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth is passing over before you into the Jordan. <sup>12</sup>Now therefore take twelve men from the tribes of Israel, from each tribe a man. <sup>13</sup>And when the soles of the feet of the priests bearing the ark of the LORD, the Lord of all the earth, shall rest in the waters of the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan shall be cut off from flowing, and the waters coming down from above shall stand in one heap.” <sup>14</sup>So when the people set out from their tents to pass over the Jordan with the priests bearing the ark of the covenant before the people, <sup>15</sup>and as soon as those bearing the ark had come as far as the Jordan, and the feet of the priests bearing the ark were dipped in the brink of the water (now the Jordan overflows all its banks throughout the time of harvest), <sup>16</sup>the waters coming down from above stood and rose up in a heap very far away, at Adam, the city that is beside Zarethan, and those flowing down toward the Sea of the Arabah, the Salt Sea, were completely cut off. And the people passed over opposite Jericho. <sup>17</sup>Now

the priests bearing the ark of the covenant of the LORD stood firmly on dry ground in the midst of the Jordan, and all Israel was passing over on dry ground until all the nation finished passing over the Jordan.

*After the reading:*

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

(5:30 p.m.) **Epistle**, 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

<sup>18</sup>The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup>For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.” <sup>20</sup>Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup>For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup>For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup>but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup>For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. <sup>26</sup>For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup>But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; <sup>28</sup>God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, <sup>29</sup>so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. <sup>30</sup>He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. <sup>31</sup>Therefore, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

*After the reading:*

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

(7:45 a.m. & 10:15 a.m.) **Epistle**, Revelation 21:1-5

<sup>1</sup>Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup>And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. <sup>4</sup>He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.” <sup>5</sup>And he who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all

things new.” Also he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.”

*After the reading:*

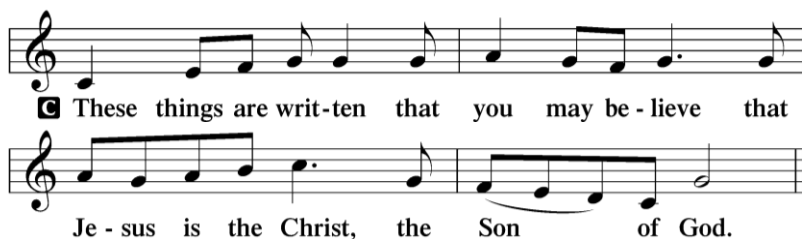
**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Please stand*

### Alleluia and Verse

(John 20:31)



(5:30 p.m.) **Holy Gospel, John 2:13-22**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>13</sup>The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup>In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. <sup>15</sup>And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. <sup>16</sup>And he told those who sold the pigeons, “Take these things away; do not make my Father’s house a house of trade.” <sup>17</sup>His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for your house will consume me.” <sup>18</sup>So the Jews said to him, “What sign do you show us for doing these things?” <sup>19</sup>Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” <sup>20</sup>The Jews then said, “It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?” <sup>21</sup>But he was speaking about the temple of his body. <sup>22</sup>When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

*After the reading:*

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

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

(7:45 a.m. & 10:15 a.m.) **Holy Gospel, Matthew 3:13-17**

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

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

<sup>13</sup>Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup>John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” <sup>15</sup>But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. <sup>16</sup>And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; <sup>17</sup>and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

*After the reading:*

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

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

### Nicene Creed

**C** I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.  
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures And ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.  
And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

*Please be seated*

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

**Hymn of the Day**, *LSB* 981, “To Your Temple Now, No Gift of Price”



## Sermon

*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** (*You can place your offering in the plate in the narthex or mail it to the church anytime.*) [10:15 a.m. – Piano Selection (Ashlyn Whelan), “Minuet in C Major” (Mozart)]

### 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  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va - tion;  
and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

## ✠ 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

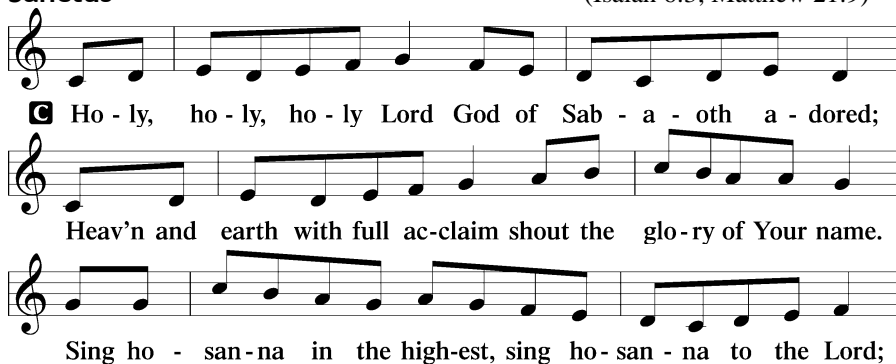
- P** The Lord be with you. (2 Timothy 4:22)  
**C** **And also with you.**  
**P** Lift up your hearts. (Colossians 3:1)  
**C** **We lift them to the Lord.**  
**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. (Psalm 136)  
**C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

### 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;



## 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)

## The Peace of the Lord

**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

(10:15 a.m.) Piano Selection (Ashlyn Whelan), “Opus 210 #9” (Kohler)

LSB 427, “In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

LSB 728, “How Firm a Foundation”

*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  
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 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.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; 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 865, “Lord, Help Us Ever to Retain”

## Bells / Postlude

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## Worship Helpers

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### **Saturday, March 2, 2024 - 5:30 p.m.**

Pastor - Rev. Brian Downs

Server - Cal Neeman

Altar Guild - Cally Killian

Pianist - Ron Jones

Acolyte - Quinn Menke & Avery Griffin

Media - Lorelei Griffin

### **Sunday, March 3, 2024 - 7:45 a.m.**

Celebrant - Rev. Brian Downs

Liturgist/Preacher - Sem. Caleb Wehling

Server/Lector - Bob Polansky

Acolytes - Keaton Roberts & Olivia Rusteberg

Ushers - Larry Taake, Dawn Rubemeyer, Glen Muench

Music Director - Ann Frank

Media - Pam Nagel

Altar Guild - Debbie Olsson

### **Sunday, March 3, 2024 - 10:15 a.m.**

Celebrant - Rev. Brian Downs

Liturgist/Preacher - Sem. Caleb Wehling

Server - Dusty Dethrow

Acolytes - Brady Drewes & Liam Garner

Ushers - Jason Valerius, Jeriah Fink, Trinity Drewes, Brielle Fink

Music Director - Ann Frank

Lector - Rodney Clamors

Media/Facebook Live - Lisa Clamors

Altar Guild - Carol Kassel

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

Acolytes - Colton Glessner & Michael Evers

Media/Facebook Live - Nash Bradley

### **Ushers - Sunday, March 10, 2024**

7:45 a.m. - Allen Jacobs, Don & Gina Birrittier, Michael Evers

10:15 a.m. - Cal Neeman, Jeriah Fink, Jacob Dethrow, Michael Evers

### **Acolytes - Sunday, March 10, 2024**

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Audrey Braun

Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Tyler Major & Mason Wilhelm

Sunday 10:15 a.m. - TJ Joellenbeck & Liam Garner

### **Servers - Sunday, March 10, 2024**

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Rodney Clamors

Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Warren Frank

Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Jason Valerius

### **Media - Sunday, March 10, 2024**

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Clark Deptula

Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Reagan Wilhelm

Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Will Hanks

### **Lectors - Sunday, March 10, 2024**

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

Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Warren Frank

Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Daniel Niemeyer

### **Altar Guild - Sunday, March 10, 2024**

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Susan Starbuck

Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Barbara Altes

Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Joyce McDaniel

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## **PASTORAL VACANCY UPDATE**

Rev. Brian Downs continues to lead all our Lenten midweek services, and he will officially begin as our vacancy pastor on March 9th. For now, we will continue to offer our three regular weekend services.

As we continue through this vacancy, be on the lookout for regular updates from our leadership through the weekly bulletins and emails! Please continue to pray for God's guidance during this process.

**Update from the Pastoral Search Committee:** Please be advised that the pastor search committee has begun the process of accumulating names to submit to district for a biography on each candidate. We currently have 14 names of potential candidates. Southern Illinois District President Scharr wants the congregation to do an assessment of ourselves and our needs that will slow down the process a bit. We are asking you to submit any names you know of for consideration, and we can do the background checks. God bless our task and Immanuel in this process. Those on the pastor search committee are Lee Eggemeyer, Bonnie Unterseh, Doug Simms, Melissa Ziegler, Pam Schrader, and Warren Frank.

## **IMMANUEL LUTHERAN QTS WOULD LIKE TO SHARE OUR 2024 MISSION—AND HOW YOU CAN BE INVOLVED!**

Our goal is to ship 75 mission quilts Alaska to be distributed by the mission team from Peace in Lemay after they arrive. Unfortunately, the shipping cost is very high because the only access to Hooper Bay is via ship or plane. So, here is where YOU can be a part of this mission effort.

You can:

1. Sponsor a Quilt - Donate \$10-\$20 to offset the expense of shipping a mission quilt.
2. Purchase a Quilt - Purchase one of our Mission Quilts for \$50. The proceeds of all sales will be used to cover shipping expenses.

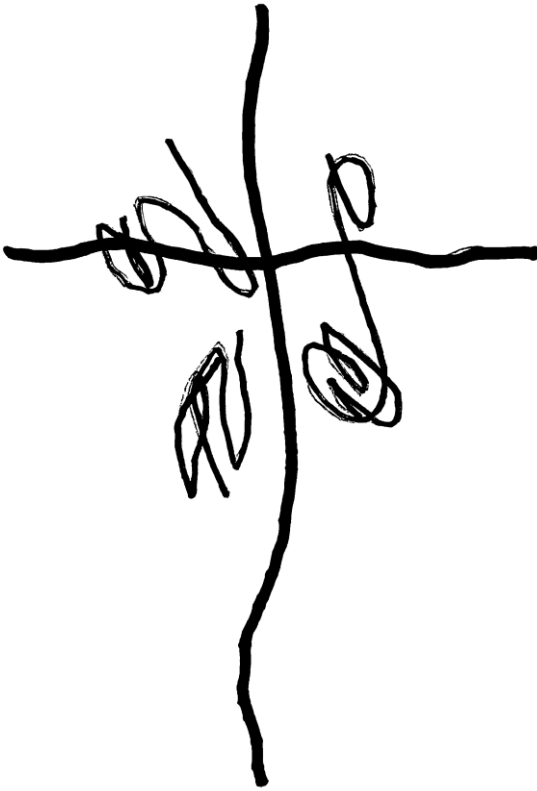
Also, mark your calendars! We will be having Mission Quilt Tying Day on Sunday, April 7th. Come join us and help create more of these special mission quilts. Watch for more details!

Feel free to also join us on Tuesdays (1-4 p.m.) and Thursdays (2-7 p.m.) in the Quilters' Room (in the basement of the education building).

If you have any questions, please contact Jean Hoeffken (618-612-9670 or 618-939-8376).

## Connected to Christ:

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



Lorelei Gunther