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Third Sunday In Lent



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OPENING HYMN #632

“Lord, Open Now My Heart To Hear”



1 Lord, o - pen now my heart to hear, and through your
2 Your Word in - spires my heart with - in; your Word grants
3 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, and God the



Word to me draw near. Let me your Word e'er pure re -
heal - ing from my sin. Your Word has pow'r to guide and
Spir - it, Three in One, shall glo - ry, praise, and hon - or



tain; let me your child and heir re - main.
bless; your Word brings peace and hap - pi - ness.
be now and through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

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Please stand.

INVOCATION & OPENING SENTENCES

M: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

M: The law of the LORD is perfect,

C: reviving the soul;

M: the testimony of the LORD is sure,

C: making wise the simple;

M: the precepts of the LORD are right,

C: rejoicing the heart;

M: the commandment of the LORD is pure,

C: enlightening the eyes. Psalm 19:7-8

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

From Luther's Small Catechism

M: The First Commandment: You shall have no other gods.

C: We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.

M: The Second Commandment: You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

C: We should fear and love God that we do not use his name to curse, swear, lie, or deceive, or use witchcraft, but call upon God's name in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.

M: The Third Commandment: Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

C: We should fear and love God that we do not despise preaching and his Word, but regard it as holy and gladly hear and learn it.

M: Consider these questions:

Do I despise the Word by neglecting or by paying little or no attention when it is read or preached?

Do I read the Bible regularly, attend my church's worship faithfully, or do I do this sporadically because I have other things to do?

Do I truly fear, love and trust in God above all things?

Let us seek God's mercy.

**C: Lord, I am sorry for all of my sins,
I turn away from them, and I ask for grace.**

M: "The LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy." (*Exodus 20:11*)

Upon this, your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you. 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.

C: Amen.

LORD, HAVE MERCY


CW174

M: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: 
Lord, have mer - cy.

The musical notation is on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of seven notes: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), and G4 (half). A slur covers the first three notes, and another slur covers the last three notes.

M: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: 
Lord, have mer - cy.

The musical notation is identical to the one above, consisting of seven notes: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), and G4 (half), with slurs over the first three and last three notes.

M: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mer - cy.**

M: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mer - cy.**

M: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: **A - men.**

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(The Gloria in Excelsis is not sung in Lent)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, the spirit to think and do what is right that we, who cannot do anything that is good without you, may by your help be enabled to live according to your will; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Be seated.

FIRST READING

Exodus 20:1-17

¹And God spoke all these words:

²“I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

³“You shall have no other gods before me.

⁴“You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. ⁵You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷“You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.

⁸“Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor and do all your work, ¹⁰but the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns. ¹¹For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

¹²“Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.

¹³“You shall not murder.

¹⁴“You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵“You shall not steal.

¹⁶“You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

¹⁷“You shall not covet your neighbor’s house. You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.” (NIV)

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 19A

“The Heaven’s Declare The Glory Of God”

Sung responsively as indicated:

The musical notation consists of three systems. The first system is a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). It contains the melody for the Refrain: "The heav'ns de - clare the glo - ry of God, the". The second system continues the melody for the Refrain: "skies pro - claim his hand - i - work." The third system is labeled "Psalm Tone" and consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff, both in the same key signature. The treble staff contains a series of chords and intervals, while the bass staff contains a simple bass line.

M: They have no speech, they / use no words;
no sound is / heard from them.

C: **Yet their voice goes out into / all the earth,
their words to the ends / of the world. Refrain**

C: **The law of the LORD is perfect, refresh- / ing the soul.
The commands of the LORD are radiant, giving light / to the eyes.
They are more precious than gold, than much / pure gold;
they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the / honeycomb.
By them your servant / is warned;
in keeping them there is / great reward. Refrain**

C: **May these words of my mouth and this meditation / of my heart
be pleasing in your sight, LORD, my rock and my Re- / deemer.
Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. Refrain**

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CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

“The Heaven’s Declare God’s Glory”

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:18–25

¹⁸For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written:

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise;
the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate.”

²⁰Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since in the

wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. ²²Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, ²³but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength. (NIV)

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

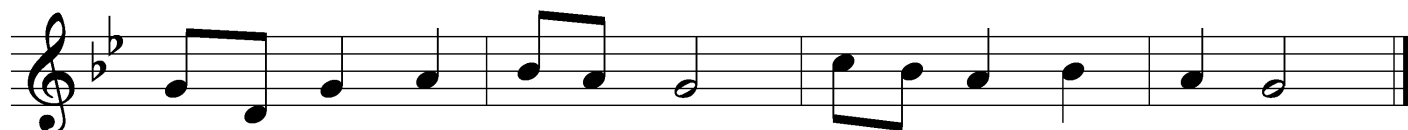
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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

St. John 2:17



Refrain



C: Praise to you, Lord Je - sus Christ, king of end - less glo - ry.

M: His disciples remembered that it is written:
“Zeal for your house will consume me.”

C: **Refrain**

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HOLY GOSPEL

St. John 2:13-22

¹³When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴In the temple courts he found people selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money. ¹⁵So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple courts, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶To those who sold doves he said, “Get these out of here! Stop turning my Father’s house into a market!” ¹⁷His disciples remembered that it is written: “Zeal for your house will consume me.”

¹⁸The Jews then responded to him, “What sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?”

¹⁹Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days.”

²⁰They replied, “It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?” ²¹But the temple he had spoken of was his body. ²²After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken. (NIV)

M: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated.

HYMN #415 sts.1,3-5

“Exult Today, Jerusalem”

The Choir will sing stanza 1.



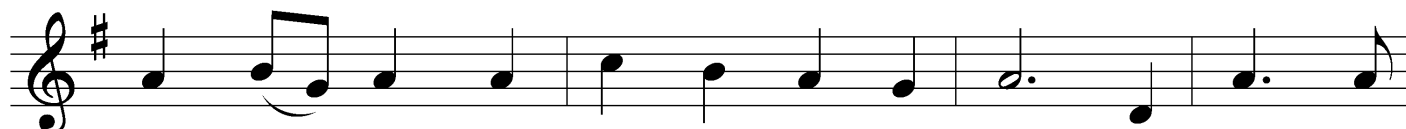
1 Ex - ult to - day, Je - ru - sa - lem! God comes to
3 The Christ! A Proph - et great - er than that giv - er
4 Christ's glo - ry is not seen by those of - fend - ed
5 So wave your palms and fill the air with shouts of



set you free! This roy - al Son of Beth - le - hem ful -
of the law; a Priest, not born from Le - vi's clan, but
by the cross, for world - ly wis - dom nev - er knows how
joy this day; the King of glo - ry comes to bear your



fills all proph - e - cy. This great - er Jo - nah
born with - out sin's flaw; a King, one like that
gain could come from loss; yet, this the glo - ry
sin and death a - way! Ho - san - na, Lord! Your



of re - nown God's love and pow'r dis - plays; he comes to
priest - ly king, Mel - chiz - e - dek of old, for Christ, as
of the Christ: to claim our cross as throne— his per - fect
peo - ple save! O come, Em - man - u - el, and by your



tear God's tem - ple down and raise it in three days!
thorn-crowned King will bring God's right - eous - ness fore - told.
life he sac - ri - ficed that we might be his own!
cross and shat - tered grave, tear down the gates of hell!

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CONFESSION OF FAITH: APOSTLES’ CREED

**C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe 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 is seated at
the right hand of God the Father Almighty.**

From there 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

FRIENDSHIP CARD is available on the tables by the entrances and in the mailboxes of members.
If you are watching on-line please go to the description link and sign in.

OFFERING The offering plates are located by the entrances. You may also give electronically via
our website: immanuelfindlay.org or the App: GivePlus.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

CW183

Please stand.

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.

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

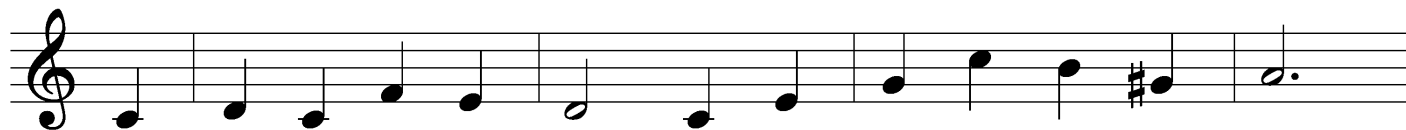
M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks,
O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who brought the gift of salvation to all people by his death on the tree of the cross so
that the devil, who overcame us by a tree, would in turn by a tree be overcome.
Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy
name and join their glorious song:

SANCTUS (Brit) - EWING

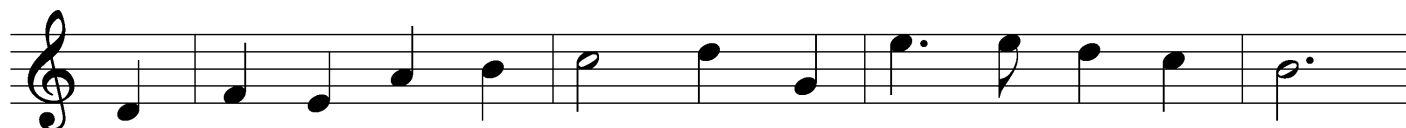
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1 Sing, "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts on high,
2 Ho - san - na in the high - est! How blest is Christ our King,



your ev - er - last - ing glo - ry fills earth and sea and sky."
who died as our Re - deem - er, e - ter - nal life to bring!



Our voic - es cry, "Ho - san - na!" Lord, hear our hum - ble plea:
How blest are you, Lord Je - sus, now com - ing in God's name!



in mer - cy, come and save us; in love, come set us free.
"Ho - san - na in the high - est!" our grate - ful hearts pro - claim.

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

M: Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of all creation, for you have had mercy on us and have given your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. Your justice and righteousness are revealed in your commandments and holy precepts. They reveal to us your Law and our fervent need for your mercy through Christ. We give you thanks that you did not spare your only Son but sent him into the world to offer his life as a ransom for many.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my + body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my + blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

AGNUS #1055 (Ger) -

ACH BLEIB BEI UNS

1 O Lamb of God, once lift - ed high up - on a
2 O Lamb of God, your sac - ri - fice has can - celled

cross to bleed and die, in per - fect love
sin, has paid its price; your per - fect love

you took our place— be - stow on us your sav - ing grace.
will nev - er cease— have mer - cy, Lord, and grant us peace.

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Be seated.

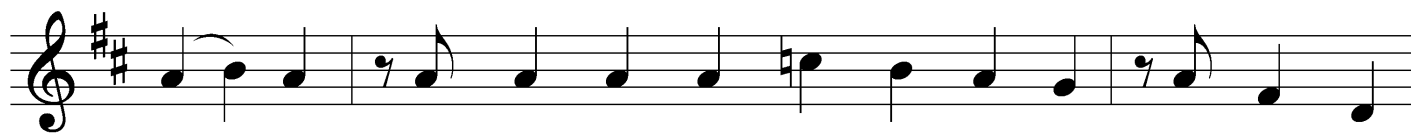
DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION *Visitors: Please see the communion statement on back of bulletin before coming up for Holy Communion.*

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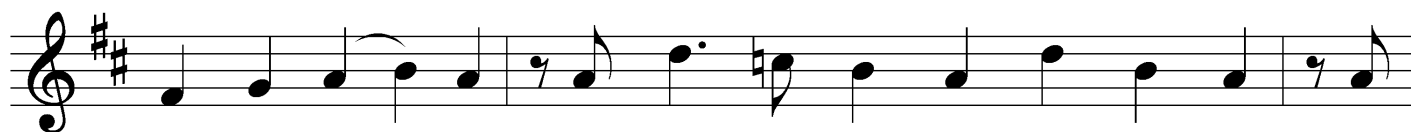


DISTRIBUTION HYMN #558*"Salvation Unto Us Has Come"*

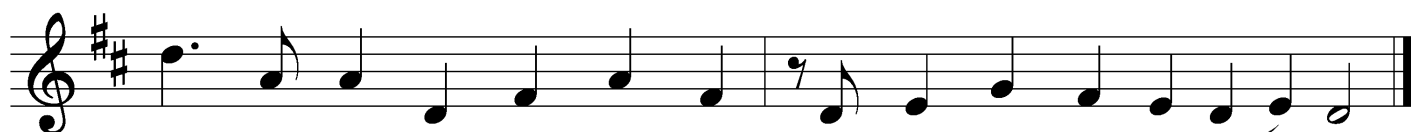
1 Sal - va - tion un - to us has come by God's free grace and
 2 What God did in his law de - mand and none to him could
 3 It was a false, mis - lead - ing dream that God his law had
 4 From sin our flesh could not ab - stain, sin held its sway un -



fa - vor; good works can - not a - vert our doom, they help and
 ren - der caused wrath and woe on ev - 'ry hand for man, the
 giv - en that sin - ners could them-selves re - deem and by their
 ceas - ing; the task was use - less and in vain, our guilt was



save us nev - er. Faith looks to Je - sus Christ a - lone, who
 vile of - fend - er. Our flesh has not those pure de - sires the
 works gain heav - en. The law is but a mir - ror bright to
 e'er in - creas - ing. None can re - move sin's poi - soned dart or



did for all the world a - tone; he is our one Re - deem - er.
 spir - it of the law re - quires, and lost is our con - di - tion.
 bring the in - bred sin to light that lurks with - in our na - ture.
 pu - ri - fy our wick - ed heart, so deep is our cor - rup - tion.

5 Yet as the law must be fulfilled
 or we must die despairing,
 Christ came and has God's anger stilled,
 our human nature sharing.
 He has for us the law obeyed
 and thus the Father's vengeance stayed
 which over us impended.

6 Since Christ has full atonement made
 and brought to us salvation,
 each Christian therefore may be glad
 and build on this foundation.
 Your grace alone, dear Lord, I plead,
 your death is now my life indeed,
 for you have paid my ransom.

Hymn continues next page.

7 Let me not doubt, but truly see
your Word cannot be broken;
your call rings out, "Come unto me!"
No falsehood have you spoken.
Baptized into your precious name,
my faith cannot be put to shame,
and I shall never perish.

8 The law reveals the guilt of sin
and makes us conscience-stricken;
but then the gospel enters in
the sinful soul to quicken.
Come to the cross, trust Christ, and live;
the law no peace can ever give,
no comfort and no blessing.

9 Faith clings to Jesus' cross alone
and rests in him unceasing;
and by its fruits true faith is known,
with love and hope increasing.
For faith alone can justify;
works serve our neighbor and supply
the proof that faith is living.

10 All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise
to Father, Son, and Spirit,
the God who saved us by his grace;
all glory to his merit!
O triune God in heav'n above,
you have revealed your saving love;
your blessed name be hallowed!

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M: The true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you to life everlasting.

C: **Amen.**

M: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

C: **his mercy endures forever.**

M: Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,

C: **we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

M: Gracious God, you gave us your commandments to order our lives and protect us, to convict our hearts of sin, and to prepare us for the Gospel. As Jesus once cleansed the temple, we pray that you cleanse our hearts by your Holy Spirit, that there may be room only for faith in Jesus Christ and that we may boast in him alone; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

BLESSING

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN #640*“God’s Word Is Our Great Heritage”*

God’s Word is our great her - i - tage and shall be ours for -
 ev - er; to spread its light from age to age shall be our
 chief en - deav - or. Thro’ life it guides our way, in death it
 is our stay. Lord, grant, while worlds en - dure, we keep its
 teach - ings pure through - out all gen - er - a - tions.

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Please stay for a presentation on the preschool scholarship opportunity.

LENTEN SERVICES Our Lenten service schedule continues each Wednesday with a meal at 5:30 PM and service at 7 PM. The sign-up sheets for the meals are in the narthex.

Easter Flowers Sign Up sheet in narthex: We have added daffodils and hydrangeas this year! Note that pricing is not the same for each kind of plant. To pay for your selection, cash or a check made to Immanuel with “flowers” noted, can be placed in the envelope marked for Easter flowers. See Becky Fulcher with any questions.

Greeters**3/3 8AM**
10:30AMHoward & Nancy
Becky F.Volunteer
Brad & Sarah S.**Ushers - March****8AM** Brad S., Nate W.
10:30AM Sam. P., Matt M.**3/10 8AM**
10:30AMKarl & Lynn F.
Vern & Marjorie H.Volunteer
Diane L.**3/17 8AM**
10:30AMBob H.
Deana H.Volunteer
Kay M.**3/24 8AM**
10:30AMVolunteer
Laura B.Volunteer
Bill & Helen R.**3/31- - Easter Sunday - - - - Easter Sunday- -****7AM**
9:30AMVolunteer
VolunteerVolunteer
Volunteer**CALENDAR****Sunday****Worship & Holy Communion, 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM**

Youth & Adult Sunday School, 9:15 AM

Confirmation, 11:45 AM

Wednesday

Bible Class, 10:00 AM

Lenten Meal, 5:30 PM

Lenten Service, 7:00 PM**Thursday**

Choir Practice, 7:00 PM

Sunday**Worship & Holy Communion, 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM**

Youth & Adult Sunday School, 9:15 AM

Confirmation, 11:45 AM

JOIN US IN ADULT BIBLE STUDIES:

Adult Sunday School, 9:15 AM

The Passion of the Christ

In person only

Wednesday Bible Class, 10:00 AM

Luke

In person & Zoom

Everyone Outreach: Have you ever thought, "I wish I was more comfortable talking about my faith"? If so, you're not alone. For this reason, Immanuel Lutheran Church will be participating in an exciting new program called Everyone Outreach. The program will help us build a culture of outreach so that every ministry and every member is encouraged and equipped to reach the lost in our community. Mark your calendars for *April 20th & 21st* when we will kick off the program with a 2-day workshop. If you want to learn

more about the Everyone Outreach program, visit everyoneoutreach.com. Look for more information about Everyone Outreach as we get closer to the workshop!

Welcome! We join together here to thank God for a new week of promise and possibilities. Let us welcome the opportunity of worship. Let us greet one another joyfully and lovingly! If you are searching for a church home, please feel free to talk to the pastor after the service.

Large print bulletins are available at the back of the fellowship hall.

There are visitor welcome packets available in the narthex.

There are children's books, coloring pages, pencils, and crayons available at the back of the fellowship hall. Please return the books, clipboards, pencils and crayons.

Silence is golden. Please silence cell phones before worship.

If you would like items displayed on the bulletin board please contact the office.

When receiving communion, it's very helpful when you extend your hand to receive the wafer of bread. If there is anyone who would prefer to receive the wine mixed with water, please contact the pastor. We also have low-gluten wafers available; please speak with the pastor or an elder.

Celebrating Communion in Love—In love, Jesus gives his body and blood in Holy Communion. In love, Jesus tells us we are prepared for his meal when 1) we recognize our sins and need for forgiveness; 2) we confess Jesus as the only true God and Savior, without whom we would be lost for eternity; 3) we have been instructed in the Biblical truths of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection; 4) we believe that in the Supper Jesus gives us his real body and blood in the bread and wine; 5) we publicly confess our oneness of faith and full agreement of belief with those whom we receive the Supper. In love, Jesus cautions us that if we are not properly prepared, then we are rejecting his love and would receive his Supper to our harm. Therefore, in love for all, we at Immanuel follow the ancient, Biblical practice of Close Communion, offering the Supper only to those who have professed their agreement with our Wisconsin Synod fellowship. If you are interested in receiving the Supper with us, we invite you to speak with our pastor about the important necessary pre-Communion instruction.