

## Third Sunday in Lent

10:30 A.M. Worship with Eucharist March 15, 2020

### Welcome!

Immanuel Lutheran Church is a Reconciling in Christ congregation.

We welcome people of every age and size, color and culture, every sexual orientation and gender identity, socio-economic status and marital status, every ability and challenge.

We welcome believers and questioners, and questioning believers.

We're glad God has called you here today! If you're a guest, please feel free to introduce yourself to our pastor or assisting minister. If you would, sign the guest book in the Gathering Area or fill in a guest card, and we'll be happy to send information on how you can get involved at Immanuel.

#### **Facilities**

- Our parking lot is located on the south side of the church off Sherman Avenue. You may park in the lot at any time, whether for church events or for shopping or other errands in downtown Evanston; weekdays, see the church office at the Lake St. entrance to get a parking pass. On Sundays, additional parking is available across the street at the Holiday Inn or in Lot 6 on Lake St. across from the Police and Fire Headquarters. Parking meters are free until 1:00 P.M. on Sunday.
- The parking lot entrance is an accessible entrance. An elevator is located just inside that door.
- Restrooms are downstairs near the meeting of the two hallways. Accessible restrooms are located near
  the elevator on both upper and lower levels. A gender-neutral restroom is located on the lower level by
  the elevator.
- We love having children in worship! Activity bags are available from the greeters. There is a nursery and changing/crying room for parents to use, if needed, located downstairs. There are also changing tables in both restrooms on this level, by the elevator. An usher will be happy to direct you.
- Hearing assistance is available. Ask an usher for equipment.
- Wi-Fi is available throughout most of the building. The network is "Immanuel," password "allarewelcome". Please use the Internet responsibly!

#### **About Our Worship**

Our Sunday worship is organized around the proclamation of the Word of God and the celebration of the Lord's Supper. It has a familiar form each week, but the content changes for each service according to a calendar shared with many other Christians. Our hymnal, *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, is organized so that page numbers for the liturgy are in the front part of the book, while hymn numbers are in the second part. The liturgy and hymns are printed in this bulletin, but page numbers are provided for those who wish to follow along in the hymnal.

#### **Receiving Holy Communion**

We invite you to share with us in the sacramental meal, because Christ himself invites you! There is no specific age requirement for Communion. If you would like your child to commune, please let the pastor know. At the direction of the usher, come forward if you are able, and kneel or stand at the altar rail, starting at the walls. Receive the bread in the palm of your hand. (Gluten-free wafers are available. Just ask the pastor.) You may eat it immediately, then take the silver chalice and drink from it or, if you prefer, take a small cup from the tray. The cups in the outer ring contain wine. The cups in the center contain grape juice. As you return to your seat, place your empty cup in the trays provided at the ends of the front pews. Return to your place via the side aisles after you have communed. If you need to have Communion brought to you, please sit on or near the aisle, and let either the pastor or an usher know before the service that you would like to commune at your seat. If you desire a blessing but not the sacrament, you are invited to come forward with everyone else and fold your arms over your chest to indicate this.

In today's gospel the Samaritan woman asks Jesus for water, an image of our thirst for God. Jesus offers living water, a sign of God's grace flowing from the waters of baptism. The early church used this gospel and those of the next two Sundays to deepen baptismal reflection during the final days of preparation before baptism at Easter. As we journey to the resurrection feast, Christ comes among us in word, bath, and meal—offering us the life-giving water of God's mercy and forgiveness.

**P:** Presiding Minister **L:** Leader/Assisting Minister **R**: Reader **A:** Assembly

+ All may make the sign of the cross.

#### **Pre-Service Music**

"Variations on A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth" by Bach et al.

The Assembly stands when directed and turns toward the font.

#### **Confession and Forgiveness**

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the Presiding Minister begins.

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who gathers us in the wilderness to redeem us, anoint us, and make us new.

#### A Amen.

P In these forty days, let us be honest, confess our sin, and receive God's promise of mercy.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

- P God at the margins,
- A you have shown us what is good,
  We have wandered far from your home;
  again and again, we lose our way.
  We turn inward, afraid of the world around us.
  We forget that you have saved your people before and promise to do so again.
  Do not remember the deeds of our past, but turn our faces toward the future, where your forgiveness is sure, your welcome is clear, and your love overflows. Amen
- P Like a hen who gathers her chicks,
  God embraces you in tender care.
  Like manna in the desert,
  God feeds you with surprising mercy.
  Like a loving parent,
  God runs to meet you again this day,
  forgiving your sins for the sake of + Christ,
  leading you from death into life.

### **Gathering Song**

You may reverence the cross as it passes, then turn to face the front of the worship space.



### Greeting

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

### A And also with you!

**Kyrie** The Leader sings the bids, and the Assembly sings the "Lord, have mercy" and "Amen." **Hymnal p. 156** 

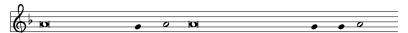




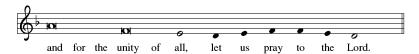


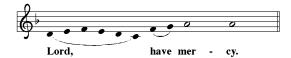
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-va-tion, let us pray to the Lord.

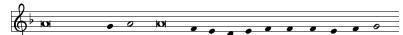




For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,







For this ho-ly house, and for all who of - fer here their wor-ship and praise,









### **Prayer of the Day**

P Let us pray. Merciful God, the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

#### A Amen.

The Assembly is seated.

#### **Welcome and Announcements**

Word: God speaks to us in scripture, preaching, and song

### **Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures**

**Exodus 17:1-7** 

R A reading from the Book of Exodus.

Because the thirsty Israelites quarreled with Moses and put God to the test, Moses cried out in desperation to God. God commanded Moses to strike the rock to provide water for the people. The doubt-filled question—"Is the Lord among us or not?"—received a very positive answer.

<sup>1</sup>From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. <sup>2</sup>The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" <sup>3</sup>But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" <sup>4</sup>So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." <sup>5</sup>The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. <sup>6</sup>I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. <sup>7</sup>He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

R Word of God, word of life.

A Thanks be to God!

#### Psalm 95

During this season of Lent, we will read the Psalm responsively, rather than sing it.

The right side of the Assembly will speak the lightface verses, and the left will speak the boldface verses

Come, let us sing | to the LORD;

let us shout for joy to the rock of | our salvation.

<sup>2</sup>Let us come before God's presence | with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to the | Lord with psalms.

<sup>3</sup>For you, LORD, | are a great God, and a great ruler a- | bove all gods.

<sup>4</sup>In your hand are the caverns | of the earth; the heights of the hills are | also yours.

<sup>5</sup>The sea is yours, | for you made it, and your hands have molded | the dry land.

<sup>6</sup>Come, let us worship | and bow down,

let us kneel before the | LORD our maker.

<sup>7</sup>For the LORD is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep | of God's hand.

Oh, that today you would | hear God's voice!

8"Harden | not your hearts,

as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah | in the desert.

<sup>9</sup>There your ancestors | tested me,

they put me to the test, though they had | seen my works.

<sup>10</sup>Forty years I loathed that gener- | ation, saying,

'The heart of this people goes astray; they do not | know my ways.'

<sup>11</sup>Indeed I swore | in my anger,

'They shall never come | to my rest.'"

### **Reading from the New Testament**

Romans 5:1-11

R A reading from the Letter to the Romans.

Though we often hear that God helps those who help themselves, here Paul tells us that through Jesus' death God helps utterly helpless sinners. Since we who had been enemies are reconciled to God in the cross, we now live in hope for our final salvation.

<sup>1</sup>Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup>through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup>and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup>and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

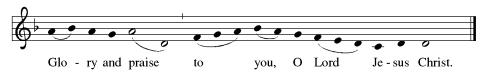
<sup>6</sup>For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. <sup>8</sup>But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup>Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. <sup>10</sup>For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. <sup>11</sup>But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

R Word of God, word of life.

#### A Thanks be to God!

The Assembly stands to greet the Good News of Jesus.

#### Repeat the first line after the second line.





Lord, you are truly | of the world; \* give me this living water | thirst again. the Savior that I may never

Gospel John 4:5-42

P This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ according to John.

### A Glory to you, O Lord!

Jesus defies convention to engage a Samaritan woman in conversation. Her testimony, in turn, leads many others to faith.

<sup>5</sup>[Jesus] came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup>Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

<sup>7</sup>A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." <sup>8</sup>(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) <sup>9</sup>The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." <sup>11</sup>The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? <sup>12</sup>Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" <sup>13</sup>Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup>but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." <sup>15</sup>The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

<sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." <sup>17</sup>The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; <sup>18</sup>for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" <sup>19</sup>The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. <sup>20</sup>Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. <sup>22</sup>You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup>But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. <sup>24</sup>God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and

truth." <sup>25</sup>The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." <sup>26</sup>Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

<sup>27</sup>Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" <sup>28</sup>Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, <sup>29</sup>"Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" <sup>30</sup>They left the city and were on their way to him.

<sup>31</sup>Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." <sup>32</sup>But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." <sup>33</sup>So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" <sup>34</sup>Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. <sup>35</sup>Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. <sup>36</sup>The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. <sup>37</sup>For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' <sup>38</sup>I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

<sup>39</sup>Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." <sup>40</sup>So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. <sup>41</sup>And many more believed because of his word. <sup>42</sup>They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

### A Praise to you, O Christ!

#### Sermon

#### Time of Silence

A bell will sound to signal a time of silence for reflection.

During this time, you may want to meditate on one word from the scriptures or from the sermon that stands out to you, asking the Spirit to show you how it applies to your own life.

When the bell sounds a second time, the Assembly stands to respond to the Word with song.

### Hymn of the Day



- 5 "Come to me, distressed and needy; I would be your trusted friend. Come and seek the gift I offer, come, your open hands extend." *Refrain*
- 6 "Come to me, abandoned, orphaned; lonely ways no longer roam.

  Come and take the gift I offer, let me make in you my home." Refrain

### **Prayers of the People**

- L Turning our hearts to God who is gracious and merciful, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.
- L God of living water, send your church beyond boundaries to proclaim your grace. We pray for our bishops, Elizabeth and Yehiel; for our president, Scott; for our Council; and for all those you have gathered here in your name. May its witness be a source of refreshment for thirsty souls. Strengthen our voices, that all people can know and believe that Jesus is truly the savior of the world. Hear us, O God.

### A Your mercy is great.

L God of living water, protect from pollution or misuse all rivers, lakes, oceans, and streams. Bless the work of those who dig wells and those who advocate for access to clean water, that all people and animals have enough to drink. Hear us, O God.

### A Your mercy is great.

L God of living water, open the hearts of leaders and authorities, that they hear the cries of the suffering and act with compassion toward them. Bring peace to disputed lands and bring reconciliation to people divided by race, culture, or nationality. Hear us, O God.

### A Your mercy is great.

L God of living water, mend the hearts of those who grieve broken relationships, whether by conflict, abuse, divorce, or death. Draw near to all who are ill, especially Rebecca Bernstein, Serena Bernstein, Margaret Carlson, Babs Deacon, Lucas Forzley, Bob Fried, Kim Gann, Jennifer Grethe, Judith Kratochvil, Elaine Nelson, the Family of Andy Sheer, Darryl Simchak, Alyssa Steinberg, Doris Strom, and those we name now aloud or in the silence of our hearts [...]. Assure those questioning your presence in the midst of doubt or suffering. Hear us, O God.

### A Your mercy is great.

L God of living water, renew us in the promises of baptism. Join us together in worship, fellowship, and sharing your good news. Embolden us to serve others and to work for justice and peace. Hear us, O God.

### A Your mercy is great.

L And now, sisters and brothers, for what else shall we pray?

The petitions and thanksgivings of the Assembly, silent or spoken aloud, are invited.

L Hear us, O God.

#### A Your mercy is great.

L God of living water, we thank you for those who endured suffering and who now boast in the glory of God, especially Patrick, bishop, missionary to Ireland; Joseph, Guardian of Jesus, and Thomas Cranmer, Bishop of Canterbury, martyr. Pour your Holy Spirit into our hearts and give us peace as we live in the hope of our salvation. Hear us, O God.

#### A Your mercy is great.

P According to your steadfast love, O God, hear these and all our prayers as we commend them to you; through Christ our Lord.

#### Peace

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

### A And also with you.

Greet one another in the peace of the Risen Christ, saying "Peace be with you," "The peace of the Lord," or similar words.

If you prefer not to shake hands, you might raise your hand in a gesture of blessing
as you speak peace to your neighbors. After the Peace, all return to their seats.

**Meal:** God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ ...

**Offering** An offering is gathered for doing God's mission, including the care of those in need.

### **Offering Music**

"I Turn to You" by Thomas Jefferson

I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Blessed is he whose fault is taken away, whose sin is covered.

Blessed the man to whom the Lord imputes not guilt, in whose spirit there is no guile.

Then I acknowledged my sin to you, my guilt I covered not. I said, "I confess my faults to the Lord," and you took away the guilt of my sin.

Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, you just; exult all you upright of heart.

(Based on Psalm 32)

The Assembly stands and sings as the gifts are brought forward.

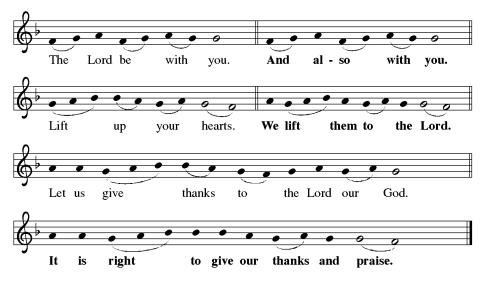


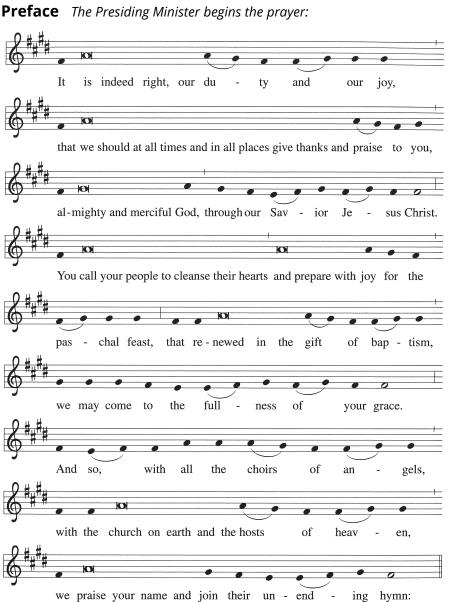
### **Offering Prayer**

- L Let us pray.
- A God of wonder,
  you have not fed us with bread alone,
  but with words of grace and life.
  Bless us, and these your gifts,
  which we receive from your bounty.
  through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### The Great Thanksgiving

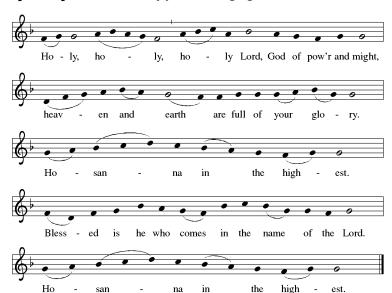
### **Dialogue**





Hymnal, p. 162

#### **Holy, Holy, Holy** The Assembly joins in singing:



### Thanksgiving at the Table

P Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

### The Lord's Prayer

- P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:
- A 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.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

### The Breaking of the Bread and Invitation

L Christ has prepared the feast!
Come to the table where all are welcomed home

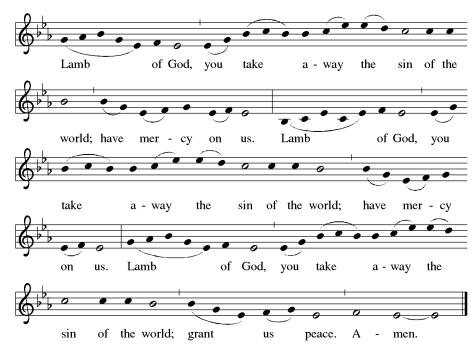
#### A Thanks be to God!

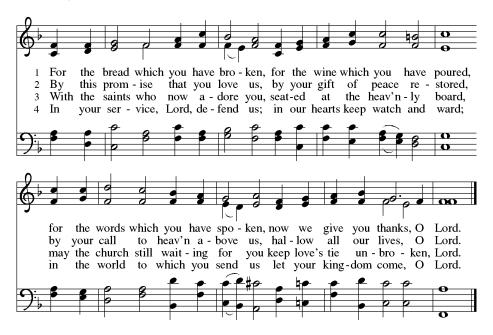
### **Distribution of Holy Communion**

The Assembly is seated. Please come forward as the ushers direct, and as you are able. See the inside front cover for instructions concerning Holy Communion.

#### **Communion Song**

"Lamb of God" Hymnal p. 164





The Assembly stands when directed by the Presiding Minister.

### **Blessing after Communion**

P May the body and blood of our + Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you, and keep you in his grace.

#### A Amen.

### **Prayer after Communion**

Let us pray. Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

### **Sending of Communion**

P Let us pray. Gracious God, loving all your family with a mother's tender care: As you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread, assist those who set forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are *sick*, *homebound*, *and imprisoned*. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those who will receive this sacrament, and give us all the comfort of your abiding presence through the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

#### A Amen.

### **Sending Song**

"Glorious Things of You Are Spoken"" [printed on next page] **Hymnal 647** 

Please turn as the cross passes you to face the doors through which you will be sent out in mission.

### **Blessing**

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

#### A Amen.

#### **Dismissal**

L Go in peace. Share the Good News!

#### A Thanks be to God!

### **Postlude**

Please stay for a time of fellowship immediately following the service in Fellowship Hall.

Refreshments are provided by Donnie and The Chatains.

Come enjoy one another's company and hear about all the opportunities for service and community!

### Serving in worship today...

Presiding Minister	The Rev. John Lang
	Scott Romans
	Tyler Knohl
	Steve Warner
	Terri Hummel
	Greg Hummel
	James Morehead
	Fran Bushhammer
	Anne Heider
Ushers	loe & Terri Simchak

### Glorious Things of You Are Spoken



#### This Week's Commemorations

### Patrick, bishop, missionary to Ireland, died 461

### Tuesday, March 17, 2020

A native of Britain, Patrick was kidnapped by pirates at age sixteen and sold into slavery in Ireland. After a few years, he escaped, returned home, and entered the ministry. Returning to Ireland, he successfully served as a bishop and missionary there.

### Joseph, Guardian of Jesus Thursday, March 19, 2020

Though the Bible tells us little about the husband of Jesus' mother Mary, we know that he was a carpenter or builder by trade. He is also shown as being devoted both to God and to Mary and Jesus. It is assumed that he died before Jesus became an adult.

# Thomas Cranmer, Bishop of Canterbury, martyr, died 1556 Saturday, March 21, 2020

Cranmer's lasting achievement is contributing to and overseeing the creation of the Book of Common Prayer, which remains (in revised form) the worship book of the Anglican Communion. He was burned at the stake under Queen Mary for his support of the Protestant Reformation.

### **Upcoming Events**

Sunday, March 15	Lenten Study at Immanuel Luthern: "Making Sense of the Cross"	3:30 PM
Tuesday, March 17	Election Day - "We must go out and vote like we've never ever voted before!"	Rep. John Lewis, D-GA
	Happy St. Patrick's Day!	
Wednesday, March 18	Three Crowns Service	11:00 AM
	Dinner Church	6:30 PM
Friday, March 20	Community Warming Center	2:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Sunday, March 22	Adult Spiritual Growth	9:00 AM
	Worship with Eucharist	10:30 AM

### Immanuel's Staff and Leadership

Scott Romans	
Melisa Larson	
Sara Krentz	
Susan Ross	Congregation Treasurer
Dana Barron, Tom Couch, Linda Edlund, Greg Hummel, Bert Mount, Erik She	
Mary Ann Kearns	Financial Secretary
Elizabeth Stegner	Assistant Financial Secretary
James Morehead	Music Director
Greg Hummel	Organist
Laurie Stivers	Associate Organist
Jane Kaihatsu	Parish Administrator

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