

# The Third Sunday in Lent

10:30 A.M. Worship with Eucharist March 3, 2024

## 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.

#### Masks are now optional during worship service.

#### **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 ushers. 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. The liturgy is printed in this bulletin. If you're worshipping 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. 

■ = 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. There are two options: You may come forward to receive the bread from the Pastor and wine or grape juice from the Assisting Minister. The glasses will be pre-poured, with the grape juice in the inner circle and wine in the outer circle. Each person will take their own glass from the tray. Empty glasses can be deposited in trays on the front pews. This will be a continuous communion, standing to receive the elements. The other option is we have individually packaged communion with either wine or grape juice that you can pick up at the entrance of the sanctuary. The pastor will say "The body of Christ given for you and the blood of Christ shed for you" following the singing of the Communion Song. Please deposit the cups and wrappers in the trash receptacles as you leave the sanctuary.

# Gathering: The Holy Spirit assembles us as the People of God ...

The third covenant in this year's Lenten readings is the central one of Israel's history: the gift of the law to those God freed from slavery. The commandments begin with the statement that because God alone has freed us from the powers that oppressed us, we are to let nothing else claim first place in our lives. When Jesus throws the merchants out of the temple, he is defending the worship of God alone and rejecting the ways commerce and profit-making can become our gods. The Ten Commandments are essential to our baptismal call: centered first in God's liberating love, we strive to live out justice and mercy in our communities and the world.

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

+ All may make the sign of the cross.

**Prelude** Variations on "Our Father, God in Heaven Above" from Sonata No. 6 by Felix Mendelssohn

#### **Confession and Forgiveness**

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

- P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who writes the law on our hearts, who draws all people together through Jesus.
- A 🚇 Amen.
- P Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

#### Silence is kept for reflection.

- P Holy God,
- A we confess that we are caught in snares of sin and cannot break free.

We hoard resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold.

We speak in ways that silence others.

We are silent when we should speak up.

We keep score in our hearts.

We let hurts grow into hatred.

For all these things and for sins only you know,

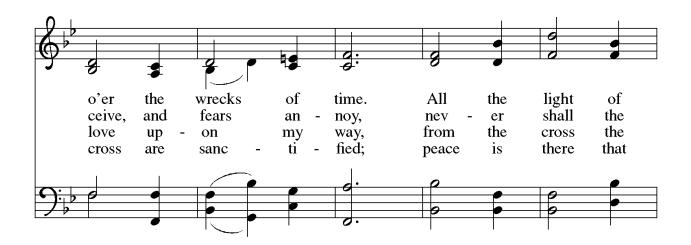
forgive us, Lord.

Amen.

- P Out of love for the whole world,
  God draws near to us,
  breaks every snare of sin, washes away our wrongs,
  and restores the promise of life through + Jesus Christ
- A 🖣 Amen.

You may reverence the cross as it passes you.



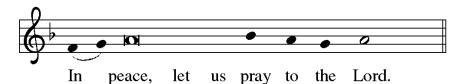


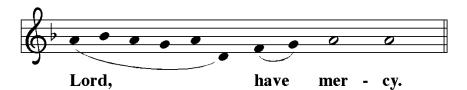


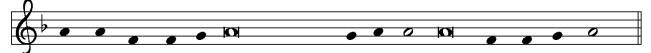
## Greeting

- P The grace of our Lord Jesus, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- A **B** And also with you!

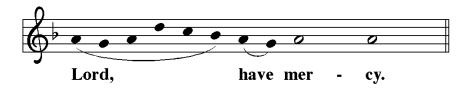
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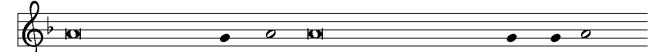




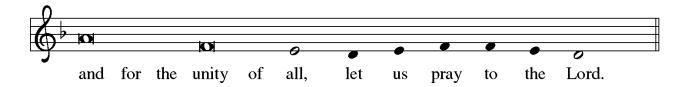


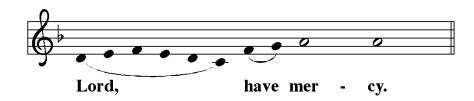
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-va-tion, let us pray to the Lord.





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



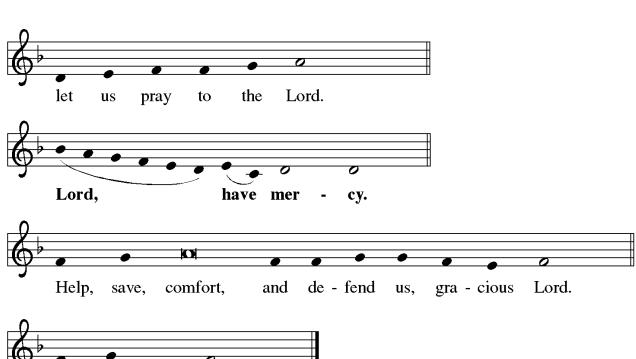


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## Kyrie...



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



# **Prayer of the Day**

P The Lord be with you.

men.

- A And also with you.
- P Let us pray...

# Pause for a moment of silence...

- P Holy God, through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and act courageously. Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace, and teach us the wisdom that comes only 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.

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

Exodus 20:1-17

R A reading from Exodus.

<sup>1</sup>God spoke all these words:

<sup>2</sup>I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; <sup>3</sup>you shall have no other gods before me.

<sup>4</sup>You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. <sup>5</sup>You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, <sup>6</sup>but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

<sup>7</sup>You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

<sup>8</sup>Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. <sup>9</sup>Six days you shall labor and do all your work. <sup>10</sup>But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. <sup>11</sup>For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

<sup>12</sup>Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

<sup>13</sup>You shall not murder.

<sup>14</sup>You shall not commit adultery.

<sup>15</sup>You shall not steal.

<sup>16</sup>You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

<sup>17</sup>You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

R The Word of the Lord. Or, Word of God, word of life.

## A Thanks be to God!

The organ will play the tone, and then the refrain, and then the Assembly will sing the refrain through. The organ will only accompany the first two verses and the refrain.

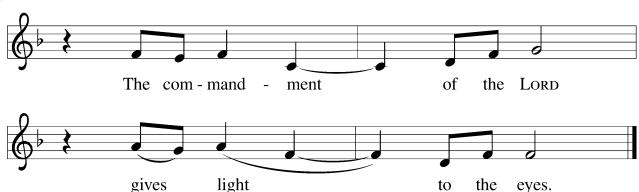
The right side of the Assembly sings the lightface verses to the tone; the left side of the Assembly sings boldface verses. The organ accompanies the first two verses and the remaining verses are sung unaccompanied.

All sing the refrain where indicated by "R."

#### Tone:



#### Refrain:



<sup>1</sup>The heavens declare the glo- <sup>1</sup> ry of God, and the sky proclaims its <sup>1</sup> maker's handiwork.

<sup>2</sup>One day tells its tale | to another,

and one night imparts knowledge | to another.

<sup>3</sup>Although they have no <sup>1</sup> words or language, and their voices <sup>1</sup> are not heard,

<sup>4</sup>their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends | of the world, where God has pitched a tent | for the sun.

<sup>5</sup>It comes forth like a bridegroom out <sup>1</sup> of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to <sup>1</sup> run its course.

 $^{6}$ It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of  $^{\dagger}$  it again;

nothing is hidden from its | burning heat. R

<sup>7</sup>The teaching of the LORD is perfect and re- | vives the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to | the simple.

<sup>8</sup>The statutes of the LORD are just and re- | joice the heart;

the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light | to the eyes.

<sup>9</sup>The fear of the LORD is clean and en- <sup>1</sup> dures forever;

the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous | altogether.

<sup>10</sup>More to be desired are they than gold, more than | much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey | in the comb. R

<sup>11</sup>By them also is your ser- <sup>1</sup> vant enlightened, and in keeping them there is <sup>1</sup> great reward.

<sup>12</sup>Who can detect one's | own offenses?

Cleanse me from my | secret faults.

<sup>13</sup>Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion <sup>1</sup> over me;

then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a I great offense.

<sup>14</sup>Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable | in your sight,

O LORD, my strength and | my redeemer. R

## **Reading from the New Testament**

**1 Corinthians 1:18-25** 

R A reading from 1 Corinthians.

<sup>18</sup>The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup>For it is written,

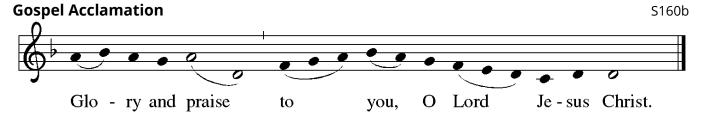
"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

<sup>20</sup>Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup>For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup>For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup>but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup>For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

R The Word of the Lord. Or, Word of God, word of life.

#### A • Thanks be to God!

The Assembly stands to greet the Good News of Jesus.



Gospel John 2:13-22

P The holy gospel according to John.

## A Glory to you, O Lord!

<sup>13</sup>The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup>In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. <sup>15</sup>Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned

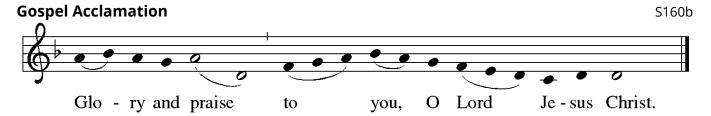
their tables. <sup>16</sup>He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" <sup>17</sup>His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." <sup>18</sup>The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" <sup>19</sup>Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." <sup>20</sup>The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" <sup>21</sup>But he was speaking of the temple of his body. <sup>22</sup>After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

#### A Praise to you, O Christ!

The Gospel Acclamation is sung once again.

The Assembly is then seated.



#### 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 "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation" (WESTMINSTER ABBEY) ELW 645



#### 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**

L Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

# (brief pause)

L You alone are God. We thank you for the gift of sabbath rest. Awaken the church to the mystery of your presence and give us glad hearts as we receive the good news of your deliverance. Hear us, O God.

# A **§** Your mercy is great.

L You challenge people to lead wisely. We turn to you for lessons on living righteously. We pray for those among us who are the leaders in our faith community, that their hearts remain inspired and energetic. We pray for our bishops Elizabeth and Yehiel, our pastor Mark, our president Michael, our council, our justice ministries and all who guide and instruct our communities. Hear us, O God.

## A Your mercy is great.

L You renew creation. Drive out those who would make the earth a marketplace. Protect rainforests, mountaintops, oceans, and wilderness areas from commercial exploitation. Unite nations, policymakers, and businesses in efforts to reduce carbon emissions. Hear us, O God.

#### A Your mercy is great.

L You judge the nations. We pray for an end to war and strife in every land (regions in conflict may be named). Strengthen international efforts to negotiate peace and provide humanitarian aid to people fleeing from conflict. Hear us, O God.

#### A Your mercy is great.

L You bring healing and hope. We give thanks for physicians, nurses, researchers, therapists, and public health workers who prevent and treat illness. We pray for any who are sick, especially Rebecca Bernstein, Serena Bernstein, Joel Brown, Kathy Hermann, Dori Jacobson-Wenzel, Jim Jung, Nancy Lang, Elaine Nelson, Darryl Rohrer, Kathryn Skelton, George Swierczynski, and those we name now aloud or in the silence of our hearts... Hear us, O God.

### A Your mercy is great.

L You abide with your people. Sustain any in this community undergoing life transitions: marriage, divorce, childbirth, adoption, moving, graduation, employment change, or a death in the family. We pray for those preparing for baptism. 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 You bring life from death. We remember our loved ones who have died, especially Perpetua and Felicity, confident that they have new life in you. May we trust that nothing can separate us from your love. Hear us, O God.

#### A Your mercy is great.

P Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

#### A Amen.

#### Peace

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

## A • And also with you.

Greet one another in the peace of Christ, saying "Peace be with you,"

"The peace of the Lord," or similar words.

The Assembly is seated.

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**

"Out of the Depths I Cry to You" By Felix Mendelssohn-Batholdy

Out of the depths I cry to you; O Lord God, hear me calling.
Incline your ear to my distress in spite of my rebelling.
Do not regard my sinful deeds. Send me the grace my spirit needs.
without it I am nothing.

All things you send are full of grace; you crown our lives with favor.
All our good works are done in vain without our Lord and Savior.
We praise you for the gift of faith; you save us from the grip of death;
our lives are in your keeping.

In you alone, O God, we hope, and not in our own merit.

We rest our fears in your good Word and test your Holy Spirit.

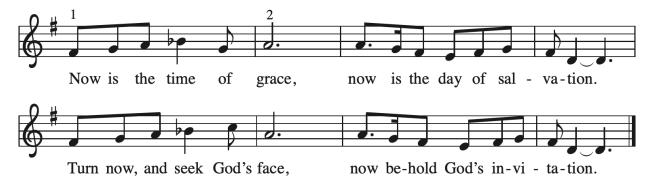
Your promise keeps us strong and sure; we trust the cross, your signature, inscribed upon our temples.

My soul is waiting for you, Lord, as one who waits for morning; no watcher waits with greater hope than I for your returning. I hope as Israel in the Lord, who sends redemption through the Word.

Praise God for grace and mercy..

## **Presentation of the Gifts** "Now is the Time of Grace" (NOW IS THE TIME OF GRACE) **ACS 918**

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

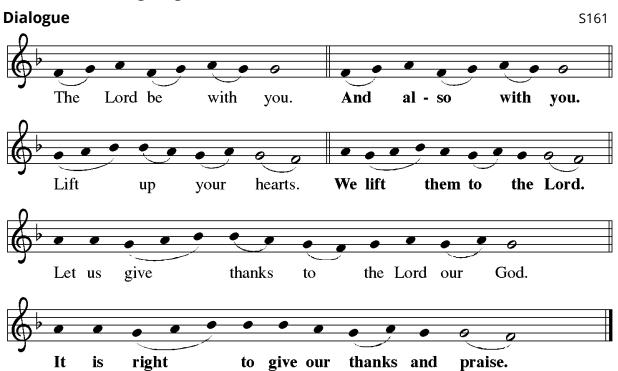


## **Offering Prayer**

- L Let us pray.
- L Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal.
  Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name.

#### A Amen.

# **The Great Thanksgiving**



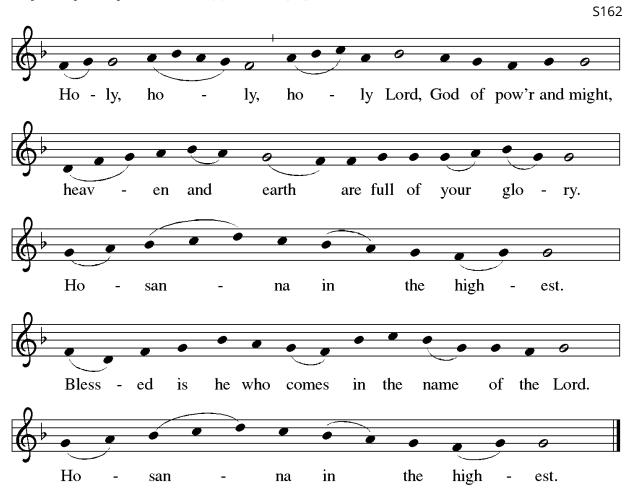
#### **Preface** The Presiding Minister begins the prayer:

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:

## Holy, Holy The Assembly joins in singing:



# 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.

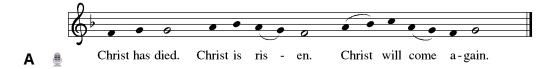
In every age you sent prophets

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.



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.



## 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.

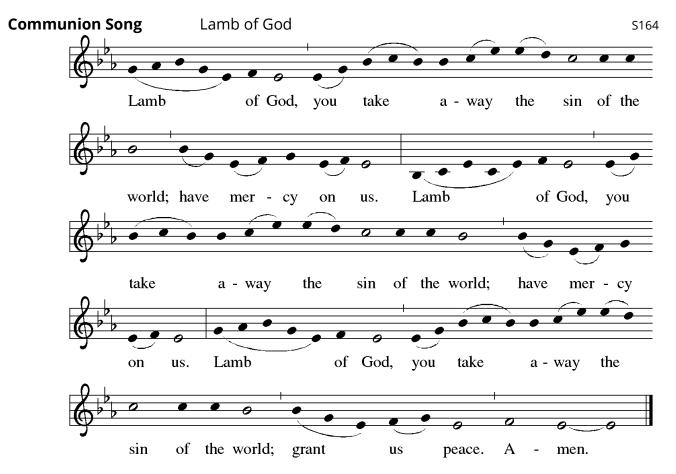
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

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

### The Breaking of the Bread and Invitation

- P Bread for the journey.
  A feast for hungry hearts. Come!
- A We come to be filled with your love.

The Assembly is seated.



## **Distribution of Holy Communion**

For those who are communing with the packets or online, the pastor will say "The body of Christ given for you and the blood of Christ shed for you."

Those who wish, please come forward as the ushers direct, to receive the bread from the Pastor and wine or grape juice from the Assisting Minister. The glasses will be pre-poured, with the grape juice in the inner circle and wine in the outer circle. Each person will take their own glass from the tray. Empty glasses can be deposited in trays on the front pews. This will be a continuous communion, standing to receive the elements.

- P This is the body of Christ, given for you. *All communing remotely or with individual packets may partake of the bread.*
- P This is the blood of Christ, shed for you.

  All communing remotely or with individual packets may drink of their cup.

When you receive the elements, you may respond by saying, "Amen."



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...

Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life.

A Amen.

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

# **Blessing**

A 🚇 Amen.



#### **Dismissal**

- L Go in peace. Share your bread.
- A Thanks be to God.

#### **Postlude**

Chorale Fantasy on "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" by Barbara Harbach

Please stay for a time of fellowship, congregational announcements, and celebrations immediately following the service in Fellowship Hall (on the east side of the building).

Today's refreshments are hosted by the Chatain Family.

Come enjoy one another's company and this opportunity for connecting!!



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
Lector	
Acolyte	Elora Kloster
Organist	
Music Director	James Morehead
Table Preparation	
Zoom Host	
Audio-Visual Technician	
Ushers	

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**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>. Worship services can be attended either in person or online.

Sunday, Mar. 3	New Community Church Gathering	3:00 pm
	Note: No Jesus & Pizza	
Monday, Mar. 4	FA Meeting	6:30 pm
Tuesday, Mar. 5	Midweek Spiritual Gathering	12:00 pm Noon
Wednesday, Mar. 6	Lenten Soup Supper	6:00 pm
	FA Meeting	6:30 pm
	Midweek Lenten Evening Prayers	7:00 pm
	Choir Practice	7:30 pm
Thursday, Mar. 7	Daytime Quilters	9:00 am
	No Wilmette Band Rehearsal	
Saturday, Mar. 9	Trombone Choir Rehearsal	10:00 am
Sunday, Mar. 10	DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS	
	New Member Inquiry	9:00 am
	Sunday School	9:30 am
	Sunday Worship	10:30 am
	Jesus & Pizza	5:00 pm

#### This week's commemorations....

# Perpetua and Felicity and companions, martyrs at Carthage, died 202 Thursday, March 7, 2024

Vibia Perpetua, a noblewoman, and Felicity, an enslaved woman, were catechumens at Carthage, northern Africa. They, with four other catechumens, had defied the Roman emperor who had forbidden conversions to Christianity, and were put to death in the amphitheater. From sundaysandseasons.com.

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