



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
WATERLOO, ILLINOIS

Fourth Sunday in Lent



Saturday, March 30, 2019 – 5:30 pm
Sunday, March 31, 2019 – 7:45 am & 10:15 am

“Making more and stronger disciples of Jesus Christ
through the power of the Holy Spirit.”

Welcome to Immanuel!

Guest/Member Cards can be found in the card holder of the pew in front of you. We invite you to fill out the card and place it in the offering plate when we receive the offering. When you fill out these cards each week you make it possible for our pastors to more easily follow up with and provide pastoral care for our guests and members from week to week. If you have any questions, please let us know.

Holy Communion is distributed every Saturday evening, and at either the 7:45 am or 10:15 am service on Sunday mornings. 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.

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, while only consuming a very small amount of alcohol. You are also welcome to practice intinction (dipping the edge of the host [bread] into the common cup as it passes by).

Immanuel's Saturday evening service is a bit less formal than our Sunday services. Therefore, you will notice there are no ushers, the offering plate is left in the narthex (entrance) of the church rather than being passed during service, and we have only two individuals distributing Holy Communion. On Saturday night we only use the chalice (common cup) during Holy Communion. If for health or personal reasons you cannot drink wine, you're welcome to practice intinction. Intinction involves dipping the edge of the host (bread) into the wine. In this way, the communicant receives both elements. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask the pastor before or after the service.

Worship at Immanuel is...

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.

Trinitarian. We believe that the object of worship is the only true God—The Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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.

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.

Preservice Music (7:45 am – Immanubells, “Go to Dark Gethsemene,” arr. by Mueller)

Bells / Welcome

Opening Hymn, Guest’s or Member’s Choice

(10:15 am) **Baptism**, Eli Benjamin Blakeslee [LSB, pg. 268]

Please stand

Opening Versicles

(Isaiah 12:2)

- P** Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid;
C **for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation.**

Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.** (Matthew 28:19b; [18:20])

Confession and Absolution

(Psalm 32:1-2, 5, 10b-11)

- P** Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.
C **Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**
P That we may receive the blessing of Christ’s forgiveness, let us draw near to God, confessing the brokenness of our sin and receiving the fullness of our Father’s mercy. Together, we pray:
C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**
P I acknowledged my sin to You, and I did not cover my iniquity;
C **I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,” and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**
P In Holy Baptism, almighty God, our merciful Father has declared you to be His children and has gathered you into His

family, the Church, in which He daily and richly forgives all your sins and the sins of all believers. This new life is yours today! As a called and ordained servant of 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 Steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.

C Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

+ Service of the Word +

Introit of the Day

(Psalm 51:2-6; antiphon: v. 1)

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;

according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,

and cleanse me from my sin!

For I know my transgressions,

and my sin is ever before me.

Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight,

so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.

Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,

and in sin did my mother conceive me.

Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being,

and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.

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.

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;

according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

(2 Timothy 4:22)

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

All: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning. Though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of

body and soul. Grant that we may daily receive Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and live as those You have made new; 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

(7:45 am) **Immanubells**, “Nearer, My God, to Thee” (Linker/McFadden)

Old Testament Reading, Isaiah 12:1-6

¹You will say in that day: “I will give thanks to you, O LORD, for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away, that you might comfort me. ²“Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation.” ³With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. ⁴And you will say in that day: “Give thanks to the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted. ⁵“Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth. ⁶Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle, 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. ¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. ¹⁸All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We 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.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

Holy Gospel, Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 15th chapter.

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

¹Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear [Jesus]. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.” ³So he told them this parable: . . . “There was a man who had two sons. ¹²And the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.’ And he divided his property between them. ¹³Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. ¹⁴And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷“But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! ¹⁸I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.”’” ²⁰And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. ²¹And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ ²²But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. ²³And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. ²⁴For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.’ And they began to celebrate. ²⁵“Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. ²⁷And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.’ ²⁸But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, ²⁹but he answered his father, ‘Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!’ ³¹And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³²It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.’”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Please be seated

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

Hymn of the Day, Guest’s or Member’s Choice

Sermon, 2 Corinthians 5:16-21, “The Reconciled Reconcile”

Please stand

Apostles’ Creed

All: 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.

Prayer of the Church

(Psalm 32:7)

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

For the blessing of all creation, that our loving and creating Father would preserve and defend all that He has made, working all things together for the good of those who love Him, especially working in the hearts and minds of those who have wandered from His house, that through repentance and faith sinners turn to Him and take refuge in His fatherly care, let us pray to the Lord.

C **You are a hiding place for me!**

P For the blessing of the Church of Jesus, that our gracious Savior guide the hearts, minds, and ministries of all who love Him and seek to make His Gospel known, that we would be defended from our adversaries, strengthened in our discipleship, and emboldened in our witness to a lost and dying world, let us pray to the Lord.

C **You preserve me from trouble!**

P For those who struggle in heart, body, mind, and relationship, that healing would come to those for whom we pray, (*especially...*), that the Holy Spirit would bind up the brokenhearted, mend the hurting, heal the sick, strengthen the weak, and grant perfect peace to all who belong to Him, let us pray to the Lord.

- C** **You surround me with shouts of deliverance!**
- P** For these and all other prayers we bring before the Father’s throne of grace, that through the intercession of His perfect Son and in the company of the eternal Spirit, we take confidence in knowing that our prayers are heard and answered by Him who knows all things and directs all things according to His gracious will, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **You are a hiding place for me; You preserve me from trouble; You surround me with shouts of deliverance.**
- P** *(Special petitions...)* Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** We pray all these things in the precious name of our Savior Jesus Christ.
- C** **Amen.**

(Saturday – Please remain standing; Sunday – Please be seated)

Offering *(5:30 pm – Please place your offerings in the plate in the narthex before or after the service.)*

Please stand

Offertory/Response to Prayer, LSB 786 v. 1-2, “Lord of All Good”

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- 1 **Lord of all good, our gifts we bring You now;
Use them Your holy purpose to fulfill.
Tokens of love and pledges they shall be
That our whole life is offered to Your will.**

- 2 **We give our minds to understand Your ways;
Hands, eyes, and voice to serve Your great design;
Hearts with the flame of Your own love ablaze—
Thus for Your glory all our pow’rs combine.**

The 7:45 am service continues on page 10.

+ Service of the Sacrament +

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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, 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)

- C** **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might: heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the Highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the Highest.**

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

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.

Please be seated

Distribution Hymns

(10:15 am only) *LSB* 638, “Eat This Bread” (Doug Land will be the cantor and the congregation sings the refrains.)

LSB 430, “My Song Is Love Unknown”

Please stand

Dismissal

P Now may this...Go in peace.

C Amen.

Post-Communion Thanksgiving

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, that we forever dwell under the watchful eye of our watchman and Savior; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benediction

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 look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn, Guest’s or Member’s Choice

Bells / Postlude

The Lord's Prayer

(Matthew 6:9-13)

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Benediction

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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, Guest's or Member's Choice

Bells / Postlude

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.

Worship Helpers

Saturday, March 30, 2019 - 5:30 pm

Preacher - Rev. Merritt Demski

Server - Chuck Keller

Media - Greg Hoeffken

Pianist - Ron Jones

Acolyte - Charli Major

Sunday, March 31, 2019 - 7:45 am

Preacher - Rev. Merritt Demski

Music Director - Ann Frank

Acolytes - Nathan & Ava Hemmer

Ushers - Bill Stueve, Charles Lloyd, Kevin Whelan

Liturgist/Lector - Rev. Dr. Tony Troup

Greeters - Charles & Phyllis Lloyd

Media - Laurie Sparwasser (with recording)

Sunday, March 31, 2019 - 10:15 am

Preacher - Rev. Merritt Demski

Music Director - Ann Frank

Acolytes - Zachary & Danny Bundenthal

Ushers - Rodney & Lisa Clamors, Paul Hoeffken, Evan Fink

Celebrant - Rev. Dr. Tony Troup

Server/Lector - Warren Frank

Media - Mitchell/Tim Scheibe

Worship Helpers - Wednesday, April 3, 2019 - 7:30 pm

Ushers - Robert Mesnarich, Jr., Pam Nagel, Don & Carol Matzenbacher

Acolytes - Addie & Ben Janssen

Media - Laurie Sparwasser (with recording)

Ushers - Sunday, April 7, 2019

7:45 am - Jim Crawford, Allen Jacobs, Don & Gina Birrittier

10:15 am - Alan Stumpf, Ian Schrader, Paul Broske Sr.

Acolytes - Sunday, April 7, 2019

Saturday 5:30 pm - Reese Downing

Sunday 7:45 am - Hunter Kettler & Hayden Morris

Sunday 10:15 am - Jenna & Nicholas Hoeffken

Servers - Sunday, April 7, 2019

Saturday 5:30 pm - Rodney Clamors

Sunday 7:45 am - n/a

Sunday 10:15 am - Travis Henry

Media - Sunday, April 7, 2019

Saturday 5:30 pm - Lisa Clamors

Sunday 7:45 am - Adrianna Whelan (with recording)

Sunday 10:15 am - Pam Nagel

Lectors - Sunday, April 7, 2019

Saturday 5:30 pm - n/a

Sunday 7:45 am - Warren Frank

Sunday 10:15 am - Ollney Mueller, Jr.

Altar Guild - Sunday, April 7, 2019

Saturday 5:30 pm - Susan Starbuck

Sunday 7:45 am - n/a

Sunday 10:15 am - Linda Gutknecht

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