

# Immanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH ELCA



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## **Palm Sunday**

**9:30 a.m. Worship Service March 29, 2026**

Welcome! We're glad that you are here, and we hope this service of worship will be a blessing to you. Welcome Packets are available in the entryway

*In the ELCA we welcome all believers to receive the Holy Communion. Communion elements for our service include: Pre-packaged wafers (they are also gluten free), individual cup of wine or grape juice.*

Restrooms are located through the entryway and to the left (signs are posted).



**Assisted Listening:** The Hearing Loop system in place for the hearing impaired will allow hearing aids equipped with a telecoil to serve as wireless loudspeakers, delivering sound right inside the ear. By activating a switch on your hearing aid, the sound is transmitted directly to your ears.

**MISSION:** To inspire members to grow in loving devotion to Jesus Christ, caring concern for one another, welcoming outreach, and loving service to our neighbors.

**VISION STATEMENT:** Immanuel Lutheran Church will be known for welcoming hospitality, passionate worship, intentional faith development, risk-taking mission and service, and extravagant generosity.

# **Palm Sunday**

Lutheran Book of Worship Holy Communion Setting 1  
March 29th, 2026

## GATHERING

**\*\* We gather in the narthex for the processional with palms \*\***

### **PRELUDE**

### **BELLS**

### **PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL (Matthew 21: 1-11)**

P: <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

**\*\* We process in to the Processional Hymn \*\***

### **PROCESSIONAL HYMN: "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" LBW# 108 vss 1&2**

All glory, laud and honor to you, redeemer, king;  
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosanas ring.  
You are the king of Israel and David's royal Son;  
Now in the Lord's name coming, our King and Blessed One.

All glory, laud and honor to you, redeemer, king;  
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosanas ring.  
The company of angels are praising you on high  
Creation and all mortals in the chorus make reply

All glory, laud and honor to you, redeemer, king;  
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosanas ring.

*(Please be seated)*

### **SHARING TIME**

### **PASSING THE PEACE**

### **CANDLE LIGHTING**

*\*(Please stand as you are able)*

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

A: 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.

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin before God, who removes our guilt and blots out all offenses.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Gracious God,

**C: Have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P: For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you: Gracious God,

**C: Have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P: For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word: Gracious God,

**C: Have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P: For failing to recognize your coming reign, and for hindering the work of the Spirit: Gracious God,

**C: Have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P: For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition, and for disdain the living water Christ offers: Gracious God,

**C: Have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P: For disregarding voices from the margins, and for distrusting signs of your healing and hope in the world: Gracious God,

**C: Have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P: For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent, and for disregarding Christ's call to come forth to life: Gracious God,

**C: Have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P: 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.

C: Amen.

**GATHERING HYMN "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" LBW#108 Green Hymnal vss 3-4**

**GREETING**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

**KYRIE**

**A** In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,

and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra-cious Lord.

**C** A - - - - - men

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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.

**C: Amen.**

*\*(Please be seated)*

## **FIRST READING: Isaiah 50: 4-9a**

<sup>4</sup> The Lord GOD has given me a trained tongue, 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 in court 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?

A: The word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM: Psalm 31: 9-16**

<sup>9</sup> Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I <sup>1</sup> am in trouble;

**my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat <sup>1</sup> and my belly.**

<sup>10</sup> For my life is wasted with grief, and my <sup>1</sup> years with sighing;

**my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones <sup>1</sup> are consumed.**

<sup>11</sup> I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a dismay to <sup>1</sup> my acquaintances;

**when they see me in the street <sup>1</sup> they avoid me.**

<sup>12</sup> Like the dead I am forgotten, <sup>1</sup> out of mind;

**I am as useless as a <sup>1</sup> broken pot.**

<sup>13</sup> For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is <sup>1</sup> all around;

**they put their heads together against me; they plot to <sup>1</sup> take my life.**

<sup>14</sup> But as for me, I have trusted in <sup>1</sup> you, O LORD.

**I have said, "You <sup>1</sup> are my God.**

<sup>15</sup> My times are <sup>1</sup> in your hand;

**rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who <sup>1</sup> persecute me.**

<sup>16</sup> Let your face shine up- <sup>1</sup> on your servant;

**save me in your <sup>1</sup> steadfast love."**

## **SECOND READING: Phillipians 2: 5-11**

<sup>5</sup> Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who, though he existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, <sup>7</sup> but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness. And being found in appearance as a human, <sup>8</sup> he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross.

<sup>9</sup> Therefore God exalted him even more highly and gave him the name that is above every

other name, <sup>10</sup> so that at the name given to 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.

A: The word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God**

*(Please stand as you are able)*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and  
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in  
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 27th chapter, vss. 11 through 54.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*(Please be seated- long Gospel reading)*

### GOSPEL: Matthew 27: 11-54

<sup>11</sup> Now Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, “Are you the king of the Jews?” Jesus said, “You say so.” <sup>12</sup> But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. <sup>13</sup> Then Pilate said to him, “Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?” <sup>14</sup> But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

<sup>15</sup> Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. <sup>16</sup> At that time they had a notorious prisoner called Jesus Barabbas. <sup>17</sup> So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, “Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?” <sup>18</sup> For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. <sup>19</sup> While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, “Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him.” <sup>20</sup> Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. <sup>21</sup> The governor again said to them, “Which of the two do you want me to release for you?” And they said, “Barabbas.” <sup>22</sup> Pilate said to them, “Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?” All of them said, “Let him be crucified!” <sup>23</sup> Then he asked, “Why, what evil has he done?” But they shouted all the more, “Let him be crucified!”

<sup>24</sup> So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves." <sup>25</sup> Then the people as a whole answered, "His blood be on us and on our children!" <sup>26</sup> So he released Barabbas for them, and after flogging Jesus he handed him over to be crucified.

<sup>27</sup> Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. <sup>28</sup> They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, <sup>29</sup> and after twisting some thorns into a crown they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" <sup>30</sup> They spat on him and took the reed and struck him on the head. <sup>31</sup> After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

<sup>32</sup> As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. <sup>33</sup> And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), <sup>34</sup> they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall, but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. <sup>35</sup> And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; <sup>36</sup> then they sat down there and kept watch over him. <sup>37</sup> Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews."

<sup>38</sup> Then two rebels were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>39</sup> Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads <sup>40</sup> and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross." <sup>41</sup> In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, <sup>42</sup> "He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. <sup>43</sup> He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to, for he said, 'I am God's Son.'" <sup>44</sup> The rebels who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.

<sup>45</sup> From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. <sup>46</sup> And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" <sup>47</sup> When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "This man is calling for Elijah." <sup>48</sup> At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. <sup>49</sup> But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him." <sup>50</sup> Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. <sup>51</sup> At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. <sup>52</sup> The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. <sup>53</sup> After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. <sup>54</sup> Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

**SERMON: Pastor Devon Herrell "Who is to blame?"**

*\*(Please stand as you are able)*

**HYMN OF THE DAY : "My Song Is Love Unknown" LBW# 94 Green Hymnal**

P: Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostle's Creed.

**C: APOSTLES' CREED**

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. 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.

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.

*\*(Please be seated)*

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*Response following each petition:*

A: Hear us, O God,

C: Your mercy is great.

*\*(Please stand as you are able)*

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING FOR OFFERINGS**

**\*\*LET THE VINEYARDS BE FRUITFUL\*\***



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be  
fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u -  
nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

A: Let us pray.

O God, maker of heaven and earth ,

C: **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.**

Amen.

## MEAL

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

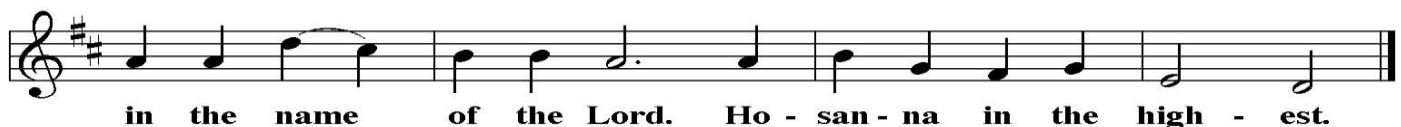
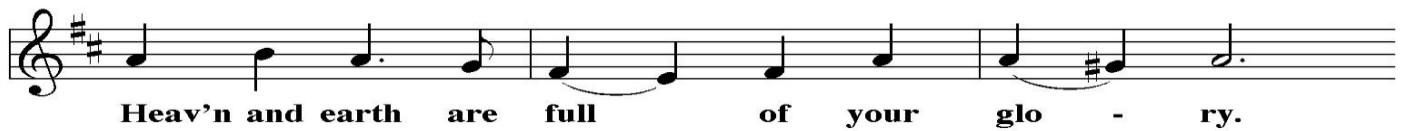
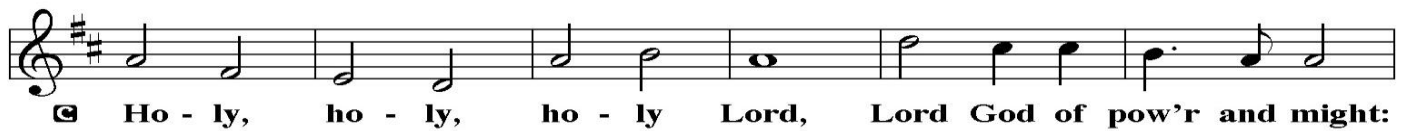
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### PREFACE:

P: It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on the tree of the cross gave salvation to all, that, where death began, there life might be restored, and that he, who by a tree once overcame, might by a tree be overcome. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## **HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**



## CONSECRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

**P:** Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all. 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 this 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."

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Pour out your Holy Spirit, that by this Holy Communion we may know the unity we share with all your people in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

**P:** Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

**C: 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.**

*(Please be seated)*

## COMMUNION

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## LAMB OF GOD



④ 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.

**COMMUNION HYMN: "Were You There?" LBW# 92 Green Hymnal**

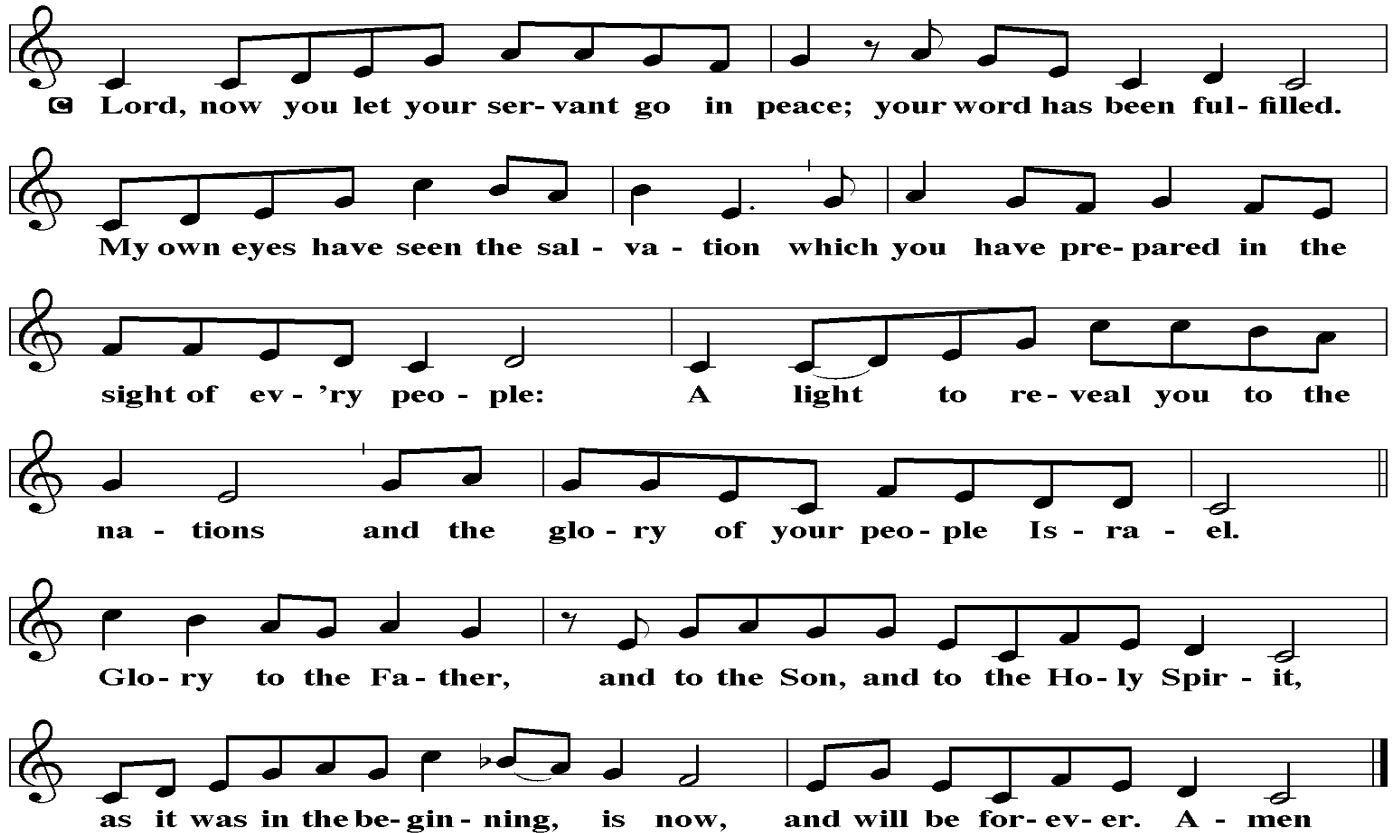
*\*(Pease stand if you are able)*

**COMMUNION BLESSING**

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

C: Amen.

**POST COMMUNION CANTICLE "Lord, now you let your servant go in peace"**



Lord, now you let your ser- vant go in peace; your word has been ful- filled.  
My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre- pared in the  
sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re- veal you to the  
na - tions and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.  
Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it,  
as it was in the be- gin - ning, is now, and will be for- ev - er. A - men

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

A: Let us pray.

A: God of our salvation, 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.

C: Amen.

**BLESSING**

P: 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.

C: Amen.

**SENDING HYMN: “On My Heart Imprint Your Image” LBW# 102 Green Hymnal**

**PRAYER**

**A:** Let us pray together Immanuel's Opening Doors prayer.

**C:** Dear Lord, we thank and praise you for your everlasting love and enduring mercy. Continue to send your holy spirit: To bless us, to watch over us and to guide us in all that we do so that we grow in: Our love for you, our love for each other and our love for those in our community.

Grant us the courage to be bold in opening doors by inviting and welcoming others in our community to God's church. Give us strength: To trust in you and to have faith and hope in your plans for God's church. In Jesus name we pray. Amen

**DISMISSAL**

**A:** Go in peace. Believe the good news.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE**

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The congregation and ministries of this church rely on your weekly offerings and gifts. We encourage you to continue your tithing to Immanuel. If you have a key, you may stop by & leave them in Cindi's mailbox or slip them under her door. You may also mail them to Immanuel at 726 Fuller Ave. Big Rapids, MI. Thank you to everyone who has been sending in your offerings.

*~Stewardship Committee*

**Please join us for fellowship in the Fellowship Hall following Worship today! (on 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of month, cake will be served for all birthdays celebrated in the month.)**

**SERVING IN SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE**

**Musician:** Janet Mallett

**Altar Duty:** Carol Zimmerman, Phyllis Cousineau

**Presiding Minister:** Pastor Devon Herrell

**Worship Assistant:** Lee Wolken

**Greeter:** Phyllis Lindsey

**Usher:**

**Reader:** Carol Wilson-Jungck

**Sound Technician:** David Scott

**A/V Projection Technicians:** David Scott

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Birthdays this week - None to report

Happy Anniversary - None to report

Altar Flowers by Cindi Neumann in honor of Grandma's birthday

**Readings for April 5<sup>th</sup> (Easter Sunday):**

Acts 10: 34-43

Psalm 118: 1-2, 12-19)

Colossians 3: 1-4

Matthew 28: 1-10

Upcoming In Person meetings

Easter Brunch **Sun, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:45pm**

Tuba Bach **Sun. March 29<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm**

Staff Meeting **Tues. March 31<sup>st</sup> at 10:30am**

Good Friday Service: **Fri. April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 12:00noon**

Helpful Hints from Parish Nurse Phyllis Lindsey -



Mar 22: Intellectual Disability (Mental Retardation) Month. This is a disorder which appears early in life; it includes a component relating to mental functioning and also a component relating to being able to function in one's own environment. There may be delays or difficulties in oral language development, memory and social skills, problem-solving skills, and self-help ability. Possible causes include genetics, fetal alcohol syndrome, problems during pregnancy, lack of oxygen at birth, exposure to infectious disease or to toxins (lead and/or mercury), and iodine deficiency.



**'Ball of Fire' Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

This month's Movie Matinee is 'Ball of Fire' (1941) starring Barbara Stanwyck & Gary Cooper. It is listed as a screwball comedy.



Shepherd's Hooks & Needles now meet on the third Tuesday of the month. The next session is **Tues. April 21<sup>st</sup> at Noon.**

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Manna Pantry:

March: Tuna  
April: Macaroni or spaghetti & sauce

### Project Starburst:

Fruit - any kind  
Mac & Cheese

### Grade School

Kleenex, shampoo, toothpaste/brushes, soap, underwear, sweatpants (neutral colors), socks. Sizes for children to fifth grade. Also hats, mittens, scarves, sweatshirts

### Please Note:

The Big Rapids branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) is collecting gently used books, CDs, and DVDs for its annual book sale. Donation bins are located at Artworks, Immanuel Lutheran Church, First United Methodist Church, the United Church of Big Rapids, Conley's Bakery, Canadian Lakes Pharmacy, Coldwell Banker Lakes Realty, and the Mecosta County Commission on Aging and Activity Center. Please, no textbooks or encyclopedias. The sale will be held Friday, April 17 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Saturday, April 18 from 9:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 304 Elm Street, Big Rapids. Proceeds fund scholarships for nontraditional Ferris students. For more information, call or text 231-287-7022.



# BOOK SALE

**April 17, 9am-5pm**  
**April 18, 9am-2pm**

**First United Methodist Church**  
**304 Elm Street**

Now collecting donations of *gently* used books, CDs, & DVDs  
(no encyclopedias or textbooks) at these locations:

- Artworks
- First United Methodist Church
- The United Church of Big Rapids
- Immanuel Lutheran Church
- Conley's Bakery
- Canadian Lakes Pharmacy
- Coldwell Banker Lakes Realty
- Mecosta County Commission on Aging and Activity Center

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## Ministry Leadership Team Meeting Schedule

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| March 29 <sup>th</sup> | Commitment Sunday – member pledges of support for 2026MGAP. |
| April 12 <sup>th</sup> | MLN Meeting   |

### Dinner Sixes Kickoff!

Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm

If you are interested and did not respond to the survey, please contact Nedra Neumann or Carol Wilson-Jungck.

You can find more information in the April Newsletter.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR! Spring Gathering 2026, Hosted by the NW Lower Michigan Women of the ELCA, will be April 25<sup>th</sup> at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Greenville Michigan. There will be more information in April's Newsletter.**

## TUBA BACH SCHEDULE

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| March 29 <sup>th</sup> | James Reed Ricotta ( <i>trumpet</i> ) and Katherine Dahn ( <i>Bassoon</i> ) | 4:00pm |
| April 12 <sup>th</sup> | Spring Concert - 250 Years of American Song                                 | 4:00pm |
| May 3 <sup>rd</sup>    | Noah Mallett ( <i>Piano and marimba</i> )                                   | 4:00pm |
| June 21 <sup>st</sup>  | Summer Concert - Bruce Forman   | 4:00pm |

# Palm Sunday

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**Immanuel Lutheran Church**

Sunday, March 22, 2026