



# Immanuel Lutheran Church

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The mission of Immanuel Lutheran Church is to preach Christ crucified and risen from the dead for the salvation of the world. We reflect God's love by spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ through a caring ministry of reaching, teaching, and serving our congregation and the community.

*A Warm and Sincere Welcome!* We are excited that you have chosen to join us. We invite you to join us often. If you do not have a church home, we hope you will consider making Immanuel Lutheran your church home. Please contact the church office for more information.

## + The Sacrament of Holy Communion+

As we partake of this blessed sacrament, our Lord has promised to give us His true body and blood in, with and under the bread and wine for us Christians to eat and drink for the forgiveness of our sins and strengthening of our faith. Those who partake, firmly believing in Christ's real presence, receive these blessings. If you are a member of a congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and have not communed at Immanuel before, please speak with the pastor or an elder before participating. If you are not a member of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod please speak with pastor before the service.  
*Thank you.*

Lent 4  
March 10, 2024  
Divine Service 4

## Confession and Absolution

### 431 Not All the Blood of Beasts

- P** In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**
- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C** **who made heaven and earth.**
- P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- C** **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**
- P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.
- C** **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Service of the Word

Introit

*Psalm 27:3–5; antiphon: v. 1*

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

**The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.

**One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple.**

For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock.

**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.**

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

## Kyrie

LSB 204



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and 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 heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## Old Testament Reading

*Numbers 21:4–9*

### **The Bronze Serpent**

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. And the people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food.” Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among

the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. And the people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. And the LORD said to Moses, “Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live.” So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

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

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

Epistle

*Ephesians 2:1–10*

### **By Grace Through Faith**

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For

by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

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

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

Choir “Be Still My Soul”

Holy Gospel

*John 3:14–21*

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

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

[Jesus said:] “As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

### **For God So Loved the World**

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness

rather than the light because their deeds were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his deeds have been carried out in God.”

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

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

#### 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.



## 434 Lamb of God, Pure and Holy

Sermon

Offering

Prayer of the Church

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

O Lord God, draw us into Your light. Expose wherever we, like Your people of old, have thought, spoken and acted against You, that in repentance we might look to Your Son lifted up on the cross and be saved from Your righteous wrath. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Lord of hosts, You gave Your only Son so that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Bless the work of Pastor's that many may hear of Your love in Christ Jesus and be saved through Him. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Almighty God, You have set our president, and our governor, as authorities over us. Bless and sustain them with all they need to govern us, that we might be ruled wisely and in accord with Your will. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Heavenly Father, You had Moses lift up the bronze serpent in the wilderness, thereby foreshadowing Your own Son's lifting up on the cross. Teach us to hear in the Old Testament the promises and pictures of the coming Christ, who is their Savior and ours. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** O God, You are our light and our salvation. Hide in Your shelter [   and] all who suffer in body, mind or soul. Keep them in their day of trouble from falling into faithless fear, and uphold them with Your peace in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** O Lord, whose steadfast love endures forever, we lift up our voices in thanksgiving. You have redeemed us out of trouble and gathered us here to feed us, that our souls may not faint within us. Satisfy the longing of our hearts with Your Son's good things, His body and blood, that we may abide in Your eternal peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **AMEN.**

# Service of the Sacrament

## Preface

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**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

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

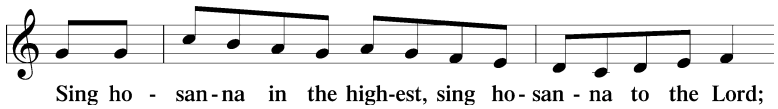
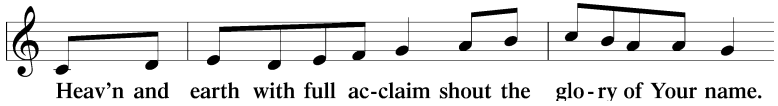
**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**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, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus

LSB 208



## Prayer of Thanksgiving

**P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

At Your command, Abraham prepared to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice on the mountain; yet, in mercy You provided a ram as a substitute. We give You thanks that on Calvary You spared not Your only Son but sent Him to offer His life as a ransom for many.

As we eat and drink His body and blood, grant us, like Abraham our father, to trust in Your promise now fulfilled in Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

#### Lord's Prayer

**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.**

#### The Words of Our Lord

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## Pax Domini

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

## Agnus Dei

LSB 210

**C** 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,  
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

## Distribution

621 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

634 The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord

571 God Loved the World So That He Gave

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 211

**C** 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
 2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All  
 part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
 glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the  
 glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
 Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;  
 A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
 For as in the be - gin - ning, Is  
 to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
 now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -  
 peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
 sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Post-Communion Collect

**A** 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.

**C** Amen.

## Benediction

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

418 O Lord, throughout These Forty Days

## Acknowledgments

Divine Service, Setting Four from Lutheran  
Service Book

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## **This Week at Immanuel**

### **Sunday:**

Divine Service: 9:00 a.m.

Bible Class 10:15 a.m. Genesis

Sunday School 10:15 a.m.

### **Monday**

### **Tuesday:**

Leisure Lutherans (Brunch) 11:00 a.m.

Confirmation: 5:30-6:30 p.m.

LSF Bible Class: 7:00pm-8:00pm

### **Wednesday:**

Mid-week Lent Service 12:00 & 6:00 p.m.

### **Thursday:**

Bible Class 12:00 Isaiah

Leisure Lutherans 1:00 p.m.

### **Friday:**

### **Saturday:**

Quilting Day 1-3 p.m.

**Sunday School** Lesson 10 The Matthew Matter-Jesus calls Matthew. Jesus sees Matthew sitting at his tax booth. He tells Matthew to follow Him & Matthew responds immediately, inviting Jesus to dine with him. The Pharisees didn't like that Jesus dines with tax collectors & other sinners.

### **Easter Breakfast**

Easter Breakfast will take place following Easter Service. March 31 Ham, cheesy potatoes, egg casserole will be provided. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board outside the secretary's office if you would like to contribute deviled eggs, muffins, coffee cakes, cinnamon rolls, or any dessert, fruit, and salads. Come and enjoy the resurrection of our Lord and great fellowship.

### **Lutherans For Life**

Surprise pregnancy and terminal diagnosis come with risks and costs. But as with the ancient Israelite serpent infestation, the real enemy is neither one's neighbor nor the Maker (Numbers 21:8). Only impaling the snake (not terminating each other) brought deliverance, and the antidote called for faith instead of death. Christians insist God has sent us His Son for extending lives and not ending them (John 3:17).

Please consider attending the Missouri Lutherans For Life Annual Meeting, Saturday, April 6, 2024, Faith Lutheran Church, 1517 East Valley Water Mill Road, Springfield, MO., 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Please contact Mary Wittmaier to carpool.

Rolla Area Chapter Lutherans For Life chapter meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 10, 1:00 p.m., Immanuel Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall. Our speaker will be Macie Thomas, Executive Director Riverways Pregnancy and Family Resource Center, Salem. Information on constitutional amendment petitions to place abortion availability on the Missouri ballot in November will be provided.

### **LWML/Dorcas**

Last Sunday's mite collection came to \$478.53. For a complete list of Missouri district mission projects for 2022-2024, log on to [www.missourilwml.org](http://www.missourilwml.org). For a complete list of national mission projects for 2023-2025, log on to [www.lwml.org/mission-grants](http://www.lwml.org/mission-grants). To God be the glory.

LWML/DORCAS will join in celebrating National Quilting Day on Saturday, March 16, by conducting a Servant Workshop of quilt tying for Lutheran World Relief and Orphan Grain Train, 1-3 p.m. in the church basement. All supplies and quilts are furnished. Please consider participating in this mission project. Servant Workshop will be conducted Tuesday, March 19, 1-3 p.m. in the church basement. All supplies are furnished and no experience is necessary to tie quilts for Lutheran World Relief and Orphan Grain Train.

### **Leisure Lutherans**

Card and Game Days, every Thursday at 1:00 pm, after Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome to participate.

Confirmation Cards are now available for purchase in the card/RADA cabinet located at the foot of the stairs in the church basement.

Tuesday, March 12, 11:00 a.m. Leisure Lutherans will gather for potluck brunch. Pancakes, butter and syrup will be furnished. Please utilize the sign-up sheet in the narthex to indicate your attendance and contribution to the brunch.

**PORTALS OF PRAYER** personal and family devotions for the April through June quarter are available in the narthex! Be sure to pick up your copy for yourself or your family and spend a few minutes with our Lord each day.

### **Easter Lilies**

If you would like to order an Easter lily to decorate the chancel, please fill out this form, found in the narthex on the table and either put it in the offering plate, or turn it into the church office by noon Monday March 25 Lilies are \$8.00

## **Members serving in the Armed Forces**

Jacob Banholzer  
Matt Battley

Marshall Dean  
Joe Duehning

## **Those Serving Today**

**Elder:** Matt Banholzer

**Communion Assistant:** Bob Lemen

**Organist:** Phil Thiem

**Organist for Midweek Lent:** Phil Thiem

**Greeters Today:** Sue & Jim Perry

**Ushers Today:** Team 3

**Altar Guild:** Janna Wassilak

**Money Counters:** Don Langhoff & Terry Theiss

**Refreshments Today:** Carla Roedemeier & Sara McClland

**Refreshments College Students:** Eilleen Theiss

**Altar Flowers Today:** Given to the Glory of God by Jim Mesko in memory of Pat Mesko.

## **The Fruits of Our Faith**

**Attendance Sunday 3/3/2024:** 166 Communion: 119

**Attendance Sunday 3/3/2024:** Bible Class 53

**Attendance Thursday 2/29/2024:** Bible Class 23

**Offering for 3/3/2024:** \$6,400

**Offering for Wednesday 2/27/2024:** \$1,839

## **Midweek Lent Services**

**March 13<sup>th</sup> 12:00 & 6:00 p.m.**

**March 20<sup>th</sup> 12:00 & 6:00 p.m.**

## **Holy Week**

**March 24<sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday 9:00 a.m.**

**March 28<sup>th</sup> Maundy Thursday 12:00 & 6:00 p.m.**

**March 29<sup>th</sup> Good Friday 12:00 & 6:00 p.m.**

**March 31<sup>st</sup> Easter Service 9:00 a.m.**

## Prayers

Judy Elsing  
Jana Goddard  
Dottye Wolf  
Bob Chreitien  
Susan Carlson  
Jean & Ben McWilliams  
Susanne Markwell  
Wendy Rush  
Kelly Bearge

### **The Family Altar**

For Families Gathered Around God's Word  
**The week of March 10<sup>th</sup> – March 16<sup>th</sup>**

**Sunday:** Reflect upon the sermon

**Monday:** Numbers 21:4-9

**Tuesday:** Psalm 107

**Wednesday:** Ephesians 2:1-10

**Thursday:** John 3:14-21

**Friday: Small Catechism** – Who receives the  
Sacrament worthily?

**Saturday:** Personal prayers for family and church

**Prayer before Communion:** Dear Savior, a Your gracious invitation

I come to your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**Thanksgiving after receiving the Sacrament:** Almighty and Everlasting God, I thank and praise you for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the Holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

**Luther's Morning Prayer:** I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. 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. Amen.

**Luther's Evening Prayer:** 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. Amen