

The Third Sunday of Lent

10:30 A.M. Worship with Eucharist March 20, 2022

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.

Please keep your masks on during the worship service and when moving to and from your place in the Fellowship Hall during coffee hour. Announcements, celebrations, and time to socialize with one another will take place after worship during coffee hour in the fellowship hall. You're welcome to attend the coffee hour in-person, or via Zoom. After worship Scan this QR code with your smartphone camera to join the coffee hour via Zoom



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. 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 is printed in this bulletin. If you're joining us via Zoom, please remain muted until you get to the part where you will be invited to unmute and participate in some parts of the liturgy, as marked by this symbol. \bigcirc = UNMUTE

Receiving Holy Communion

We invite you to share with us in the sacramental meal because Christ invites you! There is no specific age requirement for Communion. For safety we have individually packaged communion with either wine or grape juice that you can pick up at the entrance of the sanctuary. We will commune all together in the pews at the designated time. Please deposit the cups and wrappers in the trash receptacles as you leave the sanctuary.

The warnings are plentiful and blunt on the third Sunday in Lent. Cut it out or get cut down! The warnings are accompanied by God's invitation to attentiveness: "Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live." The landowner's ultimatum is forestalled by the gardener's readiness to till the ground one more year. That is good news for all of us. Thanks be to God!

P: Presiding Minister **L:** Leader/Assisting Minister **R:** Reader **A:** Assembly + All may make the sign of the cross.

Pre-service Music

Selections from the Orgelbuchlein By J.S. Bach

Confession and Forgiveness

The Assembly stands as they are able.

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P In the name of God, + who makes a way in the wilderness, walks with us, and guides us in our pilgrimage.

A Amen.

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

P Holy One,

A (UNMUTE) we confess that we have wandered far from you:

we have not trusted your promises,

we have ignored your prophets in our own day,

we have squandered our inheritance of grace,

we have failed to recognize you in our midst.

Have mercy on us!

Forgive us and turn us again to you.

Teach us to follow in your ways, assure us again of your love, and help us to love our neighbor. Amen.

P Rejoice in this good news:

Beloved in Christ,

the Word draws near to you, and all who call out to God shall be saved.

In Jesus, God comes to you again and again

and gathers you under wings of love.

God journeys with you and teaches you how to live in love.

A Amen.

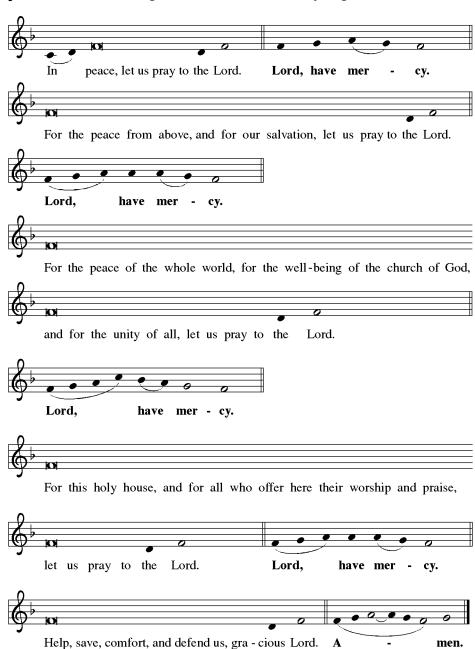
Gathering Song



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 Name And Also with you!

Kyrie The Leader sings the bids, and the Assembly sings the "Lord, have mercy" and "Amen."



Prayer of the Day

- P The Lord be with you.
- A Name And Also with you.
- P Let us pray...

Pause for a moment of silence...

P Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

A Amen.

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

Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures:

Isaiah 55:1-9

R A reading from Isaiah.

¹Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

³Incline your ear, and come to me;

listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.

⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples.

⁵See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

⁶Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near;

⁷let the wicked forsake their way,

and the unrighteous their thoughts;

let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. ⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

R Word of God, word of life.

A Thanks be to God!

Psalm 63:1-8

The organ will play the tone, and then the refrain, and then the Assembly will sing the refrain through. The right side of the Assembly sings the lightface verses to the tone; the left side of the Assembly sings boldface verses. All sing the refrain where indicated by "R."

Tone: ELW Tone 9, 3 flats



Refrain:



¹O God, you are my God; eager- [|] ly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there [|] is no water.

²Therefore I have gazed upon you in your | holy place, that I might behold your power | and your glory.

³For your steadfast love is better than ¹ life itself; my lips shall ¹ give you praise.

⁴So will I bless you as long | as I live and lift up my hands | in your name. R

⁵My spirit is content, as with the rich- ¹ est of foods, and my mouth praises you with ¹ joyful lips,

⁶when I remember you up- | on my bed, and meditate on you in | the night watches.

⁷For you have [|] been my helper, and under the shadow of your wings I [|] will rejoice.

8My whole being | clings to you; your right hand | holds me fast. R R A reading from 1 Corinthians.

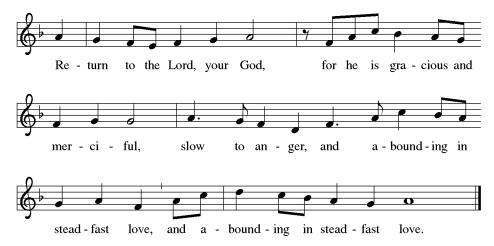
¹I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ² and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³ and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴ and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. ⁵Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

⁶Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." ⁸We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. ¹⁰And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. ¹¹These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. ¹²So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. ¹³No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

R Word of God, word of life.

A Thanks be to God!

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel Luke 13:1-9

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

A Glory to you, O Lord!

¹At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ²[Jesus] asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? ³No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. ⁴Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? ⁵No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they

did."

⁶Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' ⁸He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. ⁹If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

- 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.



- 1 As the sun with long-er jour-ney melts the win-ter's snow and ice,
- 2 Through the days of wait-ing, watch-ing, in the des-ert of our sin,
- 3 Praise be giv en to the mak er of the sea-sons' year-ly round:



with its slow-ly grow-ing ra-diance warms the seed be-neath the earth, search-ing on the far ho - ri - zon for a sign of cloud or wind, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it—Source, Sus - tain-er, Lord of life,



may the sun of Christ's up - ris - ing gent-ly bring our hearts to life. we a - wait the heal - ing wa - ters of our Sav - ior's vic - to - ry. as the ev - er turn - ing a - ges roll to their e - ter - nal rest.

The Apostle's Creed

- L With the whole Church, let us profess our faith.
- A I believe in God, the Father almighty,

creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son,

our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried;

he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the + resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People (a) the Responses

- L Drawn close to the heart of God, we offer these prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.
- L We pray for the church around the world in all its forms: for pastors, deacons, bishops, chaplains, and mission developers; for church councils, committee chairs, and all lay ministry leaders; for congregations that contemplate difficult decisions about the future of their ministry. Merciful God,

A receive our prayer.

L You inspire our church leaders to teach and provide guidance. Especially, we pray for our bishops Elizabeth and Yehiel, our pastor Mark, our president Dana, our council, and our justice ministries. Merciful God,

A receive our prayer.

L For the health of this planet and the well-being of its creatures: for lands impacted by droughts and at risk of wildfires; for fig trees and vineyards that produce fruit for our nourishment and delight; for animal habitats threatened by climate change. Merciful God,

A receive our prayer.

L For those called into positions of civic responsibility: for judges, attorneys, and court administrators tasked with uncovering truth and delivering justice; for activists and community leaders who cast a vision of a more compassionate and equitable society. Merciful God,

A receive our prayer.

L You raise up leaders committed to love and justice. Nurture in those who govern patience to receive criticism, openness to new ideas, and courage to change course when needed for the sake of the common good. Merciful God,

A receive our prayer.

L For those who call upon you for mercy: for all who live in poverty and experience hunger; for any who feel tested beyond their strength; for those who are hospitalized or near death, and for all in need of healing, especially Steve Andes, Rebecca Bernstein, Serena Bernstein, Babs Deacon, Lucas Forzley, Marcie Heyl, Jim Jung, Judith Kratochvil, John and Nancy Lang, Lorrie Roche, Joanne Shearer, Darryl Simchak, and those we name now aloud or in the silence of our hearts [...]. Merciful God,

A receive our prayer.

L For the advocacy efforts of this congregation: for those whose faith leads them to speak difficult truths and engage in difficult conversations with policymakers; for those who promote mercy over vengeance or retaliation. Merciful God,

A receive our prayer.

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 Merciful God.

A receive our prayer.

- L For those whose earthly journeys have ended, we give thanks. With Thomas Cranmer, Bishop of Canterbury, martyr; Jonathan Edwards, teacher, missionary to American Indians; Oscar Arnulfo Romero, Bishop of El Salvador, martyr; all the saints, we praise you for the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting Merciful God,
- A receive our prayer.
- P Accept the prayers we bring, O God, on behalf of a world in need, for the sake of Jesus Christ
- A Amen.

Peace

- P The peace of Christ be with you always.
- A Name 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.

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

Offering

An offering for doing God's mission, including the care of those in need. You scan this code with your smartphone camera to make your financial offering online.



Offering Music

As the Deer, for Water Yearning

By Claude Goudimel

Ainsi qu'on oit le cerf bruire, pourchassant le frais fed eaux, ainsi mon coeur qui soupire, Seigneur, après tes ruisseuax, va tousjours criant, suivant le grand, le grand Dieu vivant; helas donques, quand serace que verrai de Dieu la face?

As the deer, for water yearning, seeks the stream's refreshing flow, so my heart and soul are burning, thirsting, Lord, your life to know.

For the waters that revive I cry out to God alive:

When shall I bow in your presence and behold your face in rev'rence.

Tears have been my daily portion; "Where is God?" they say to me.
I recall my deep devotion, singing thanks with spirit free.
Why are you cast down, my soul? Will not God your grief console?
I will praise my living Savior, God, my help and hope forever.

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



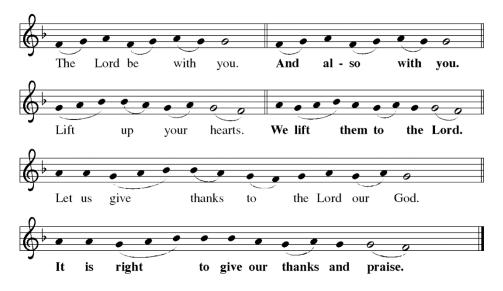
Offering Prayer

L Let us pray.
Extravagant God,
you have blessed us with the fullness of creation.
Now we gather at your feast
where you offer us the food that satisfies.
Take and use what we offer here, come among us,
and feed us with the body and blood of Christ,
in whose name we pray..

Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Dialogue The Assembly sings the boldfaced responses.

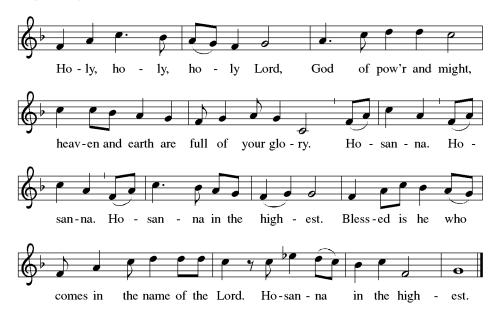


Preface The Presiding Minister begins the prayer:

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ.

You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Thanksgiving at the Table

P God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, you have brought us this far along the way.

In times of bitterness you did not abandon us, but guided us into the path of love and light. In every age you sent prophets to make known your loving will for all humanity. The cry of the poor has become your own cry; our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire. In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant to preach good news to the afflicted, to break bread with the outcast and despised, and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.

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 all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

A The Assembly joins in singing:



P Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we await the day when Jesus shall return to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death. Come, Lord Jesus! And let the church say, Amen.

A Amen

P Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate, to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world. Come, Spirit of freedom! And let the church say, Amen.

A Amen

P Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age, that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection, we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

A A Amen.

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

- **P** Here is food and drink for the journey.
- A **Q** May we be filled with your presence.

The Assembly is seated.

Distribution of Holy Communion

P This is the body of Christ, given for you. *All communing may partake of the bread*

P This is the blood of Christ, shed for you. *All communing may drink of their cup.*

The Assembly stands as directed.

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

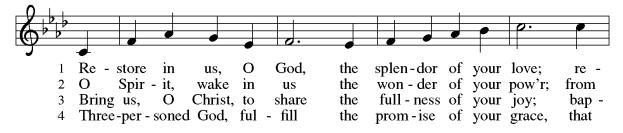
L Let us pray. Blessed Jesus, in this rich meal of grace, you have fed us with your body, the bread of life. Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope to a world in need..

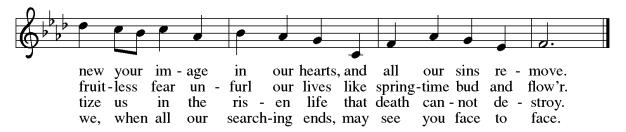
A Amen.

Sending: God blesses us, and sends us in mission to the world ...

Sending Song

"Restore in Us, O God" ELW 328





Blessing

- P You are children of God, anointed with the oil of gladness and strengthened for the journey. Almighty God, motherly, majestic, and mighty, the bless you this day and always.
- A 🍳 Amen.

Dismissal

L Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way.

A **(a)** Thanks be to God!

Please stay for a time of fellowship immediately following the service in Fellowship Hall. You may remove your mask when eating or drinking and please continue to social distance.

Refreshments are provided by TBD.

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



To join coffee hour via Zoom on a smartphone, scan with your camera to get the link.

Serving in worship today...

Presiding Minister	The Rev. Mark Sloss
Assisting Minister	Anne Heider
Cantor	Sara Krentz
Lector	Tyler Heyl
Organist	Greg Hummel
Music Director	James Morehead
Table Preparation	Kathryn Skelton
Zoom Host	Jerry Larson
Audio-Visual Technicians	Tom Couch, Kevin McDaniel, Tyler Heyl, Mark Kearns
Ushers	Bert Mount & Marlene Chatain

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This Week's Commemorations

Thomas Cranmer, Bishop of Canterbury, martyr, died 1556 Monday, March 21, 2022

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.

Jonathan Edwards, teacher, missionary to American Indians, died 1758 Tuesday, March 22, 2022

A Puritan minister in Connecticut, Edwards is remembered as being a great preacher. Though his most famous sermon talks at length about hell, he was more concerned with God's love. He served both as missionary to the Housatonic people in Massachusetts, and as president of the future Princeton University.

Oscar Arnulfo Romero, Bishop of El Salvador, martyr, died 1980 Thursday, March 24, 2022

Romero was deeply concerned with injustices evident toward the poor and powerless in El Salvador, and worked forthrightly against political repression. He was assassinated while presiding at the eucharist in a chapel near the cathedral in San Salvador.

Annunciation of Our Lord Friday, March 25, 2022

Nine months before Christmas we celebrate the annunciation, in which the angel Gabriel announced to Mary that she would give birth to the Son of God. The ancient church believed that this was also the date of the world's creation and of Jesus' death on the cross.

Upcoming Events – for details see the weekly e-blast, *Immanuel Newsfeeds*, or the website Calendar at www.immanuelevanston.org.

Sunday, Mar. 20	Council Meeting	12:30 pm
Tuesday, Mar. 22	Midweek Adult Bible Study	7:00 pm
Wednesday, Mar. 23	Midweek Lenten Service (Hybrid)	7:00 pm
	Choir Practice	7:30 pm
Thursday, Mar. 24	Wilmette Band Practice	7:30 pm
Saturday, Mar. 26	Trombone Choir Rehearsal	10:00 am
Sunday, Mar. 27	Feeding Our Faith Discussion	9:00 am
	Sunday Hybrid Worship	10:30 am
	New Community Church	1:00 pm
	North Shore Squares	2:00 pm

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