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The Fourth Sunday in Lent

11 a.m. Sunday, March 27, 2022

arm welcome to Immanuel Lutheran Church. God be with you in this holy season of Lent now upon us.

Now that the COVID cases in our land have declined, we encourage, but do not require masks for those who are vaccinated with booster. If you are not vaccinated, please do wear your mask. We worry about the elderly and people with weakened immune systems — including worry for them for Coffee Hour in the undercroft. It is the same as in restaurants: people take off their masks to eat. So, please do not eat in the undercroft unless you are vaccinated.

We hope you will find strength for your souls in this liturgy. Thank you for joining in the prayers of thanksgiving by way of the Lord's Supper. If you do not already have a church home, please consider joining us here at Immanuel. Just speak with Pastor Carol or send her a note (ceafryer@gmail.com).

In Christ, Gregory Fryer Pastor Gregory Fryer

Lutheran Book of Worship, Setting One

PRELUDE Prelude & Fugue in E-flat major

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Bruce Rickenbacher, piano

THE BELLS

Please stand when the minister approaches the center aisle.

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Kneel/Stand. Silence for reflection and self-examination.

- P Most merciful God,
- We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

The minister stands and addresses the congregation.

P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

The Entrance Rite

HYMN LBW 290

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

LORD, REVIVE US

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy



- 1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer cy, like the wide-ness of the sea;
- 2 There is wel-come for the sin ner, and a prom-ised grace made good;
- 3 For the love of God is broad-er than the mea-sures of our mind
- 4 'Tis not all we owe to Je sus; it is some-thing more than all:



jus - tice which is there's a kind - ness in his more than lib - er - ty. with the Sav-ior; there is heal - ing in there is mer-cy and the heart of the e - ter - nal most won-der - ful - ly kind. is great - er good be - cause of mer - cy through the fall. e - vil, larg - er



There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up in heav'n. There is grace e - nough for thou-sands of new worlds as great as this; There is plen-ti - ful re - demp-tion in the blood that has been shed; If our love were but more sim - ple, we should take him at his word;



There is no place where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg-ment giv'n. there is room for fresh cre - a - tions in that up - per home of bliss, there is joy for all the mem-bers in the sor-rows of the head, and our lives would be all sun - shine in the sweet-ness of our Lord.

Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814–1863 Music: LORD, REVIVE US, North American, 19th cent.

APOSTOLIC GREETING

- The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- **G** And also with you.

TRISAGION

From Mass in Honor of Saint Luke Pedro d'Aquino (Men of the congregation sing the first verse)



PRAYER OF THE DAY

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.
- Let us pray. God of all mercy, by your power to heal and to forgive, graciously cleanse us from all sin and make us strong; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- Amen.

Sit

The Liturgy of the Word of God

⁹And the LORD said to Joshua, "This day I have rolled away the reproach of Egypt from you." And so the name of that place is called Gilgal to this day.

¹⁰While the people of Israel were encamped in Gilgal they kept the passover on the fourteenth day of the month at evening in the plains of

Jericho. ¹¹And on the morrow after the passover, on that very day, they ate of the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. ¹²And the manna ceased on the morrow, when they ate of the produce of the land; and the people of Israel had manna no more, but ate of the fruit of the land of Canaan that year.

A The word of the Lord.

☑ Thanks be to God.

PSALM 32, LBW



Choir ¹Happy are they whose transgressions / are forgiven,* and whose sin is / put away!

All ²Happy are they to whom the LORD im-/putes no guilt,* and in whose spirit there/is no guile!

Choir ³While I held my tongue, my bones with-/ered away,* because of my groaning / all day long.

All ⁴For your hand was heavy upon me / day and night;* my moisture was dried up as in the / heat of summer.

Choir ⁵Then I acknowledged my / sin to you,* and did not con- / ceal my guilt.

All 6I said, "I will confess my transgressions / to the LORD."*
Then you forgave me the guilt / of my sin.

Choir Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in / time of trouble;*
when the great waters overflow, they / shall not reach them.

All 8You are my hiding-place; you preserve / me from trouble;* you surround me with shouts / of deliverance.

Choir 9"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that / you should go;*

I will guide you / with my eye.

All

10Do not be like horse or mule,
which have no / understanding;*
who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will / not
stay near you."

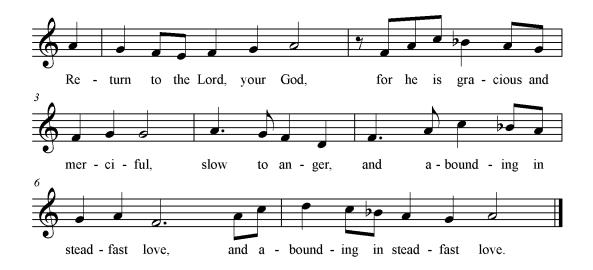
Choir ¹¹Great are the tribulations / of the wicked;* but mercy embraces those who trust / in the LORD.

All ¹²Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice / in the LORD;* shout for joy, all who are / true of heart.

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once regarded Christ from a human point of view, we regard him thus no longer. ¹⁷Therefore, if any one is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, behold, the new has come. ¹⁸All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰So we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We beseech you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

⚠ The word of the Lord. ☐ Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the singing of the Lenten Verse and for the reading of the Holy Gospel.



HOLY GOSPELLuke 15:1-3, 11b-32, RSV

Before the Gospel:

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, from the Fifteenth Chapter:



¹Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes murmured, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them."

³So he told them this parable: "There was a man who had two sons; ¹²and the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that falls to me.' And he divided his living between them. ¹³Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took his journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in loose living. ¹⁴And when he had spent everything, a great famine arose in that country, and he began to be in want. ¹⁵So he went and joined himself to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed swine. ¹⁶And he would gladly have fed on the pods that the swine ate; and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, but I perish here with hunger! 18I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; 19I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired servants." ²⁰And he arose and came to his father. But while he was yet at a distance, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and embraced him and

kissed him. ²¹And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' ²²But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet; ²³and bring the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and make merry; ²⁴for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to make merry.

²⁵"Now his elder son was in the field; and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶And he called one of the servants and asked what this meant. ²⁷And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has received him safe and sound.' ²⁸But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, ²⁹but he answered his father, 'Lo, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command; yet you never gave me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends. ³⁰But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your living with harlots, you killed for him the fatted calf!' ³¹And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³²It was fitting to make merry and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"

After the Gospel:

P The Gospel of the Lord!



HYMN WOV 733 Our Father, We Have Wandered
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Our Father, We Have Wandered



Text: Kevin Nichols, 1929-2006

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SERMON

Following the sermon, silence for reflection. Then stand for the Creed.

CREED

Q 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.

INTERCESSIONS

The Liturgy of the Eucharistic Meal

THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Let us offer a sign of peace to our neighbors: "Peace be with you."

Sit

THE OFFERING You can give your tithes and offerings via our Q code. Just point the camera on your smart phone to this code on your screen:

Or you can donate via this link: <u>Donate</u> Here are some other options for giving: <u>Ways to Give</u>

The Eucharistic Bread and Wine are moved from the credence table to the altar. The congregation remains in the pews until the Distribution of the Sacrament.

ANTHEM Tristis est anima mea Johann Kuhnau (1660-1722)

Tristis est anima mea usque ad mortem: sustinete hic et vigilate mecum. Nunc[Iam] videbitis turbam quæ circumdabit me. Vos fugam capietis, et ego vadam immolari pro vobis.

Sorrowful is my soul even unto death.

Stay here, and watch with me.

Now you shall see the mob that will surround me.

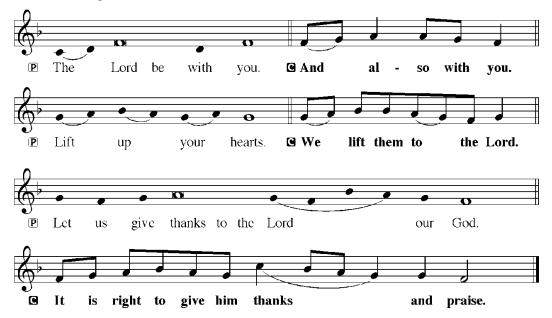
You shall take flight, and I shall go to be sacrificed for you.

Offertory Prayer

- **A** Merciful Father,
- we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

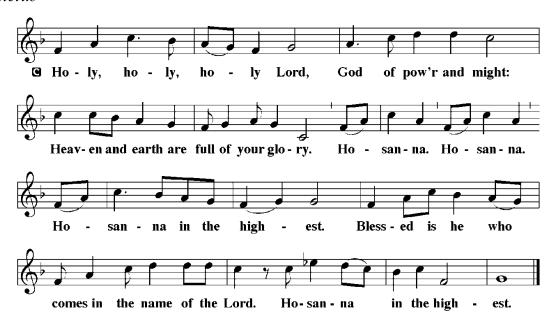
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Dialog



Preface for Lent

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. You bid your people cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast. Renew our zeal in faith and life, and bring us to the fullness of grace that belongs to the children of God. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Eucharistic Prayer I

P Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign. You have filled all creation with light and life; heaven and earth are full of your glory. Through Abraham you promised to bless all nations. You rescued Israel, your chosen people. Through the prophets you renewed your promise; and, at this end of all the ages, you sent your Son, who in words and deeds proclaimed your kingdom and was obedient to your will, even to giving his 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.

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

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

P Therefore, gracious Father, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, the spirit of our Lord and of his resurrection, that we who receive the Lord's body and blood may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

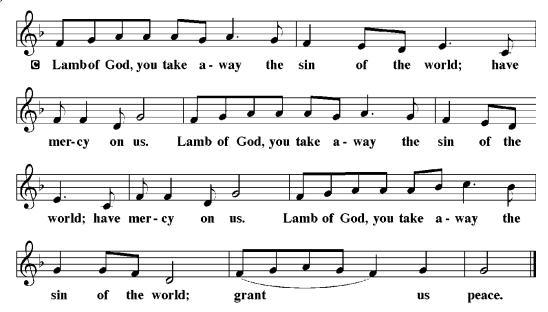
Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

P Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of 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

Agnus Dei:



Sit

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

+ If you are home during this pandemic, worshiping online with us, here is a possible "Prayer for Spiritual Communion" lifted up in *Forum Letter* (May 2020). *Forum Letter* is a respected Lutheran newsletter published by the American Lutheran Publicity Bureau:

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

COMMUNION ANTHEM *Tantum Ergo* Anton Bruckner (1824-1896) Motomi Tanaka, soprano soloist

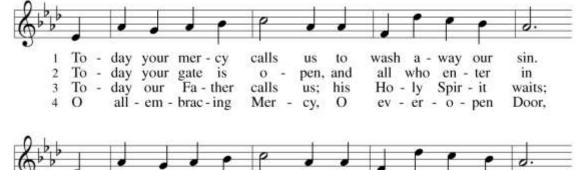
Tantum ergo sacramentumveneremur cernui, et antiquum documentum novo cedat ritui; praestet fides supplementum sensuum defectui.

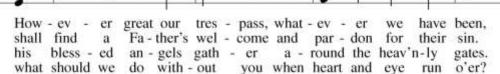
Genitori Genitoque laus et iubilatio, salus, honor, virtus quoque sit et benedictio; procedenti ab utroque compar sit laudatio. Amen.

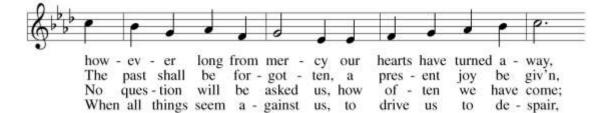
Such a great mystery, then, let us bow down and adore, and let the old covenant give way to the new: let faith provide for the weakness of the senses.

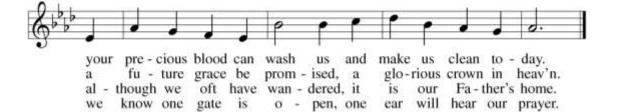
To the Father and the Son let there be praise and jubilation, salvation, honor, strength and blessing; and to the Spirit proceeding from both let there be equal glory. Amen.

Today Your Mercy Calls Us









Text: Oswald Allen, 1816–1878, alt. Music: ANTHES, Friedrich K. Anthes, b. 1812

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Silence for reflection.

The Sending

BENEDICTION (Spoken)



Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt., sts. 1–4; anonymous, st. 5 Music: NEW BRITAIN, W. Walker, Southern Harmonv, 1835; arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1851–1921, alt.

DISMISSAL

- **A** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- **☑** Thanks be to God.

Parish Announcements

- + COFFEE HOUR IN THE UNDERCROFT: Please join us for refreshments and fellowship following the Liturgy.
- + TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS: Happy 4th Birthday Reina Jolie Ramos, given by Eric & Ester Neubacher
- + ABOUT TODAY'S PARAMENTS AND VESTMENTS: The color used during Lent is purple, symbol of our penitence and his royal suffering for us.
- + The LENT BANNER above and to the right of the pulpit was commissioned by our church and created by church artist Richard Caemmerer, Jr., who describes his banner thus: "The spears pierce the blood which becomes wine for our Eucharist and which becomes water for our Baptism."
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Intercessions

+ FAIRLY NEW TO PRAYER LIST: Janet Capo (cousin of Maggie Schreiber), Jeff Rudat, Julian Dusett (friend of Thomas Wicks), Bill Voelkle, Patricia Sanders, Robert Huckfeldt (David Kiehl's brother-inlaw), David Kiehl, Dawn Greenberg (friend of Karen Bazik), Ana Almonte (friend of our member Tamares Perez), Larry Oglesby (father of our former member Laurin Smith), Tony Cull, (friend of Donald Kerr).

Midweek Lent

The Whole Armor of God - 6:30 p.m. in our church With Music Director Gwendolyn Toth for Prelude and Hymn

- → March 9 Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. Pastor Gregory Fryer
- → March 16 fasten the belt of truth around your waist and put on the breastplate of righteousness. Pastor Gregory Fryer
- + March 23 As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. *Pastor Carol Fryer*
- H March 30 take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. *Pastor Gregory Fryer*
- + <u>April 6</u> Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. *Seminarian Lara Bhasin*
- + <u>April 13, Holy Wednesday</u> Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. *Pastor Carol Fryer*

Service Notes

Director of Music/Organist	Gwendolyn Toth
Greeters/Ushers Toshitake "Jazo"	Ichikawa, Ed Indellicati, Luz Ortiz
Lector	Richard Schreiber
Presiding Minister	Rev. Carol E.A. Fryer
Preacher and Assisting Minister	Rev. Gregory P. Fryer

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HOLY COMMUNION	11 a.m. Sundays
MIDWEEK HOLY COMMUNION	6:30 p.m. Wednesdays
SUNDAY SCHOOL	Sundays at 10 a.m. in the undercroft
MONDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY	. 6:30 p.m. in the Martin Luther Room
PARISH SECRETARY	Rev. Carol E.A. Fryer
SEXTON	Gerry Britton
PARISH BOOKKEEPER	Charles Derderian
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC	Dr. Gwendolyn Toth
PASTOR	Rev. Carol E. A. Fryer

SENIOR PASTOR	Rev. Gregory P. Fryer
	Some Parish Ministry Opportunities:
CHOIR	Director of Music Dr. Gwendolyn Toth (212) 289-8128
MEALS ON HEELS	Barbara Chomko (bchomko@nyc rr com)

We extend to you a cordial welcome and hope that you will return. If you are a visitor, please fill out one of the cards in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate or hand it to Pastor Carol Fryer. If you are interested in membership here at Immanuel, please contact the church office for an appointment with Pastor Carol. Or you can email her at ceafryer@gmail.com.

- + HOLY COMMUNION is offered to all baptized Christians who have been instructed in the Church's faith, who confess it with us (as in the Creeds), and who may in good conscience receive the Sacrament in keeping with the understanding with which it is celebrated here: namely, that the Body and Blood of Christ are truly present in the consecrated bread and wine and are distributed to and received by all who commune.
- + HOLY BAPTISM is celebrated and MARRIAGES solemnized only after consultation with the pastor well in advance. If you or someone you know is ill, hospitalized, homebound, or otherwise in need of the ministry of the Church, let us know. Please call one of the Pastors (212-289-8128) or email them: gpfryer@gmail.com or ceafryer@gmail.com.
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- + LAYING ON OF HANDS AND ANOINTING WITH OIL FOR THE SICK is available. Again, simply contact either Pastor Fryer.
- + FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: There is a long line of Christians, both rich and poor, who have disciplined themselves to budget a portion of their income, put it into an offering envelope first thing, and give it to the church. Pastors Carol and Gregory Fryer live by that tradition and commend it to you. Online giving is also available through our website, or by following this QR code with your phone camera:

