

MAUNDY THURSDAY

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**Worship Service
9:00 AM**

*Adult Bible Class
Sunday School*

10:30 am

**Holy Communion:
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WELCOME to IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

We wish to extend a warm welcome to all our visitors here today. It is our hope that you will benefit by your worship here with us, and that you will return again soon.

A Prayer Upon Entering Church Gracious God, Your covenant of love for me came to full fruition in the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Guide me to be so moved by the depth of Christ's new covenant of love, that I love You with all my heart, soul, mind, and strength, and love my neighbor as myself; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

AS WE GATHER Holy Thursday begins the great three days that commemorate how God accomplished our salvation in Jesus Christ. The first part of the service is confession and forgiveness, the culmination of the Lenten season of repentance. The Gospel tells of the Holy Thursday night when, during the Passover meal, Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying, "This is My body." He then took the cup, blessed it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is My blood of the new covenant." The old covenant involved regular repeated animal sacrifice. This new covenant involves the once-for-all sacrifice of Jesus' blood, which fulfilled the old covenant once for all. We now share this Meal regularly in remembrance of Jesus' all-availing sacrifice for the forgiveness of our sins.

PRELUDE “In Christ Alone” virtual choir directed by David Wesley

(A quiet time for prayer and meditation in preparation for worship)

OPENING HYMN *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less* **LSB 575**

1 My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus’ blood and righteousness;
No merit of my own I claim
But wholly lean on Jesus’ name. Refrain

**ref On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.**

2 When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In ev’ry high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil. Refrain

3 His oath, His covenant and blood
Support me in the raging flood;
When ev’ry earthly prop gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay. Refrain

4 When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh, may I then in Him be found,
Clothed in His righteousness alone,
Redeemed to stand before His throne! Refrain

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INVOCATION

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

C **Amen.**

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P We struggle against sin, death, and the power of the devil. We have intensified the struggle begun at Baptism to daily die with Christ and also to rise daily in Christ to live anew. In this struggle we have been reminded again that we are weak and Christ is strong. We need the forgiveness of our sins in order to live as the people God has called us to be.

(A time of silence is observed.)

P Assured of God's love for us through our Baptism into Christ, we confess our sin against God and our neighbors, so that we enter these three days, so central to our faith, reconciled to God and to one another.

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.

P The Word of God is living and active. Words of forgiveness spoken in the name of Jesus do what they say. Come, receive the forgiveness won for you by the blood of Jesus.

P For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does He remove our transgressions from us. As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear Him. Our Lord

Jesus Christ forgives us all our sins and cleanses us from all unrighteousness.

C Amen.

INTROIT *Psalm 116:1–4; antiphon: v. 5*

P Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; our God is merciful.

C I love the LORD, because He has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy.

P Because He inclined His ear to me, therefore I will call on Him as long as I live.

C The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish.

P Then I called on the name of the LORD: “O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!”

Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; our God is merciful.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P O Lord, O Lord, in this wondrous Sacrament You have left us a remembrance of Your passion. Grant that we may so receive the sacred mystery of Your body and blood that the fruits of Your redemption may continually be manifest in us; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Exodus 24:3–11*

(Moses seals the covenant with the Lord.)

3 So Moses came and told the people all the words of the Lord and all the judgments. And all the people answered with one voice and said, “All the words which the Lord has said we will do.” 4 And Moses wrote all the words of the Lord. And he rose early in the morning, and built an altar at the foot of the

mountain, and twelve pillars according to the twelve tribes of Israel. 5 Then he sent young men of the children of Israel, who offered burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen to the Lord. 6 And Moses took half the blood and put it in basins, and half the blood he sprinkled on the altar. 7 Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read in the hearing of the people. And they said, "All that the Lord has said we will do, and be obedient." 8 And Moses took the blood, sprinkled it on the people, and said, "This is the blood of the covenant which the Lord has made with you according to all these words." 9 Then Moses went up, also Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel, 10 and they saw the God of Israel. And there was under His feet as it were a paved work of sapphire stone, and it was like the very heavens in its clarity. 11 But on the nobles of the children of Israel He did not lay His hand. So they saw God, and they ate and drank.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM *Psalm 116:12-19; antiphon v. 17*

P I will offer to You the sacrifice of thanksgiving, And will call upon the name of the Lord.

C What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits toward me?

P I will take up the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord.

C I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people.

P Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.

C O Lord, truly I am Your servant; I am Your servant, the son of Your maidservant; You have loosed my bonds.

P I will offer to You the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and will call upon the name of the Lord.

C I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,

P In the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord!

I will offer to You the sacrifice of thanksgiving, And will call upon the name of the Lord.

EPISTLE *Hebrews 9:11-22*

(Jesus is the high priest of the new covenant who gives His own blood, rather than the blood of animals, to secure eternal redemption.)

11 But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. 12 Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. 13 For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, 14 how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? 15 And for this reason He is the Mediator of the new testament, by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions under the first testament, that those who are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance. 16 For where there is a testament, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator. 17 For a testament is in force after men are dead, since it has no power at all while the testator lives. 18 Therefore not even the first testament was dedicated without blood. 19 For when Moses had spoken every precept to all the people according to the law, he took the

blood of calves and goats, with water, scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people, 20 saying, "This is the blood of the testament which God has commanded you." 21 Then likewise he sprinkled with blood both the tabernacle and all the vessels of the ministry. 22 And according to the law almost all things are purified with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no remission.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 26:17-30*

(Jesus declares the bread to be His body and the cup to be His blood, given and shed for the forgiveness of sins.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-sixth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

17 Now on the first day of the Feast of the Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying to Him, "Where do You want us to prepare for You to eat the Passover?" 18 And He said, "Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, 'The Teacher says, "My time is at hand; I will keep the Passover at your house with My disciples." ' " 19 So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them; and they prepared the Passover. 20 When evening had come, He sat down with the twelve. 21 Now as they were eating, He said, "Assuredly, I say to you, one of you will betray Me." 22 And they were exceedingly sorrowful, and each of them began to say to Him, "Lord, is it I?" 23 He answered and said, "He who dipped his hand with Me in the dish will betray Me. 24 The Son of Man indeed goes just as it is written of Him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been good for that man if he had not been born." 25 Then Judas, who was

betraying Him, answered and said, “Rabbi, is it I?” He said to him, “You have said it.” 26 And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, “Take, eat; this is My body.” 27 Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you. 28 For this is My blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins. 29 But I say to you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father’s kingdom.” 30 And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY *Built on the Rock the Church Shall Stand* **LSB 645**

1 Built on the Rock the Church shall stand
Even when steeples are falling.
Crumbled have spires in ev’ry land;
Bells still are chiming and calling,
Calling the young and old to rest,
But above all the souls distressed,
Longing for rest everlasting.

2. Surely in temples made with hands
God, the Most High, is not dwelling;
High above earth His temple stands,
All earthly temples excelling.
Yet He who dwells in heav’n above
Chooses to live with us in love,
Making our bodies His temple.

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3 We are God's house of living stones,
Built for His own habitation.
He through baptismal grace us owns
Heirs of His wondrous salvation.
Were we but two His name to tell,
Yet He would deign with us to dwell
With all His grace and His favor.

4 Here stands the font before our eyes,
Telling how God has received us.
The altar recalls Christ's sacrifice
And what His Supper here gives us.
Here sound the Scriptures that proclaim
Christ yesterday, today, the same,
And evermore, our Redeemer.

5 Grant, then, O God, Your will be done,
That, when the church bells are ringing,
Many in saving faith may come
Where Christ His message is bringing:
"I know My own; My own know Me.
You, not the world, My face shall see.
My peace I leave with you. Amen."

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SERMON "Jesus, the Mediator of the New Testament"

(Hebrews 9:15)

APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn

What is This Bread

LSB 629

1 What is this bread?

Christ's body risen from the dead:

This bread we break, This life we take,
Was crushed to pay for our release.
O taste and see—the Lord is peace.

2 What is this wine?

The blood of Jesus shed for mine;

The cup of grace Brings His embrace
Of life and love until I sing!
O taste and see—the Lord is King.

3 So who am I,

That I should live and He should die

Under the rod? My God, my God,
Why have You not forsaken me?
O taste and see—the Lord is free.

4 Yet is God here?

Oh, yes! By Word and promise clear,

In mouth and soul He makes us whole—
Christ, truly present in this meal.
O taste and see—the Lord is real.

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5 Is this for me?

I am forgiven and set free!

I do believe, That I receive
His very body and His blood.

O taste and see—the Lord is good.

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OFFERING (sent with thanksgiving)

Reviewing the Sacrament of the Altar
from Luther's Small Catechism with the family

(As the head of the family should teach it in a simple way to his household.)

What is the Sacrament of the Altar?

It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, under the bread and wine, for us Christians to eat and to drink, instituted by Christ Himself.

Where is this written?

The holy Evangelists, Matthew, Mark, Luke, and St. Paul, write thus:

Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread: and when He had given thanks, He brake it, and gave it to His disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.

After the same manner also He took the cup, when He had supped, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Take, drink ye all of it. This cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the remission of sins. This do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of Me.

What is the benefit of such eating and drinking?

That is shown us in these words: *Given, and shed for you, for the remission of sins*; namely, that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are given us through these words. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.

How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things?

It is not the eating and drinking, indeed, that does them, but the words which stand here, namely: *Given, and shed for you, for the remission of sins*. Which words are, beside the bodily eating and drinking, as the chief thing in the Sacrament; and he that believes these words has what they say and express, namely, the forgiveness of sins.

Who, then, receives such Sacrament worthily?

Fasting and bodily preparation is, indeed, a fine outward training; but he is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: *Given, and shed for you, for the remission of sins*.

But he that does not believe these words, or doubts, is unworthy and unfit; for the words *For you* require altogether believing hearts.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Gathered by the love and remembrance of Jesus, we offer our prayers to God.

P Have mercy, Lord, spare Your people and turn this pandemic away! Preserve the sick, comfort the fearful and grant to the dying Your peace. Hear us on behalf of all those who have asked us to pray [especially _____]. Give us healing in accordance with Your will, strength to bear up under the burdens of this mortal life, and comfort and hope in this and every trial. Let us pray to the Lord,

C Lord, have mercy.

P In the midst of plagues and enemies that threaten and a world filled with conflict and terror, give us wise leaders, O Lord, that we may be preserved from harm. Guide those who make and administer our laws to act in timely and prudent ways, and give to all judges knowledge to render justice with mercy. Bless all military, emergency and medical workers who defend and help us here and abroad.

Let us pray to the Lord,

C Lord, have mercy.

P For those who have lost their faith and for those who struggle to believe, that during these holy days they be filled with Christ's light and peace, let us pray to the Lord,

C Lord, have mercy.

P As generously as You have given to us, O Lord, teach us to be generous in giving, that the poor may not suffer want nor Your Church be deprived of the resources to serve Your purpose both here and across the world.

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C Lord, have mercy.

P Heavenly Father, Your Son instituted this most blessed Sacrament to eat and to drink, that what is promised in His testament may be truly received by His friends and heirs. Have mercy on all who are kept from Your table in extraordinary circumstances, and do not shut them out of Your Supper forever. Let the words of this testament echo in their ears and hearts and, in true faith, let them believe these words, trusting that they receive spiritually in faith exactly what Your Son has both won and declared: the forgiveness of sins. Stir up in us a desire to commune with our fellow Christians on Your true body and blood, and bring us soon to the table. Let us pray to the Lord,

C Lord, have mercy.

P Hear the prayers of Your people, merciful God, for the sake of the One who stretched out His arms on the cross to redeem Your people and to reconcile the whole creation, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Matthew 6:9-13)

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.

BENEDICAMUS

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

P The LORD bless us and keep us. The Lord make His face shine on us and be gracious to us. The Lord look upon us with favor and give us peace.

Numbers 6:24-26

C Amen.

Sending Hymn: *Go to Dark Gethsemane*

LSB 436

- 1 Go to dark Gethsemane,
 All who feel the tempter's pow'r;
Your Redeemer's conflict see,
 Watch with Him one bitter hour;
Turn not from His griefs away;
Learn from Jesus Christ to pray.
- 2 Follow to the judgment hall,
 View the Lord of life arraigned;
Oh, the wormwood and the gall!
 Oh, the pangs His soul sustained!
Shun not suff'ring, shame, or loss;
Learn from Him to bear the cross.
- 3 Calv'ry's mournful mountain climb;
 There, adoring at His feet,
Mark that miracle of time,
 God's own sacrifice complete.
"It is finished!" hear Him cry;
Learn from Jesus Christ to die.
- 4 Early hasten to the tomb
 Where they laid His breathless clay;
All is solitude and gloom.
 Who has taken Him away?
Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes.
Savior, teach us so to rise.