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First time at Immanuel? We are so glad you chose to worship with us today! We would like to give you a welcome gift bag – it's full of goodies and helpful information about our church. Please see an usher to receive yours.

The Nursery is Open for children ages infant to 3yrs. Our Comfort Room is available in the Sanctuary for parents of young children who need care and comforting. We also have children's activity bags and the playground is open.

Time Together for Children ages 3 - 5, from after the Children's Message in worship until the worship service ends. Please pick up your children in Towner Hall Room 3.

Join us for Fellowship Hour after each service in Witherspoon Hall – Come for conversation and refreshments after the service – we usually have coffee and donuts. It's a great way to make new friends and take some time to connect with each other.

Office Hours: The church office is open Monday through Thursday from 9:00am – 4:00pm and closed on Fridays. You can contact Kate Kelly in the office at kate@immanuelpc.org or call (520) 296-2253 for assistance. Pastor Bart Smith's office hours are Tuesday and Thursday mornings until 11:30am and his email is bart@immanuelpc.org.

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Discovering and displaying Christ in here and out there

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Traditional Worship Service



March 9, 2025 • 11:00am
The First Sunday in Lent

*Please stand as able when noted by an asterisk.
For responsive prayers and readings, congregational responses are in **bold**.

The prayers for our worship during the Season of Lent come from the *Bread of Life* collection by Illustrated Ministry.



• GATHER TO PRAISE GOD •

PRELUDE

Simon Bore the Cross

by Margaret Bonds (1913-1972)

WELCOME

Kris Goorsky

GATHERING PRAYER

Tim Bacchus

Holy God, throughout history you have fed people in body, mind, and spirit. As we gather in worship today, we rest in the knowledge that you continue to care for us. We come into this space with complicated lives, different needs, and unique situations. You know all of our longings, and you look at us with compassion and love. Because we know the bread of life, Jesus, is the sustaining source of hope, we lean into this hour of worship with expectancy and faith. You have provided for our needs from the beginning, and you will meet us once again today. **Amen.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Let us gather together, hungry and thirsty. Come, all who long to be filled with good things.

All: **The bread of life satisfies our hunger and thirst.**

One: Let us open our hands to receive from God's son, our brother and friend.

All: **The bread of life loves us and knows our needs.**

One: Let us quiet our minds and awaken our hearts to be transformed by God's Spirit, who redeems us.

All: **The bread of life has come to sustain us. Believing this promise, let us worship together!**

HYMN • 166Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days*

ST. FLAVIAN

CALL TO AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Holy God, even though we choose to follow Jesus, live his way, and share in the bread of life, we confess we have overlooked the hungry in our midst. We confess it is easier to avoid people and places that demand our attention and resources, and go about our days turning our eyes from those in need. But Jesus shows us a different way—a way of sharing, a way of justice. Forgive us for the times we have looked away from those who are hungry and their needs for food, clothing, friendship, or anything else. Forgive us for neglecting our neighbors and our community. Help us be faithful to this calling.

*(Our prayers continue in silence.)***KYRIE ELEISON • 551***Lord, Have Mercy*

LAND OF REST

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS***PASSING THE PEACE**

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you!***SONG OF PRAISE • 497***Bread of Life from Heaven*

ARGENTINE SANTO

• PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD •**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Kris Goorsky

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God, may the scriptures we read today become living bread. May your Spirit empower them to shape us in Jesus' likeness. Give us wisdom as we interpret these words of scripture; may they nourish our minds and souls. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Exodus 16: 1-5 (CEV)

On the fifteenth day of the second month after the Israelites had escaped from Egypt, they left Elim and started through the western edge of the Sinai Desert in the direction of Mount Sinai. There in the desert they started complaining to Moses and Aaron, "We wish the Lord had killed us in Egypt. When we lived there, we could at least sit down and eat all the bread and meat we wanted. But you have brought us out here into this desert, where we are going to starve."

The Lord said to Moses, "I will send bread down from heaven like rain. Tell the people to go out each day and gather only enough for that day. That's how I will see if they obey me. But on the sixth day of each week they must gather and cook twice as much."

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON**

John 6: 25-40 (CEV)

They found him on the west side of the lake and asked, "Rabbi, when did you get here?" Jesus answered, "I tell you for certain that you are not looking for me because you saw the miracles, but because you ate all the food you wanted. Don't work for food that spoils. Work for food that gives eternal life. The Son of Man will give you this food, because God the Father has given him the right to do so."

"What exactly does God want us to do?" the people asked. Jesus answered, "God wants you to have faith in the one he sent." They replied, "What miracle will you work, so that we can have faith in you? What will you do? For example, when our ancestors were in the desert, they were given manna to eat. It happened just as the Scriptures say, 'God gave them bread from heaven to eat.' " Jesus then told them, "I tell you for certain that Moses wasn't the one who gave you bread from heaven. My Father is the one who gives you the true bread from heaven. And the bread that God gives is the one who came down from heaven to give life to the world."

The people said, "Sir, give us this bread and don't ever stop!" Jesus replied: I am the bread that gives life! No one who comes to me will ever be hungry. No one who has faith in me will ever be thirsty. I have told you already that you have seen me and still do not have faith in me. Everything and everyone that the Father has given me will come to me, and I won't turn any of them away. I didn't come from heaven to do what I want! I came to do what the Father wants me to do. He sent me, and he wants to make certain that none of the ones he has given me will be lost. Instead, he wants me to raise them to life on the last day. My Father wants everyone who sees the Son to have faith in him and to have eternal life. Then I will raise them to life on the last day.

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.**SERMON**

Kris Goorsky

*Fill My Cup****SONG***Bread of Life*

by Andrea Hamilton, Amanda Meisenheimer

• GIVE THANKS TO GOD •**OFFERING OUR GIFTS****OFFERTORY***Diptych for Organ, I. Prayer*

by Brenda Portman

DOXOLOGY • 606Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

OLD HUNDREDTH

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Generous God, we give because you have satisfied our needs with the bread of life. Use these fruits of our labor and inheritance to bless our community with love. **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

• SENT OUT TO SERVE •**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Kris Goorsky

HYMN • 167Forty Days and Forty Nights*

AUS DER TIEFE RUF E ICH

CHARGE AND BLESSING**POSTLUDE***Proclamation on Ein' feste Burg*

by Rebecca Groom te Velde

SERVICE IN THE WORLD

Our worship continues as we are sent to love God and neighbor in our daily living!