



**Sunday of the Passion  
with Liturgy of the Palms**

**10:30 A.M. Worship with Eucharist  
March 29, 2026**

# 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 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 ...*

*Today, we encounter the paradox that defines our faith: Jesus Christ is glorified king and humiliated servant. We too are full of paradox: like Peter, we fervently desire to follow Christ, but find ourselves afraid, denying God. We wave palms in celebration today as Christ comes into our midst, and we follow with trepidation as his path leads to death on the cross. Amid it all we are invited into this paradoxical promise of life through Christ's broken body and outpoured love in a meal of bread and wine. We begin this week that stands at the center of the church year, anticipating the completion of God's astounding work.*

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

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

*The Assembly gathers in the courtyard for the Blessing of the Palms and Procession with Palms. If you do not wish to process, you may wait in the Sanctuary and meditate upon the scriptures.*

**Acclamation** *The Acclamation is repeated three times.*

**P** Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

**A Hosanna in the highest!**

**Processional Gospel**

**Matthew 21:1-11**

**P** This is the Good News of Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**A Glory to you, O Lord!**

<sup>1</sup>When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup>saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." <sup>4</sup>This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet:

<sup>5</sup>"Tell the daughter of Zion,  
Look, your king is coming to you,  
humble and mounted on a donkey,  
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

<sup>6</sup>The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; <sup>7</sup>they brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. <sup>8</sup>A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup>The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

<sup>10</sup>When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" <sup>11</sup>The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **Blessing of the Palms**

P The Lord be with you.

**A And also with you.**

P Let us pray. We praise you, O God, for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ. Today he entered the Holy City in triumph and was proclaimed Messiah and King by those who spread garments and branches along his way.

*Palm branches are raised.*

Bless these branches and those who carry them. Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the Cross, so that, joined to his death and resurrection, we enter into life with you; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**A Amen.**

## **Processional Song**

*Following the Cross of Christ, the Assembly processes into the Sanctuary singing and waving your palms. The refrain of "All Glory Laud and Honor", Our Gathering Song, will be sung repeatedly as we process.*

*When we reach the worship space, we will process up the center aisle and place our palms as an offering in the vase at the foot of the cross, then each will return by the side aisle, find a seat, and remain standing for the singing of the Gathering Song.*

*If you would like to take a palm home with you, you may retrieve a palm from the vase at the conclusion of worship.*

*We will begin singing verses of the "All Glory, Laud and Honor" once the organ joins the song.*

*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.

1 You are the king of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,  
 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing you on high;  
 3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you went;  
 4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.  
 5 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

*Refrain*

now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.  
 cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply.  
 our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.  
 To you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.  
 great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

## 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!**

## Choral Introit

*The assembly remains standing.*

“From Mouths of Babies”  
By Edewede Oriwoh

From mouths of babies new Praises we raised  
Lord to Your glory we join in their praise  
Hosanna Hosanna We sing Hosanna  
Lord for Your blessing we offer You praise  
Singing Hosanna O Ancient of Days  
Hosanna Hosanna We sing Hosanna

## 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 Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

A **Amen.**

*The Assembly is seated.*

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

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## Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures

Isaiah 50:4-9a

R A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

<sup>4</sup>The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher,  
that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word.  
Morning by morning he wakens—  
wakens my ear  
to listen as those who are taught.

<sup>5</sup>The Lord God has opened my ear,  
and I was not rebellious,  
I did not turn backward.

<sup>6</sup>I gave my back to those who struck me,  
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;  
I did not hide my face  
from insult and spitting.

<sup>7</sup>The Lord God helps me;  
therefore I have not been disgraced;

therefore I have set my face like flint,  
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;  
<sup>8</sup>he who vindicates me is near.  
Who will contend with me?  
Let us stand up together.  
Who are my adversaries?  
Let them confront me.  
<sup>9a</sup>It is the Lord God who helps me;  
who will declare me guilty?

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

**A Thanks be to God!**



**Psalm 31:9-16**

**Psalm Tone 2, 1 flat**

*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.*

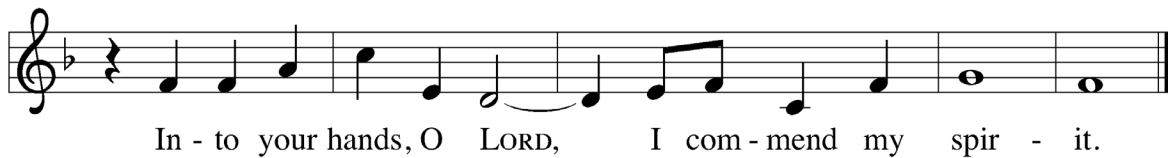
*The right side of the Assembly sings the lightface verses to the tone; the left side of the Assembly sings boldface verses. The organ accompanies the first two verses and the remaining verses are sung unaccompanied.*

*All sing the refrain where indicated by "R."*

**Tone:**



**Refrain:**



<sup>9</sup>Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I <sup>|</sup> am in trouble;  
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat <sup>|</sup> and my belly.

<sup>10</sup>**For my life is wasted with grief, and my <sup>|</sup> years with sighing;  
my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones <sup>|</sup> are consumed.**

<sup>11</sup>I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a dismay to <sup>|</sup> my acquaintances;  
when they see me in the street <sup>|</sup> they avoid me.

<sup>12</sup>**Like the dead I am forgotten, <sup>|</sup> out of mind;  
I am as useless as a <sup>|</sup> broken pot.    R**

<sup>13</sup>For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is <sup>|</sup> all around;  
they put their heads together against me; they plot to <sup>|</sup> take my life.

<sup>14</sup>**But as for me, I have trusted in <sup>|</sup> you, O LORD.  
I have said, "You <sup>|</sup> are my God.**

<sup>15</sup>My times are <sup>|</sup> in your hand;  
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who <sup>|</sup> persecute me.

<sup>16</sup>**Let your face shine up- <sup>|</sup> on your servant;  
save me in your <sup>|</sup> steadfast love."    R**

**Reading from the New Testament**

**Philippians 2:5-11**

R A reading from Philippians.

<sup>5</sup>Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,  
<sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited,  
<sup>7</sup>but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.  
And being found in human form,

<sup>8</sup>he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death—  
even death on a cross.

<sup>9</sup>Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name  
that is above every name,  
<sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
<sup>11</sup>and every tongue should confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

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.*

### Lenten Acclamation



Noth-ing in all cre - a - tion can sep - a - rate us from the love of God.



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*The Assembly sits for the reading of the Gospel.*

### Gospel

“The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ, According to Matthew.

*The Gospel will be read from the booklet provided. The Assembly reads the parts in **boldface** type.*

### 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  
that stands out to you, asking the Spirit to show you how it applies to your own life.*

*When the bell sounds a second time, the Assembly stands to respond to the Word with song.*

1 There in God's gar - den stands the Tree of Wis - dom,  
 2 Its name is Je - sus, name that says, "Our Sav - ior!"  
 3 Thorns not its own are tan - gled in its fo - liage;  
 4 See how its branch - es reach to us in wel - come;

whose leaves hold forth the heal - ing of the na - tions:  
 There on its branch - es see the scars of suf - f'ring;  
 our greed has starved it, our de - spite has choked it.  
 hear what the Voice says, "Come to me, ye wea - ry!

Tree of all knowl - edge, Tree of all com -  
 see there the ten - drills of our hu - man  
 Yet, look! it lives! its grief has not de -  
 Give me your sick - ness, give me all your

pas - sion, Tree of all beau - ty.  
 self - hood feed on its life - blood.  
 stroyed it nor fire con - sumed it.  
 sor - row, I will give bless - ing."

5 This is my ending,  
 this my resurrection;  
 into your hands, Lord,  
 I commit my spirit.  
 This have I searched for;  
 now I can possess it.  
 This ground is holy.

6 All heav'n is singing,  
 "Thanks to Christ whose passion  
 offers in mercy  
 healing, strength, and pardon.  
 Peoples and nations,  
 take it, take it freely!"  
 Amen! My Master!

## 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 Reconciled by God's mercy and sustained by God's presence, let us pray for the world and its needs.

*(brief pause)*

L O God, you announce words of grace and truth. Give wisdom to all preachers in your church both globally and locally. Open our hearts to encounter the infinite life you offer in Jesus. Hear us, O God.

**A 🕊 Your mercy is great.**

L Your wisdom prevails. Instill in our hearts wise and compassionate ways. We pray for our bishops Yehiel and Wayne, our pastor Mark, our president Kit, our council, our justice ministries and all who guide and instruct our communities. Hear us, O God.

**A Your mercy is great.**

L You hold the whole universe. Gather sun and moon, clouds and stars, land and sea, and plants and animals around the cross, so that all creation bears witness to your saving love. Hear us, O God.

**A Your mercy is great.**

L Your power is sure. Destroy inequity and division in every place, and build your beloved community among all people. Guide judges, attorneys, and juries so that they act with justice and fairness. Hear us, O God.

**A Your mercy is great.**

L Your heart breaks open at our pain. Send healing and vindication to all who, like Jesus, know the sting of betrayal, denial, abuse, or false accusations. Be with those experiencing pain or loss this day, especially Maren Baylaender, Rebecca Bernstein, Serena Bernstein, Tom Couch, Jim Jung, Nancy Lang, Dennis Milbrandt, Shirley Patrick, Jan Rock, the family of Joseph Sloss, Ionie Smith, Steve Warner, Marina Yarnoff, and those we name now aloud or in the silence of our hearts... Hear us, O God.

**A Your mercy is great.**

L Your ways show compassion. Let this same mind be in us as we enter Holy Week. Bless those here who will lead worship and tell the story of Jesus' death and resurrection. 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 O God, your embrace is eternal. Praise and thanks to you for Hans Nielsen Hauge, John Donne, Benedict the Agrican and all the faithful departed who rest in your mercy. Deliver us all from death's power and raise us to life in you. Hear us, O God.

**A Your mercy is great.**

P Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation.

**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 ...*



**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**

*"Ave Verum Corpus"* By Sir Edward Elgar

Ave verum corpus, natum de Maria Virgine,  
Vere passum, immolatum In cruce pro homine.  
Cujus latus perforatum Vero fluxit sanguine;  
Esto nobis praegustatum, Mortis in examine.  
O Clemens, Opie, O dulcis Jesu, Fili Mariae.

Hail, true body, born of the Virgin Mary, having truly suffered, sacrificed on the cross for mankind, from whose pierced side water and blood flowed: Be for us a foretaste [of the Heavenly banquet] in the trial of death!  
O clement, O loving, O sweet Jesus, son of Mary.

**Presentation of the Gifts**

*"Now Is the Time of Grace"* (TIME OF GRACE)

**ACS 918**

*The Assembly sings through the Refrain once, then Choir sings the Verse, Assembly sings Refrain again.*

1  
Now is the time of grace, now is the day of sal - va - tion.

2  
Turn now, and seek God's face, now be-hold God's in-vi - ta - tion.

*Verse - Choir*

1 This is the fast that God would choose:  
to loose the bonds of injustice,  
to let the captives go free,  
and to break the yoke of oppression. **Refrain**

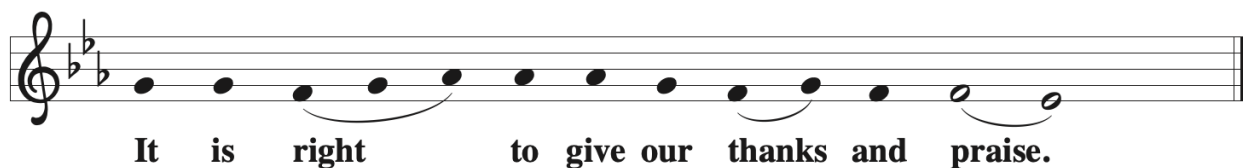
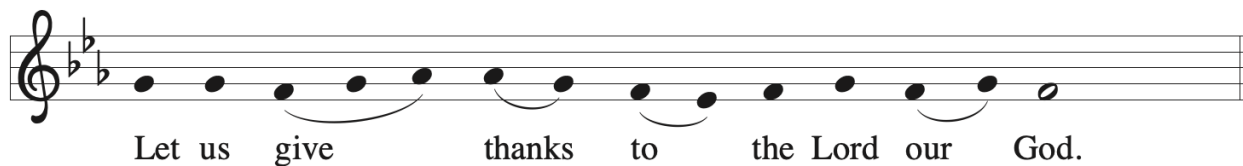
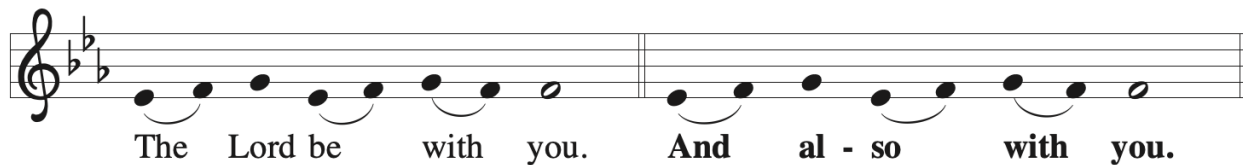
## Offering Prayer

L Let us pray.  
L O God, maker of heaven and earth,  
your steadfast love embraces all creation.  
You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth  
and bring forth its bounty.  
Through these gifts of bread and wine,  
draw us into the death and life of your Son,  
who calls us to bear witness to his saving work.  
We ask this in Jesus' name..

**A Amen.**

## The Great Thanksgiving

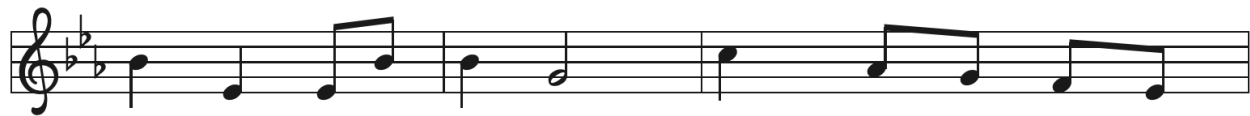
### Dialogue



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

P It is indeed right to give you our thanks and praise, O God, for you alone are good and  
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:*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and



God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the



Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

**Thanksgiving at the Table**

P Blessed are you, O God,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
You rescued your covenant people,  
led them on all their journeys,  
and taught them by the prophets.  
You so loved the world  
that you gave your only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him  
may not perish but may have eternal life.

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.

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

**A Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit  
in this meal,  
and make us one  
in this community of faith  
and with your people  
throughout the world.

Glory and praise to you, O God,  
Author of life,  
Word made flesh,  
Power of the Most High,  
now and forever.

**A Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

A



Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,  
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.  
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we  
for - give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al  
and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow'r,  
and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

## The Breaking of the Bread and Invitation

P Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!  
Come to the table; taste and see.

A  **We come to be filled with your love.**

*The Assembly is seated.*

## Communion Song

## Lamb of God



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, 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."*

*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.

*The Assembly stands as directed.*

**Blessing after Communion**

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

A Amen.

## Prayer after Communion

L Let us pray...

we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls,  
reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey.  
Through the body and blood of your Son,  
may we become Christ's body in the world,  
bearing witness to your love for all creation,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**A Amen.**

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

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## Blessing

P Beloved,  
Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity:  
God, who calls all things into existence,  
Jesus Christ, who redeems us,  
and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation,  
✠ bless you now and always.

**A**  **Amen.**

## This week's commemorations....

**Hans Nielsen Hauge, renewer of the church, died 1824**

**Sunday, March 29, 2026**

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

**John Donne, poet, died 1631**

**Tuesday, March 31, 2026**

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

**Benedict the African, confessor, died 1589**

**Saturday, April 4, 2026**

Born into slavery on the island of Sicily, Benedict lived as a hermit until the pope ordered all hermits to attach themselves to a monastery, at which time Benedict joined the Franciscans. Though illiterate, he was highly respected as a confessor and later superior of his community.

From [sundaysandseasons.com](http://sundaysandseasons.com).

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.

## Dismissal

L Go in peace. Believe the good news.

A  **Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

“Fugue on St. Anne” by J.S. Bach

*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 Jared Peck & Kirsten Brown.*

*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.**

## The Palm Sunday Readers

Narrator.....	Kit McCarthy
Jesus.....	Pastor Mark Sloss
Judas.....	Michael Kloster
Peter.....	Steve Warner
Witness.....	Nicolai Schousboe
High Priest.....	Jim McCarthy
Servant.....	Susan Ross
Pilate.....	Melanie Anderson

## Serving in worship today...

Presiding Minister.....	The Rev. Mark Sloss
Assisting Minister.....	Anne Heider
Lector.....	8 Readers
Acolyte.....	Elora Kloster
Organists.....	Greg Hummel, Laurie Stivers
Music Director.....	James Morehead
Table Preparation.....	Marlene Chatain
Zoom Host.....	Bert Mount
Audio-Visual Technician.....	Kevin McDaniel
Ushers.....	Marlene Chatain

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Tuesday, Mar. 31	Tai-chi	10:30 am
	Midweek Spiritual Gathering	2:00 pm
Wednesday, Apr. 1	FA Meeting	6:30 pm
	Choir Practice	7:30 pm
Thursday, Apr. 2	Maundy Thursday Service	7:30 pm
Friday, Apr. 3	Good Friday Service	7:30 pm
Saturday, Apr. 4	Easter Vigil	7:30 pm
Sunday, Apr. 5	Easter Sunday/Feast of the Resurrection	10:30 am

## **Immanuel's Staff and Leadership**

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

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