

Immanuel Lutheran Church

9 a.m. Worship

Live Stream / Conference Call

*In Person Sanctuary Worship: **March 7th, 14th, and 21st***

RSVP Only

SEASON OF LENT



Sundays; February 21, 28, March 7, 14, and 21, 2021

Welcome to worship at Immanuel Lutheran Church! We are glad you are here. Immanuel Lutheran Church is an inclusive congregation extending God's love and grace to all people. There is a welcome place for you here!

***God's Grace and Peace to YOU through our Lord and Savior
Jesus the Christ!***

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Hear Love. Eat Love. Share Christ's Love.

Immanuel's Guidelines for Safe, Sanctuary Worship

BEGINS SUNDAY, MARCH 7TH



In person, sanctuary worship is by reservation only.



Reservations are to be made by calling Immanuel, 653-3950, by the Wednesday prior to Sunday. Reservations will be taken on a first come first served basis. Kelly will connect with you regarding your Sunday reservation.



If the sanctuary meets its maximum capacity prior to your reservation, you will be on the wait list for the following Sunday.



It is requested the cancelations are made no later than Saturday morning.



All doors will be available to enter and exit the building.



Face masks must be worn inside Immanuel Lutheran Church. Masks must be worn properly, covering both the nose and mouth. Face masks will be available if you need one.



It is requested that no fellowship occurs in the hallways and that you remain at least 6 feet from one another.



It is requested that you are at worship by 8:50 a.m., to receive any instructions prior to worship going live online.



Seating in the sanctuary will be assigned, an usher will seat you and dismiss you (from the back to the front).



Once seated, it is requested that all congregants remain in their pews for the duration of the worship service.



Bulletins will not be printed. Download from Immanuel's website: luthwash.org



There will be no congregational singing. Singing by the accompanist only.



Liturgical responses will be softly spoken.



When sharing Christ's peace, the practice of bowing to each other will be practiced.



Offering plates will be located at the back of the sanctuary, no passing the plate.



Holy Communion Sundays: prepacked Communion will be taken off a table in the narthex and consumed while seated in the pew.



Nursery: not staffed, but available.



Contact tracing: If someone tests positive within the week after attending worship, call the church. Pastor Howard will call the people who were in church that Sunday and tell them that an anonymous person tested positive on X date.

*All those who are able please stand

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.



***CALL TO WORSHIP**

P: Hear God's love!

C: We hear God's love, for the world and for us, through forgiveness, scripture, preaching, liturgy, and song.

P: Hear God's love!

C: Holy God, open our ears to hear and our hearts to be transformed by Christ's words of love to and for the world. Amen.

***INVOCATION**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, the keeper of the covenant, the source of steadfast love, our rock and our redeemer.

C: Amen.

***BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: God hears us when we cry, and draws us close in Jesus Christ. Let us return to the one who is full of compassion.

Silence is kept for reflection.



P: Fountain of living water,

C: pour out your mercy over us. Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free. Rebuild what we have ruined and mend what we have torn. Wash us in your cleansing flood. Make us alive in the Spirit to follow in the way of Jesus, as healers and restorers of the world you so love. Amen.

P: Beloved, God's word never fails. The promise rests on grace: by the saving love of Jesus Christ, the wisdom and power of God, your sins are ✠ forgiven, and God remembers them no more. Journey in the way of Jesus.

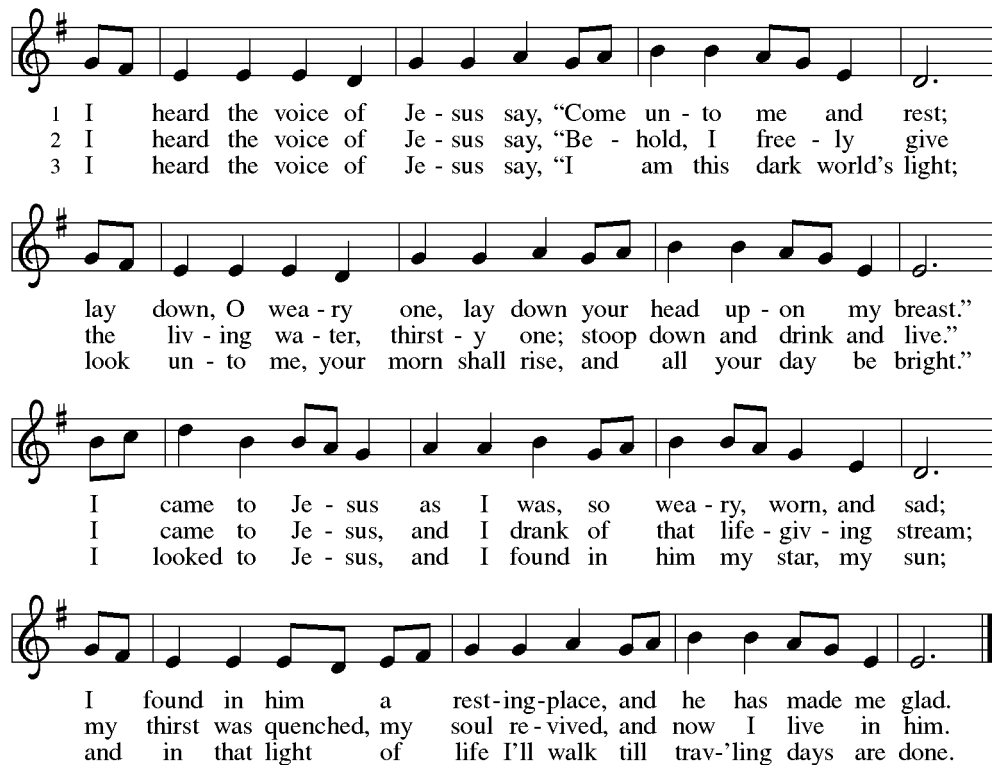
C: Amen.

***GATHERING HYMN**

Evangelical Lutheran Worship #611

February 21st verse 1; February 28th verse 2;
March 7th verse 3; March 14th verse 1; March 21st verse 2

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say



1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;
2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;
lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."
the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."
look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."
I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad;
I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;
I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun;
I found in him a rest-ing-place, and he has made me glad.
my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.
and in that light of life I'll walk till trav-'ling days are done.

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808–1889
Music: KINGSFOLD, English folk tune

***GREETING**

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

C: And also with you.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray. ... Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture readings, preaching, and song.



FIRST READING

First Sunday in Lent: February 21, 2021

Genesis 9:8-17

Today's reading is the conclusion to the flood story. Because of human sin, God destroys the earth by flood, saving only Noah, his family, and the animals on the ark. Yet divine destruction gives way to divine commitment. As in the first creation, God blesses humanity and establishes a covenant with all creatures.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Sunday in Lent: February 28, 2021

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

As with Noah, God makes an everlasting covenant with Abraham and Sarah. God promises this old couple that they will be the ancestors of nations, though they have no child together. God will miraculously bring forth new life from Sarah's womb. The name changes emphasize the firmness of God's promise.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Third Sunday in Lent: March 7, 2021

Exodus 20:1-17

After escaping from slavery, the Israelites come to Mount Sinai, where God teaches them how to live in community. The Ten Commandments proclaim that God alone is worthy of worship. Flowing from God, the life of the community flourishes when based on honesty, trust, fidelity, and respect for life, family, and property.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Fourth Sunday in Lent: March 14, 2021

Numbers 21:4-9

Though God provides food and water for the Israelites in the wilderness, they whine and grumble. They forget about the salvation they experienced in the exodus. God punishes them for their sin, but when they repent God also provides a means of healing: a bronze serpent lifted up on a pole.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Fifth Sunday in Lent: March 21, 2021

Jeremiah 31:31-34

The Judeans in Babylon blamed their exile on their ancestors, who had broken the covenant established at Sinai. Here the prophet looks to a day when God will make a new covenant with the people. There will be no need to teach the law, because God will write it on their hearts.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

First Sunday in Lent: February 21, 2021

1 Peter 3:18-22

As God acted through Christ's suffering and death to bring us to God, so God acts through baptism to save us from a sinful existence. This spiritual cleansing marks our new life in Christ.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Sunday in Lent: February 28, 2021

Romans 4:13-25

Paul presents Abraham as the example for how a person comes into a right relationship with God not through works of the law but through faith. Though Abraham and Sarah were far too old for bearing children, Abraham trusted that God would accomplish what God had promised to accomplish.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Third Sunday in Lent: March 7, 2021

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

The word of the cross is pure foolishness and nonsense to the world because it claims that God is mostly revealed in weakness, humiliation, and death. But through such divine foolishness and weakness, God is working to save us. The center of Paul's preaching is Christ crucified.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Fourth Sunday in Lent: March 14, 2021

Ephesians 2:1-10

While we were dead in our sinfulness, God acted to make us alive as a gift of grace in Christ Jesus. We are saved not by what we do but by grace through faith. Thus our good works are really a reflection of God's grace at work in our lives.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Fifth Sunday in Lent: March 21, 2021

Hebrews 5:5-10

Using priestly imagery and references to the Old Testament, the author explains how Christ lived in trusting obedience to God, and so God has made Christ the source of our eternal salvation.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

First Sunday in Lent: February 21, 2021

Mark 1:9-15

The Spirit that comes upon Jesus at his baptism sustains him when he is tested by Satan so that he might proclaim the good news of God's reign.

Second Sunday in Lent: February 28, 2021

Mark 8:31-38

After Peter confesses his belief that Jesus is the Messiah, Jesus tells his disciples for the first time what is to come. Peter's response indicates that he does not yet understand the way of the cross that Jesus will travel.

Third Sunday in Lent: March 7, 2021

John 2:13-22

Jesus attacks the commercialization of religion by driving merchants out of the temple. When challenged, he responds mysteriously, with the first prediction of his own death and resurrection. In the midst of a seemingly stable religious center, Jesus suggests that the center itself has changed.

Fourth Sunday in Lent: March 14, 2021

John 3:14-21

To explain the salvation of God to the religious leader, Nicodemus, Jesus refers to the scripture passage quoted in today's first reading. Just as those who looked upon the bronze serpent were healed, so people will be saved when they behold Christ lifted up on the cross.

Fifth Sunday in Lent: March 21, 2021

John 12:20-33

Jesus entered Jerusalem for the last time to celebrate the Passover festival. Here Jesus' words about seeds planted in the ground turn the disaster of his death into the promise of a harvest in which everyone will be gathered.

P: The holy gospel according to St. _____ the _____ chapter.

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

The gospel is proclaimed, concluding:

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON


***HYMN OF THE DAY**

Evangelical Lutheran Worship #335

February 21st verse 1; February 28th verse 2;

March 7th verse 3; March 14th verse 4; March 21st verse 1

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

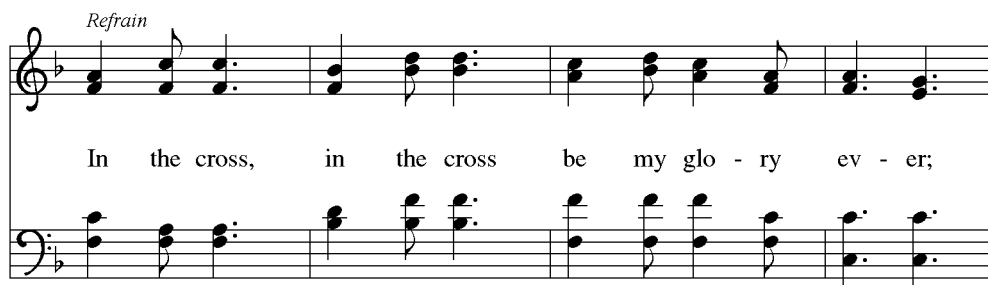


1 Je - sus, keep me near the cross, there's a pre - cious foun - tain;
2 Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, love and mer - cy found me;
3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be - fore me;
4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,



free to all, a heal - ing stream flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.
there the bright and morn - ing star sheds its beams a - round me.
help me walk from day to day with its shad - ow o'er me.
till I reach the gold - en strand just be - yond the riv - er.

Refrain



In the cross, in the cross be my glo - ry ev - er;



till my ran - somed soul shall find rest be - yond the riv - er.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915
Music: NEAR THE CROSS, William H. Doane, 1832–1915

***APOSTLES' CREED**

P: God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope in our Lord, Jesus Christ, we confess our faith:

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

*Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use.

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

P: Relying on the promises of God, we pray boldly for the church, the world, and all in need.



P: Hear us, O God.
C: Your mercy is great.

P: We entrust ourselves and all our prayers to you, O faithful God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

***PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

God's people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace through the posture of bowing.

***HOLY COMMUNION** March 14, 2021

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OFFERING

We give God our thanks and praise through our tithes and offerings of thanksgiving for the mission of the church including the care of those in need. For those worshipping inside the sanctuary we will receive your offerings in the plates located at the back of the sanctuary. For those who are worshipping online, you are invited to mail your checks to Immanuel, sign up for automatic withdrawal, or give online through our website: luthwash.org

***OFFERING PRAYER**

P: Let us pray. Faithful God, ... with Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

***THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD**

P: Let us give thanks for God's life-giving word.

P: Let us pray. Gracious God, ... For this Word of life,

C: we give you thanks.

P: Loving Jesus, living Word, ... For this Word of life,

C: we give you thanks.

P: Holy Spirit, ... For this Word of life,

C: we give you thanks.

P: All glory to you, holy God, now and forever.

C: Amen.



***LORD'S PRAYER**

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.



***BENEDICTION**

P: Christ has no body
But yours,...

Teresa of Avila (1515-1582)

You are what God made you to be: created in Christ Jesus for good works, chosen as holy and beloved, freed to serve your neighbor. God bless you ☩ that you may be a blessing, in the name of the holy and life-giving Trinity.

C: Amen.

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;
2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; walk with
3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;
me; I want Je - sus to walk with me;
in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; walk with
when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;
me; all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,
when my heart is al - most break - ing,
when my head is bowed in sor - row,
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me. walk with me.
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

Text: African American spiritual
Music: SOJOURNER, African American spiritual; arr. hymnal version
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***DISMISSAL**

P: You have heard love.

C: We have heard Christ's love!

P: You are filled with Christ's love!

C: We will share Christ's love with our neighbors! Thanks be to God.

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**SUNDAY, MARCH 14, 2021
IN HOUSE COMMUNION
AND
“CAR HOP COMMUNION”
IMMANUEL’S PARKING LOT**

***OFFERING PRAYER**

P: Let us pray. Faithful God, ... with Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

***GREAT THANKSGIVING**

***DIALOGUE**

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 our thanks and praise.**

***PREFACE**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, ... we praise your name and join their unending
hymn: SPOKEN

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**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow’r 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.**

***THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

P: Holy God, our living Water and our merciful Guide, together with rivers and seas, wells and springs we bless and magnify you. ...

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

... Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

C: Amen.

***LORD'S PRAYER**

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

***INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P: Jesus draws the whole world to himself. Come to this meal and be fed. Eat Christ's love.

COMMUNION: *We celebrate Holy Communion this morning; Christ's banquet: a gift of Christ's presence, a gift of forgiveness, gift of life for YOU! You receive the prepacked sealed grape juice with a sealed wafer on top as you entered the sanctuary. When Pastor Howard says, "The body of Christ, given for you." you may open the wafer and eat. When Pastor Howard says, "The blood of Christ, shed for you." You may open the grape juice and drink. You may bless the non-communing members of your family with the words "Name, you are a beloved child of God."*

The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Response: Amen.



SPECIAL MUSIC

***POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: **Amen.**

***POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

P: Let us pray. God of steadfast love, ... Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

***BENEDICTION**

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