



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
WATERLOO, ILLINOIS

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## **Lenten Midweek Service 1**

CONFESSING  
OUR SINS

AND CONFESSING CHRIST

*“God the Creator and Sustainer”*

**Wednesday, March 1, 2023**  
**6:30 p.m.**

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

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**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. Please place this card in the offering plate in the narthex. As you leave, please introduce yourself to the pastor.

**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. Thank you for filling out an Attendance-Communion card every time you attend Church—it helps us keep good records.

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*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 / BELLS / WELCOME**

### **OPENING HYMN, LSB 890, “Blessed Light, O Trinity”**

*Please stand*

#### **INVOCATION**

**P:** In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** **Amen.** (Matthew 28:19b; [18:20])

#### **OPENING VERSICLES**

**P:** This is the day which the Lord has made;

**C:** **let us rejoice and be glad in it.** (Psalm 118:24)

**P:** From the rising of the sun to its setting,

**C:** **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

(Psalm 113:3)

**P:** Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful,

**C:** **slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and repents of evil.**

**P:** Jesus said: If any man would come after Me,

**C:** **let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.**

**P:** Christ was wounded for our transgressions.

**C:** **He was bruised for our iniquities.**

P: From the rising of the sun to its setting,  
 C: **the name of the Lord is to be praised.** (Psalm 113:3)  
 All: **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.**

**OLD TESTAMENT CANTICLE**

(Isaiah 12:2b-6)

*Refrain*

☐ The Lord God is my strength and my song, and  
 He has be - come my sal - va - tion.  
 With joy will you draw wa - ter from the  
 wells of sal - va - tion. And you will say in that  
 day: "Give thanks to the Lord, call up - on His name,  
 make known His deeds a - mong the peo - ples, pro -  
 claim that His name is ex - alt - ed."

*Refrain*

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and  
 He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

Sing prais - es to the Lord, for He has done  
glo - rious - ly; let this be made known in all the  
earth. Shout, and sing for joy, O in -  
hab - i - tants of Zi - on, for great in your midst is the  
Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

*Refrain*  
The Lord God is my strength and my song, and  
He has be - come my sal - va - tion.  
Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son  
and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;  
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will  
be for - ev - er. A - men.

*Refrain*



The Lord God is my strength and my song, and  
He has become my sal - va - tion.

*Please be seated*

## READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

**Colossians 1:15-23.** <sup>15</sup>He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. <sup>16</sup>For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup>And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup>And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. <sup>19</sup>For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup>and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross. <sup>21</sup>And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, <sup>22</sup>he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, <sup>23</sup>if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

**P:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORY FOR LENT

**P:** We have an advocate with the Father: Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.

**C:** **He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.**

**P:** Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

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+ CATECHISM +

*Please stand*

**TEN COMMANDMENTS**

(Exodus 20:2-17)

**C: You shall have no other gods. You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God. Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Honor your father and your mother. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.**

**APOSTLES' CREED**

**C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life † everlasting. Amen.**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

(Matthew 6:9-13)

**C: 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.**

*Please be seated*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**, LSB 422, “On My Heart Imprint Your Image”

**SERMON**, “God the Creator and Sustainer”

**OFFERING** (*Please feel free to place your offerings and attendance cards in the plate in the narthex.*)

*Please stand*

**PRAYER**

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For ... [*additional bids for prayer may be inserted here*] ... let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

**P: Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:**

**C: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

### **COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**P: Let us pray...**

**C: O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### **COLLECT OF THE WORD**

**P: Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**C: Amen.**

### **EVENING PRAYER**

**C: I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me.**



## BLESSING

(Psalm 103:1)

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

P: The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

C: **Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN, LSB 865, “Lord, Help Us Ever to Retain”**

## BELLS / POSTLUDE

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### WORSHIP HELPERS

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Pastor – Rev. Merritt Demski

Music Director – Mrs. Ann Frank

Acolytes – Gwen Wiegand & Lorelei Griffin

Ushers – Alan Stumpf, Paul Broske, Tom McDaniel, Jacob/Collin Dethrow

Media/Facebook Live – Ashlyn Whelan

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### IN OUR PRAYERS...

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**We Pray for our Fellow Parishioners:** Millie Menke, Sandy Moore (MS), Iva Mesnarich (shut in), Alvera Jacobs, Marie Dietzel, Chris Morris (ALS & Non-Hodgkin lymphoma), Ken Schanz (leukemia), Brenda Schreder (hip replacement), Bernell Bachelier (broken ankle), Nede Bachelier (cancer), Wendy Maag, Carolyn Henry, Sharon Osterhage, Pat Jones (recovering at home), Helen Clamors (recovering at home), Randy Wetzler (cancer), Sue Bradshaw

**We Pray for Friends and Relatives of Parishioners:** Michael Washausen, Nina Van Kamp (recovering from surgery), Ken Horn (cancer), Sarah Castelli, Glenda Manion, Daryl Bense (dementia), Brian Kreher (brain tumor), Elsa Wiemerslage (leukemia relapse), Kevin Williams (Non-Hodgkin lymphoma), Gary Sorensen (foot surgery), Roger Wild (cancer), Carroll Hagemeyer, Chris Urquhart (ongoing health issues), Marsha Ehlers (pancreatic cancer), Greg Colbert (hospitalized), Cathy Scott (cancer), Steve Scott (cancer), Drew Daubach (hospitalized, recovering from bicycle accident)

**We Pray for Those in the Service of Our Nation:** Alicia Gunn, Dustin Bender, Aaron Bommarito, Alex Naumann, Paul Doty

**We Pray for Our Missionaries and Special Missions:** Immanuel's Preschool, Immanuel's Mission Team, Unity Lutheran Elementary School (E. St. Louis, IL), Christ Our Savior Lutheran High School (Evansville, IL)

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## Every Wednesday in March



5-6:30 p.m.

Wednesday  
*Lenten*  
SERVICES

6:30 p.m.



### Lenten Dinner Menus:

March 1—Girl Scouts—Pulled pork & sloppy joes

March 8—WCM—Soups & salads

March 15—Immanuel's Preschool—Pizza night

March 22—Girl Scouts—Taco/nacho bar

March 29—Youth Group—Breakfast



**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN  
PRESCHOOL'S 3RD  
ANNUAL SCAVENGER HUNT**



# You're Invited

## IMMANUEL LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL'S ANNUAL SCAVENGER HUNT!

Date: April 1, 2023

Time: 1-5 p.m.

Location: Parking Lot of Waterloo  
Automotive (622 N. Market St.)

Pre-register: \$10 per vehicle/team

Register day of: \$15

Basket drawings and 50-50 drawings

Cash Prizes for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place!

Come early to check out baskets and prizes!

Pre-register or Questions?

Contact Deborah Joellenbeck (618-340-5262).



**April 16, 2023**  
**1:15 pm**  
**vs. Pittsburgh Pirates**

**Pavilion Seating**  
**Sections 363 & 365**

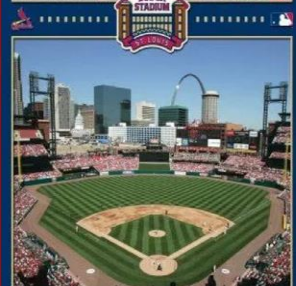
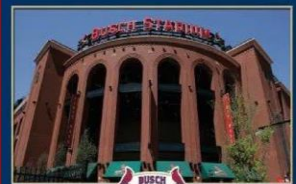
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FOR THE 2023-24  
SCHOOL YEAR!

3-5 YR. OLD  
2-3-5 DAYS / WEEK

**CONTACT THE OFFICE FOR DETAILS!**

## Mission Quilt Tying Day!

Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup>  
11:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Join the quilters for a fun day! They will teach you if you don't know how. The more, the merrier.

Lunch will be provided, so please sign up if you plan to eat. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the narthex.

All ages are welcome.