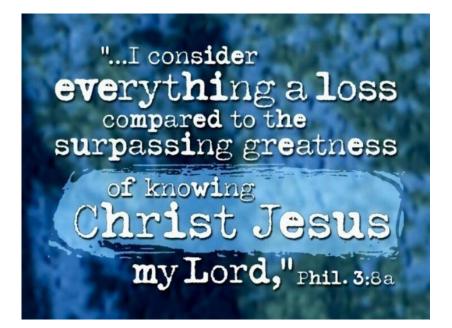
# Immanuel Lutheran Church

Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod



The Divine Service III The Fifth Sunday in Lent April 6, 2025 10:00am

> 3000 West Main Street Kalamazoo, MI 49006

#### **PRELUDE**

#### WELCOME TO IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH!

\* The congregation will stand for sections beginning with an asterisk.

#### \*ENTRANCE HYMN WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS **LSB 425** 0 1 When Ι the drous On which the sur - vey won cross 2 For - bid Lord, that Ι should boast Save the it. in 3 See. from His head, His hands, His feet Sor - row and 4 Were the whole realm mine, That were of na ture а Θ Prince of Glo died, My rich - est ry gain L death of Christ. my God: Αľ the vain things that gled down! Did love flow min e'er such love and trib ute far too small; Love so a - maz - ing, pride. count but loss And pour con-tempt on all my sac - ri - fice His blood. charm me most, Ι them to rich sor - row meet Or thorns com - pose so crown? а di -De - mands my soul, all! so vine, my life, my Text and tune: Public domain

#### **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

#### \*INVOCATION

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

Cong: Amen.

*Pastor:* Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

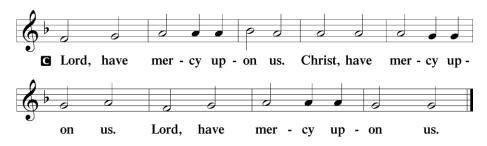
*Pastor:* Our help is in the name of the Lord,

- Cong: who made heaven and earth.
- Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- Cong: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for self-reflection

- Pastor: O almighty God, merciful Father,
- Cong: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- Pastor: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- Cong: Amen.

#### **\*Kyrie**



#### \*SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

*Pastor:* The Lord be with you.

Cong: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray.
Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Cong: Amen.

### FIRST READING

# ISAIAH 43:16-21 (ESV)

Lector: Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings forth chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: "Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

Cong:	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.
Lector: Cong:	shall come home with shouts of joy, bringing his sheaves with him.
Lector: Cong:	He who goes out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing,
Lector: Cong:	Those who sow in tears shall reap with shouts of joy!
Lector: Cong:	The Lord has done great things for us; we are glad. <b>Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like streams in the Negeb!</b>
Lector: Cong:	then they said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them."
Lector: Cong:	Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy;
<b>PSALM</b> Lector: Cong:	PSALM 126 (ESV) When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.
Lector: Cong:	This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.
	The wild beasts will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches, for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself that they might declare my praise."

### SECOND READING

# PHILIPPIANS 3:8-14 (ESV)

Lector: Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

- Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.
- Cong: Thanks be to God.

# **\*HOLY GOSPEL**

# LUKE 20:9-20 (ESV)

- *Pastor:* The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the twentieth chapter.
- Cong: Glory to You, O Lord.
- Pastor: [Jesus] began to tell the people this parable: "A man planted a vineyard and let it out to tenants and went into another country for a long while. When the time came, he sent a servant to the tenants, so that they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. And he sent another servant. But they also beat and treated him shamefully, and sent him away empty-handed. And he sent yet a third. This one also they wounded and cast out. Then the owner of the vineyard said, 'What shall I do? I will send my beloved son; perhaps they will respect him.'

But when the tenants saw him, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir. Let us kill him, so that the inheritance may be ours.' And they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? He will come and destroy those tenants and give the vineyard to others." When they heard this, they said, "Surely not!" But he looked directly at them and said, "What then is this that is written:

'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone'?

Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him."

The scribes and the chief priests sought to lay hands on him at that very hour, for they perceived that he had told this parable against them, but they feared the people. So they watched him and sent spies, who pretended to be sincere, that they might catch him in something he said, so as to deliver him up to the authority and jurisdiction of the governor.

- *Pastor:* This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Cong: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

#### SERMON

#### **REV. MARK COUCH**

- *Pastor:* The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
- Cong: Amen.

#### **\*HYMN OF THE DAY**



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#### **\*NICENE CREED**

Cong: 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**

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

O Lord, Your Son spoke the truth before His enemies even as they sought to trap Him in His words and deliver Him up to death. Rescue Your people from fear, and grant them courage to confess the truth, assuring them of deliverance in time of trouble. Lord, in Your mercy,

- Cong: hear our prayer.
- Lector: O Lord, You gave Your Son to be rejected by sinners, that we may be welcomed into Your kingdom. Preserve Your Church in this life won by Christ, crucified and risen. Give faithfulness to the preaching of Your Word and the administration of Your Sacraments, and let Your people receive these gifts with penitence and faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

#### Cong: hear our prayer.

Lector: O Lord, salvation belongs to You. Your blessing be on Your people. Endow parents with every good gift to teach their children Your ways, that they may live in the confidence of Your grace and salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,

#### Cong: hear our prayer.

Lector: O Lord, You shield us and lift our heads. Provide for us civil authorities who discourage evil and encourage good, but keep us ever mindful that our hope is in You. Lord, in Your mercy,

#### Cong: hear our prayer.

- Lector: O Lord, show Your compassion to all who suffer in our midst, especially those on our prayer list and those we hold closely in our hearts (*pause*). Remind them continually of Your benefits, forgive all their iniquities, heal all their diseases and crown them with steadfast love. Lord, in Your mercy,
- Cong: hear our prayer.

Lector: O Lord, St. Paul counted all things as rubbish in order that he might gain Christ. Give us repentant hearts, that we would abandon all confidence in our flesh and so receive Your Son's body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong: hear our prayer.

- Lector: O Lord, help us to count all things as loss except Jesus and Him crucified. Draw us to Him through Word and Sacrament, that rejoicing in the righteousness that comes through faith in Jesus, we may forget what lies behind us and press on toward the goal. Lord, in Your mercy,
- Cong: hear our prayer.
- *Pastor:* O Lord, in Baptism You have shared Christ's suffering, death and resurrection with us, that we might be raised from the dead. Preserve us from taking His sacrifice for granted. Encourage us to forget what lies behind and strain forward to what lies ahead, until we attain the resurrection from the dead; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- Cong: Amen.

#### \*PEACE

- *Pastor:* The Lord be with you.
- Cong: And also with you.

*Please greet one another with a gesture of peace, using these or similar words:* "Peace be with you."

#### OFFERING

#### **OFFERTORY** *My Song is Love Unknown*

#### **IMMANUEL CHOIR**

My song is love unknown, My Savior's love to me; Love to the loveless shown that they might lovely be. O who am I, that for my sake, O who am I that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh and die?

He came from His blest throne salvation to bestow; but men made strange, and none the longed for Christ would know. But O my Friend, my Friend indeed, but O my Friend my Friend indeed, who at my need His life did spend, His life did spend!

Here might I stay and sing, no story so divine; never was love, dear King, never was grief like Thine. This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise this is my Friend, in whose sweet praise I all my days could gladly spend.



We ask our guests to review our understanding and practice of communion on the back page of this worship folder.

# SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

#### \*PREFACE

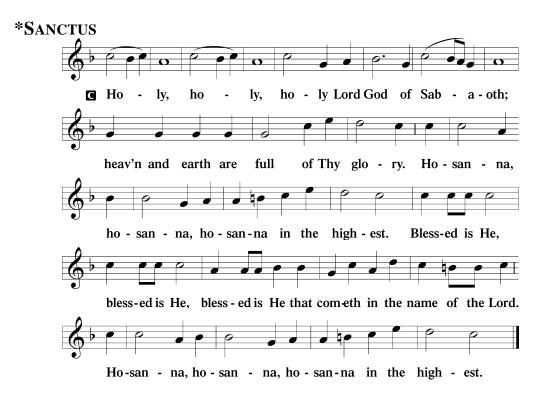
*Pastor:* The Lord be with you.

Cong: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

- Cong: We lift them unto the Lord.
- *Pastor:* Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God
- **Cong:** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

*Pastor:* It is truly meet, 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:



#### \*LORD'S PRAYER

Cong: 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

Pastor: 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."

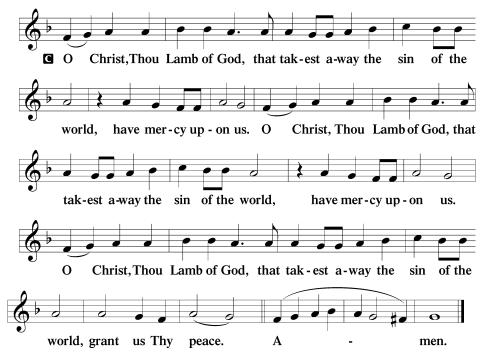
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

#### \*PAX DOMINI

*Pastor:* The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Cong: Amen.

#### \*AGNUS DEI ~ LAMB OF GOD



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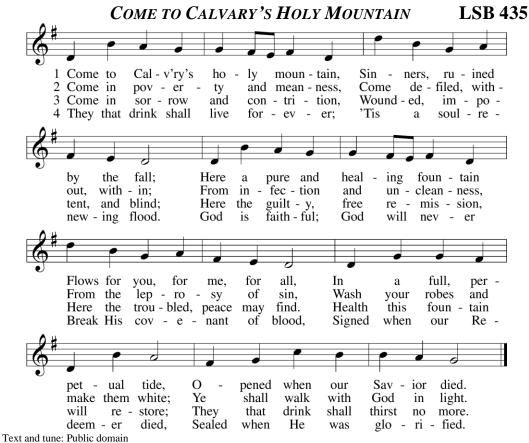


#### **\*POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE** NUNC DIMITTIS O Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part C in peace ac-Ø cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, O which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy peo-ple Is ra-el. Glo - ry be to the Father and o the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning, to O is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A-men.

#### **\*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

- *Pastor:* 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.
- Cong: Amen.

#### \*CLOSING HYMN



#### BLESSING

Pastor:Bless we the Lord.Cong:Thanks be to God.

#### **BENEDICTION**

*Pastor:* The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace. **Cong:** Amen, amen.

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS



**ILLNESS/SPECIAL NEED:** 

**GRIEF:** 

THANKSGIVING:

HOMEBOUND: Marian Brugh, Ellen Plano, John Curtiss, and Jerome Dirst.

# IMMANUEL PRAYER LIST

#### LONG TERM CONCERNS

Rose Maxum, requested by Chuck and	Susan & Gregory Fritz, Stephanie Beck's parents				
Amber Townsend					
Amy Stillwell, sister of Dave Reynolds	Mary Ann Massey, friend of Dotty Smith				
Bob Perri, brother of Phil Perri	Craig Rennhack, requested by Bob & Maryalice Reck				
John Blasko, requested by Elizabeth Blasko	Mindy Mitchell, sister of Shelly Reynolds				
Kyle Reinbold Family, requested by Kyle's	James Leo Brown, requested by Shelly and Dave				
sister, Sonya DeVary	Reynolds				
Karen McDougall, requested by Sue Steuer	Jim Sabo, friend of Susan Steuer				
Katie VerKow, former member of	Lucille and Lawrence Fritz, requested by				
Immanuel, requested by Phil Roekle	Jonathan Fritz				
Vicki Dilley, requested by Christa & Phil	Suzie Brink, Christie Sidwell's mother and Bill				
Perri	Brink, her brother				
Joanne Cleason, Esther Cleason's daughter	Melissa, friend of Dotty Smith and daughter Laura				
Marie Winberg, godmother of Bill Bennett	Hannah Bayer, requested by her father				
Lisa and David Wentzel, Sue Steuer's	Jerry and Sandi McKenzie, friends of Dotty				
cousins	Smith				
Ware Washam, requested by Brian Long	Sandy Hale, requested by Stephen Presdorf				
Caroline Barkow	Jeri Noneman				
Gene Jennings	Kay Hecht, John Hecht's mother				
Loren Gerber, Sue Anderson's father	Beth Mitchell				
Alice Schley, Jane Schley's granddaughter	Charlie Miller, Marian Brugh's brother				
Toni—Jane Schley's cousin	Jason, son-in-law of Sue & Craig Anderson				
Sharon S., requested by Dotty Smith	Karen Petersen, daughter of Cathy & Tom Mollet				
Ruth Krueger	Justin Nickels, requested by Justin Beck				
Deb, friend of Sue Steuer	Marilyn Borgeson, Annie Hecht's grandmother				
Sophie Rose Verile, Brindley's grandniece	Lynne Partridge, friend of Christa Perri				
Linda & Scott Spurlock, req. by Esther C.	Merry Linn, Sally Crawford's sister				
Kim N., Kim M., Emilie H., & Sydney B., all friends of Kim Sharp; and River Lint, Kim's					
cousin's baby					
All Crossroads Prison Ministry students from all congregations around the country					
Immanuel members: Gail Stewart, Dolly Bryan, Shelly Reynolds, Tina Lauer, Jerome Dirst					
& John Miller					

CHURCH CALENDAR									
April's MISSION: Alternatives of Kalamazoo									
SUNDAY	Mon	TUES	WED	THURS	Fri	SAT			
6 9:15 am Sunday School	7	8 6:30am Men's Prayer Breakfast	9 6:00рм	10	11	12 10-11AM			
COMMUNION SERVICE (COUCH) 11:30AM ADULT CLASS &		10am Wills' Bible Study @ILC	LENTEN SOUP Supper by Service Committee			"JOY" BIBLE Study			
CHILDREN'S CHOIR		7:00pm Baumgart Bible Study @ Immanuel	7:00pm Communion Service (Iqbal)						
13 PALM SUNDAY 9:15 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL	14	15 10am Wills' Bible Study	16	17 MAUNDY THURSDAY	18 GOOD FRIDAY	19 EASTER VIGIL			
Communion Service (Quardokus)		@ILC							
11:30am Adult Class & Children's Choir				7:00pm Communion Service (Iqbal)	7:00pm Tenebrae Service (Iqbal)				
20 EASTER SUNDAY 7:00AM SUNRISE COMMUNION SERVICE (COUCH) 8:30AM EASTER BREAKFAST/EGG HUNT #1 10:00AM	21	22 10am Wills' Bible Study @ILC	23	24	25	26			
COMMUNION SERVICE(COUCH) 11:30AM EGG HUNT #2		7:00pm Baumgart Bible Study @ Immanuel							
27 9:15 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMUNION SERVICE (QUARDOKUS)	28	29 10am Wills' Bible Study @ILC	30	1	2	3			
11:30am Adult Class & Children's Choir		7:00pm Baumgart Bible Study @ Immanuel							

Wo	rship .	Assist	ants/S	erving	Sched	ule
	Acolyte	Altar	Usher	Lector	Worship Assistant	Coffee Hour
Sunday 4/6/2025	Genevieve Miller & Adelaide Jefferies	Kim Sharp	Kim Sharp	John Krueger	Larry Baumgart & Craig Anderson	Jane Schley
Palm Sunday 4/13/2025	Maddie Hernandez & Elijah Lawrence	Amber Townsend	John Wagner	Mark Miller	Bill Stewart & Ron Swinehart	Sue & John Wagner
Maundy Thursday 4/17/2025	Cailyn Hecht & Norah Lawrence	Vivian Westphal	NA	NA	Mark Miller & Andrew Lustila	NA
Good Friday 4/18/2025	Linus & Ezra Mandrick	Amber Townsend	Ron Swinehart	Ninah Miller	Denny Patzer & John Quardokus	NA
Easter Sunday, <b>7am</b> 4/20/2025	NA	Kim Sharp	Ron Swinehart	Ninah Miller	Denny Patzer & John Quardokus	NA
Easter Sunday, <b>10am</b> 4/20/2025	Elliora & Caviion Beck	Kim Sharp	John Hecht	John Quardokus	Bill Stewart & Craig Anderson	NA
Sunday 4/27/2025	Genevieve Miller & Adelaide Jefferies	Rita Clarke	John Wagner	Dave Mandrick	Larry Baumgart & Ron Swinehart	Amber & Chuck Townsend
Sunday 5/4/2025	Maddie Hernandez & Elijah Lawrence	TBA	Kim Sharp	John Hecht	Mark Miller & Andrew Lustila	Maryalice Reck
Sunday 5/11/2025	Cailyn Hecht & Norah Lawrence	TBA	John Wagner	Andrew Lustila	Denny Patzer & John Quardokus	Sue & John Wagner



# THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

# **Our Belief and Practice**

Our congregation believes that Holy Communion is a gift of Christ to His Church. Out of loving concern for the communicants and our understanding of the Holy Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions, we request that those who commune here:

- 1. Be Baptized Christians.
- 2. Are mature enough to examine themselves, recognizing their sin and their need for God's grace. (*1 Corinthians 11:28*)
- 3. Believe that in Holy Communion they receive Christ's body and blood in, with, and under the bread and wine for the gracious remission of their sins. (*Matthew* 26:26-28)
- 3. Do so without giving offense to others. (i.e., Willing to forgive and be reconciled) (*Matthew 18:15-17*)

Guests of the congregation, who are instructed in Luther's Small Catechism, are welcome to receive Holy Communion. All others are asked to speak with the pastor regarding the sacrament. Noncommuning children may join their parents. Communicants may choose from the Common Cup or individual cups.

Serving Today at Immanuel Lutheran Church

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