



# Sixth Sunday of Lent

April 13, 2025

**IMMANUEL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

*A Reconciling in Christ Congregation*

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## PRELUDE

## DISTRIBUTION AND BLESSING OF PALM

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*recited*)

**Christ humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death even death on a cross.\* Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above ev'ry name.**

## PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL

of St. Luke the 19<sup>th</sup> Chapter

*Entrance into the final days* <sup>28</sup> *After he had said this, [Jesus] went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.*

<sup>29</sup> When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, <sup>30</sup> saying, “Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. <sup>31</sup> If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it.’” <sup>32</sup> So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. <sup>33</sup> As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?” <sup>34</sup> They said, “The Lord needs it.” <sup>35</sup> Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. <sup>36</sup> As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. <sup>37</sup> As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, <sup>38</sup> saying, “Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!” <sup>39</sup> Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, order your disciples to stop.” <sup>40</sup> He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ**

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*


**Compassionate One, you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, but our lives do not always reflect you and your love for the world. We do not show others the tender compassion you have shown to us. We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality you grant to all people. We oppress others, even though you have set us free again and again. We squander the abundant gifts of the earth. Transform our lives and guide us again in the way of the cross. Amen.**

Beloved in Christ, God's arms are always stretched open wide to welcome the wandering ones home. In † Christ your sins are forgiven. You have a place in God's house forever. **Amen.**

## GATHERING HYMN

## All Glory, Laud, and Honor


*Refrain*



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re - deem - er, king,



to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



1 You are the king of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,  
 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing you on high;  
 3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you went;  
 4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.  
 5 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

*Refrain*



now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.  
 cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply.  
 our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.  
 To you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.  
 great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

Text: Theodulph of Orleans, c. 760–821; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.  
 Music: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN, Melchior Teschner, 1584–1635

**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 (*Repeated*)

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy; have mer - cy, O Lord.

P: The Lord be with you

**C:And also with you.**

P: Let us pray

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**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.**

**Amen.**

#### **First Reading:**

**Isaiah 50:4-9a**

*This text, the third of the four Servant Songs in Isaiah, speaks of the servant's obedience amid persecution. Though the servant has been variously understood as the prophet himself or a remnant of faithful Israel, Christians have often recognized the figure of Christ in these poems.*

<sup>4</sup> The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, 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 up 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?

.Word of God, word of life: **Thanks be to God**

## Psalm

## Psalm 31:9-16

*Into your hands, O LORD, I commend my spirit. (Ps. 31:5)*

Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble; my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.

**<sup>10</sup> For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.**

<sup>11</sup> I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a dismay to my acquaintances; when they see me in the street they avoid me.

**<sup>12</sup> Like the dead I am forgotten, out of mind; I am as useless as a broken pot.**

<sup>13</sup> For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around; they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.

**<sup>14</sup> But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD. I have said, "You are my God.**

<sup>15</sup> My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

**<sup>16</sup> Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love."**

## SECOND READING

## Philippians 2:5-11

*Paul quotes from an early Christian hymn that describes Jesus' humble obedience in his incarnation as a human being, even to death, and his exaltation and glory as Lord of all.*

<sup>5</sup> Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to

be exploited, <sup>7</sup> but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, <sup>8</sup> he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross<sup>9</sup> Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup> so that at the name of 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.

Word of God; word of life: **Thanks be to God**

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Let your stead - fast love come to us, O Lord.



Save us as you prom - ised; we will trust your word.

## ^HOLY GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke 23<sup>rd</sup> chapter

*Through the teachings and events of the passion story we see and hear the great contradictions that characterize the coming of God's reign. The leader serves the followers, proud Peter is revealed in his cowardice, and Jesus—the innocent bringer of life—is arrested, beaten, executed, and buried.*

<sup>1</sup> Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. <sup>2</sup> They began to accuse him, saying, “We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king.” <sup>3</sup> Then Pilate asked him, “Are you the king of the Jews?” He answered, “You say so.” <sup>4</sup> Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, “I find no basis for an accusation against this man.” <sup>5</sup> But they

were insistent and said, “He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place.”

<sup>6</sup> When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. <sup>7</sup> And when he learned that he was under Herod’s jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. <sup>8</sup> When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. <sup>9</sup> He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. <sup>10</sup> The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. <sup>11</sup> Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate. <sup>12</sup> That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies.

<sup>13</sup> Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, <sup>14</sup> and said to them, “You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. <sup>15</sup> Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. <sup>16</sup> I will therefore have him flogged and release him.”

<sup>18</sup> Then they all shouted out together, “Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!” <sup>19</sup> (This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) <sup>20</sup> Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; <sup>21</sup> but they kept shouting, “Crucify, crucify him!” <sup>22</sup> A third time he said to them, “Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him.” <sup>23</sup> But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. <sup>24</sup> So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. <sup>25</sup> He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.



<sup>6</sup> As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. <sup>27</sup> A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. <sup>28</sup> But Jesus turned to them and said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. <sup>29</sup> For the days are surely coming when they will say, ‘Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.’ <sup>30</sup> Then they will begin to say to the mountains, ‘Fall on us’; and to the hills, ‘Cover us.’ <sup>31</sup> For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?”

<sup>32</sup> Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. <sup>33</sup> When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>34</sup> [[Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.”]] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. <sup>35</sup> And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!” <sup>36</sup> The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, <sup>37</sup> and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” <sup>38</sup> There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.”

<sup>9</sup> One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, “Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” <sup>40</sup> But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? <sup>41</sup> And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.” <sup>42</sup> Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” <sup>43</sup> He replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

<sup>44</sup> It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, <sup>45</sup> while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. <sup>46</sup> Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." Having said this, he breathed his last. <sup>47</sup> When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, "Certainly this man was innocent." <sup>48</sup> And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. <sup>49</sup> But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ

*Children's sermon*

SERMON

Pastor Scott Lee

LENT  
HYMN OF THE DAY ^  
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Lamb of God  
Your Only Son

1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, but you have  
2 Your gift of love we cru - ci - fied. We laughed and  
3 I was so lost, I should have died, but you have

sent him from your side to walk up - on this guilt - y  
scorned him as he died. The hum - ble king we named a  
brought me to your side to be led by your staff and

*Refrain*  
sod and to be - come the Lamb of God. O Lamb of  
fraud and sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God.  
rod and to be called a lamb of God.

God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God. Oh, wash me  
in your pre - cious blood, my Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

## 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**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *(Kneeling as able.)*

God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

### ^PEACE

**P:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C:** And also with you.

**P:** Let us share a sign of peace with one another, as you feel comfortable.

### OFFERING

*We join other Christians in joyfully responding to God's goodness, through your personal giving. The ushers will pass the offering plates during this time. For those who don't feel comfortable passing the plates, we ask that*

*you place your offering in the plates located at the front of the nave prior to the service, or after the service, in the plate on the table as you exit into the Hospitality area. Many people give electronically, and we thank all growing disciples in advance for their supportive giving.*

## OFFERTORY HYMN



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 the 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.

## OFFERING PRAYER

Gracious Provider, you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## +HOLY COMMUNION+

## ^GREAT THANKSGIVING

**P:** The Lord be with you. **C:** And also with you.

**P:** Lift up your hearts. **C:** We lift them up to the Lord.

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

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

**P:** It is indeed right and salutary.....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, Holy, Holy**  
*Santo, santo, santo*



*San - to, san - to, san - to, oh Dios del u - ni - ver - so:*  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of might and mer - cy,



*. . . lle-nos es-tán el cie - lo y la tie - rra de tu glo - ria.*  
your glo - ry fills all heav-en and earth. . . . You are ho - ly, God.



*Ben - di - to el que vie - ne en nom - bre del Se - ñor. . .*  
. . . Bless - ed be the Sav-ior, the one who comes in your name.



*Ho - san - na en el cie - lo. San - to e-res, oh Dios.*  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. You are ho - ly, God.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION *In the night he was betrayed...*

## 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.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P.: The table is ready come and eat C: Amen

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.

## DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION *(By Intinction)*

*All baptized Christians are welcome to share the bread and wine of **Holy Communion**. After it is placed in your hand, dip your wafer in the wine (silver chalice) or grape juice (ceramic chalice). Sign a communion card from the pew rack and place it in the offering plate.*

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

### Great Is Thy Faithfulness

*Refrain*



Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by



morn-ing new mer-cies I see; all I have need-ed thy



hand hath pro-vid-ed; great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me.

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Generous Host, you have shared your feast with us and made us new. Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities, that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom, in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## ^BENEDICTION/BLESSING

God our tender parent, God the crucified one, God the reconciling Spirit,  
 † bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

## HYMN

## Beneath the Cross of Jesus



1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I long to take my stand;  
 2 Up - on the cross of Je - sus, my eye at times can see  
 3 I take, O cross, your shad - ow for my a - bid - ing place;



the shad - ow of a might-y rock with - in a wea - ry land,  
 the ver - y dy - ing form of one who suf - fered there for me.  
 I ask no oth - er sun - shine than the sun - shine of his face;



a home with-in a wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way,  
 And from my con - trite heart, with tears, two won - ders I con - fess:  
 con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,



from the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat and bur - dens of the day.  
 the . . . won - der of his glo - rious love and my un - wor - thi - ness.  
 my . . . sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all, the cross.

Text: Elizabeth C. Clephane, 1830–1869

Music: ST. CHRISTOPHER, Frederick C. Maker, 1844–1927

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you. **Thanks be to God!**





**ReconcilingWorks**  
LUTHERANS FOR FULL PARTICIPATION



As a Reconciling in Christ Congregation, Immanuel Lutheran Church commits to celebrating the love of God with ALL

people as we are all made in God's image. We are committed to racial equity in our congregation, community, and country. Whatever your abilities, gender identity, sexual orientation, relationship status, race, culture, faith tradition or economic circumstance; whatever your past or present – you are welcome to share in God's love and our community.

**Welcome Visitors!** We are very glad you are with us today! It is a privilege to have you share our worship service. Please take a moment to fill out the Visitor Guest Book located at the top of the steps at our Chester Pike entrance. If you have any questions please ask any of the members, we'll be happy to help. Check out [www.immanuelnorwood.org](http://www.immanuelnorwood.org) or our Facebook page. **Thanks for being with us!**



### **Supporting IMMANUEL's Mission with Our Generosity.**

We have 3 easy & virtual ways for people to donate to IMMANUEL. You will see on our Website and on our Facebook page "links" which you can click and make a secure donation. And here is a **QR code** which you can scan with your smart phone. Thank You for your continued generous support!



**NO HEALING SERVICE HELD IN APRIL.**

## ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

Weekly Activities do not reflect building use by outside groups.

<b>SUNDAY</b>	Choir Practice	9:15AM
<b>SUNDAY</b>	Education Hour	10:00 AM
<b>SUNDAY</b>	Worship .	11:00 PM
<b>SATURDAY</b>	Easter Egg Hunt	11:00 AM

<b>Date</b>	<b>Lector</b>	<b>Worship Assistant</b>	<b>Acolyte</b>	<b>Ushers</b>
<b>Apr 13</b>	D. McClellan	K. McClellan	M. Stewart	
<b>Apr 20</b>	J. Morrison	J. Kintsche		
<b>Apr 27</b>	K. Dukes	K..McClellan		



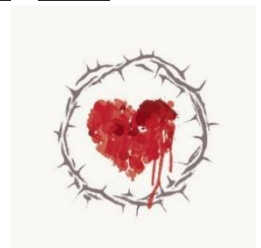
**March Income**                      **\$9,793\$**  
**March Expenses \$13,210** (*does not include tree removal*)

### Lenten Services

**Maundy Thursday and Good Friday Services    April 17<sup>th</sup> 18<sup>th</sup>**

*Maundy Thursday will be held at 7:00pm at Immanuel Lutheran Church.*

*Good Friday Stations of the Cross will be held at noon at Ridley Lake, use the entrance closest to the parking lot.*



## Acme/ShopRite Gift Cards!

They are used like cash at any of the area stores. There is no extra charge for the certificates. **Our church receives 5% of the coupons. Help us help our church!** See Mary Lyn Horne-Onimus for details.



**Half Century Fellowship Lunch Group** ~ Pack lunch and join us **April 17<sup>th</sup>** at noon downstairs in the hospitality basement, at church for good company, conversation and fellowship. Please use the Chester Pike entrance.



**Virtual Bible Study.** Virtual Bible Study. Bible study is taking a break during Holy Week and will be held **WEDNESDAYS** from 7:00 – 8:00 pm **Bible Study will resume on Wednesday, April 23.** All you need is your Bible, and we'll provide the discussion questions when we “connect.” Please join us if you can, by computer or by audio on your phone. The details about how to join are on our website and in the monthly newsletter. Please contact Karl McClellan or Fred Warner with questions.

## Vacation Bible School Planning



Sunday April 13<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 We need your input and help! See/contact Jeanne Warner for further details.

**Palm Fronds are donated in memory of Nancy and Ed Frederick**



## Easter Candy

It's that time again! Candy will be available **TODAY!** April 13<sup>th</sup>



## Work Breakfast!



Join us , Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 – 10:30 AM in the hospitality basement for a meal and fellowship followed by a time work on various projects around the church. All ages are welcome! Please contact Pastor Lee for further questions.

## Heating Oil Season continues.....



As the weather turns warmer our thoughts move away from Heating Oil, however we are on a monthly budget and the payments do continue. We truly appreciate everyone who has helped so far!

**“Lu” is asking that our members do their best to continue to contribute monthly a little extra using the OIL envelopes you’ll find at the BRIGHT YELLOW Heating Oil Campaign poster board located in the Hospitality area.**

## Easter Egg Hunt

This year’s Easter Egg Hunt will take place on Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at 11:00AM on the front lawn. Please bring your little ones for a truly memorable time!



## Easter Morning Breakfast      Sunday April 20, 2025 at 9:30 AM

Bring your family and have breakfast with your Immanuel family!



Scrambled Eggs  
Pancakes

Linked Sausage  
Fellowship

**Bring a dessert!!** See sign-up sheet in hospitality area. Please contact Mary Lyn Horne-Onimus with any questions.