

# The Fourth Sunday of Lent

10:30 A.M. Worship with Eucharist March 27, 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. 

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#### **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 psalm sets the tone this day: "Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!" Happy are those who have "become the righteousness of God" in the merits of Christ Jesus. Happy are those for whom the forgiveness of God has "rolled away . . . the disgrace" of former times. Happy is the father at the return of his prodigal son. Happy are we that our sins are forgiven for Jesus' sake. Rejoice!

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

#### **Pre-service Music**

Variations on Wondrous Love
By Samuel Barber

## **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.

In ♣ Jesus' name, your sins are forgiven.

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

#### A Amen.

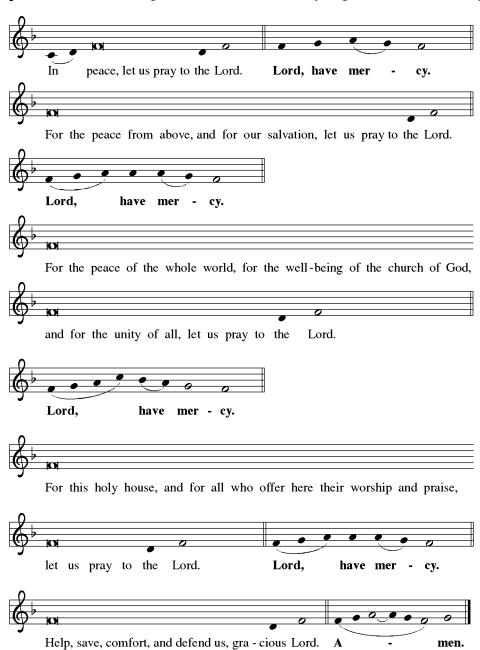
### **Gathering Song**



### 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 **Q** 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 🏻 🖣 And also with you.
- P Let us pray...

Pause for a moment of silence...

P God of compassion, you welcome the wayward, and you embrace us all with your mercy. By our baptism clothe us with garments of your grace, and feed us at the table of your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

#### A Amen.

# **Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures:**

Joshua 5:9-12

ELW Tone 9, 1 flat

R A reading from Joshua.

<sup>9</sup>The LORD said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

<sup>10</sup>While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. <sup>11</sup>On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. <sup>12</sup>The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

R Word of God, word of life.

#### A Thanks be to God!

#### Psalm 32

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."

Refrain:

Be glad, you righ-teous, and re-joice in the LORD.

<sup>1</sup>Happy are they whose transgressions <sup>|</sup> are forgiven, and whose sin is <sup>|</sup> put away!

<sup>2</sup>Happy are they to whom the LORD im- | putes no guilt, and in whose spirit there | is no guile! R

<sup>3</sup>While I held my tongue, my bones with- <sup>I</sup> ered away, because of my groaning <sup>I</sup> all day long.

<sup>4</sup>For your hand was heavy upon me | day and night; my moisture was dried up as in the | heat of summer.

<sup>5</sup>Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not con- <sup>I</sup> ceal my guilt.

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." Then you forgave me the guilt <sup>I</sup> of my sin.

<sup>6</sup>Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in | time of trouble; when the great waters overflow, they | shall not reach them. R

<sup>7</sup>You are my hiding-place; you preserve <sup>1</sup> me from trouble; you surround me with shouts <sup>1</sup> of deliverance.

<sup>8</sup>"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that <sup>|</sup> you should go; I will guide you <sup>|</sup> with my eye.

<sup>9</sup>Do not be like horse or mule, which have no <sup>1</sup> understanding; who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will <sup>1</sup> not stay near you."

<sup>10</sup>Great are the tribulations <sup>|</sup> of the wicked;

but mercy embraces those who trust | in the LORD.

<sup>11</sup>Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice <sup>|</sup> in the LORD; shout for joy, all who are <sup>|</sup> true of heart. **R** 

## **Reading from the New Testament**

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

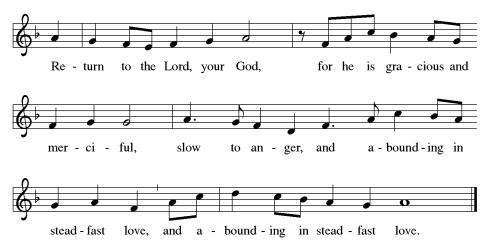
R A reading from 2 Corinthians.

<sup>16</sup>From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. <sup>17</sup>So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! <sup>18</sup>All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; <sup>19</sup>that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. <sup>20</sup>So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup>For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

R Word of God, word of life.

#### A Thanks be to God!

# **Gospel Acclamation**



Gospel Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

## A Glory to you, O Lord!

<sup>1</sup>Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] <sup>2</sup>And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

<sup>3</sup>So he told them this parable: <sup>11b</sup>"There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup>The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. <sup>13</sup>A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. <sup>14</sup>When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup>So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. <sup>16</sup>He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. <sup>17</sup>But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! <sup>18</sup>I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; <sup>19</sup>I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' <sup>20</sup>So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. <sup>21</sup>Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' 22But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. <sup>23</sup>And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; <sup>24</sup>for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate. <sup>25</sup>"Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup>He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. <sup>27</sup>He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' <sup>28</sup>Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. <sup>29</sup>But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. <sup>30</sup>But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' 31Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. <sup>32</sup>But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.""

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.



# 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 Iesus 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,

# **Prayers of the People (a)** the Responses

the + resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

- L Drawn close to the heart of God, we offer these prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.
- L Jesus formed the disciples in the ways of extravagant mercy and profound welcome. Lead your church to be a community marked by forgiveness, hospitality, and celebration. Send us to transform a world plagued by fear and condemnation. Merciful God,

# A receive our prayer.

L You send us church leaders to serve with compassion and wisdom. 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 You make the land to produce a harvest that sustains your entire creation. Equip farmers and farm workers who till the soil. Nourish the earth with ample rainfall and abundant sunshine. Heal grounds tainted by pollution or misuse. Merciful God,

#### A receive our prayer.

L Countries are divided and leaders often harbor grudges. Reconcile nations that experience conflict. Act quickly to bring an end to war. Anoint peacemakers trained in the art of diplomacy and foster a spirit of collaboration among political rivals. Merciful God,

# A receive our prayer.

L Your people cry for help in times of distress. Resolve disagreements among family members. Save those experiencing financial hardship. Hear our prayers for those who are sick or grieving., 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 [...]. Console us with the promise that everything can become new. Merciful God,

# A receive our prayer.

L Your love comes to us when a table is set and a feast is prepared. Bless the feeding ministries of this congregation. Bring an end to hunger in our community and around the world. 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 The one who was dead is alive again. We give thanks for those who have died, confident that steadfast love surrounds them, especially Hans Nielsen Hauge, renewer of the church; and John Donne, poet. Shelter them in your love until we are gathered at your heavenly banquet. 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 **Q** 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

Precious Lord
By Thomas Dorsey, Setting by Jack Shrader

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn; Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light, Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home. When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near,
When my life is almost gone;
Hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand, lest I fall:
Take my hand, precious Lord, Lead me home.

#### **Presentation of the Gifts**

"Create in Me a Clean Heart" **ELW 188** 

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



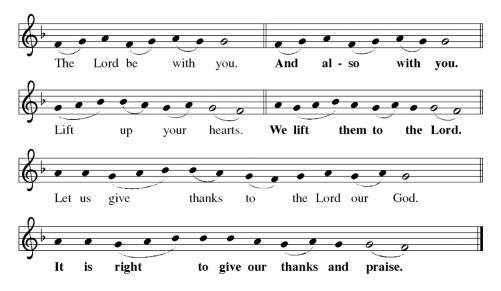
# **Offering Prayer**

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.

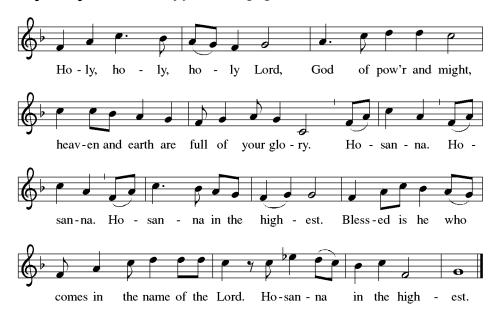


**Preface** The Presiding Minister begins the prayer:

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 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**

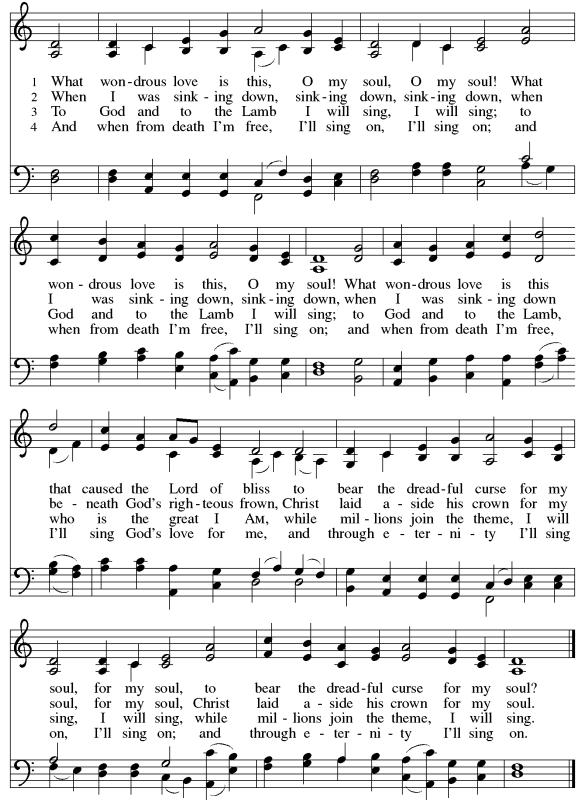
- P May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you, and keep you in his grace.
- A Amen.

# **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 Song**

#### "What Wondrous Love" ELW 666



# **Blessing**

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

  Amen.

#### **Dismissal**

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

  Thanks be to God!

**Postlude**Magnificat

By Buxtehude

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 the Hummels.

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	
Cantor	
Lector	
Organist	
Music Director	
Table Preparation	<u>-</u>
Zoom Host	
Audio-Visual Technicians	
Ushers	

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#### This Week's Commemorations

## Hans Nielsen Hauge, renewer of the church, died 1824 Tuesday, March 29, 2022

Hauge was a layperson who wished to revitalize the church in Norway. As a result of a mystical experience, he felt called to preach. Many professionals in the church feared his motives and influence, and he was imprisoned for leading unauthorized gatherings.

# John Donne, poet, died 1631 Thursday, March 31, 2022

After finishing his education at Oxford University, Donne seemed headed for a career in the English public service. But a series of circumstances led him into the ordained ministry. He is well known as a writer of both secular and sacred poetry.

**Upcoming Events** – for details see the weekly e-blast, *Immanuel Newsfeeds*, or the website Calendar at <a href="https://www.immanuelevanston.org">www.immanuelevanston.org</a>.

Tuesday, Mar. 29	April 2022 Newsletter articles due	
	Midweek Adult Bible Study	7:00 pm
Wednesday, Mar. 30	Midweek Lenten Service (Hybrid)	7:00 pm
	Choir Practice	7:30 pm
Thursday, Mar. 31	Wilmette Band Practice	7:30 pm
Friday, Apr. 1	April Fools Day	
Saturday, Apr. 2	Final Indoor Farmers' Market for the season	8:00 am
Sunday, Apr. 3	Feeding Our Faith Discussion	9:00 am
	Sunday School	9:30 am
	Sunday Hybrid Worship	10:30 am
	New Community Church	1:00 pm
	North Shore Squares	2:00 pm

# Immanuel's Staff and Leadership

The Rev. Mark Sloss	Pastor
Dana Barron	
Bert Mount	Congregation Vice President
Steve Warner	Congregation Secretary
Susan Ross	Congregation Treasurer
Diane Keely, Michael Kloster, Lisa Larson, Jim Skelton, Grace Yarnoff	Congregation Council Members
Mary Ann Kearns	Financial Secretary
Elizabeth Stegner	Assistant Financial Secretary
James Morehead	Music Director
Greg Hummel	Organist
Laurie Stivers	Associate Organist
Christine Kraemer	Associate Organist
Jane Kaihatsu	Parish Administrator

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