

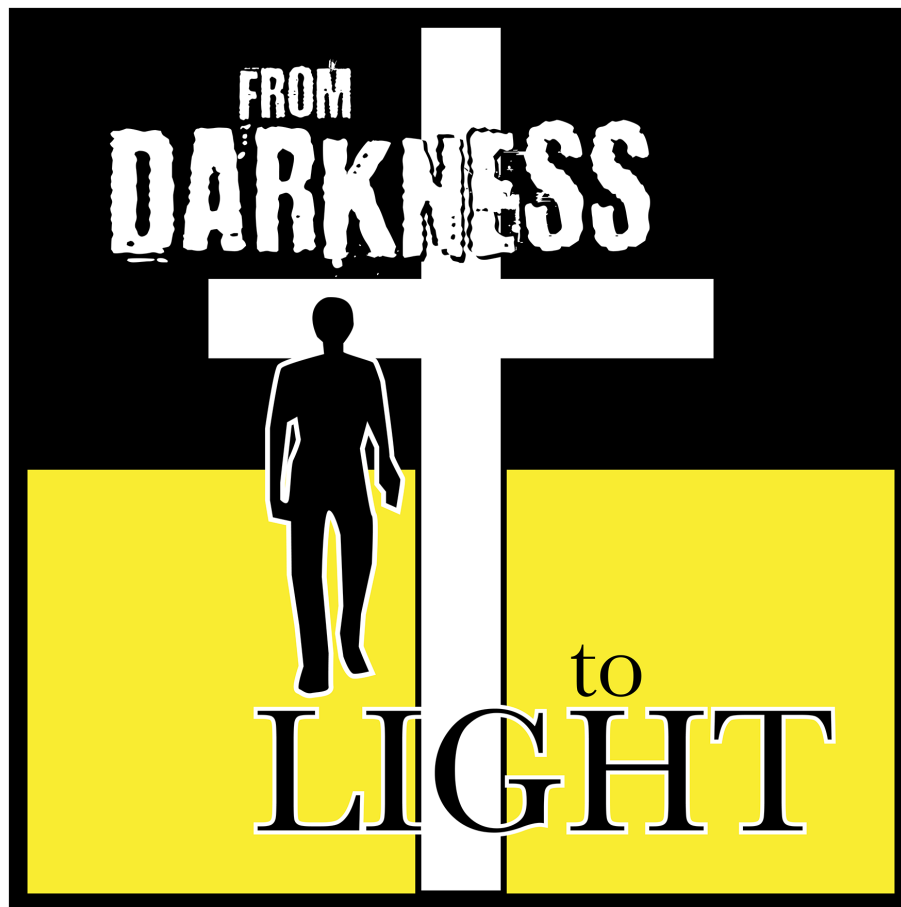
# Immanuel Lutheran Church



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**Fourth Sunday in Lent**  
**March 15, 2026**



**As We Gather**

## **Jesus Turns Our Darkness into Light**

The Lord is grieved by the spiritual blindness of His people, but He does not forsake them. Instead, He promises to turn the darkness before them into light, the rough places into level ground (Isaiah 42:16). The Lord does not give up on His servant, Israel, but sends another Servant who is the light of the world (John 9:5). Jesus' light comes to us in His Word, His water, and His Supper. These are His means for opening our eyes to see and to live as children of light (Ephesians 5:8). Baptized into Christ, we look forward to the day when these words will come pass: "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you" (Ephesians 5:14).

**PRELUDE, WELCOME & BIRTHDAY BLESSING** 3/21 Janet Krueger

♪ Thanks for our friends who celebrate  
And God's rich blessings contemplate.  
Praise for another year on earth.  
Praise to the Lord who gives us birth.      **Amen.**

**HYMN**      "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"      #425

*Please stand as you are able.*

**I**

**INVOCATION**

**Pastor:**      In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:**      **Amen.**

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**      *Psalm 142:1*

**Pastor:**      With my voice I cry out to the Lord;

**People:**      **with my voice I plead for mercy to the Lord.**

**Pastor:**      Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**People:**      **Most merciful God, we confess that we were born in utter sin. To this day and by nature, we have eyes that do not see and ears that do not hear. We have trusted in the things we have made rather than You. Our thoughts, words, and actions have been unfruitful and dark. We have been blind to our sin, but You have seen it. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, open our eyes. 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.**

**Pastor:**      Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. Jesus is the light of the world and your salvation. He has enlightened you with His gifts and given you ears to hear Jesus' words. It is He who is speaking to you. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:**      **Amen.**

✠ **WORD** ✠

**INTROIT**

♪ **Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen**

## **KYRIE**

♪ Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us, Lord have mercy upon us.

## **GLORIA IN EXCELSIS**

♪ Glory be to God on high; and on earth peace good will toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heavenly King. God the Father Almighty.  
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou  
that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou  
that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy  
upon us.

For Thou only are holy; Thou only art the Lord.  
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the  
glory of God the Father. A-men.

## **SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: ♪ And with thy spirit.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: ♪ A--men.

*Please be seated.*

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING** Isaiah 42:14-21

*(The Lord will lead His people in a new way, turning darkness into light.)*

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE** Ephesians 5:8-14 *(The Lord positions us to walk as children of light.)*

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

**THE HOLY GOSPEL** John 9:1-41 *(Jesus heals a man born blind.)*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 9<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**People: ♪ Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

*The Gospel is read.*

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord

**People: ♪ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

**THE NICENE CREED** *(found on the last page of the pew hymnal)*

*Please be seated.*

**HYMN** "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" #411

## **SERMON**

*Please stand as you are able.*

## **OFFERTORY**

♪ **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. A-men.**

*Please be seated.*

## **OFFERING**

*Please stand as you are able.*

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Pastor: As children of light, we cry out to the Lord who sees us and hears us, and deals bountifully with us in our time of need: Lord of Light, in Your Son You brought light into this dark world. Bless all pastors and church workers, especially those who minister to those who are deaf and blind, that they faithfully point us to all that is good and right and true, and that we discern what is pleasing to You. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: shine on us.**

Pastor: Loving Father, You claimed us as children in Holy Baptism, bringing us out of darkness and into Your marvelous light. Help us to walk as children of light, that Your works be displayed in us while it is still day. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: shine on us.**

Pastor: Patient Lord, in the face of deep darkness, You remain slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Give us Your patience in our encounters with the darkness, that we graciously and fearlessly lead those who are blinded by sin back to You. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: shine on us.**

Pastor: Sovereign Lord, You are our refuge and portion in the land of the living. Strengthen our leaders, our government, and all You have put in place to protect us. Open their eyes to see the needs of Your people and Your creation. Help them to establish laws that are good and right and true. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: shine on us.**

Pastor: Merciful Lord, You deliver those who cry to You from the darkness of pain, sickness, and grief. Visit all who are in need and struggling to see beyond what is before them, especially Liz, Betty, Karla, Dan, Ian and Luetta. Bring them Your light and Your peace. Hide them in Your shelter and restore to them the joy of being Your children. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: shine on us.**

Pastor: Believing that Jesus truly is the light who overcomes all darkness, we trust that You hear and answer us according to Your good and gracious will; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

## ✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

*pew hymnal age 194*

### **PREFACE**      *2 Timothy 4:22*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: ♪ And with thy spirit.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: ♪ We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

**People: ♪ It is meet and right so to do.**

## **PROPER PREFACE**

**Pastor:** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the Paschal Feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

## **SANCTUS**

**♪ Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!**

## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**Pastor:** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**Pastor:** 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.

**People: ♪ For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

### PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: ♪ A---men.

### AGNUS DEI

♪ O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us, O Christ Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A---men.

*Please be seated.*

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### NUNC DIMITTIS

♪ Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou has prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

### THANKSGIVING

Pastor: O give thanks unto the Lord for He is good.

People: ♪ **And His mercy endureth forever.**

Pastor: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: ♪ A--men.

### SALUTATION and BENEDICAMUS

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: ♪ **And with thy spirit.**

Pastor: Bless we the Lord.

**People:** ♪ **Thanks be to God.**

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**People:** ♪ **Amen, amen, a--men.**

**HYMN** "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"

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## **POSTLUDE**

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## **THE MESSENGER**

March 15, 2026

**WELCOME!** Dear guest, we pray that your worship with us is as spiritually enriching for you as your presence is encouraging to us. We invite you to sign our guest book in the foyer and leave your email address if you would like periodic updates from Immanuel. Most importantly, come back and worship with us again next Sunday.

**SERVING US TODAY:** Rev. Paul Hoeman  
Dan Henggeler, Organist

**IN OUR PRAYERS:** Liz Kraft, Betty Peuster, Karla Kass, Dan and Ian Henggeler, and Luetta Buchholz

**ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 20 total, 3 guests**

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR** theme for next Sunday, March 22nd is **"Meeting You Where You Are"** Guest Speaker: Rev. Gregory Manning  
Jesus meets you where you are, not where you should have been.  
1 Corinthians 9:19-23 Listen online at <https://www.lutheranhour.org>.