



Palm Sunday
“The Cry of the
Whole Congregation”

Worship for the Way of the Cross
By Walter Wangerin, Jr.

10:30 A.M. Worship with Eucharist
April 13, 2025

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 will be collected by the Acolyte. 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.

THE CRY OF THE WHOLE CONGREGATION

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The story of Jesus' suffering and death fills today's worship. The congregation is asked to join in the retelling of it, for it is also our story. Fit the saying of your parts to the mood and drama of the unfolding story. Join in singing the hymns and songs, which are included.

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

✙ *All may make the sign of the cross.*

The Entry into Jerusalem – The Palm Sunday Procession

NARRATOR: When Jesus drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent ahead two of his disciples, saying, "Go into the village opposite. There you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat; untie it and bring it here. If any one asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' you shall say, 'The Lord has need of it.'"

NARRATOR: So those who were sent went away found it as he had told them...

PEOPLE: **And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, "Why are you untying the colt?"**

PETER: And they said, "The Lord has need of it." And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their garments on the colt, they set Jesus upon it.

NARRATOR: And as he rode along, they spread their garments on the road. As he was now drawing near, at the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and to praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, saying:

Please stand

PEOPLE: "All Glory, Laud and Honor"

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(The congregation holds their palm branches high while singing.)

1. All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re - deem - er,

king, to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas

ring. You are the king of Is - rael and Da - vid's ro - yal
2. The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing you on
3. The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you

12
Son, now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bles - sed one.
high; cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply.
went; our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in 4/4 time and the key of B-flat major (two flats). The score consists of four systems of music. The first system contains the first line of the hymn. The second system contains the second line. The third system contains the third line, which includes three verses of the hymn. The fourth system contains the fourth line, which includes a verse number 12 and the final line of the hymn. The piano accompaniment is written in the bass clef and provides a harmonic foundation for the vocal parts.

Assembly stops singing at the end of Verse 3 before the Refrain.

Note: The organ will keep playing.

PHARISEE: And some of the Pharisees in the multitude cried to him, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples! They are calling you the Christ. Tell them to shut up!"

NARRATOR: He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent the very stones themselves would cry out."

PEOPLE: *(Begin with the Refrain)*



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re - deem - er,
king, to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas
ring. 4.To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of
5.Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we
praise. To you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
bring, great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

NARRATOR: And when he drew near and saw the city he wept over it, saying, "Would that even today you knew the things that make for peace! But now they are hid from your eyes. O Jerusalem! The days shall come upon you, when your enemies will cast up a bank about you and surround you, and hem you in on every side, and dash you to the ground, you and your children within you, and they will not leave one stone upon another in you; because you did not know the time of your visitation."

*Hosanna to the Son of David.
Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord.
O King of Israel,
Hosanna in excelsis!*

(Please lay palm branches aside.)

The Preparation and the Eating of the Last Supper

NARRATOR: Now, the feast of Unleavened Bread drew near, which is called the Passover. And the Temple Priests were seeking how to put Jesus to death, for they feared the people.

JUDAS: Then Satan entered into Judas called Iscariot, who was of the number of the twelve; he went away and conferred with the temple priests and officers how he might betray him to them. And they were glad, and engaged to give him money. So he agreed, and sought an opportunity to betray him to them in the absence of the multitude.

NARRATOR: Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the Passover for us, that we may eat it."

PEOPLE: **They said to him, "But where, Lord? Where will you have us prepare it, and what are we to do?"**

NARRATOR: He said to them, "Behold, when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him into the house which he enters, and tell the householder, 'The Teacher says to you, Where is the guest room, where I am to eat the Passover with my disciples?' And he will show you a large upper room furnished; there make ready." And they went and found it as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover.

NARRATOR: And when the hour came, he sat at table, and the apostles with him. And he said to them, "I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. For I tell you, I shall not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." And he took the cup, and when he had given thanks he said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves; for I tell you that from now on I shall not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." And he took bread and when he had given thanks he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." And likewise the cup after supper, saying, "This cup which is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. But behold the hand of him who betrays me is with me on the table. For the Son of Man goes as it has been determined; but woe to that man by whom he is betrayed!"

PEOPLE: **And they began to question, "Who Lord? Who is to betray you? Is it I? Is it I?"**

NARRATOR: He answered, "He who has dipped his hand in the dish with me will betray me. Oh, It would have been better for that man if he had not been born."

JUDAS: Judas, who betrayed him, said, "Is it I, Master?"

NARRATOR: Jesus said to him, "You have said so."

PETER: Simon Peter was indignant. "But not I!" he said. And he declared, "Though they all fall away from you, I will never leave you."

NARRATOR: "Peter, truly I say to you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times."

PETER: Peter said to him, "Even if I must die with you, I will never deny you!"

PEOPLE: **And so said all of the disciples, over and over again.**

The Agony in the Garden

PEOPLE: "Go to Dark Gethsemane" St. 1

ELW 347

Go to dark Geth - se - ma-ne, all who feel the tempt - er's pow'r,

your Re - deem - er's con - flict see. Watch with him one bit - ter hour;

turn not from his griefs a - way; learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.

NARRATOR: And he came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him. And when he came to the place he said to them, "Pray that you may not enter into temptation."

PEOPLE: **Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us, deliver us.**

NARRATOR: And he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, and knelt down and prayed, "Father, if thou art willing, remove this cup from me; nevertheless, not my will, but thine be done."

PEOPLE: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come: Thy will be done. Thy will be done. Thy will be done ...

NARRATOR: And when he rose from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping for sorrow, and he said to them, "Why do you sleep? Rise and pray that you may not enter into temptation."

PEOPLE: Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, even the evil within ourselves.

JUDAS: While he was still speaking, there came a crowd, and the man called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He drew near to Jesus to kiss him.

NARRATOR: But Jesus said to him, "Judas, would you betray the Son of Man with a kiss?"

JUDAS: Judas said, "Hail, Master."

PEOPLE: When the disciples saw what would follow, they said, "Lord, shall we strike with the sword?"

PETER: And one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear.

NARRATOR: But Jesus said, "No more of this!" And he touched his ear and healed him.

PEOPLE: Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

NARRATOR: Jesus said to those who had come out against him, "When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour and the power of darkness." Then they seized him ...

The Judgment

PEOPLE: "Go to Dark Gethsemane" St. 2

ELW 347

Fol - low to the judg - ment hall, view the Lord of life ar - rained;

5
oh, the worm - wood and the gall! Oh, the pangs his soul sus - tained!

9
Shun not suf - f'ring, shame, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.

NARRATOR: Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him to the High Priest's house.

PETER: Peter followed at a distance; and when they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them.

PEOPLE: **Then a maid, seeing him sitting in the light, said, "This man also was with him."**

PETER: But he denied it, saying, "Woman, I do not know him."

PEOPLE: **And a little later someone else saw him and said, "You also are one of them."**

PETER: But Peter said, "Man, I am not."

PEOPLE: **An hour later another insisted, saying, "Certainly this man also was with him: for he is a Galilean."**

PETER: But Peter said, "Man, I do not know what you are saying!"

NARRATOR: And immediately, while he was still speaking, the cock crowed. And the Lord turned and looked at Peter.

PETER: And Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, "Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times." And he went out and he wept bitterly.

NARRATOR: Now the men who were holding Jesus mocked him and beat him; they blindfolded him and demanded:

PEOPLE: **"Prophecy! Who is it that struck you?"**

NARRATOR: And they spoke many other words against him, reviling him. When the day came, the assembly of the elders of the people gathered together and led him to their council.

PEOPLE: **And they said, "If you are the Christ, tell us."**

NARRATOR: But he said to them, "If I tell you, you will not believe, and if I ask you now, you will not answer. But from now on the Son of man shall be seated at the right hand of the power of God."

PEOPLE: **And they said, "Are you the son of God, then?"**

NARRATOR: And he said to them, "You say that I am."

PEOPLE: **And they said, "Blasphemy! What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips. Blasphemy! Oh, blasphemy!"**

Dawn Friday – Jesus Before Pilate

NARRATOR: Then the whole company of them arose, and brought him before Pontius Pilate.

PEOPLE: **And they began to curse him, saying, "We found this man perverting our nation, and forbidding us to give tribute to Caesar, and saying that he himself is Christ the King!"**

PILATE: And Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?"

NARRATOR: And he answered him, "You have said so."

PILATE: And Pilate said to the chief Priests and the multitudes, "I find no crime in this man."

PEOPLE: **But they were urgent, saying, "He stirs up the people, teaching throughout Galilee even to this place."**

PILATE: And when Pilate heard that he was a Galilean, of Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him to Herod ...

NARRATOR: Where he was vehemently accused, and treated with contempt and mocked, and arrayed in gorgeous purple, and then sent back again.

PILATE: Pilate said to the rulers of the people, "You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people, and after examining him, behold, I did not find him guilty of any of the charges against him. Behold, *nothing* deserving death has been done by him. I will therefore chastise him and release him ..."

PEOPLE: **But they all cried out together, "Away with this man! Away! Away! Release to us Barabbas ..."**

NARRATOR: Barabbas! -- a man who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and for murder.

PILATE: Pilate addressed them once more, desiring to release Jesus.

PEOPLE: **But they shouted out, "Crucify him! Crucify him!"**

PILATE: Why? What ever has he done? I have found no crime in him deserving death. I will chastise him. I will release him... "

PEOPLE: **But they were urgent, demanding with loud cries that he should be crucified.**

NARRATOR: And their voices prevailed.

PILATE: So Pilate gave sentence that their demand should be granted. He released the man who had been jailed for murder. But Jesus he delivered up to their will.

Friday Morning – Crucifixion

PEOPLE: "Go to Dark Gethsemane" St. 3

ELW 347

Cal - v'ry's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; there, a - dor - ing at his feet,

mark that mir - a - cle of time, God's own sac - ri - fice com-plete.

"It is fin - ished!" hear him cry; learn from Je - sus Christ to die.

NARRATOR: But Jesus he delivered over to their will.

ALL MEN: And as they led him away, they seized one Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, and laid on him the cross, to carry it behind Jesus.

ALL WOMEN: And there followed him a great multitude of women who bewailed and lamented him ...

NARRATOR: But Jesus turning to them said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but for yourselves and for your children. For behold, the days are coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never gave suck!' For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it dries?"

CHOIR: "Were You There" St. 1

ELW 353

*Were you there when they crucified my lord? Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble. Were you there when they
crucified my Lord?*

NARRATOR: Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. And when they came to the place, which is called the Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on the right and one on the left.

CHOIR: "Were You There" St. 2

ELW 353

*Were you there, when they nailed him to the tree? Were you there? Were you there when
they nailed him to the tree? Were you there? Oh, sometimes, it causes me to tremble,
tremble, tremble. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? Were you there?*

NARRATOR: And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do."

ALL WOMEN: Forgive us our trespasses.

ALL MEN: And they cast lots to divide his garments.

ALL WOMEN: Forgive us our trespasses.

ALL MEN: And the people stood by, watching. But the rulers scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others: let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God!"

ALL WOMEN: Forgive us our trespasses.

ALL MEN: The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him vinegar.

ALL WOMEN: There was an inscription over him: "This is the King of the Jews."

ALL MEN: Forgive us our trespasses. Forgive us, O Lord, our trespasses!

JUDAS: One of the criminals who were hanged with him railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!"

PETER: But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence, and we justly? But this man has done nothing wrong." And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

PEOPLE: Forgive us our trespasses, deliver us from evil. Thine is the kingdom ...

NARRATOR: And Jesus said to him ...

PEOPLE: And the power ...

NARRATOR: "Truly, truly, I say to you..."

PEOPLE: And the glory ...

NARRATOR: "Today you will be with me in Paradise."

PEOPLE: Forever and ever. Amen!

CHOIR: "Were You There"

ELW 353

*Were you there when he cried out at the end? Were you there when he cried out at the end?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble. Were you there when he cried out
at the tomb?*

NARRATOR: It was now about the sixth hour ...

And there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, while the sun's light failed...And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from the top to the bottom ...

Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said,

"Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit!"

And having said this, he breathed his last.

And all the multitudes who had assembled to see the sight,

PEOPLE: ... when they saw what had taken place, they returned home beating their breasts.

ALL WOMEN: And all his acquaintances and the women who had followed him from Galilee stood at a distance and saw these things ...

Late Friday Afternoon: Burial

CHOIR: "Were You There" St. 4

ELW 353

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

PILATE: Now there was a man named Joseph from the town of Arimathea, a good man, a righteous man, a man looking for the kingdom of God. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then he took it down and wrapped it in a linen shroud, and laid him in a rock-hewn tomb, where no one had ever yet been laid.

NARRATOR: It was the day of Preparation, and the Sabbath was beginning.

ALL WOMEN: The women who had come with him from Galilee followed, and saw the tomb and how his body was laid. Then they returned, and prepared spices and ointments ...


NARRATOR: On the Sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

Time for Reflection


(All remain silent for meditation)

*A bell will sound to signal the end of a time of silence for reflection.
When the bell sounds, the People stand to respond to the Word with song.*


Hymn of the Day "Christ, the Life of All the Living" (JESU, MEINES LEBENS LEBEN) ELW 339





1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of death, our foe,
2 You have suf - fered great af - flic - tion and have borne it pa - tient - ly,
3 Then, for all that bought my par - don, for the sor - rows deep and sore,




Christ, your - self for me once giv - ing to the dark - est depths of woe:
e - ven death by cru - ci - fix - ion, ful - ly to a - tone for me;
for the an - guish in the gar - den, I will thank you ev - er - more;



through your suf - f'ring, death, and mer - it life e - ter - nal I in - her - it.
for you chose to be tor - ment - ed that my doom should be pre - vent - ed.
thank you for the groan - ing, sigh - ing, for the bleed - ing and the dy - ing,



Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks are due, dear - est Je - sus, un - to you.
Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks are due, dear - est Je - sus, un - to you.
for that last tri - um - phant cry, praise you ev - er - more on high.



Prayers of the People 🗣️ the Responses

- L Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.

(brief pause)

- L Guide your church this Holy Week as we follow in the servant way of Jesus. Protect those who face hostility or oppression for their faith. Humble those who would use faith to dominate others and reinforce their own power. God, in your mercy,

A receive our prayer.

- L For our church leaders, inspired by humanity. Especially, we pray for our bishops Elizabeth and Yehiel, our pastor Mark, our president Michael, our council, our ministries, and all who instruct our communities. God, in your mercy,

A receive our prayer.

- L Make your creation a living witness to Christ's passion and resurrection: in waving palms, shouting stones, fragrant vineyards, murmuring wheat, and revealing fire. Make us attentive to your holy presence in the world, that we may care for the earth you love. God, in your mercy,

A receive our prayer.

- L Let your face shine upon the leaders of nations and let the same mind be in them as was in Christ Jesus, so that those with the most power may humble themselves to serve the most vulnerable. God, in your mercy,

A receive our prayer.

- L Sustain the weary with a word. Grant perseverance to political prisoners and to any who are exploited, unjustly accused, or wrongly convicted. Abide with all who are in jails, detention centers, or prisons. Console all who experience times of trial or suffering, especially Rebecca Bernstein, Serena Bernstein, Terri Hummel, Dori Jacobson-Wenzel, Jim Jung, Nancy Lang, Jerry Larson, Elaine Nelson, Bill Pullin, Kathy Roderer, Joseph Sloss, Larry Turpin, Steve Warner, the family of Julie Woestehoff, and those we name now aloud or in the silence of our hearts [...]. God, in your mercy,

A receive our prayer.

- L Give strength to those who will lead worship during Holy Week: pastors and deacons, altar guilds and sacristans, musicians and assisting ministers, ushers, and office staff. Instill in them awe and joy, that their service may reflect the love of Jesus. God, in your mercy,

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 God, in your mercy,

A receive our prayer.

- L We give thanks to you for our beloved dead, especially Olavus Petri and Laurentius Petri, trusting that as the cross of Jesus led to the empty tomb, so you welcome those who have died into the paradise of your presence. God, in your mercy,

A receive our prayer.

P Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.

A **Amen.**

Peace

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

A  **And also with you.**

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

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.*

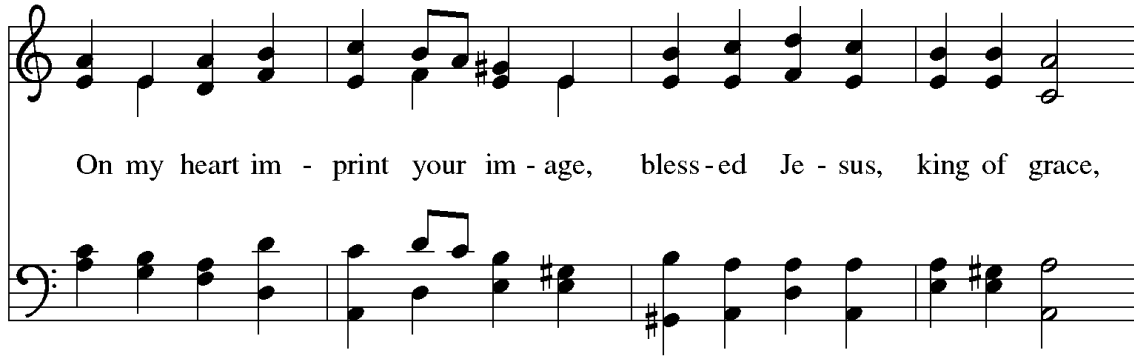
Offering Music

"God So Loved the World"
By John Stainer

God So loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son,
That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.
For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world;
But that the world through him might be saved. Amen

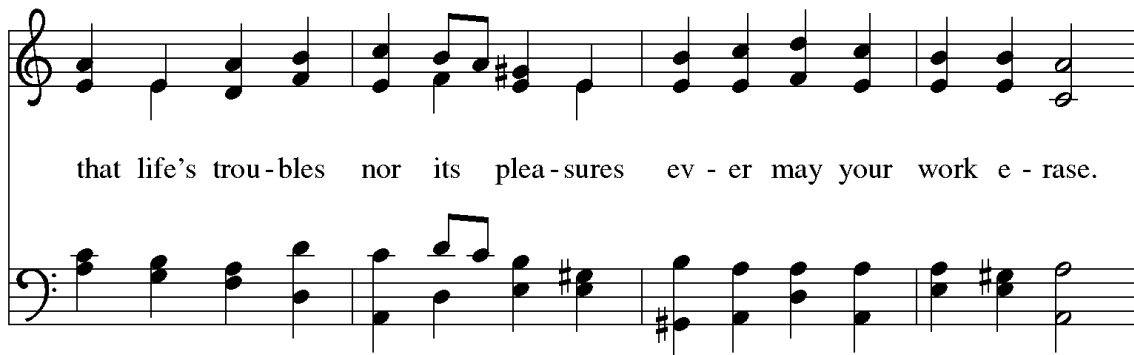
Presentation of the Gifts "On My Heart Imprint Your Image" (DER AM KREUZ) **ELW 811**

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



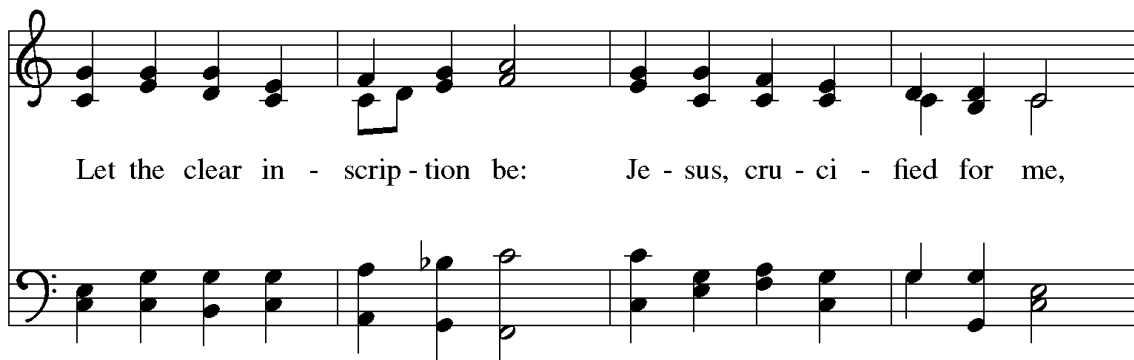
On my heart im - print your im - age, bless - ed Je - sus, king of grace,

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff contains a melody of eighth and quarter notes, while the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.



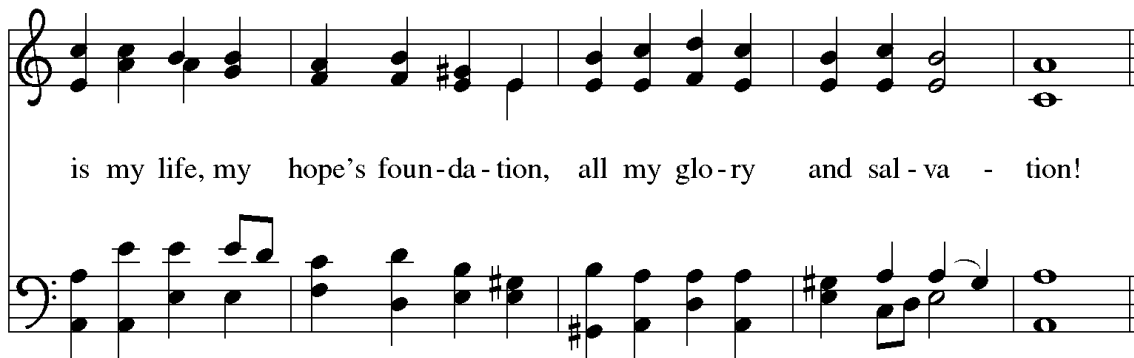
that life's trou - bles nor its plea - sures ev - er may your work e - rase.

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system, maintaining the same musical structure.



Let the clear in - scrip - tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,

The third system of musical notation continues the hymn, with the treble staff melody and the bass staff accompaniment.



is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, all my glo - ry and sal - va - tion!

The fourth and final system of musical notation concludes the hymn, ending with a double bar line in both the treble and bass staves.

Offering Prayer

- L Let us pray.
Gracious Provider,
you set your immense treasures among us,
opening your heart to the world.
As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love,
deepen our commitment to sharing those
treasures with others,
through our Savior, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Dialogue

S144a

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

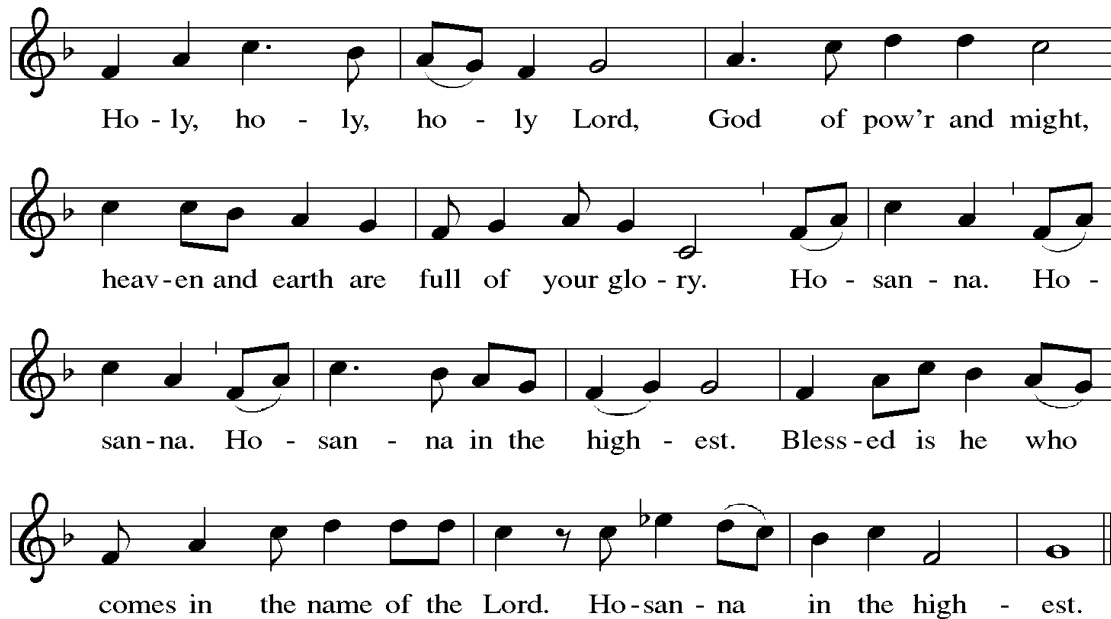
Preface *The Presiding Minister begins the prayer:*

- 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,
whose suffering and death gave salvation to all.
You gather your people around the tree of the cross,
transforming death into life.
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, Holy *The Assembly joins in singing:*

The Assembly joins in singing:

S144b



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

Thanksgiving at the Table

P Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,
in the beginning you formed the heavens and earth
and created us in your likeness.

You made us guardians of your good creation and left the earth in our care.
All through our weary years and our silent tears,
you did not abandon us to ourselves,
but sought us out in love.

When we were captives in Egypt, you did not abandon us.
When we wandered in the wilderness, you did not abandon us.
When we turned to false gods, you did not abandon us.
Through your holy prophets you called us to return
to your graciousness, to your mercy, and to your steadfast love.

In the crowning act of love you gave your only Son,
that whoever believes in him will have eternal life.
For you sent Jesus not to condemn the world,
but to save the world from sin.

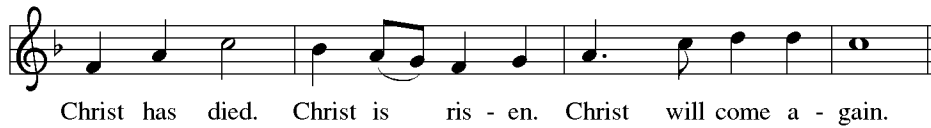
Through his death on the cross, we who were once far off
have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

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

A



With this bread and cup, we remember Christ's life among us;
his association with outcasts, his eating with sinners,
his healing of the sick, his care for the poor.

Send, we pray, your Holy Spirit
upon us and upon this bread and wine,
that we who share this meal
may become a holy communion,
the body of Christ in the world.

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



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 All who are hungry, come! The feast of grace is spread.

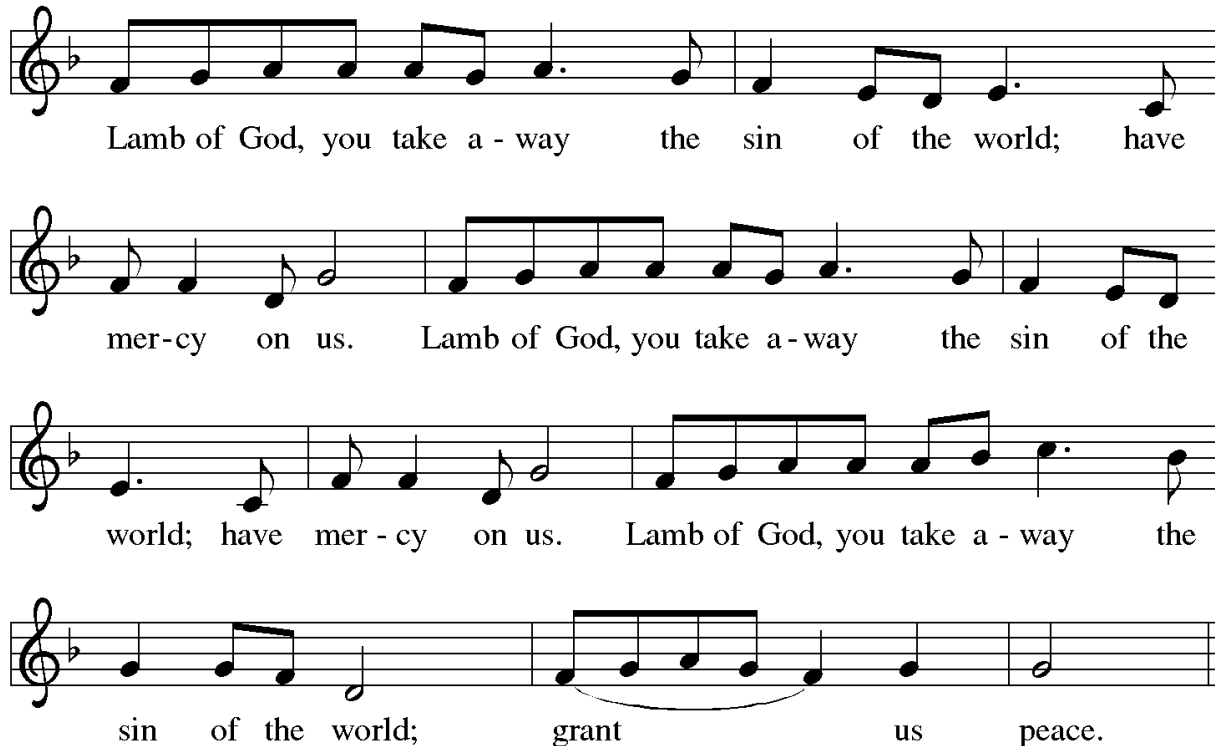
A  We come to the table with open hearts.

The Assembly is seated.

Communion Song

Lamb of God

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Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sin of the world; grant us peace.

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 assemble around the rail to receive communion. Those who are able may kneel. You will 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 will be collected by the Acolyte. This will be a continuous communion.

P This is the body of Christ, given for you.

All communing remotely or with individual packets may partake of the bread.

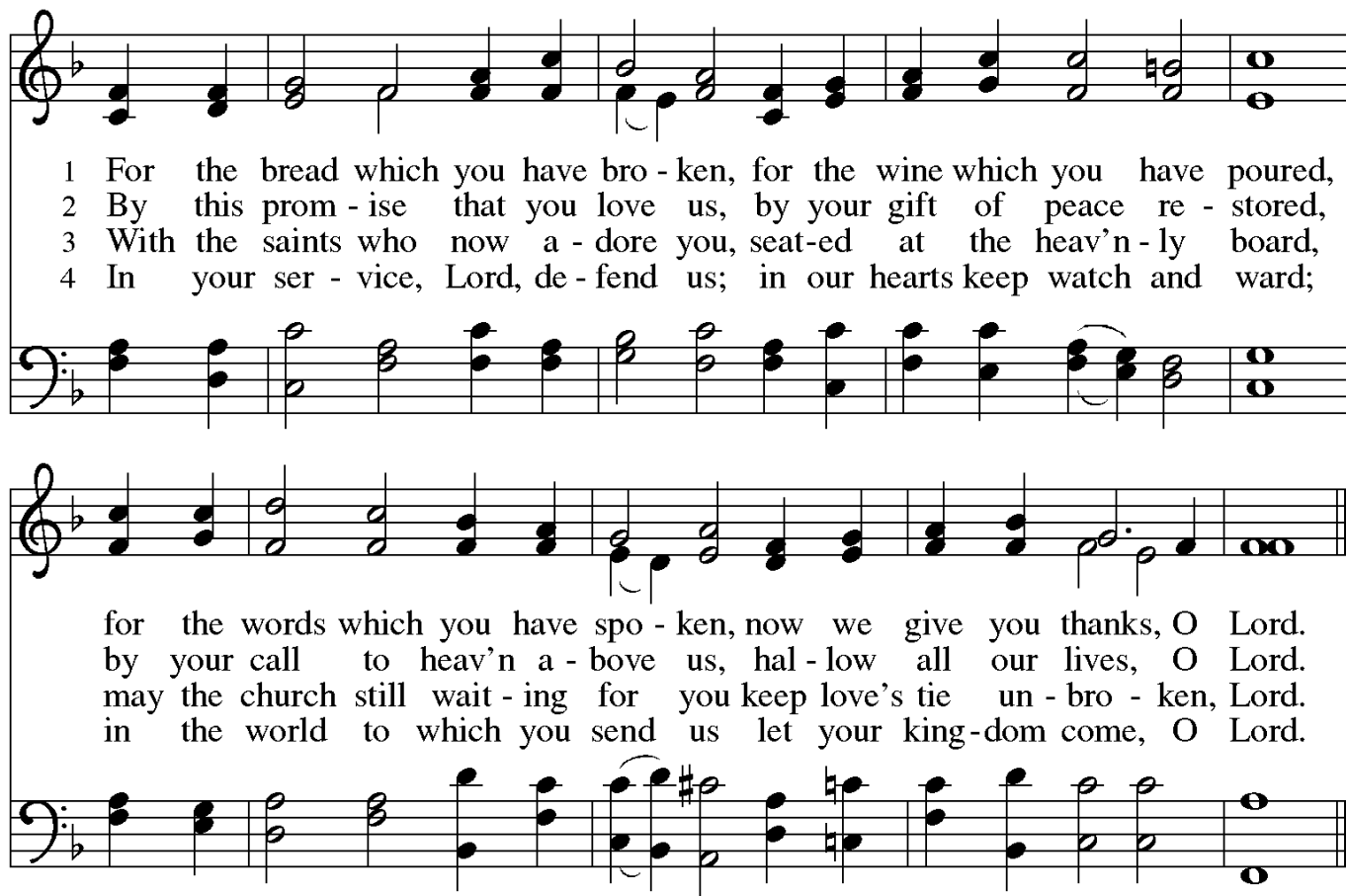
P This is the blood of Christ, shed for you.

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

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

Communion Hymn

"For the Bread Which You Have Broken" (OMNI DIE) ELW 494



1 For the bread which you have bro - ken, for the wine which you have poured,
2 By this prom - ise that you love us, by your gift of peace re - stored,
3 With the saints who now a - dore you, seat-ed at the heav'n - ly board,
4 In your ser - vice, Lord, de - fend us; in our hearts keep watch and ward;

for the words which you have spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.
by your call to heav'n a - bove us, hal - low all our lives, O Lord.
may the church still wait - ing for you keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord.
in the world to which you send us let your king - dom come, O Lord.

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 Host,
you have shared your feast with us and made us new.
Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities,
that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom,
in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord

A Amen.

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

P God our tender parent,
 God the crucified one,
 God the reconciling Spirit,
 ✝ bless you now and forever.

A  **Amen.**

Sending Song

"Forgive Your People"

ACS 1008

Refrain / Estribillo



Per - do - na_a tu pue - blo, Se - ñor. Per -
 For - give your . . . peo - ple, O Lord. For -



do - na_a tu pue - blo, per - dó - na - le, Se - ñor.
 give your . . . peo - ple, for - give . . . us, O Lord.



1 Por e - sos hie - rros que te cla - va -
 1 For cold and cru - el nails that im - pale
 2 For all the dead - ly blows that have torn
 3 For bear - ing all our wounds, we a - dore
 4 May your whole life out - poured now flow through



ron, por las es - pi - nas que te pun -
 you, for rag - ged rings of thorns that as -
 you, for all the bit - ter words that still
 you. Show us your feet, your hands, we im -
 us, and may your death re - store and re -

Refrain / Estribillo



za - ron, per - dó - na - le, Se - ñor.
 sail you, for - give . . . us, O Lord.
 scorn you, for - give . . . us, O Lord.
 plore you. For - give . . . us, O Lord.
 new us. For - give . . . us, O Lord.

Dismissal

L Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

A  Thanks be to God!

No Postlude ~ Leave in Quietness & Contemplation

*Please stay for a time of fellowship and announcements immediately following the service in Fellowship Hall.
Today's refreshments are hosted by the Chatains.
Come enjoy one another's company and learn what's happening in and throughout the Immanuel congregation!!*



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	Elora Kloster
Readers for "Cry of the Whole Congregation:	Susan Ross, Terri Simchak, Michael Kloster, Kit McCarthy
Dancer	Ruben Hanohano
Organist	Christine Kraemer
Music Director	James Morehead
Table Preparation	Terri Simchak
Zoom Host	Bert Mount
Audio-Visual Technicians	Tom Couch, Kevin McDaniel
Ushers	Nicolai Scousboe
Counter	Dana Barron

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This Week's Commemorations

**Olavus Petri, priest, died 1552; Laurentius Petri, Bishop of Uppsala, died 1573; renewers of the church
Saturday, April 19, 2025**

These two brothers studied with Luther at the University of Wittenberg and then returned to their native Sweden to introduce the Lutheran reforms. Olavus published a catechism and hymnal; Laurentius was a professor who defended the office of bishop and later became one.

From sundaysandseasons.com.

Upcoming Events – for details see the weekly e-blast, *Immanuel Newsfeeds*, or the website Calendar at www.immanuelevanston.org. Worship services can be attended either in person or online.

Sunday, Apr. 13 until May 4	Evanston Overnight Shelter	8:30 pm
Tuesday, Apr. 15	Tai Chi Class	6:30 am
Wednesday, Apr. 16	Choir Practice	7:30 pm
Thursday, Apr. 17	Tai Chi Class	6:30 am
	Maundy Thursday Supper	6:30 pm
	Maundy Thursday Worship	7:30 pm
Friday, Apr. 18	Tai Chi Class	6:30 am
	Good Friday Worship	7:30 pm
Saturday, Apr. 19	Easter Vigil Worship	7:30 pm
	Party	
Sunday, Apr. 20	Sunday School Easter Egg Hunt	9:30 am
Resurrection of Our Lord		
	Sunday Worship	10:30 am
	New Community Church	1:00 pm

Immanuel's Staff and Leadership

The Rev. Mark Sloss	Pastor
Michael Kloster	Congregation President
Terri Simchak	Congregation Vice President
Dana Barron	Congregation Secretary
Susan Ross	Congregation Treasurer
Greg Hummel, Jerry Larson, Kit McCarthy, Laura McDaniel, Steve Warner	Congregation Council Members
Laurie Stivers	Financial Secretary
James Morehead	Music Director
Christine Kraemer	Organist
Laurie Stivers	Associate Organist
Jane Kaihatsu	Parish Administrator

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