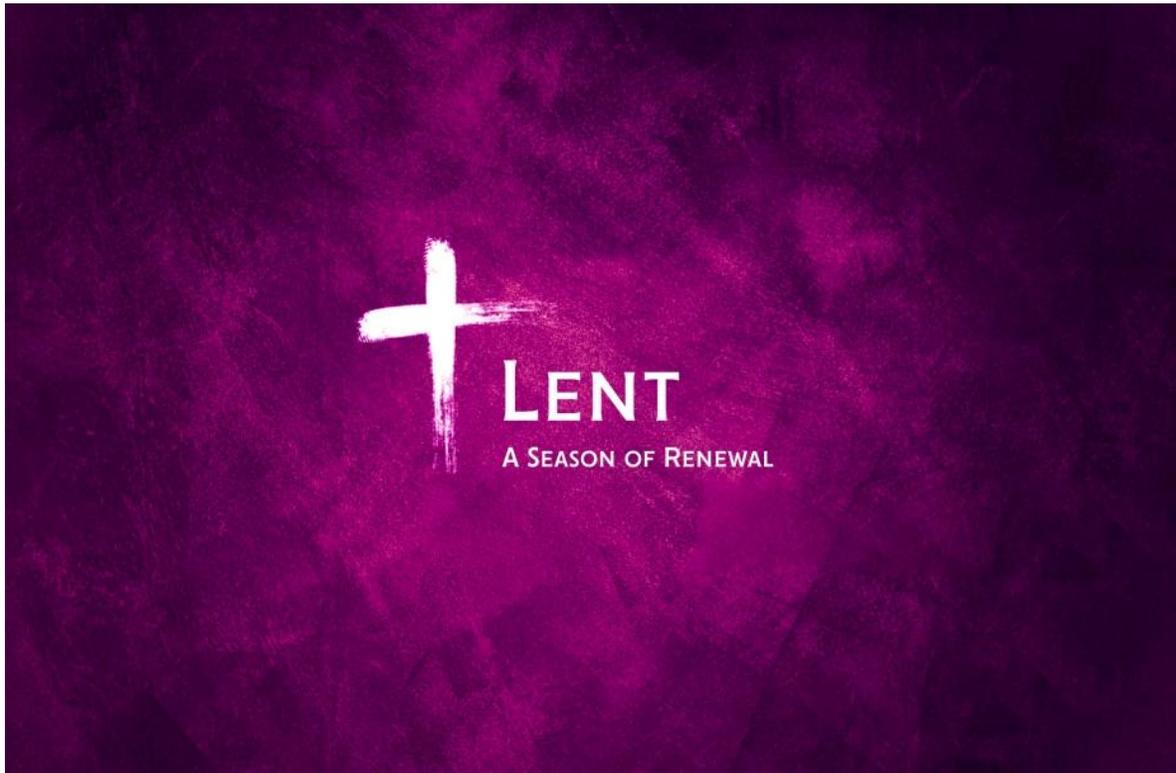


Welcome to Worship at Immanuel Lutheran Church



Service/Mission

Lent III

Sunday, March 8, 2026

9 a.m. Worship Bulletin

Year A Lectionary

THANK YOU FOR CHOOSING TO WORSHIP WITH US!



WE BELIEVE THAT GUESTS ARE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, and we seek to make your visit faithful and positive! Please scan the QR code to left or sign the Pew Register (red notebook) as it is passed down your pew.

WE BELIEVE THAT SERVING CHRIST MEANS SERVING OUR NEIGHBORS. Our name, Immanuel, means “God with us.” Everything we do is to welcome and serve the Lord who is here among us, in you, and in our neighbors.

Our ministries, from our Worship to our Soup Kitchen and Food Bank, from our Jail Ministry to our Women’s Drug Recovery house, from our Homeless Children’s Ministry to our Campus Ministry at Lander University, are all designed and carried out to share “God with us” with our surrounding neighborhood and city. God’s Love is inexhaustible! People from all around town work alongside us to share this Love with our neighbors. You can too!

WE BELIEVE THAT CHURCH is where disagreements may occur, and the love of Christ draws us together to worship and work together. We do not all agree on everything, but we do love God and each other, and that is enough!

WE BELIEVE THAT GOD LOVES EVERYONE, so we do too! ALL are welcome here!

HOSPITALITY

RESTROOMS - Our Handicap Accessible Restroom is located just outside the door by the pulpit. We also have restrooms downstairs nearby.

CHILD CARE - We have a room for parents that offers a private, quick, and convenient space for caring for children. The room is located just outside of the sanctuary through the door beside the pulpit.

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

In today’s Gospel, the Samaritan woman asks Jesus for water, an image of our thirst for God. Jesus offers living water, a sign of God’s grace flowing from the waters of baptism. The early church used this Gospel and those of the next two Sundays to deepen baptismal reflection during the final days of preparation before baptism at Easter. As we journey to the Resurrection, Christ comes among us in word and meal, offering us the life-giving water of God’s mercy and forgiveness.

Order of Worship

As the prelude begins, please prepare your heart and mind for Worship in SILENT meditation.

✝ THE PRELUDE *All Glory be to Jesus* Malcolm Archer
Dr. Will Cleveland, Organ

✝ THE LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES Parker Kinard

✝ THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN *When Israel Was in Egypt's Land* TFF #87

Please stand, as you are able.



1 When Is - rael was in E - gypt's land,
2 The Lord told Mo - ses what to do, let my peo - ple go;
3 The pillar of cloud shall clear the way,
4 As Is - rael stood by the wa - ter - side,



op - pressed so hard they could not stand,
to lead the childr'n of Is - rael through, let my peo - ple go.
a fire by night, a shade by day,
at God's com - mand it did di - vide,



Refrain
Go down, Mo - ses, way down in E - gypt's land,



tell old Pha - raoh: Let my peo - ple go!

5 When they had reached the other shore,
let my people go;
they sang the song of triumph o'er,
let my people go. *Refrain*

6 Oh, let us all from bondage flee,
let my people go;
and let us all in Christ be free,
let my people go. *Refrain*

✝ THE APOSTOLIC GREETING The Rev. Chris Christopher, Pastor

Pastor The grace of our lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

ALL And also with you.

✠ THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor Let us pray: Merciful God, the fountain of living water,
ALL you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us
 to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth through Jesus
 Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and forever. AMEN.

The children may come forward for a short message, then go downstairs to Children's Church and return during Communion.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

✠ THE LESSON Exodus 17:1-7

Summary

Lector *Because the thirsty Israelites quarreled with Moses and put God to the test, Moses cried out in desperation to God. God commanded Moses to strike the rock to provide water for the people. The doubt-filled question—"Is the Lord among us or not?"—received a very positive answer. Now, the lesson from the book of Exodus in the Old Testament.*

Lector ¹ From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ² The people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" ³ But the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" ⁴ So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do for this people? They are almost ready to stone me." ⁵ The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile and go. ⁶ I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷ He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

Lector Here ends the lesson. For the word given to us, **ALL** **Thanks be to God.**

✠ THE PSALM 121

- Lector ¹ Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.
ALL ² **Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to the Lord with psalms.**
- Lector ³ For you, Lord, are a great God, and a great ruler above all gods.
ALL ⁴ **In your hand are the caverns of the Earth; the heights of the hills are also yours.**
- Lector ⁵ The sea is yours, for you made it, and your hands have molded the dry land.
ALL ⁶ **Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our maker.**
- Lector ⁷ For the Lord is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand. Oh, that today you would hear God's voice!
ALL ⁸ **"Harden not your hearts, as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert.**
- Lector ⁹ There your ancestors tested me, they put me to the test, though they had seen my works.
ALL ¹⁰ **Forty years I loathed that generation, saying, 'The heart of this people goes astray; they do not know my ways.'**
- Lector ¹¹ Indeed, I swore in my anger,
ALL **'They shall never come to my rest.'**



✠ THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION AND READING

John 4:5-42

Please stand as you are able.

Pastor Lord, you are truly the Savior of the world,
ALL **give me this living water that I may never thirst again.**

Pastor The Holy Gospel according to Saint John the 4th chapter.
ALL **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Pastor ⁵ Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶ Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

⁷ A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." ⁸ (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) ⁹ The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) ¹⁰ Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." ¹¹ The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? ¹² Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" ¹³ Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." ¹⁵ The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." ¹⁷ The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband,' ¹⁸ for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" ¹⁹ The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. ²⁰ Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." ²¹ Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²² You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³ But the hour is coming and is now here when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him.

Pastor ²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” ²⁵ The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.” ²⁶ Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.”

²⁷ Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you want?” or, “Why are you speaking with her?” ²⁸ Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, ²⁹ “Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?” ³⁰ They left the city and were on their way to him.

³¹ Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat something.” ³² But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” ³³ So the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?” ³⁴ Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. ³⁵ Do you not say, ‘Four months more, then comes the harvest’? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. ³⁶ The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. ³⁷ For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ ³⁸ I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”

³⁹ Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.” ⁴⁰ So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. ⁴¹ And many more believed because of his word. ⁴² They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.”

Pastor This is the Gospel of the Lord.

ALL Praise to you, O Christ.

✝ THE SERMON

Please be seated.

The Rev. Chris Christopher

✚ THE HYMN OF THE DAY

Out of the Depths I Cry to You ELW # 600

Please stand, as you are able.



1 Out of the depths I cry to you; O Lord God, hear me call - ing.
2 All things you send are full of grace; you crown our lives with fa - vor.
3 In you a - lone, O God, we hope, and not in our own mer - it.
4 My soul is wait - ing for you, Lord, as one who longs for morn - ing;



In - cline your ear to my dis - tress in spite of my re - bel - ling.
All our good works are done in vain with - out our Lord and Sav - ior.
We rest our fears in your good Word and trust your Ho - ly Spir - it.
no watch - er waits with great - er hope than I for your re - turn - ing.



Do not re - gard my sin - ful deeds. Send me the grace
We praise you for the gift of faith; you save us from
Your prom - ise keeps us strong and sure; we trust the cross,
I hope as Is - rael in the Lord, who sends re - demp -



my spir - it needs; with - out it I am noth - ing.
the grip of death; our lives are in your keep - ing.
your sig - na - ture, in - scribed up - on our tem - ples.
tion through the Word. Praise God for grace and mer - cy!

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Music: AUS TIEFER NOT, attr. Martin Luther
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✠ THE RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Pastor I present to you Kevin and Diane Sponenberg for inclusion and membership in the Immanuel Lutheran Church family.

Pastor Let us pray, Merciful God, we thank you for this brother and sister whom you have made your own by water and the Word in Baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of Baptism and unite the hearts of ALL whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

ALL AMEN.

✠ THE PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

ALL I renounce them.

Pastor Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

ALL I renounce them.

Pastor Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

ALL I renounce them.

Pastor Do you believe in God the Father?

ALL I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

ALL I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and 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 and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Pastor Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

ALL 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.

Pastor You have made public affirmation of your faith. Do you intend to continue to live in the covenant God made with you in Baptism: to live among God's faithful people; to hear the word of God and participate in the holy supper; to nurture your faith through prayer, the reading of Scripture, and worship, so that you may learn to trust God more and more, will proclaim Christ through word and deed, will care for others and the world God made, and will work for justice and peace in all the Earth?

ALL I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

Pastor People of God, do you promise to support and pray for one another in your life together in Christ, living among God's faithful people, hearing God's Word and participating in God's holy supper, nurturing your faith through prayer, the reading of Scripture, and participating in Worship, so that we may be one in love and mission?

ALL We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Pastor Let your light so shine before others that they will see your good works and give glory to your Father in Heaven. We welcome you into the family, and ministry of Jesus Christ here at Immanuel Lutheran Church.

ALL Welcome brother and sister to our family. Thanks be to God.

✝ THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Please be seated or kneel. AM = Assisting Minister

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

Silence for preparation

AM O God, when suffering arises, preserve your church. Give to pastors, deacons, bishops, and ALL servants of your Gospel the endurance that produces character and the hope that will never disappoint. Hear us, O God.

ALL Your mercy is great.

AM When the waters run dry, sustain this Earth. Send water to places languishing with drought and bring relief to places damaged by floods. Hear us, O God.

ALL Your mercy is great.

AM When quarrels ensue, soften our hearts. Quell hostilities between nations and peoples, and reconcile ALL humans across the lines of gender, race, class, nationality, moral conviction, religion, and ALL else that divides or oppresses. Hear us, O God.

ALL **Your mercy is great.**

AM When your people thirst, satisfy their needs. Send water and food to ALL who need nourishment. Grant welcome to ALL who are excluded. Show your mercy to any in need. Hear us, O God.

ALL **Your mercy is great.**

AM When we gather to Worship, send us your Spirit. Renew our hearts through the joyful noise we make and bless the work of our church musicians and musical ensembles. Hear us, O God.

ALL **Your mercy is great.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

AM O God, when death draws near, we rejoice in the promise of life with you. We remember those who have entered eternal rest, and we pray that you bring us the hope of sharing in your glory. Hear us, O God.

ALL **Your mercy is great.**

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

ALL **AMEN.**

✝ THE CONFESSION

Pastor Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Gracious God,
ALL **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. AMEN.**

✝ THE ABSOLUTION (Declaration of Forgiveness)

Pastor God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound. Through faith, the free gift of God, you have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ. In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. The Spirit of the One who raised Christ from the dead dwells in you, pours God's love into your hearts, and gives you life and peace.

ALL AMEN.

✝ THE PEACE

Please stand, as you are able.

Pastor The peace of the Lord be with you always.

ALL And also with you.

Pastor Let us turn to our AV Team and those worshiping with us on-line and on the radio and say together,

ALL the peace of the Lord be with you.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Holy Communion

Please be seated and let us continue Worship with our offering.

*During this time the ushers will pass the offering plates. If you prefer, you may give remotely by scanning the QR code to the left or visiting our website www.ilcgreenwood.com and selecting GIVE from the menu. THANK YOU for your generosity.



✝ THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Lord Jesus, Think on Me* Georgiann H. Toole The Chancel Choir

Lord Jesus, think on me, and purge away my sin.

From earth-born passions set me free and make me pure within.

Lord Jesus, think on me, amid the battle's strife. In all my pain and misery be thou my health and life.

Lord Jesus, think on me, nor let me go astray. Through darkness and perplexity point thou the heavenly way.

Lord Jesus, think on me, that, when this life is past, I may eternal brightness see and share thy joy at last.

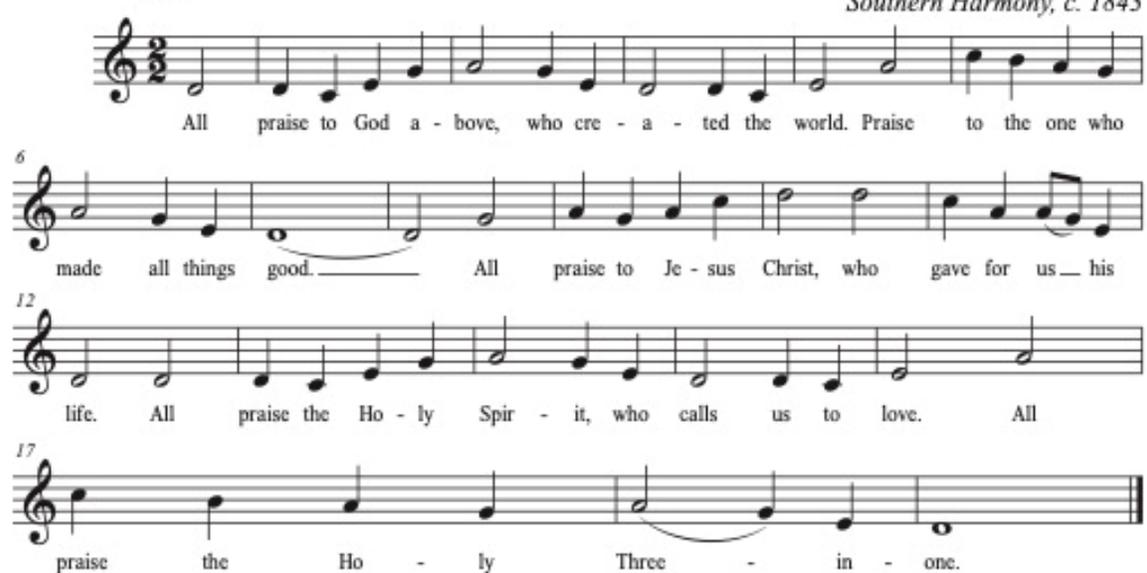
✚ THE DOXOLOGY

All Praise to God Above

Please stand, as you are able.

WONDROUS LOVE
Southern Harmony, c. 1843

♩ = 80



All praise to God a - bove, who cre - a - ted the world. Praise to the one who
6 made all things good. All praise to Je - sus Christ, who gave for us his
12 life. All praise the Ho - ly Spir - it, who calls us to love. All
17 praise the Ho - ly Three - in - one.

✚ THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

Pastor Let us pray: O God, maker of Heaven and Earth,
ALL 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.
AMEN.

✚ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor The Lord be with you.
ALL And also with you.
Pastor Lift up your hearts.
ALL We lift them to the Lord.
Pastor Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
ALL It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor continues with the Words of Institution.

✠ THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

ALL Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on Earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. AMEN.

✠ THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Please be seated.

ALL are invited regardless of your understanding, your faith background, or sense of worth. Christ invites you. Jesus gives himself for you; Yes, for YOU. So come, come to the Table of the Lord. Communion is distributed by intinction, the dipping of the bread into the cup. The silver cups hold wine. The stoneware cups hold grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request; please ask for gluten free as you approach the server. Prepackaged elements are available inside a bowl at the head of the aisle. ALL are welcome to use the chancel rail for private prayer during the distribution.

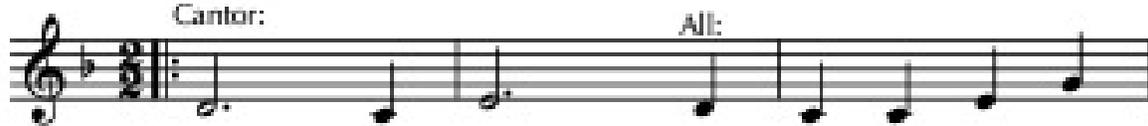
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✠ THE AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God

Cantor: All:



Lamb of God, you take a - way the
Ag - nus Dei, qui tol - lis pe - cá -



sins of the world, have mer -
ta mun - di: † Mi - se - ré -

Cantor: All:



cy on us. Lamb of God, you
re no - bis.



take a - way the sins of the world,



grant us peace, do - na no - bis pa - cem.

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Music: *Mass of Wondrous Love*, Amy Righi, b.1961
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✝ THE COMMUNION HYMN

My Song Is Love Unknown

ELW # 343

1 My song is love un - known, my Sav - ior's love to
 2 He came from his blest throne sal - va - tion to be -
 3 Some - times they strew his way and his sweet prais - es
 4 Why? What has my Lord done? What makes this rage and

me, love to the love-less shown that they might love - ly
 stow, but such dis - dain! So few the longed - for Christ would
 sing, re - sound - ing all the day ho - san - nas to their
 spite? He made the lame to run, he gave the blind their

be. Oh, who am I that for my sake
 know! But oh, my friend, my friend in - deed,
 King. Then "Cru - ci - fy!" is all their breath,
 sight. Sweet in - ju - ries! Yet they at these

my Lord should take frail flesh and die?
 who at my need his life did spend!
 and for his death they thirst and cry.
 them - selves dis - please and 'gainst him rise.

Text: Samuel Crossman, c. 1624-1683, alt.
 Music: John M. Ireland, 1879-1962

LOVE UNKNOWN
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✠ THE BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

Please stand, as you are able.

Pastor The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in
 God's Grace!

ALL AMEN!

✠ THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Pastor Let us pray: God of our salvation,

ALL 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. AMEN.

✠ THE BENEDICTION

Pastor 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.

ALL AMEN.



1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je-sus' blood and righ-teous-ness;
 2 When dark-ness veils his love-ly face, I rest on his un - chang-ing grace;
 3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus - tain me in the rag - ing flood;
 4 When he shall come with trum-pet sound, oh, may I then in him be found,

no mer-it of my own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 in ev-'ry high and storm - y gale my an - chor holds with-in the veil.
 when all sup-ports are washed a - way, he then is all my hope and stay.
 clothed in his righ-teous-ness a - lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

Refrain

On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is

sink - ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Text: Edward Mote, 1797-1874, alt.
 Music: THE SOLID ROCK, William B. Bradbury, 1816-1868

✠ THE PROCLAMATION OF OUR MISSION AND DISMISSAL

CM = Council Member of the Day

CM Let us proclaim together:

ALL **By the grace of God, we are disciples growing in faith, serving our communities, and connecting others to Christ.**

CM Go in peace.

ALL **Thanks be to God.**

✠ THE POSTLUDE

Built on a Rock

Gilbert M. Martin

*After Worship, please join us downstairs in the Old Fellowship Hall for Coffee time and Adult Christian Education. Today's topic: Faith.

THANK YOU to those serving in Worship today!

Council Member of the Day	John Kinard
Lector and Assisting Minister	Danny Kinard
Acolyte /Crucifer	Parker Kinard
Communion Assistants	Elaine Rosenbaum, Carl Monson, and Stacy Volpone
Sound and Video Technician(s)	Larry Hammond
Altar Guild	Carl Monson
Ushers	Erwin Finkbeiner and Kat Finkbeiner
Counters	Janet Ahn and YJ Ahn
Officer on Duty	Kevin Reeder

✝ THE PRAYER LIST

*Please email Dr. Will to add or remove names.

If anyone needs visitation, please contact Pastor Chris.

Those in need of healing: Maddy Bell, Linda Beveridge, Stephanie Branch, Wayne Cannon, Tom Carter, Vicky Crawford, Patricia Carteron, Steve Crooks, Nancy Crooks, Oliver Conaty, Laquana Davis, Ronald Ewart, the family of Spencer Franks, Michael Gagné, the Goodman family, Traver Gowan, Pop Pop Gowan, Chelsea Hall, Samuel Raines, John Mark Scruggs, Muriel Houde-Stickney, Tracy Koester, David Krumwiede, Juan Luna, Anna Luna, Judith Mutter, Chandler Patterson, and Betty Weeks.

Those with long term needs: Gail Bouknight, Rick Coker, Richard Coker, Brenda Donahue, Latrosha Fuller, Willie Fred Kennedy, Lois Kuntz, Martin Pueschel, Rodine Russell (NHC 226-D), Sara Russell, Jeanne Shealy, Deanna Whitt, and Emily Wallace.

Those in the military: Daniel Darling, Nicholas Pueschel, and Devin Rosenbaum.

Expectant and new again parents and siblings, the women of Kinard Manor and ALL in recovery, the people fed through our Soup Kitchen Ministry and Food Pantry Ministry, the people participating in our Jail Ministry, the people of our Matthew 25:40 Ministry, along with the people they continue to help in Guatemala, and

The families of Saints who have been received into their eternal rest: Frances Herlong Floyd, Spencer Franks, Lorraine Moeller, and Steve Presley.

THIS WEEK AT ILC

Sunday, March 8

9 a.m. Worship (Nave)

10 a.m. Coffee Time and Adult Christian Education (Old Fellowship Hall)

4:30 p.m. Worship (Nave)

5:30 p.m. Lenten Dinner (Old Fellowship Hall)

Monday, March 9

6:30 p.m. Pickleball - Monday, January 12, 6:30 p.m. ALL are invited.

If interested, please contact Larry Hammond at (landkhamm@gmail.com) or just show up.

Tuesday, March 10

9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Food Pantry (Welcome Center)

11 a.m. Mutual Ministry (McCombs Meeting Room)

1 p.m. - Bible Study (McCombs Meeting Room)

Wednesday, March 11

9 a.m. God's Gardeners

Community Lenten Pilgrimage

St. Mark United Methodist Church

Rivers Street Campus: 1633 Rivers Street

12 p.m. - 1st seating for lunch

12:30 p.m.- Service

1 p.m. - 2nd seating for lunch (Fellowship Center)

\$2 donation is requested to help with the cost of lunch.

4 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice

5 p.m. Handbell Choir Practice

Thursday, March 12

11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Food Pantry (Welcome Center)

6 p.m. Dining Divas (El Centenario) Sign up on the WELCA board or text JoAn Crowder at 864-942-9191.

Saturday, March 14

8:30 a.m. LMIM (Old Fellowship Hall)

✝ THE ANNOUNCEMENTS (week of 3/08/2026)

Pastor Chris - will be on vacation starting tomorrow Monday, March 9, and will return to the office on Monday, March 23. Please contact John Kinard with any questions or concerns. (jlnkinard29@yahoo.com) 864-554-2120.

Time and Talents Sheets - please complete and place in the offering plate by Sunday, March 22.

Donations for Festive Music and Easter Decorations - are now being accepted. We are grateful for any amount. Please submit information for “in memory of” or “in honor of” through the link in the Friday newsletter or filling out a form in the Narthex.

Forms are due by Friday, March 27.

Pastoral Visitation - If you know of someone that wants pastoral visitation, please let Pastor Chris, John Kinard, or Dr. Will know.

Greenwood Festive Choral - Sunday, March 15, at 4 p.m. Annual concert by the Greenwood Festive Chorale, “Modern Choral Classics.” FREE admission.
First Presbyterian Church - 108 East Cambridge Avenue, Greenwood.



Please make sure you are registered to receive Immanuel’s electronic communications and weekly newsletter by scanning the QR code. **Announcements for the Sunday bulletin and the weekly newsletter are due to Dr. Will by Wednesday at 10 a.m. The deadline for the April Messenger is Friday, March 27.**

A Prayer for Lenten Simplicity

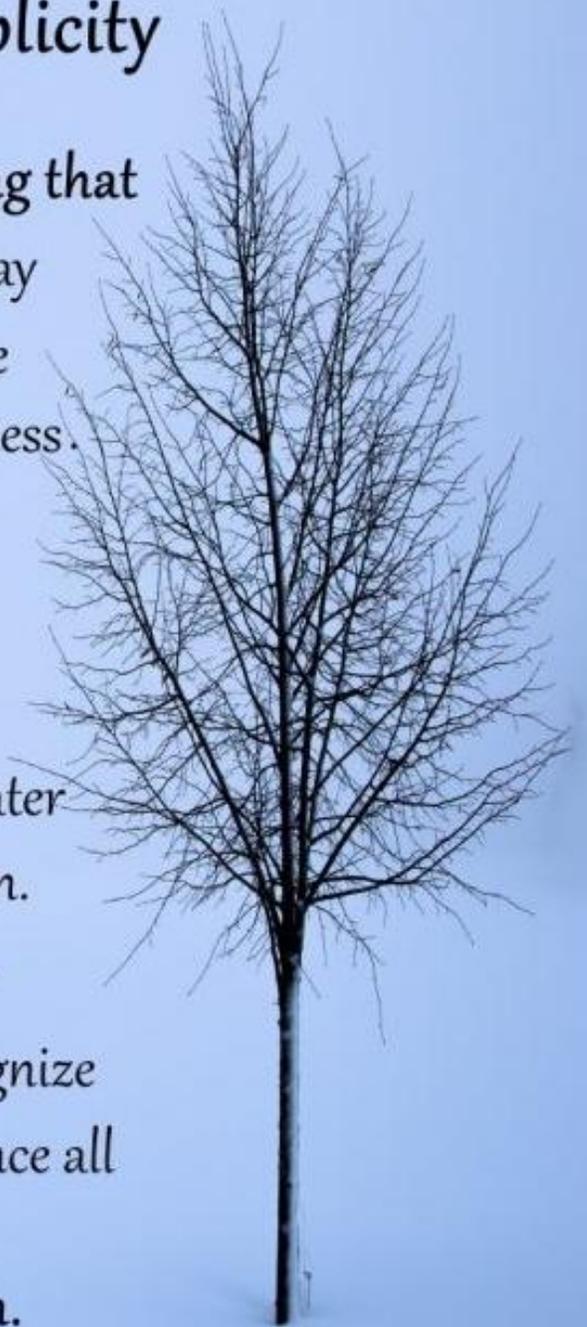
Free me, Lord Jesus, from anything that obstructs my way to you. Clear away the clutter of petty grudges. Remove smudges of resentment and bitterness.

Cleanse me of thoughts filled with anger envy, or self-pity.

Create space in my life for more kindness and less spitefulness, greater generosity and stronger compassion.

Enlarge my heart with a spirit of gratitude this Lent, so that I recognize the simple gifts that lay in abundance all around me.

In your sacred name, I pray. Amen.





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