

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

10:30 A.M. Worship with Eucharist March 17, 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. $\frac{1}{2}$ = 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 ...

God promises Jeremiah that a "new covenant" will be made in the future: a covenant that will allow all the people to know God by heart. The church sees this promise fulfilled in Christ, who draws all people to himself when he is lifted up on the cross. Our baptismal covenant draws us to God's heart through Christ and draws God's love and truth into our hearts. We join together in worship, sharing in word, song, and meal, and leave strengthened to share God's love with all the world.

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

+ All may make the sign of the cross.

Prelude

Chorale and Rhapsody on "AUS TIEFER NOT" by Barbara Harbach and "O Lamm Gottes, unschuldig" BWV 656 by J.S. Bach

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 Here is a flood of grace:
 - 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.

Gathering Song

"O God Who Gives Us Life" (NOEL) ACS 1086

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 🔮 And also with you!

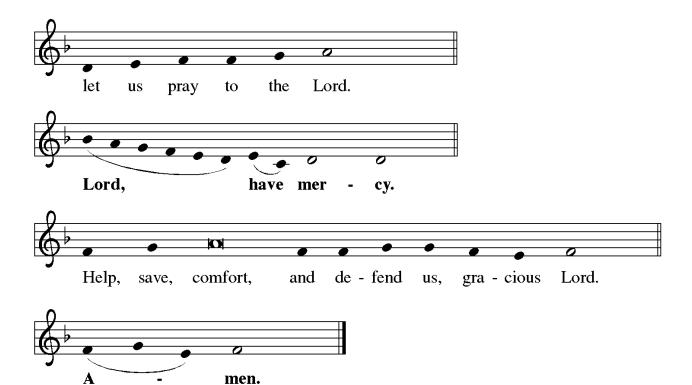
Kyrie



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

Pause for a moment of silence...

- P O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in your Son, 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.

R A reading from Jeremiah.

³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

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

A Thanks be to God!

Psalm 51:1-12

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."

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God.

¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your ¹ steadfast love; in your great compassion blot out ¹ my offenses.

²Wash me through and through [|] from my wickedness, and cleanse me [|] from my sin.

³For I know ¹ my offenses,

and my sin is ev-¹ er before me.

⁴Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil [|] in your sight; so you are justified when you speak and right [|] in your judgment. R

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<sup>5</sup>Indeed, I was born <sup>1</sup> steeped in wickedness,
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a sinner from my [|] mother's womb.

⁶Indeed, you delight in truth [|] deep within me,

and would have me know wisdom [|] deep within.

⁷Remove my sins with hyssop, and I ¹ shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be pur- ¹ er than snow.

⁸Let me hear [|] joy and gladness; that the body you have broken [|] may rejoice.

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<sup>9</sup>Hide your face <sup>|</sup> from my sins,
and blot out <sup>|</sup> all my wickedness.
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¹⁰Create in me a clean [|] heart, O God, and renew a right spir- [|] it within me.

¹¹Cast me not away ¹ from your presence,

and take not your Holy Spir-¹ it from me.

¹²Restore to me the joy of [|] your salvation

and sustain me with your boun- [|] tiful Spirit. R

Reading from the New Testament

R A reading from Hebrews.

⁵Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

"You are my Son,

today I have begotten you";

⁶as he says also in another place,

"You are a priest forever,

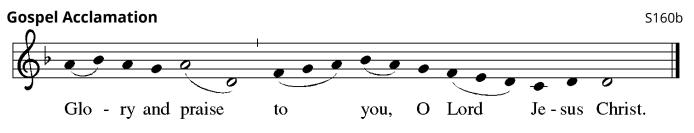
according to the order of Melchizedek."

⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

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 12:20-33

P The holy gospel according to John.

A Glory to you, O Lord!

²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. ²¹They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." ²²Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

²⁷"Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." ²⁹The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." ³⁰Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. ³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." ³³He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die."

- P The Gospel of the Lord.
- A Praise to you, O Christ!

The Gospel Acclamation is sung once again.

The Assembly is then seated.

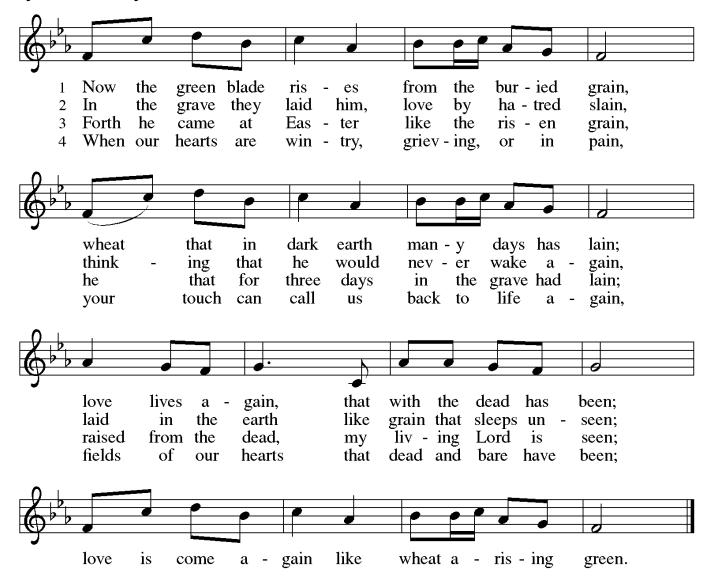
Sermon

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 "Now the Green Blade Rises" (NOEL NOUVELET) ELW 379



The Apostle's Creed

L With the whole Church, let us profess our faith.

Α	l believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
	l 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 God of the covenant, through the church you draw us into community. We give thanks for the means of grace around which we gather. Inspire writers, musicians, and artists whose creative gifts adorn our worship. Hear us, O God.

A 🞍 Your mercy is great.

L God of leaders, you strengthen our resolve to serve. 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 God of all that exists, you lavish the earth with extravagant beauty. Preserve the rich and complex diversity of living things. Support local, national, and international efforts to protect the environment for future generations. Hear us, O God.

A Your mercy is great.

- L God of the nations, you desire peace and plenty for all people. Defend those who challenge oppression and expose corruption. Support advocates for human rights, social justice, and the welfare of children. Hear us, O God.
- A Your mercy is great.

L God of every time and place, you are with us. Support ministries of prayer and presence in this congregation. Move us to reach out to any who are homebound, lonely, grieving, in treatment, or ill especially Rebecca Bernstein, Serena Bernstein, Joel Brown, Kathy Hermann, Dori Jacobson-Wenzel, Jim Jung, Nancy Lang, Jim McCarthy, Elaine Nelson, Darryl Rohrer, Kathryn Skelton, and those we name now aloud or in the silence of our hearts... Hear us, O God.

A Your mercy is great.

- L God of good will, you restore what is broken. We pray for any experiencing estrangement, conflict, or abuse in families and intimate relationships. Protect and comfort all who are vulnerable, especially those living in institutions. 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 promise, we give thanks for the saints whose faith inspires us especially Patrick, Joseph, Thomas Cranmer, and Jonathan Edwards. Grant us faith to trust in your everlasting 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.

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



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Create a pure heart in me, O Lord. Grant me a new and steadfast spirit. Do not drive me away from thy presence, Or take thy Spirit from me.

Revive in me the joy of deliverance, Grant me a steady soul to uphold me. Open thou my lips, everlasting Lord, That my mouth may sing thy praises.

Thou takes no delight in sacrifice, Nor hast thou any wish for whole offering. My sacrifice, Lord, is a broken soul, My offering, a contrite heart.

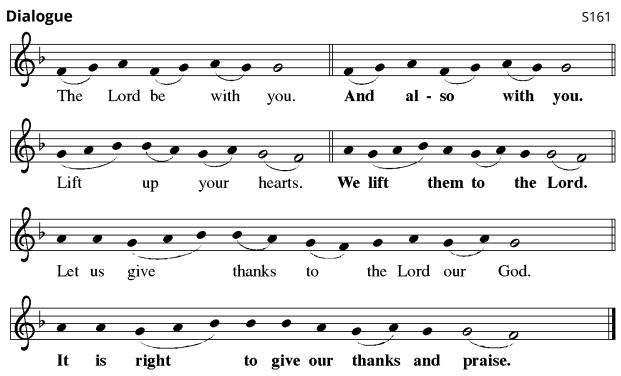
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Offering Prayer

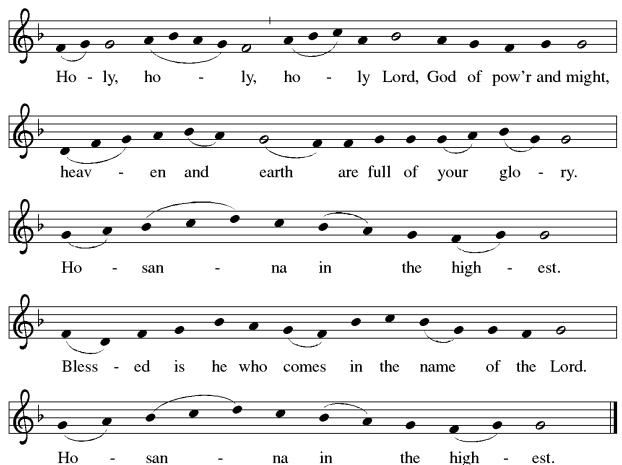
- L Let us pray.
- L Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal.
 Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness.
 Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace.
 We pray this in your name.
- A Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving



reface 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.



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.

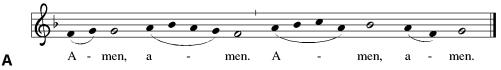
A 🔮 Amen

Α

 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.

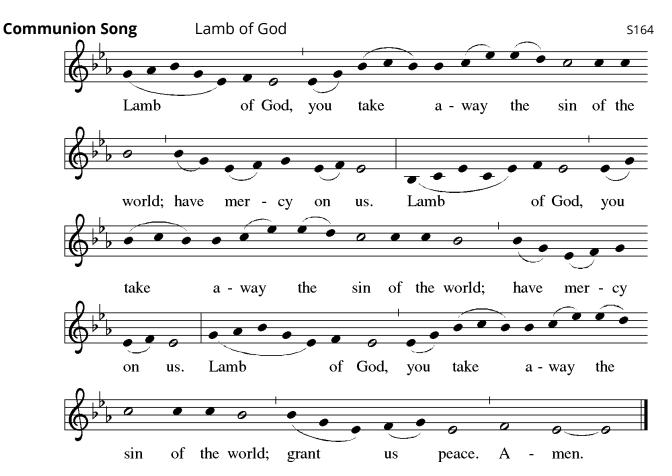
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

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.

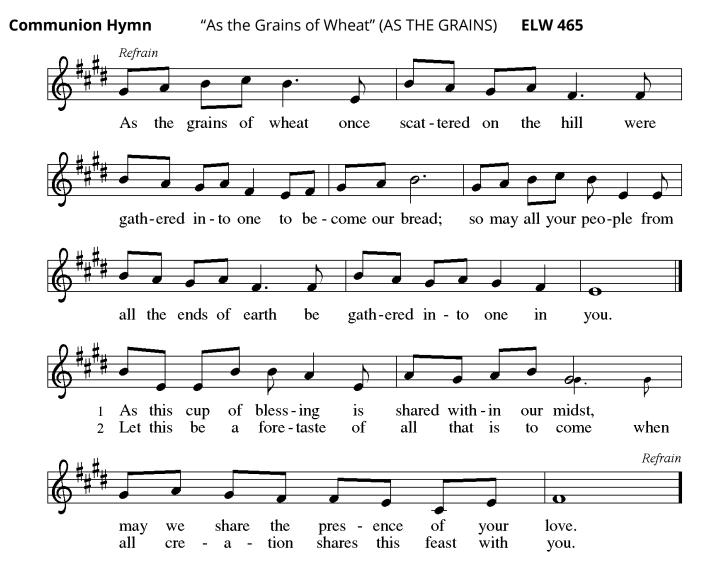
Distribution of Holy Communion

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 bood 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

P Beloved, we are God's own people, holy, washed, renewed. God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy, fill you with courage, and + give you peace.

A 🔮 Amen.

This week's commemorations....

Patrick, bishop, missionary to Ireland, died 461 Sunday, March 17, 2024

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 Tuesday, March 19, 2024

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 Thursday, March 21, 2024

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 Friday, March 22, 2024

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. From sundaysandseasons.com.



Dismissal

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

Postlude

"Fantasy" from Suite No. 1 by Florence B. Price

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 Anne Heider & Steve Warner. 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	
Lector	
Acolyte	Chris Djuric
Organist	
Music Director	
Table Preparation	Terri Simchak
Zoom Host	
Audio-Visual Technician	
Ushers	Marlene Chatain

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Sunday, Mar. 17	Council Meeting	12:30 pm
	Jesus & Pizza	5:00 pm
Monday, Mar. 18	FA Meeting	6:30 pm
Tuesday, Mar. 19	Midweek Spiritual Gathering	12:00 pm Noon
Wednesday, Mar. 20	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. 21	Group Spiritual Direction	7:00 pm
	Wilmette Band Rehearsal	7:30 pm
Sunday, Mar. 24	Palm/Passion Sunday	
	Palm Sunday Processional	8:45 am
	Sunday Worship	10:30 am
	Deadline for ordering Easter Flowers	

Immanuel's Staff and Leadership

The Rev. Mark Sloss	Pastor
Michael Kloster	Congregation President
Terri Simchak	
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