



HIS EARS ARE OPEN,  
BUT HE DOES NOT HEAR.  
ISAIAH 42:20

# Welcome to Immanuel

March 15<sup>th</sup> 2026

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

9:00am



## Welcome to Immanuel!

Immanuel Lutheran Church and School is a Christ-centered community committed to making disciples of Jesus Christ through joyful worship, faithful teaching, and loving service—inviting all to encounter the good news of Jesus.

### **Visitors & Guests:**

Thanks for worshiping with us today!

Please complete a green Visitor Card, found in the card rack on the back of the pews, and place it in the offering plate.

After the service, be sure to introduce yourself to the Pastor.

**We are delighted that you're here  
and hope to see you again!**

**We take seriously the spiritual care of those who commune at our altar.**

At Immanuel we celebrate the Lord's Supper in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table baptized believers who trust His words, repent of all sin, set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, and confess what is taught and believed at this altar, that they may proclaim His death until He comes.

Because of this any who are not yet instructed, or in doubt, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked to speak with the pastor.

Exploring the Questions and Answers found on pg. 329 in your hymnal (*burgundy book in the pew*) may guide you in this decision. You may still come forward for a blessing, crossing your arms in front of you as you approach.

### **CHILDREN'S WORSHIP WORD OF THE DAY!**

Today's Worship Word:

#### **Forgive/Forgiveness**

**Forgiveness literally means to "let go". It means that God has pardoned or let go of our sins, our bad choices. He is no longer angry for your sins because He has forgiven you!**

Children, keep your ears open for today's Worship Word. When you hear or speak the word in the service, circle the word in the bulletin. You may want to have a parent help you!

At the end of the service, if you show the circled Worship Word to Pastor Ryan, you will receive the Worship Word Passport. Pastor Ryan will write your name on it and stamp it for you!

You will receive a special gift on your first stamp, and every fourth stamp! If you bring a friend, you and your friend will get a special gift as well! Enjoy learning these words found in our worship.

### **From Your AudioVisual Team...**

Our worship today will be livestreamed for those members and friends that are unable to join us in person. By entering the Sanctuary, you give permission to Immanuel Lutheran Church and School to film or photograph you, and any minor children under the age of 18, and use your likeness on our social media channels and website.

If you would like to limit your time on camera please sit towards the back of the Sanctuary or off to either side.

**Prelude** "Chorale Prelude on 'Londonderry Air'" J. Stuart Archer  
**Chiming of the Hour**  
**Welcome**  
**Choral Introit** "This Is the Day the Lord Has Made" arr. Mark Hayes  
 ILC Parish Choir

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Divine Service Setting IV LSB 203

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## Confession & Forgiveness

**Opening Hymn** Light of Light, O Sole-Begotten LSB 914

*Stand*

The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

**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

**Kyrie** (Lord, Have Mercy)

LSB 204



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

**Salutation and Collect** (Prayer) of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

**C** 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. Amen.

*Sit*

**Old Testament Reading**

Isaiah 42:14–21

<sup>14</sup>For a long time I have held my peace;  
I have kept still and restrained myself;  
now I will cry out like a woman in labor;  
I will gasp and pant.

<sup>15</sup>I will lay waste mountains and hills,  
and dry up all their vegetation;  
I will turn the rivers into islands,  
and dry up the pools.

<sup>16</sup>And I will lead the blind  
in a way that they do not know,  
in paths that they have not known  
I will guide them.

I will turn the darkness before them  
into light,  
the rough places into level ground.  
These are the things I do,  
and I do not forsake them.

<sup>17</sup>They are turned back and utterly  
put to shame,  
who trust in carved idols,  
who say to metal images,  
"You are our gods."

<sup>18</sup>Hear, you deaf,  
and look, you blind, that you may see!

<sup>19</sup>Who is blind but my servant,  
or deaf as my messenger whom I send?  
Who is blind as my dedicated one,  
or blind as the servant of the LORD?

<sup>20</sup>He sees many things, but does not  
observe them;  
his ears are open, but he does not hear.

<sup>21</sup>The LORD was pleased, for his  
righteousness' sake,  
to magnify his law and make it glorious.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Psalmody

*The Psalmody is chanted responsively and the Gloria Patri in unison*

*Antiphon sung by cantor and parish choir*

<sup>5</sup>I cry to you, | O LORD;\*

I say, "You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the | living."



<sup>1</sup>With my voice I cry out | to the LORD;\*

with my voice I plead for mercy | to the LORD.

<sup>2</sup>**I pour out my complaint be- | fore him;\***

**I tell my trouble be- | fore him.**

<sup>3</sup>When my spirit faints within me, you | know my way!\*

In the path where I walk they have hidden a | trap for me.

<sup>4</sup>**Look to the right and see: there is none who takes notice | of me;\***

**no refuge remains to me; no one cares | for my soul.**

<sup>5</sup>I cry to you, | O LORD;\*

I say, "You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the | living."

<sup>6</sup>**Attend to my cry, for I am brought | very low!\***

**Deliver me from my persecutors, for they are too | strong for me!**

<sup>7</sup>Bring me out of prison, that I may give thanks | to your name!\*

The righteous will surround me, for you will deal bountifully | with me.

**Glorify 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.**

*Antiphon sung by cantor and parish choir*

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Psalm 142

Antiphon:v.5

## Epistle

Ephesians 5:8-14

<sup>8</sup>For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light <sup>9</sup>(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), <sup>10</sup>and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. <sup>11</sup>Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. <sup>12</sup>For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. <sup>13</sup>But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, <sup>14</sup>for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

"Awake, O sleeper,  
and arise from the dead,  
and Christ will shine on you."

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

**G** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

**Verse** | Psalm 36:9

*Sung by the parish choir*

*With you is the fountain | of life; \*  
in your light do we | see light.*

## Holy Gospel

John 9:1-41

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

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

<sup>1</sup>As [*Jesus*] passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup>And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. <sup>4</sup>We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. <sup>5</sup>As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." <sup>6</sup>Having said these things, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man's eyes with the mud <sup>7</sup>and said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (*which means Sent*). So he went and washed and came back seeing.

<sup>8</sup>The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar were saying, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" <sup>9</sup>Some said, "It is he." Others said, "No, but he is like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." <sup>10</sup>So they said to him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" <sup>11</sup>He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' So I went and washed and received my sight." <sup>12</sup>They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

<sup>13</sup>They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. <sup>14</sup>Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. <sup>15</sup>So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." <sup>16</sup>Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" And there was a division among them. <sup>17</sup>So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet."

<sup>18</sup>The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight <sup>19</sup>and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" <sup>20</sup>His parents answered, "We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. <sup>21</sup>But how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." <sup>22</sup>*(His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess Jesus to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue.)* <sup>23</sup>Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

<sup>24</sup>So for the second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, "Give glory to God. We know that this man is a sinner." <sup>25</sup>He answered, "Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." <sup>26</sup>They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" <sup>27</sup>He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" <sup>28</sup>And they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. <sup>29</sup>We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." <sup>30</sup>The man answered, "Why, this is an amazing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. <sup>31</sup>We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him. <sup>32</sup>Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. <sup>33</sup>If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." <sup>34</sup>They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out.

<sup>35</sup>Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" <sup>36</sup>He answered, "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" <sup>37</sup>Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you." <sup>38</sup>He said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him. <sup>39</sup>Jesus said, "For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind." <sup>40</sup>Some of the Pharisees near him heard these things, and said to him, "Are we also blind?" <sup>41</sup>Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, 'We see,' your guilt remains."

**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.**

Sit

### Hymn of the Day

God Loved the World So That He Gave  
stz. 3 women | stz. 4 men | stz. 5 choir

LSB 571

### Sermon



ILC Online Giving Page

**Offering:**

In response to hearing the gospel and receiving God's grace and mercy, we give our offerings to the Lord. If you are a guest or visitor this day, please know that there is no expectation for you to give. These gifts help provide further growth in ministries here at Immanuel and for the care of those in need.

Stand

**Prayers of the Church**

- P** Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.

**Sharing of the Peace**

*The people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.*

*(Matt. 5:22-24; Eph. 4:1-3).*

**Service of the Sacrament**

**Preface**

LSB 208

- 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 singing:

**Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy)**

LSB 208

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;  
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.  
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;  
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

**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  $\text{†}$  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  $\text{†}$  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 (The Peace of the Lord)

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

## Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)

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.

Sit

## Communion

*Gluten-free options are available:  
please indicate to the pastor  
if you need one of these.*

*Alcohol free juice options are available  
in the center of each of the  
individual cup communion trays.*

LSB 209

LSB 210

## Communion Song

How Deep the Father's Love for Us CCLI Song #1558110

- How deep the Father's love for us,  
how vast beyond all measure,  
That He would give His only Son  
to make a wretch His treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss.  
The Father turns His face away,  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One  
bring many sons to glory.
- Behold the Man upon a cross,  
my sin upon His shoulders.  
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice  
call out among the scoffers.  
It was my sin that held Him there  
until it was accomplished;  
His dying breath has brought me life.  
I know that it is finished.

- I will not boast in anything:  
No gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom.  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ:  
His death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from His reward?  
I cannot give an answer.  
But this I know with all my heart:  
His wounds have paid my ransom.

*Ending:*

- Why should I gain from His reward?  
I cannot give an answer.  
But this I know with all my heart:  
His wounds have paid my ransom.

## Communion Song

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone) CCLI Song #4768151

- Amazing grace, how sweet the sound  
that saved a wretch like me.  
I once was lost but now am found,  
was blind but now I see.
  - T'was grace that taught my heart to fear,  
and grace my fears relieved.  
How precious did that grace appear,  
the hour I first believed.
  - The Lord has promised good to me,  
His word my hope secures.  
He will my shield and portion be  
as long as life endures. *(Refrain Twice)*
  - The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,  
the sun forbear to shine.  
But God who called me here below,  
will be forever mine.  
Will be forever mine.  
You are forever mine.
- Refrain:*
- My chains are gone. I've been set free,  
My God, my Savior has ransomed me.  
And like a flood His mercy reigns,  
Unending love, amazing grace.

Stand

### Dismissal

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart † in peace.

**C** Amen.

### Nunc Dimittis (Song of Simeon)

LSB 211

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

LSB 212

**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.

### Benedicamus & Benediction

LSB 212

**A** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**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.

### Closing Hymn

Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer

LSB 918

### Postlude

*"Postlude on 'CWM Rhondda'"*  
 Trumpet: T. J. Keller

Paul O. Manz

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## be sure to join Immanuel this Lenten Season...



† **Lenten Noon  
 Prayer Service**  
 Wednesday's in Lent @12pm  
 Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>- March 25<sup>th</sup>

† **Lenten  
 Dinner Church**  
 Wednesday Evenings  
 in Lent Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>- Mar. 25<sup>th</sup>  
 Fellowship Meal @6pm  
 Church Begins @6:30pm

† **Palm Sunday**  
 Sunday Mar. 29<sup>th</sup> 9am  
 † **Maundy Thursday**  
 Thursday April 2<sup>nd</sup> 7pm  
 † **Good Friday**  
 Friday April 3<sup>rd</sup> 7pm  
 † **Easter Sunday!**  
 Sunday April 5<sup>th</sup> 9am

## This week we pray for:

- Immanuel Lutheran School  
Mrs. Feenan's 2nd Graders  
Jeremiah, Rajveer, Grant, Christopher,  
Layla, Emma
- Sara

*Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus*  
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

## This week at Immanuel:

**Monday March 16<sup>th</sup>**

**ILS Book Fair Week Starts**

**Tuesday March 17<sup>th</sup>**

8:30am Men's Mornings @MillPlain  
7pm Worship Team Meeting

**Wednesday March 18<sup>th</sup>**

6am Men's Mornings @Elmer's  
8:30am ILS Chapel ALL Are Welcome!  
9am Immanuel Quilting Group  
12pm Mid-Day Service  
6pm Dinner Church

**Thursday March 19<sup>th</sup>**

1pm TABS Bible Study  
6:30pm Campus Constructors  
6:30pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal  
7:30pm Parish Choir Rehearsal

**Friday March 20<sup>th</sup>**

3pm Girl Scouts

**Sunday Mar. 22<sup>nd</sup>**

9am Worship  
10:30am Sunday School  
10:30am Adult Bible Study  
4pm Confirmation

## We thank those who serve today in worship:

*Presiding Minister & Preacher:* Pastor Ryan

*Assisting Minister:* Bruce Pflieger

*Communion Assistant:* Jeri Surovy

*Acolyte:* Tyler Madyda

*Organist/Minister of Music:* Oyeniran Oyedeji

*Cantor:* Meg Bond

*Reader:* Heidi Harkopf

*Ushers:* Randy & Rose Salazar, Geoff Lagas, and  
Jim Heimbuecher

*Greeter:* Loretta Fox

*Altar Guild:* Nancy Schulz & Cathy Hunt

*Audio & Visual:* (a) Joel Wardenburg | (v) Zach Booth

## We thank those who serve today through the ministry of music:

*Vocalists:* Charlotte Neville, Karen Neville,  
Noelle Neville, Deanne Schultz

*Trumpet:* T. J. Keller

*Flute:* Norma Lopez-Burton

*Violins:* Meg & Alex Bond

### Altar Flowers today are given:

In Memory of Henry Voigts

### Office Lights & Eternal Lights are given:

In honor of Katrina Mull-Schweitzer  
on her 30<sup>th</sup> birthday (February 27<sup>th</sup>)

### **Easter Flowers**

Sign up in the narthex.  
Tulips & Daffodils \$16  
Lilies \$18

### **Thank you to those who came out to Puerto Vallarta!**

We were able to raise \$960  
to support the mission of our  
school's PTL. What a blessing!

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