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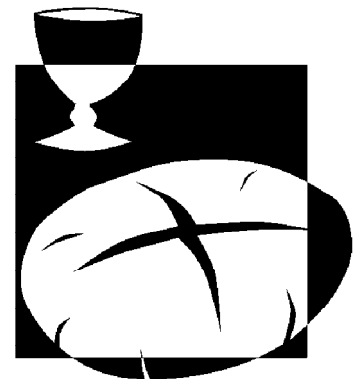
## Maundy Thursday

11 a.m., Sunday, March 28, 2024

**W**arm welcome, everyone, to Immanuel Lutheran Church. The Church in its ancient wisdom did not try to compress the story of our Lord's Last Supper, Footwashing, Passion, and Resurrection into just one service, but, as if lingering in love over each part of the story, spread the celebration of our salvation over these three holy days, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Vigil. We are invited, then, to worship as if in one long liturgy, extended over these evenings, with time between services for rest and work.

This evening's liturgy teaches us that we are to love one another and to be servants to each other as Jesus became our servant. Our commitment to this loving service is signified in this evening's washing of feet, following the example the Lord gave us on the night before his death.

It is in the Holy Communion that the members of Christ's body participate most intimately in his love. Remembering our Lord's Last Supper with his disciples, we eat the bread and share the cup of this meal. This Meal is the promise of the great banquet



we will share with all the faithful when our Lord returns, the culmination of our reconciliation with God and each other.

We are honored and delighted that you are here and hope that you will return. If you do not already have a church home in our city, please consider joining this congregation. We would rejoice to have you. Just send me an email (gpfryer@gmail.com) or speak with Pastor Carol Fryer (ceafryer@gmail.com) or with Pastor Lara Bhasin (lara.bhasin@tsm.edu).

God be with you this Holy Week and always.

In Christ,



Pastor Gregory P. Fryer

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### *Lutheran Book of Worship, Setting One*

- ✝ *Our congregation is one of the historic Lutheran churches in town, going back to the middle of the Civil War, 1863. We are a member of the North American Lutheran Church (NALC).*
- ✝ *A hint about acoustics: you will be able to hear the cantors and organ better if you sit toward the front half of the church. The overhanging choir balcony obscures some of the beauty of the music for those sitting under it.*

## The Reconciliation of the Church

*Please stand when the minister approaches the center aisle.*

### INVITATION TO CONFESSION

☞ In the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

☞ **Amen.**

☞ This evening's Maundy Thursday liturgy brings to an end the season of Lent. In this Lenten season we have heard our Lord's call to intensify our struggle against sin, death, and the devil — all that keeps us from loving God and each other. This is the struggle to which we were committed at Baptism, and it is a struggle that should always lead us back to the Church and draw us closer to Christ.

Within the community of his Church, God never wearies of giving peace and new life. In the words of absolution, we receive forgiveness as from God himself. This absolution we should not doubt, but firmly believe that thereby our sins are forgiven before God in heaven, for it comes to us in the name and by the command of our Lord.

We now bring our Lenten journey to a close through the Maundy Thursday order of Confession and Forgiveness, so that with undistracted minds and settled spirits, we may turn to contemplate the great and final events of Holy Week.

#### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

☞ Let us kneel and make confession to God.

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

☞ **Almighty God, merciful Father: I, a troubled and penitent sinner, confess to you all my sins and iniquities with which I have offended you and for which I justly deserve your punishment. But I am sorry for them, and repent of them, and pray for your boundless mercy. For the sake of the suffering and death of your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being; forgive my sins, give me your Holy Spirit for the amendment of my sinful life, and bring me to life everlasting. Amen.**

☞ Almighty God in his mercy has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. Through his Holy Spirit he cleanses us and gives us power to proclaim the mighty deeds of God who called us out of darkness into the splendor of his light. 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.**

*Stand*

HYMN LBW 203

*Now We Join in Celebration  
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SCHMÜCKE DICH

## Now We Join in Celebration



1 Now we join in cel - e - bra - tion at our Sav - ior's in - vi - ta - tion,  
2 Lord, as round this feast we gath - er, fill our hearts with ho - ly rap - ture!  
3 Lord, we share in this com - mu - nion as one fam - 'ly of God's chil - dren,



dressed no more in spir - it som - ber, clothed in - stead in joy and won - der;  
For this bread and cup of bless - ing are for us the sure pos - sess - ing  
rec - on - ciled through you, our broth - er, one in you with God our Fa - ther.



for the Lord of all ex - is - tence, put - ting off di - vine tran - scen - dence,  
of your lov - ing deed on Cal - v'ry, of your liv - ing self, our vic - t'ry,  
Give us grace to live for oth - ers, serv - ing all, both friends and strang - ers,



stoops a - gain in love to meet us, with his ver - y life to feed us.  
pledge of your un - fail - ing pres - ence, fore - taste here of heav' - n - ly glad - ness.  
seek - ing jus - tice, love, and mer - cy till you come in fi - nal glo - ry.

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### APOSTOLIC 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.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** Let us pray. Holy God, source of all love, on the night of his betrayal, Jesus gave his disciples a new commandment: To love one another as he had loved them. By your Holy Spirit write this commandment in our hearts; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

# The Liturgy of the Word of God

FIRST LESSON .....Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14, RSV

*Israel remembered its deliverance from slavery in Egypt by celebrating the festival of Passover. This festival featured the Passover lamb, whose blood was used as a sign to protect God's people from the threat of death. The early church described the Lord's Supper using imagery from the Passover, especially in portraying Jesus as the lamb who delivers God's people from sin and death.*

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, <sup>2</sup>"This month shall be for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. <sup>3</sup>Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month they shall take every man a lamb according to their fathers' houses, a lamb for a household; <sup>4</sup>and if the household is too small for a lamb, then a man and his neighbor next to his house shall take according to the number of persons; according to what each can eat you shall make your count for the lamb... <sup>11</sup>In this manner you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you

shall eat it in haste. It is the LORD's passover. <sup>12</sup>For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will smite all the first-born in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. <sup>13</sup>The blood shall be a sign for you, upon the houses where you are; and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall fall upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt.

<sup>14</sup>"This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as an ordinance for ever."

**A** The word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.



Cantors <sup>1</sup>I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my | supplication,  
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I | called upon him.

All <sup>10</sup>**How shall I re- | pay the LORD  
for all the good things he has | done for me?**

Cantors <sup>11</sup>I will lift up the cup | of salvation  
and call upon the name | of the LORD.

All <sup>12</sup>**I will fulfill my vows | to the LORD  
in the presence of | all his people.**

Cantors <sup>13</sup>Precious in the sight | of the LORD  
is the death | of his servants.

All <sup>14</sup>**O LORD, I | am your servant;  
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;  
you have freed me | from my bonds.**

Cantors <sup>15</sup>I will offer you the sacrifice | of thanksgiving  
and call upon the name | of the LORD.

All <sup>16</sup>**I will fulfill my vows | to the LORD  
in the presence of | all his people,  
<sup>17</sup>in the courts | of the LORD's house,  
in the midst of you, | O Jerusalem.**

SECOND LESSON ..... 1 Corinthians 11:23-26, RSV

*In the bread and cup of the Lord's Supper, we experience intimate fellowship with Christ and with one another, because it involves his body given for us and the new covenant in his blood. Faithful participation in this meal is a living proclamation of Christ's death until he comes in the future. St. Paul writes this:*

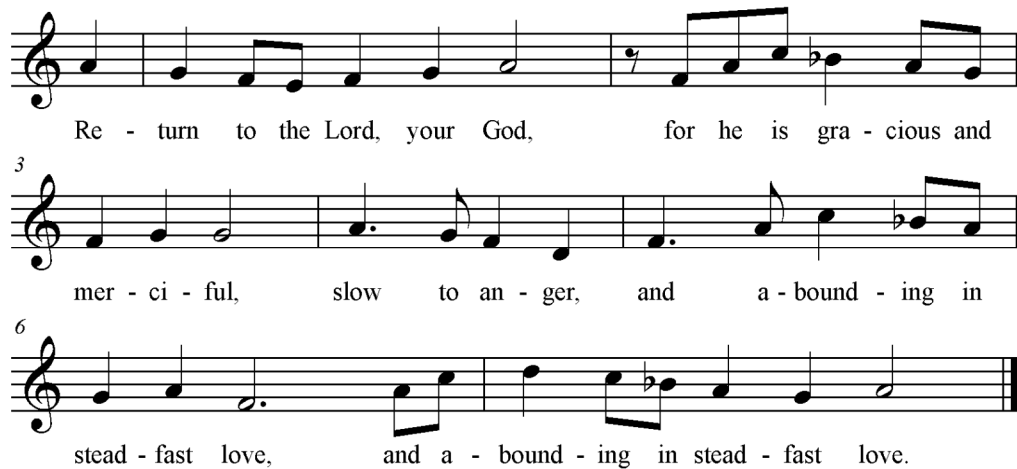
For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, <sup>24</sup>and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." <sup>25</sup>In the same way also the cup,

after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." <sup>26</sup>For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**A** 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.*



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.

HOLY GOSPEL .....John 13:1-17, 31-35, RSV

*Before the Gospel:*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 13th chapter.



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

Now before the feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. <sup>2</sup>And during supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, <sup>3</sup>Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, <sup>4</sup>rose from supper, laid aside his garments, and girded himself with a towel. <sup>5</sup>Then he poured water into a basin, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel with which he was girded. <sup>6</sup>He came to Simon Peter; and

Peter said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?" <sup>7</sup>Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not know now, but afterward you will understand." <sup>8</sup>Peter said to him, "You shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no part in me." <sup>9</sup>Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" <sup>10</sup>Jesus said to him, "He who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but he is clean all over; and you are clean, but not every one of you." <sup>11</sup>For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, "You are not all clean."

<sup>12</sup>When he had washed their feet, and taken his garments, and resumed his

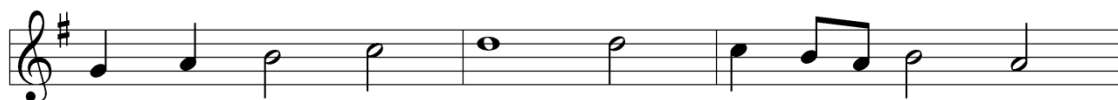




## Love Consecrates the Humblest Act



1 Love con - se - crates the hum - blest act and  
2 When in the shad - ow of the cross Christ  
3 Love serves and will - ing stoops to serve; what



ha - loes mer - cy's deeds; it sheds a ben - e -  
knelt and washed the feet of his dis - ci - ples,  
Christ in love so true has free - ly done for



dic - tion sweet and hal - lows hu - man needs.  
he gave us a sign of love com - plete.  
one and all, let us now glad - ly do!

Text: Silas B. McManus, c. 1902, alt.  
Music: TWENTY-FOURTH, attr. Lucius Chapin, 1760-1842

SERMON *Please sit after the minister's opening invocation.*

FOOTWASHING *All are welcome to the footwashing.*

HYMN LBW 126

*Where Charity and Love Prevail*  
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TWENTY-FOURTH

## Where Charity and Love Prevail



- 1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail, there God is ev - er found;
- 2 With grate - ful joy and ho - ly fear, God's char - i - ty we learn;
- 3 Let us re - call that in our midst dwells Christ, God's ho - ly Son;
- 4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known; let all con - ten - tions cease.
- 5 Let us for - give each oth - er's faults as we our own con - fess,



brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.  
let us with heart and mind and soul now love God in re - turn.  
as mem - bers of each bod - y joined, in him we are made one.  
Be God's the glo - ry that we seek; be his our on - ly peace.  
that we may love each oth - er well in Chris - tian gen - tle - ness.

Text: Latin hymn, 9th cent.; tr. Omer Westendorf, 1916–1997, alt.  
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TAIZÉ CHANT, WOV 665

TAIZÉ UBI CARITAS

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## Ubi caritas et amor *Where True Charity and Love Abide*

The image shows a musical score for the antiphon 'Ubi caritas et amor'. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The first system contains the lyrics: 'U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor, / Where true char - i - ty and love a - bide,'. The second system contains: 'u - bi ca - ri - tas, De - us i - bi est. / God is dwell - ing there; God is dwell - ing there.' The piano accompaniment features chords and moving lines, with a triplet of eighth notes in the second system.

Text: Latin antiphon, 9th cent.; Taizé Community; tr. *With One Voice*  
Music: TAIZÉ UBI CARITAS, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994  
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### THE PRAYERS

## The Liturgy of the Eucharistic Meal

### GREETING OF PEACE

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C** And also with you.

*The congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord: "Peace be with you."*

*Sit*

*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.*

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



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Offertory

*Drop, drop, slow tears* Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

Drop, drop, slow tears, and bathe those beauteous feet,  
which brought from heaven the news and Prince of Peace.  
Cease not, wet eyes, his mercies to entreat;  
to cry for vengeance sin doth never cease.  
In your deep floods drown all my faults and fears;  
nor let his eye see sin, but through my tears.

*The gifts are presented.*

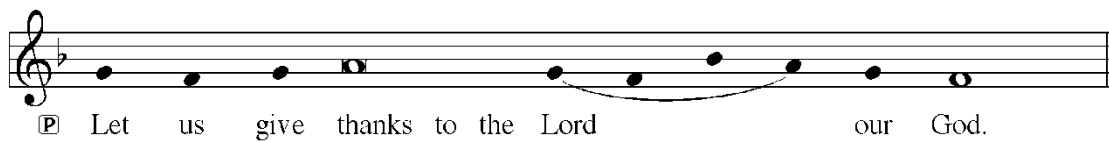
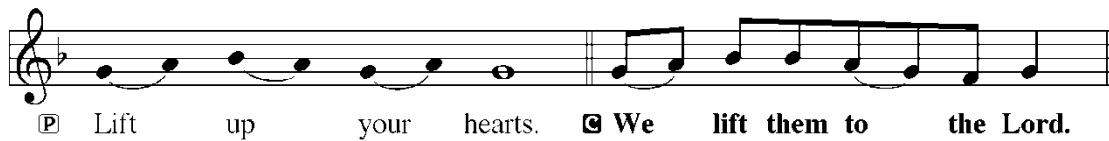
Offertory Prayer

**A** Merciful Father,

**C** 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

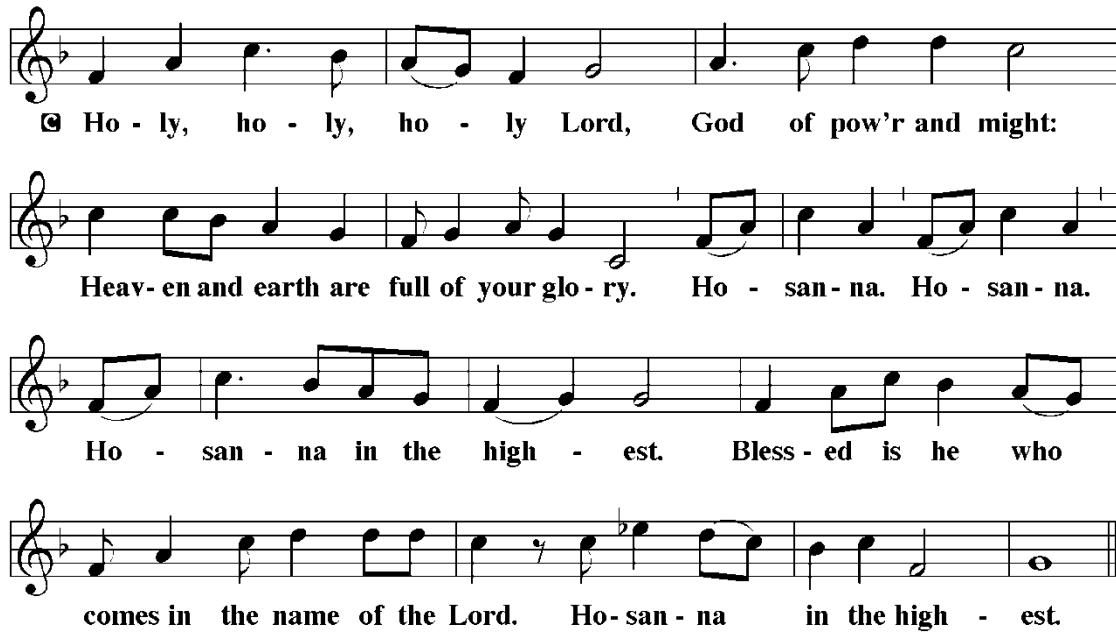
*Eucharistic Dialog*



*Preface for Passion Sunday*

☐ 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 host of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*Sanctus*



☐ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heav- en and earth are full of your glo- ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho- san - na in the high - est.

*Eucharistic Prayer III (This prayer is based on ancient models from the Liturgy of St. James, the Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom, Apostolic Constitutions, the Roman Missal, and the Liturgy of St. Basil. Its only congregational response is at the end, "Amen," which the congregation is encouraged to say loudly and boldly as the principle Amen of the service. See 1 Corinthians 14:16.)*

☐ You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God; you are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, that whoever believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. Having come into the world, he fulfilled for us your holy will and accomplished our salvation.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving Passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and his promise to come again, we give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, not as we ought, but as we are able; and we implore you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving, and, with your Word and Holy Spirit, to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine; that we and all who share in the body and blood of your Son may be filled with heavenly peace and joy, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be sanctified in soul and body, and have our portion with all your saints.

All honor and glory are yours, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, now and forever. **Amen!**

*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 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.**

*Sit*

THE FRACTION (*The Eucharistic Bread is broken.*)

*Agnus Dei*

☩ 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.

*Sit*

## THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

✦ If you are home, worshipping 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.

HYMN LBW 215

*O Lord, We Praise You*

GOTT SEI GELOBET UND GEBENEDEIET

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## O Lord, We Praise You



1 O Lord, we praise you, bless you, and a - dore you, in thanks -  
 2 Your ho - ly bod - y in - to death was giv - en, life to  
 3 May God be - stow on us his grace and fa - vor to please



giv - ing bow be - fore you. Here with your  
 win for us in heav - en. No great - er  
 him with our be - hav - ior and live to -



bod - y and your blood you nour - ish our weak souls that  
 love than this to you could bind us; may this feast of this  
 geth - er here in love and u - nion, nor re - pent this



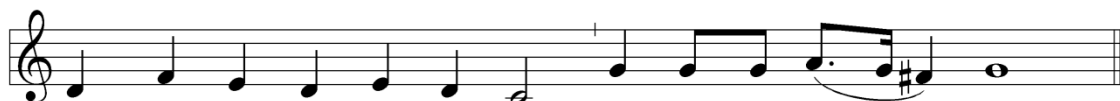
they may flour - ish. O Lord, have mer - cy!  
 that re - mind us! O Lord, have mer - cy!  
 blest com - mu - nion. O Lord, have mer - cy!



May your bod - y, Lord, born of Mar - y, that our  
 Lord, your kind - ness so much did move you that your  
 Let not your good Spir - it for - sake us, but that



sins and sor - rows did car - ry, and your blood for us plead  
 blood now moves us to love you. All our debt you have paid;  
 heav'n - ly - mind - ed he make us; give your church, Lord, to see



in all tri - al, fear, and need: O Lord, have mer - cy!  
 peace with God once more is made. O Lord, have mer - cy!  
 days of peace and u - ni - ty. O Lord, have mer - cy!

Text: German folk hymn, 15th cent., st. 1; Martin Luther, 1483–1546, sts. 2–3; tr. composite  
 Music: GOTT SEI GELOBET UND GEBENEDEIET, J. Walter, *Geistliche Gesangbüchlein*, 1524



*Stand*

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

*Kneel*

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

*The lights of the church are gradually dimmed.*

*Psalm 22 and 88 are read antiphonally by the ministers.*

## Psalm 22, LBW

- <sup>1</sup>My God, my God, why have you forsaken me  
and are so far from my cry, and from the words of my distress?
- <sup>2</sup>O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer;  
by night as well, but I find no rest.
- <sup>3</sup>Yet you are the Holy One,  
enthroned upon the praises of Israel.
- <sup>4</sup>Our forefathers put their trust in you;  
they trusted, and you delivered them.
- <sup>5</sup>They cried out to you and were delivered;  
they trusted in you and were not put to shame.
- <sup>6</sup>But as for me, I am a worm and no man,  
scorned by all and despised by the people.
- <sup>7</sup>All who see me laugh me to scorn;  
they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,
- <sup>8</sup>"He trusted in the LORD; let him deliver him;  
let him rescue him, if he delights in him."
- <sup>9</sup>Yet you are he who took me out of the womb,  
and kept me safe upon my mother's breast.
- <sup>10</sup>I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born;  
you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb.
- <sup>11</sup>Be not far from me, for trouble is near,  
and there is none to help.
- <sup>12</sup>Many young bulls encircle me;  
strong bulls of Bashan surround me.
- <sup>13</sup>They open wide their jaws at me,  
like a ravening and a roaring lion.
- <sup>14</sup>I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint;  
my heart within my breast is melting wax.

<sup>15</sup>My mouth is dried out like a pot-*sherd*;  
my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth;  
and you have laid me in the dust of the grave.

<sup>16</sup>Packs of dogs close me in, and gangs of evildoers circle around me;  
they pierce my hands and my feet, I can count all my bones.

<sup>17</sup>They stare and gloat over me;  
they divide my garments among them; they cast lots for my clothing.

<sup>18</sup>Be not far away, O LORD;  
you are my strength; hasten to help me.

<sup>19</sup>Save me from the sword,  
my life from the power of the dog.

<sup>20</sup>Save me from the lion's mouth,  
my wretched body from the horns of wild bulls.

<sup>21</sup>I will declare your name to my brethren;  
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.

<sup>22</sup>Praise the LORD, you that fear him;  
stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel; all you of Jacob's line, give glory.

<sup>23</sup>For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;  
neither does he hide his face from them;  
but when they cry to him he hears them.

<sup>24</sup>My praise is of him in the great assembly;  
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

<sup>25</sup>The poor shall eat and be satisfied,  
and those who seek the LORD shall praise him:  
"May your heart live forever!"

<sup>26</sup>All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD,  
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

<sup>27</sup>For kingship belongs to the LORD;  
he rules over the nations.

<sup>28</sup>To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship;  
all who go down to the dust fall before him.

<sup>29</sup>My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him;  
they shall be known as the LORD's forever.

<sup>30</sup>They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn  
the saving deeds that he has done.

## Psalm 88, LBW


- <sup>1</sup>O LORD, my God, my Savior,  
by day and night I cry to you.
- <sup>2</sup>Let my prayer enter into your presence;  
incline your ear to my lamentation.
- <sup>3</sup>For I am full of trouble;  
my life is at the brink of the grave.
- <sup>4</sup>I am counted among those who go down to the pit;  
I have become like one who has no strength;
- <sup>5</sup>lost among the dead,  
like the slain who lie in the grave,
- <sup>6</sup>whom you remember no more,  
for they are cut off from your hand.
- <sup>7</sup>You have laid me in the depths of the pit,  
in dark places, and in the abyss.
- <sup>8</sup>Your anger weighs upon me heavily,  
and all your great waves overwhelm me.
- <sup>9</sup>You have put my friends far from me;  
you have made me to be abhorred by them;  
I am in prison and cannot get free.
- <sup>10</sup>My sight has failed me because of trouble;  
LORD, I have called upon you daily;  
I have stretched out my hands to you.
- <sup>11</sup>Do you work wonders for the dead?  
Will those who have died stand up and give you thanks?
- <sup>12</sup>Will your lovingkindness be declared in the grave,  
your faithfulness in the land of destruction?
- <sup>13</sup>Will your wonders be known in the dark  
or your righteousness in the country where all is forgotten?
- <sup>14</sup>But as for me, O LORD, I cry to you for help;  
in the morning my prayer comes before you.
- <sup>15</sup>LORD, why have you rejected me?  
Why have you hidden your face from me?
- <sup>16</sup>Ever since my youth, I have been wretched and at the point of death;  
I have borne your terrors with a troubled mind.
- <sup>17</sup>Your blazing anger has swept over me;  
your terrors have destroyed me;
- <sup>18</sup>they surround me all day long like a flood;

they encompass me on every side.  
19My friend and my neighbor you have put away from me,  
and darkness is my only companion.

*At the end of the Psalms, you may leave the church in silence.*

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## Holy Week Continues

 Our observance of Holy Week continues tomorrow evening with the Good Friday liturgy, the great Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday evening, and then the culmination of Holy Week, Easter Sunday morning:

- ✦ 7 p.m. Good Friday, March 29. Sermon by Pastor Carol Fryer,
- ✦ 7 p.m. Easter Vigil, Holy Saturday, March 30
- ✦ 11 a.m. this Sunday. The festive Easter Morning Eucharist, March 31. Sermon by Pastor Lara Bhasin.

## Welcome always to Immanuel Lutheran Church!

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## Service Notes

Organist and Choirmaster..... Zac Schurman  
Cantors ..... Teresa Castillo, Kerrigan Bigelow, Tony Beck  
Greeters/Ushers ..... Luz Ortiz and Jazo Ichikawa  
Lector..... Jeff Rudat  
Preacher ..... Rev. Gregory P. Fryer  
Presiding Minister..... Rev. Lara Bhasin  
Assisting Minister ..... Rev. Carol E. A. Fryer

# Intercessions

FAIRLY NEW TO THE PRAYER LIST: Dorothy Leung and Dakota Chin (family to Priscilla O'Carroll), Wolfgang Hahn, Richard Ortiz, his wife, Maria, and their daughter, Damaris (Richard is Luz Ortiz's cousin), Edna Szmodis, Carole Smith, Davida Goldman, Clifford Rose, Susan McIntosh (Richard McIntosh's sister), Stephen and Jean Fischer, Sally Graudons, Timna Rosenheimer (friend of David Kiehl)

## Some Notes on Our Church Nave and Liturgy

- ✦ Our congregation is one of the historic Lutheran churches in town, going back to the middle of the Civil War, 1863. We are a member of the North American Lutheran Church (NALC). The national bishop of the NALC is Rev. Daniel Selbo.
- ✦ You might be interested to hear about our reredos — the wooden altarpiece at the front of our church. It was hand carved by artists in Germany's Black Forest. The left statue is Moses, with the Ten Commandments in his left arm and the two horn-like rays of light shining forth from his face after his encounter with the Lord on Mt. Sinai (Exodus 34:29-30). The right-hand statue is St. John the Evangelist, with a quill pen in his hand and an eagle at his feet. And the center statue is Jesus Christ, the personal unity and the most perfect meaning of the Law (Moses) and the Gospel (St. John).
- ✦ Our painting of the Transfiguration of Our Lord, above the reredos, pays tribute to the founding liturgy of our congregation, Transfiguration Sunday, February 11, 1863. Our painting shows Jesus, Moses, and Elijah elevated above the ground, so that at first glance you might think that it is a painting of the Ascension. But the saintly company with Jesus — Moses and Elijah on either side, with Peter, James, and John fallen down in awe at the sight — point to the Transfiguration. Heaven knows and gives credit to the anonymous painter of our painting, but we note that it is in the style of Raphael's painting of *The Transfiguration* (1517-1520). Raphael also placed Jesus, Moses, and Elijah elevated above the disciples.
- ✦ Our church windows were installed in 1973 and constitute a visual meditation on an ancient hymn of the Church, the *Te Deum*. Pamphlets are available in the rear of the church explaining the windows one by one.
- ✦ Our church bells, named *Glaube*, *Hoffnung*, and *Liebe* for Faith, Hope, and Love, were a gift from German Empress Augusta Viktoria.
- ✦ A hint about acoustics: you will be able to hear the choir and organ better if you sit toward the front half of the

church. The overhanging choir balcony obscures some of the beauty of the music for those sitting under it.

✦ Our worship book is the green hymnal, the *Lutheran Book of Worship* ("LBW"). This book contains both liturgies and hymns, with liturgies in the first half and hymns in the second. Sometimes

we include hymns from *With One Voice* ("WOV") or from *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* ("ELW").

✦ If you have a cell phone, please silence it for the liturgy. And please finish coffee or other drinks out in the narthex rather than in the main nave.

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LITURGY OF HOLY COMMUNION.....11 a.m. Sundays  
 MIDWEEK HOLY COMMUNION.....6:30 p.m. Wednesdays  
 SUNDAY SCHOOL.....10 a.m. Sundays  
 BIBLE STUDY..... Thursdays, 6:30 p.m. in the Martin Luther Room and Zoom  
 PARISH SECRETARY .....Karen Katz-Shea  
 SEXTON .....Gerry Britton  
 PARISH BOOKKEEPER .....Charles Derderian  
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### *Some Parish Ministry Opportunities:*

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**W**e 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 [caefryer@gmail.com](mailto:caefryer@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 con-

science 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.

- ✦ 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](mailto:gpfryer@gmail.com) or [ceafryer@gmail.com](mailto:ceafryer@gmail.com).
- ✦ We mean for PRIVATE CONFESSION to be available as often as you need. Please call one of the Pastors (212-289-8128) or email them: [gpfryer@gmail.com](mailto:gpfryer@gmail.com) or [ceafryer@gmail.com](mailto:ceafryer@gmail.com).
- ✦ 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:

