





IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
WATERLOO, ILLINOIS

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# Sunday of the Passion

**Saturday, March 28, 2026 – 5:30 p.m.**  
**Sunday, March 29, 2026 – 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 the pastor 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 Three**

*(Lutheran Service Book, pg. 184)*

**Preservice Music** [7:45 a.m. – Agape Ringers, “Fantasy on Kingsfold” (H. D. Wagner)]

### **Bells**

*Please stand and face the processional cross*

#### **The Procession of Palms**

**P** The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** Amen.

**P** Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

**C** **Hosanna to the Son of David.**

### **Collect**

**P** Let us pray.

Most merciful God, as the people of Jerusalem, with palms in their hands, gathered to greet Your dearly beloved Son when He came into His Holy City, grant that we may ever hail Him as our King and, when He comes again, may go forth to meet Him with trusting and steadfast hearts and follow Him in the way that leads to eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### **Holy Gospel**

*John 12:12-19*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter.

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

<sup>12</sup>The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup>So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!” <sup>14</sup>And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, <sup>15</sup>“Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting

on a donkey's colt!" <sup>16</sup>His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. <sup>17</sup>The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. <sup>18</sup>The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. <sup>19</sup>So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him."

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

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

**P** Let us go forth in peace,

**C** in the name of Christ.

**Processional Hymn, LSB 442, "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"**

Text: Theodulf of Orléans, c. 762–821; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–66, alt. Text: Public domain

(10:15 a.m. only – The Preschool – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade children process in during this hymn.)

*All glory, laud, and honor  
To You, Redeemer, King,  
To whom the lips of children  
Made sweet hosannas ring.*

- 1 You are the King of Israel  
And David's royal Son,  
Now in the Lord's name coming,  
Our King and Blessèd One. *Refrain*
  
- 2 The company of angels  
Is praising You on high,  
And we with all creation  
In chorus make reply. *Refrain*
  
- 3 The multitude of pilgrims  
With palms before You went;  
Our praise and prayer and anthems  
Before You we present. *Refrain*
  
- 4 To You before Your passion  
They sang their hymns of praise;  
To You, now high exalted,  
Our melody we raise. *Refrain*

**5 As You received their praises,  
Accept the prayers we bring,  
O Source of ev'ry blessing,  
Our good and gracious King. Refrain**

**P** Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

**C** **Hosanna in the highest.**

*(10:15 a.m. - Please be seated)* **Sunday School Anthem, "Hosanna"**  
(Weber & Weber) [Preschool – 2<sup>nd</sup> grades]

**✠ 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** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

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

**C** **who made heaven and earth.**

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

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

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

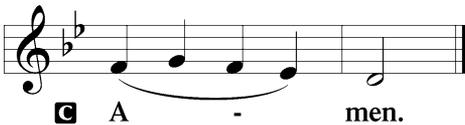
**C** **Amen.**



**P**

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



*Please be seated*

### **Epistle**

*Philippians 2:5-11*

<sup>5</sup>Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, <sup>7</sup>but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup>And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup>Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

*After the reading:*

**L**

This is the Word of the Lord.

**C**

**Thanks be to God.**

*(7:45 a.m.)* **Choir Anthem**, “The Blood of Jesus” (Mark Knickelbein)

*We wash our hands to rid the stain  
And scrub our guilty hearts in vain.  
Our tears and jeers are hurled His way;  
We spit with spite and rage and say:  
"Now crucify, and hear our plea!  
The blood of Jesus on us be."*

*We whip our Savior deep with scars  
To punish ev'ry crime of ours.  
We shake our fists and fight and swear  
And add to all that Christ would bear.  
We raise Him up and clearly see  
The blood of Jesus on us be.*



world, what she has done will also be told in memory of her.”<sup>14</sup> Then one of the twelve, whose name was Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests<sup>15</sup> and said, “What will you give me if I deliver him over to you?” And they paid him thirty pieces of silver.<sup>16</sup> And from that moment he sought an opportunity to betray him.<sup>17</sup> Now on the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Where will you have us prepare for you to eat the Passover?”<sup>18</sup> He said, “Go into the city to a certain man and say to him, ‘The Teacher says, My time is at hand. I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.’”<sup>19</sup> And the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover.<sup>20</sup> When it was evening, he reclined at table with the twelve.<sup>21</sup> And as they were eating, he said, “Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me.”<sup>22</sup> And they were very sorrowful and began to say to him one after another, “Is it I, Lord?”<sup>23</sup> He answered, “He who has dipped his hand in the dish with me will betray me.<sup>24</sup> The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born.”<sup>25</sup> Judas, who would betray him, answered, “Is it I, Rabbi?” He said to him, “You have said so.”<sup>26</sup> Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, “Take, eat; this is my body.”<sup>27</sup> And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, “Drink of it, all of you,<sup>28</sup> for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.<sup>29</sup> I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father’s kingdom.”

**Hymn, LSB 440 v. 1, “Jesus, I Will Ponder Now”**

**1 Jesus, I will ponder now  
On Your holy passion;  
With Your Spirit me endow  
For such meditation.  
Grant that I in love and faith  
May the image cherish  
Of Your suff’ring, pain, and death  
That I may not perish.**

### **Matthew 26:30-46**

<sup>30</sup>And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.  
<sup>31</sup>Then Jesus said to them, “You will all fall away because of me this night. For it is written, ‘I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.’<sup>32</sup> But after I am raised up, I will go before you to

Galilee.”<sup>33</sup>Peter answered him, “Though they all fall away because of you, I will never fall away.”<sup>34</sup>Jesus said to him, “Truly, I tell you, this very night, before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times.”<sup>35</sup>Peter said to him, “Even if I must die with you, I will not deny you!” And all the disciples said the same.<sup>36</sup>Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, “Sit here, while I go over there and pray.”<sup>37</sup>And taking with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, he began to be sorrowful and troubled.<sup>38</sup>Then he said to them, “My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with me.”<sup>39</sup>And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, “My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will.”<sup>40</sup>And he came to the disciples and found them sleeping. And he said to Peter, “So, could you not watch with me one hour?<sup>41</sup>Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.”<sup>42</sup>Again, for the second time, he went away and prayed, “My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done.”<sup>43</sup>And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy.<sup>44</sup>So, leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words again.<sup>45</sup>Then he came to the disciples and said to them, “Sleep and take your rest later on. See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.<sup>46</sup>Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand.”

Hymn, *LSB* 440 v. 2, “Jesus, I Will Ponder Now”

- 2    Make me see Your great distress,  
          Anguish, and affliction,  
      Bonds and stripes and wretchedness  
          And Your crucifixion;  
      Make me see how scourge and rod,  
          Spear and nails did wound You,  
      How for them You died, O God,  
          Who with thorns had crowned You.**

### **Matthew 26:47-68**

<sup>47</sup>While he was still speaking, Judas came, one of the twelve, and with him a great crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people.<sup>48</sup>Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, “The one I will kiss is the man; seize him.”<sup>49</sup>And he came up to Jesus at once and said, “Greetings, Rabbi!” And he kissed him.<sup>50</sup>Jesus said to him, “Friend, do what you came to do.” Then they came up and laid

hands on Jesus and seized him. <sup>51</sup>And behold, one of those who were with Jesus stretched out his hand and drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his ear. <sup>52</sup>Then Jesus said to him, “Put your sword back into its place. For all who take the sword will perish by the sword. <sup>53</sup>Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? <sup>54</sup>But how then should the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must be so?” <sup>55</sup>At that hour Jesus said to the crowds, “Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs to capture me? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not seize me. <sup>56</sup>But all this has taken place that the Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled.” Then all the disciples left him and fled. <sup>57</sup>Then those who had seized Jesus led him to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders had gathered. <sup>58</sup>And Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest, and going inside he sat with the guards to see the end. <sup>59</sup>Now the chief priests and the whole Council were seeking false testimony against Jesus that they might put him to death, <sup>60</sup>but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward <sup>61</sup>and said, “This man said, ‘I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to rebuild it in three days.’” <sup>62</sup>And the high priest stood up and said, “Have you no answer to make? What is it that these men testify against you?” <sup>63</sup>But Jesus remained silent. And the high priest said to him, “I adjure you by the living God, tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God.” <sup>64</sup>Jesus said to him, “You have said so. But I tell you, from now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven.” <sup>65</sup>Then the high priest tore his robes and said, “He has uttered blasphemy. What further witnesses do we need? You have now heard his blasphemy. <sup>66</sup>What is your judgment?” They answered, “He deserves death.” <sup>67</sup>Then they spit in his face and struck him. And some slapped him, <sup>68</sup>saying, “Prophecy to us, you Christ! Who is it that struck you?”

Hymn, *LSB* 440 v. 3, “Jesus, I Will Ponder Now”

**3 Yet, O Lord, not thus alone  
Make me see Your passion,  
But its cause to me make known  
And its termination.  
Ah! I also and my sin  
Wrought Your deep affliction;  
This indeed the cause has been  
Of Your crucifixion.**

*Please stand*

**Matthew 26:69–27:14**

<sup>69</sup>Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. And a servant girl came up to him and said, “You also were with Jesus the Galilean.” <sup>70</sup>But he denied it before them all, saying, “I do not know what you mean.” <sup>71</sup>And when he went out to the entrance, another servant girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders, “This man was with Jesus of Nazareth.” <sup>72</sup>And again he denied it with an oath: “I do not know the man.” <sup>73</sup>After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter, “Certainly you too are one of them, for your accent betrays you.” <sup>74</sup>Then he began to invoke a curse on himself and to swear, “I do not know the man.” And immediately the rooster crowed. <sup>75</sup>And Peter remembered the saying of Jesus, “Before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times.” And he went out and wept bitterly. <sup>1</sup>When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put him to death. <sup>2</sup>And they bound him and led him away and delivered him over to Pilate the governor. <sup>3</sup>Then when Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he changed his mind and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders, <sup>4</sup>saying, “I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.” They said, “What is that to us? See to it yourself.” <sup>5</sup>And throwing down the pieces of silver into the temple, he departed, and he went and hanged himself. <sup>6</sup>But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said, “It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since it is blood money.” <sup>7</sup>So they took counsel and bought with them the potter’s field as a burial place for strangers. <sup>8</sup>Therefore that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. <sup>9</sup>Then was fulfilled what had been spoken by the prophet Jeremiah, saying, “And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him on whom a price had been set by some of the sons of Israel, <sup>10</sup>and they gave them for the potter’s field, as the Lord directed me.” <sup>11</sup>Now Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” Jesus said, “You have said so.” <sup>12</sup>But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he gave no answer. <sup>13</sup>Then Pilate said to him, “Do you not hear how many things they testify against you?” <sup>14</sup>But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

**4 Grant that I Your passion view  
With repentant grieving.  
Let me not bring shame to You  
By unholy living.  
How could I refuse to shun  
Ev'ry sinful pleasure  
Since for me God's only Son  
Suffered without measure?**

**Matthew 27:15-44**

<sup>15</sup>Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to release for the crowd any one prisoner whom they wanted. <sup>16</sup>And they had then a notorious prisoner called Barabbas. <sup>17</sup>So when they had gathered, Pilate said to them, “Whom do you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?” <sup>18</sup>For he knew that it was out of envy that they had delivered him up. <sup>19</sup>Besides, while he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, “Have nothing to do with that righteous man, for I have suffered much because of him today in a dream.” <sup>20</sup>Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus. <sup>21</sup>The governor again said to them, “Which of the two do you want me to release for you?” And they said, “Barabbas.” <sup>22</sup>Pilate said to them, “Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?” They all said, “Let him be crucified!” <sup>23</sup>And he said, “Why, what evil has he done?” But they shouted all the more, “Let him be crucified!” <sup>24</sup>So when Pilate saw that he was gaining nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, “I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves.” <sup>25</sup>And all the people answered, “His blood be on us and on our children!” <sup>26</sup>Then he released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, delivered him to be crucified. <sup>27</sup>Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole battalion before him. <sup>28</sup>And they stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, <sup>29</sup>and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on his head and put a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!” <sup>30</sup>And they spit on him and took the reed and struck him on the head. <sup>31</sup>And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him and led him away to crucify him. <sup>32</sup>As they went out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name. They compelled this man to carry his cross. <sup>33</sup>And when they

came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), <sup>34</sup>they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall, but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. <sup>35</sup>And when they had crucified him, they divided his garments among them by casting lots. <sup>36</sup>Then they sat down and kept watch over him there. <sup>37</sup>And over his head they put the charge against him, which read, “This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.” <sup>38</sup>Then two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left. <sup>39</sup>And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads <sup>40</sup>and saying, “You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.” <sup>41</sup>So also the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked him, saying, <sup>42</sup>“He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. <sup>43</sup>He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he desires him. For he said, ‘I am the Son of God.’” <sup>44</sup>And the robbers who were crucified with him also reviled him in the same way.

**Hymn, LSB 440 v. 5, “Jesus, I Will Ponder Now”**

**5 If my sins give me alarm  
And my conscience grieve me,  
Let Your cross my fear disarm;  
Peace of conscience give me.  
Help me see forgiveness won  
By Your holy passion.  
If for me He slays His Son,  
God must have compassion!**

### **Matthew 27:45-66**

<sup>45</sup>Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. <sup>46</sup>And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” that is, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” <sup>47</sup>And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said, “This man is calling Elijah.” <sup>48</sup>And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine, and put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink. <sup>49</sup>But the others said, “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.” <sup>50</sup>And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit. <sup>51</sup>And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split. <sup>52</sup>The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, <sup>53</sup>and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they

went into the holy city and appeared to many. <sup>54</sup>When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said, “Truly this was the Son of God!” <sup>55</sup>There were also many women there, looking on from a distance, who had followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to him, <sup>56</sup>among whom were Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Joseph and the mother of the sons of Zebedee. <sup>57</sup>When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who also was a disciple of Jesus. <sup>58</sup>He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. <sup>59</sup>And Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen shroud <sup>60</sup>and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had cut in the rock. And he rolled a great stone to the entrance of the tomb and went away. <sup>61</sup>Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb. <sup>62</sup>Next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate <sup>63</sup>and said, “Sir, we remember how that impostor said, while he was still alive, ‘After three days I will rise.’ <sup>64</sup>Therefore order the tomb to be made secure until the third day, lest his disciples go and steal him away and tell the people, ‘He has risen from the dead,’ and the last fraud will be worse than the first.” <sup>65</sup>Pilate said to them, “You have a guard of soldiers. Go, make it as secure as you can.” <sup>66</sup>So they went and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone and setting a guard.

*After the reading:*

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



**G** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

**Hymn, LSB 440 v. 6, “Jesus, I Will Ponder Now”**

- 6 Graciously my faith renew;  
 Help me bear my crosses,  
 Learning humbleness from You,  
 Peace mid pain and losses.  
 May I give You love for love!  
 Hear me, O my Savior,  
 That I may in heav’n above  
 Sing Your praise forever.**



Barabbas James Tissot 1886-94

*Please be seated*

**Sermon**

*Please stand*

**Offertory**

Psalm 51:10-12

**C** 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.

*Please be seated*

**Offering** (*During our Saturday evening service, please feel free to place your offerings and attendance cards in the plate in the narthex.*) [7:45 a.m. – Agape Ringers, “Fanfare Intrada,” arr. John A. Behnke]

**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.**

**✠ 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.*

*Please stand*

**Preface**

2 Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 136



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.



**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



**C** It is meet and right so to do.

### Proper Preface

**P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who accomplished the salvation of mankind by the tree of the cross that, where death arose, there life also might rise again and that the serpent who overcame by the tree of the garden might likewise by the tree of the cross be overcome. 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;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

# Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13



**P** Our Father who art in heav - en, hal - low - ed be Thy name,



Thy king - dom come, Thy will be done on earth as it



is in heav - en; give us this day our dai - ly bread;



and forgive us our tres - pass - es as we forgive those who



tres - pass a - gainst us; and lead us not in - to



temp - ta - tion, but deliver us from e - vil.



**C** For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the



glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

**The Words of Our Lord** (Matt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1 Cor 11:23-25)

## Pax Domini

John 20:19



**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



**C** A - men.

## Agnus Dei

John 1:29



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

*Please be seated*

## Distribution Hymns

LSB 444, "No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet"

LSB 432, "In Silent Pain the Eternal Son"

LSB 439, "O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken"

*Please stand*

## The Dismissal

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart  $\text{✠}$  in peace.

**C** Amen.

# Nunc Dimittis

Luke 2:29-32

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -  
cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,  
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,  
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy  
peo - ple Is - ra - el.

# Thanksgiving

Psalm 107:1

O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

**P** 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.

A - men.



**P** The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22



**C** And with thy spir - it.

### Benedicamus



**A** Bless we the Lord.

Psalms 103:1



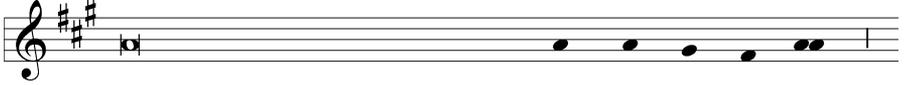
**C** Thanks be to God.

### Benediction

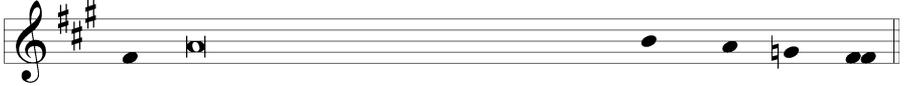
Numbers 6:24-26



**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

### Recessional Hymn, *LSB* 441, "Ride On, Ride On in Majesty"

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- Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
Hark! All the tribes hosanna cry.  
O Savior meek, pursue Thy road,  
With palms and scattered garments strowed.**

- 2 Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
In lowly pomp ride on to die.  
O Christ, Thy triumphs now begin  
O'er captive death and conquered sin.**
- 3 Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
The angel armies of the sky  
Look down with sad and wond'ring eyes  
To see the approaching sacrifice.**
- 4 Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh.  
The Father on His sapphire throne  
Awaits His own anointed Son.**
- 5 Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
In lowly pomp ride on to die.  
Bow Thy meek head to mortal pain,  
Then take, O God, Thy pow'r and reign.**

## **Bells**

**Postlude** [Instrumental Selection, "Jesus, Refuge of the Weary" (*LSB* 423)]

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## Worship Helpers

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**Saturday, March 28, 2026 - 5:30 p.m.**

Pastor - Rev. Benjamin Hayter

Server - Greg Wiegand

Altar Guild - Sally Thorburg

Organist - Justin Tayon

Acolyte - Kenzie Wiegand

Media - Gwen Wiegand

**Sunday, March 29, 2026 - 7:45 a.m.**

Pastor - Rev. Benjamin Hayter

Servers - Don Birrittier &amp; Seth Weinberg

Acolytes - Rosie Fink &amp; Kennedy Filipiak

Ushers - Elden Niemeyer, Warren Frank, Daniel Niemeyer

Media - Gina Birrittier

Music Director - Ann Frank

Crucifer/Lector - Seth Weinberg

Altar Guild - Debbie Olsson

**Sunday, March 29, 2026 - 10:15 a.m.**

Pastor - Rev. Benjamin Hayter

Servers - Adam Eggemeyer &amp; Rodney Clamors

Acolytes - Brady Drewes &amp; Lucas Garner

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

Media/Facebook Live - Liam Garner &amp; Ayda Eggemeyer

Music Director - Ann Frank

Lector - Adam Eggemeyer

Altar Guild - Linda Gutknecht

**Worship Helpers - Maundy Thursday, April 2, 2026 - 6:30 p.m.**

Ushers - Larry Taake, Dawn Rubemeyer, Glen Muench

Acolytes - Amelia Deptula &amp; Olivia Rusteberg

Servers - Tyson Bradley &amp; Dusty Dethrow

Media/Facebook Live - Lisa Clamors &amp; Clark Deptula

Altar Guild - Lindsey Dethrow

Crucifer/Assistant - Seth Weinberg

**Worship Helpers - Good Friday, April 3, 2026 - 12:00 p.m.**

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

Acolytes - Eddie Arras &amp; Nolan Prather

Media - Lisa Clamors

**Worship Helpers - Good Friday, April 3, 2026 - 6:30 p.m.**

Ushers - Dusty Dethrow, Davin Dethrow, Collin Dethrow, Jacob Dethrow

Acolytes - Carolina Bradley &amp; Everly Dethrow

Media/Facebook Live - Nash Bradley

**Worship Helpers - Holy Saturday, April 4, 2026 - 5:30 p.m.**

Ushers - Rodney Clamors, Jenna Hoeffken, Nicholas Hoeffken

Acolytes - Myla Eggemeyer &amp; Cason Birkenmeier

Crucifer - Henry Eggemeyer

Servers - Aaron Thompson &amp; Jason Valerius

Altar Guild - Marilyn Collette

Media/Facebook Live - Lisa Clamors

**Worship Helpers - Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026 - 7:45 a.m.**

Ushers - Allen Jacobs, Don &amp; Gina Birrittier, Mason Wilhelm

Acolytes/Torchbearers - Reece Collmeyer &amp; Kenzie Wiegand

Crucifer - TJ Joellenbeck

Servers - Rodney Clamors &amp; Greg Wiegand

Lector - Rodney Clamors

Altar Guild - Barbara Altes

Media - Melissa Wiegand

**Worship Helpers - Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026 - 10:15 a.m.**

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

Acolytes/Torchbearers - Aidan Kubelka &amp; Alaina Stumpf

Crucifer - AJ Helms

Servers - Doug Simms &amp; Jason Valerius

Altar Guild - Jill Eggemeyer

Media/Facebook Live - Ayda Eggemeyer

# LIVING LAST SUPPER

*Join us for this special drama!*



Wednesday, April 1, 2026  
6:30 p.m.

Immanuel Lutheran Church  
522 S. Church St. - Waterloo, IL  
618.939.6480 - [immanuelwaterloo.org](http://immanuelwaterloo.org)

*Following this service, join us for light refreshments & an opportunity to meet the cast.*

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# Easter Egg Hunt & Breakfast

SUNDAY **5** APRIL  
9AM - 10AM

*We invite families and their little bunnies to a morning filled with God's Word, egg-citing fun, a delicious breakfast, and great fellowship!*

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## MISSION QUILT TYING DAY



**Sunday, April 12, 2026**  
**11:30 am - 4:30 pm**  
**Multipurpose Room**  
***Lunch & snacks provided***



# Lent, Holy Week & Easter

Immanuel Lutheran Church  
522 South Church Street, Waterloo, IL

**WEDNESDAYS, MARCH 4, 11, 18, 25**

5-6:15 p.m. Fellowship Dinner  
6:30 p.m. Evening Prayer Service

**PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 28-29**

Saturday 5:30 p.m., Sunday 7:45 a.m. & 10:15 a.m.  
Divine Services with Holy Communion

**LIVING LAST SUPPER - WED., APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup>**

6:30 p.m. Dramatic Service of The Last Supper

**MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 2<sup>ND</sup>**

6:30 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion & the  
Stripping of the Altar

**GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 3<sup>RD</sup>**

12:00 p.m. & 6:30 p.m. Tenabrae Services

**HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 4<sup>TH</sup>**

5:30 p.m. The Vigil of Easter

**EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 5<sup>TH</sup>**

6:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion (at  
Camp Wartburg, 5705 LRC Road, Waterloo)

7:45 a.m. & 10:15 a.m. Divine Services with Easter  
Processional & Holy Communion

9:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast & Egg Hunt

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