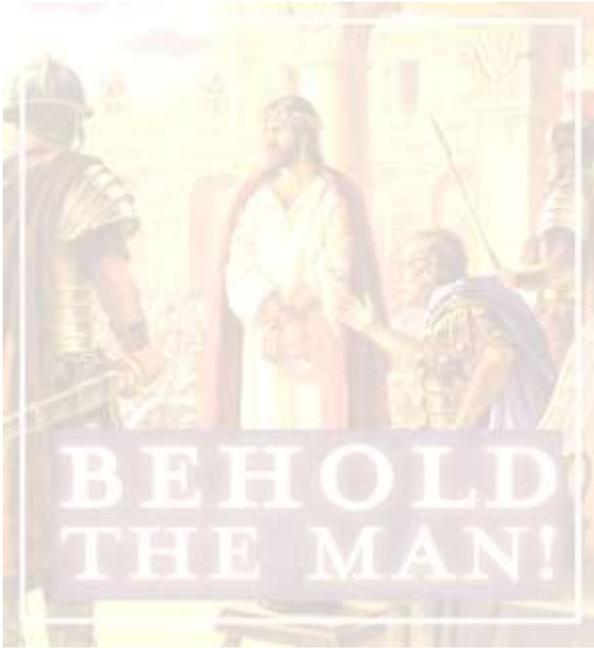




IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
WATERLOO, ILLINOIS

Ash Wednesday



"Behold the Man! A God Who Hungers"

Wednesday, March 6, 2019
9:00 am & 7:30 pm

*"Making more and stronger disciples of Jesus Christ
through the power of the Holy Spirit."*

Welcome to Immanuel! If you are a guest, please fill out a visitor's card located in the cardholder on the back of each pew. During the offering, place this card in the offering plate. As you leave, please introduce yourself to the pastors.

Members, please help us love and care for one another by filling out one of our attendance cards. Remember to include all the members of your family who are present in worship today. If you are communing, please check in the appropriate place. Thank you for filling out an Attendance-Communion card every time you attend Church – it helps us keep good records.

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. Since this Holy Communion is also a sign of our common confession of the Christian faith, we welcome to the Lord's Table those who are confirmed members of our Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask the pastor before or after the service.

Immanuel's Ash Wednesday morning service is designed to be a bit less formal than our evening service. This is the reason there are no ushers and only the chalice (common cup) is offered during Holy Communion. If you have concerns about using the chalice during Communion, we suggest you practice intinction. In this practice, you dip the host (bread) into the wine. The communicant receives both elements, but doesn't come into contact with the chalice.

(7:30 pm only) **If for health or personal reasons you cannot 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.

PRESERVICE MUSIC / BELLS / WELCOME

OPENING HYMN, LSB 419, "Savior, When in Dust to Thee"

Please remain seated

ASH WEDNESDAY ADDRESS

P: Dear brothers and sisters of our Lord Jesus Christ, on this day the Church begins a holy season of prayerful and penitential reflection. Our attention is especially directed to the holy sufferings and death of our Lord Jesus Christ.

From ancient times, the season of Lent has been kept as a time of special devotion, self-denial, and humble repentance born of a faithful heart that dwells confidently on His Word and draws from it life and hope.

Let us pray that our dear Father in heaven, for the sake of His beloved Son and in the power of His Holy Spirit, might richly

bless this Lententide for us so that we may come to Easter with glad hearts and keep the feast in sincerity and truth.

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

Ashes have been a symbol of contrition since biblical times: “I repent in dust and ashes” (Job 42:6b). They are also vivid reminders of mortality: “For dust you are and to dust you shall return” (Genesis 3:19). Therefore the imposition of ashes has been a fitting beginning for the season of Lent. Ashes usually consist of the remains of the previous Palm Sunday's burned palms, and are applied to the forehead in the sign of the cross. Although powerfully speaking the law (contrition and mortality), ashes also speak the Gospel—applied in the shape of the cross, where sin and death were conquered, and we are cleansed of our sin.

(7:30 pm) **CHOIR ANTHEM**, “Let Love Be Genuine” (A. V. Fedak)

Please stand

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

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

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. 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.

C: **Amen.**

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

PSALM

(Psalm 69:1-13; antiphon: Joel 2:12)

“Yet even now,” declares the LORD, “return to Me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;”

Save me, O God! For the waters have come up to my neck.

I sink in deep mire, where there is no foothold;

I have come into deep waters, and the flood sweeps over me.

I am weary with my crying out; my throat is parched.

My eyes grow dim with waiting for my God.

More in number than the hairs of my head are those who hate me without cause;

mighty are those who would destroy me, those who attack me with lies. What I did not steal must I now restore?

O God, You know my folly;

the wrongs I have done are not hidden from You.

Let not those who hope in You be put to shame through me, O Lord GOD of hosts;

let not those who seek You be brought to dishonor through me, O God of Israel.

For it is for Your sake that I have borne reproach,

that dishonor has covered my face.

I have become a stranger to my brothers,

an alien to my mother’s sons.

For zeal for Your house has consumed me,

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

When I wept and humbled my soul with fasting,

it became my reproach.

When I made sackcloth my clothing,

I became a byword to them.

I am the talk of those who sit in the gate,

and the drunkards make songs about me.

But as for me, my prayer is to You, O LORD.

At an acceptable time, O God, in the abundance of Your steadfast love answer me in Your saving faithfulness.

“Yet even now,” declares the LORD, “return to Me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;”

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.

KYRIE

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

- P: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
- C: Lord, have mercy.**
- P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
- C: Lord, have mercy.**
- P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
- C: Lord, have mercy.**
- P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C: Amen.**

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

- P: The Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you.**
- P: Let us pray.
- C: Almighty and everlasting God, You despise nothing You have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and contrite hearts that lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness we may receive from You full pardon and forgiveness; 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

(7:30 pm) **AGAPE RINGERS**, “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded,” arr. by L. Delancy

OLD TESTAMENT READING, Joel 2:12-19

¹²“Yet even now,” declares the LORD, “return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; ¹³and rend your hearts and not your garments.” Return to the LORD, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster. ¹⁴Who knows whether He will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind Him, a grain offering and a drink offering for the LORD your God? ¹⁵Blow the trumpet in Zion; consecrate a fast; call a solemn assembly; ¹⁶gather the people. Consecrate the congregation; assemble the elders; gather the children, even nursing infants. Let the bridegroom leave his room, and the bride her chamber. ¹⁷Between the vestibule and the altar let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep and say, “Spare Your people, O LORD, and make not Your heritage a reproach, a byword among the nations. Why should they say among the peoples, ‘Where is their God?’” ¹⁸Then the LORD became jealous for His land and had pity on His people. ¹⁹The LORD answered and said to His people, “Behold, I am

sending to you grain, wine, and oil, and you will be satisfied; and I will no more make you a reproach among the nations.”

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING, 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

²⁰We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God. ^{6:1}Working together with Him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. ²For He says, “In a favorable time I listened to you, and in a day of salvation I have helped you.” Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. ³We put no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; ⁷by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

VERSE FOR LENT



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra-cious and
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a-bound-ing in
stead-fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

HOLY GOSPEL, Matt. 6:1-6, 16-21

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 6th chapter.

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

¹[Jesus said:] “Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven. ²“Thus, when you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. ³But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, ⁴so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you. ⁵“And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. ⁶But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you. ¹⁶[Jesus said:] “And when you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. ¹⁷But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, ¹⁸that your fasting may not be seen by others but by your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you. ¹⁹“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, ²⁰but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY, “Behold the Man before You” [Tune: *LSB* 453.

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**Behold the man before you:
The One who would restore you
Stands silent in your stead.
He waits for His conviction—
Your rightful crucifixion.
He bows His holy, weary head.**

**Hands, feet, and shoulders bleeding,
To God the Father pleading
For your own heart and soul.
Come, sinner, watch in wonder:
His body laden under
The ransom of your sin in whole.**

**Exposed and bare, He covers
Your shame with grace that hovers
Upon you night and day.
His final breath expended—
The reign of death upended.
His verdict kills the devil’s sway.**

**Behold your God, here buried:
Your sin and sorrows carried
Into the earthen tomb.
But wait with expectation:
The Lord of your salvation
Will rescue you from graven doom.**

**Christ, God and man, is living!
His risen body giving
Proof that our Savior won.
Your hands will raise to bless Him,
Your lips will e’er confess Him:
The born and dead and risen One!**

SERMON, “A God Who Hungers”

Please stand

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.

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 [9:00 am - You may place your offering in the plate provided in the narthex before or after the service.]

Please stand

OFFERTORY, *LSB* 788 v. 1 & 4, “Forgive Us, Lord, for Shallow Thankfulness” [Text: © 1965, renewed 1993 The Hymn Society, admin. Hope Publishing Co. Used by permission: *LSB Hymn License no. 110001526.*]

**1 Forgive us, Lord, for shallow thankfulness,
For dull content with warmth and sheltered care,
For songs of praise for food and harvest press,
While of Your richer gifts we’re unaware:**

**4 Teach us, O Lord, true thankfulness divine,
That gives as Christ gave, never counting cost,
That knows no barrier of “yours” and “mine,”
Assured that only what’s withheld is lost.**

+ 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.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P: It is truly good, 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 overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. 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)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might;
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

(Hosanna is a Hebrew word of praise meaning "save us now.")

LORD'S PRAYER

(Matthew 6:9-13)

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

THE 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)

□ Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Please be seated

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

LSB 418, "O Lord, throughout These Forty Days"

(7:30 pm) Choir Anthem, "Broken Body" (Williams/arr. Nichols)

LSB 435, "Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain"

Please stand

DISMISSAL

P: Now...Go in peace.

C: **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P: Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have filled us with true food and true drink that will never perish so that we will never perish. By the eating and drinking of Christ's body and blood, satisfy our deepest hunger and thirst. Help us to

behold the man who gives Himself to us in this bread and wine until that day we behold Him face to face in the glory of paradise; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

(7:30 pm) **CHOIR ANTHEM**, “Luther’s Evening Prayer” (J. Behnke)

BENEDICTION

(Numbers 6:24-26)

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

(9:00 am) **CLOSING HYMN**, *LSB* 423, “Jesus, Refuge of the Weary”

(7:30 pm) **CLOSING HYMN**, *LSB* 883, “All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night” (Verse 4 only – Pastor Troup & lectern side begins verse, Pastor Demski & pulpit side comes in as a round.)

BELLS / POSTLUDE

WORSHIP HELPERS

Preacher – Rev. Merritt Demski

Liturgist/Celebrant – Rev. Dr. Tony Troup

Organist/Choir Director – Ann Frank

(7:30 pm) Server – Howard Shive

(7:30 pm) Acolytes – Addie & Ben Janssen

(7:30 pm) Ushers – Bill Stueve, Charles Lloyd, Kevin Whelan

(7:30 pm) Greeters – Charles & Phyllis Lloyd

Media Team – (9:00 am) Lisa Clamors; (7:30 pm) Greg Hoeffken (*with recording*)

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