

First Sunday *in* Lent



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IMMANUEL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Reconciling in Christ Congregation

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SERVICE OF THE SPOKEN WORD

PRELUDE (*Prayerful time for reflection.*)

^Mission Statement:

C: We of Immanuel are claimed, gathered, and sent by God to live Christ's example through worship, education, and service.

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

During the season of Lent we are called to return to the Lord with all our heart. Let us confess our sin and seek reconciliation with God and neighbor.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Merciful God, you sent Jesus Christ to save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We fail in love, neglect justice, and ignore your truth. Have mercy on us and wash away our sin. Create in us clean hearts for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Behold, now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation. Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

^HYMN (*Kathleen Schneider & Joyce Morrison*)

O Lord, throughout These Forty Days



- 1 O Lord, through-out these for - ty days you prayed and kept the fast;
- 2 You strove with Sa - tan, and you won; your faith - ful - ness en - dured;
- 3 Though parched and hun - gry, yet you prayed and fixed your mind a - bove;
- 4 Be with us through this sea - son, Lord, and all our earth - ly days,



in - spire re - pen - tance for our sin, and free us from our past.
 lend us your nerve, your skill and trust in God's e - ter - nal word.
 so teach us to de - ny our - selves that we may know God's love.
 that when the fi - nal Eas - ter dawns, we join in heav - en's praise.

Text: based on Claudia F. Hernaman, 1838–1898; para. Gilbert E. Doan, b. 1930
 Music: CAITHNESS, *Psalter*, Edinburgh, 1635

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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.

P: Let us pray

^PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

PSALM 25:1-10 (*Read responsively*)

Your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness. (Ps. 25:10)

¹To you, O LORD,
I lift up my soul.

²**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

³Let none who look to you be put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

⁴**Show me your ways, O LORD,
and teach me your paths.**

⁵Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day
long.

⁶**Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.**

⁷Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of
your goodness, O LORD.

⁸**You are gracious and up right, O LORD;
therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

⁹You lead the lowly in justice
and teach the lowly your way.

¹⁰All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness
to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.

^HOLY GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 1st Chapter

C: **Glory to you O Lord**

*The Spirit that comes upon Jesus at his baptism sustains him when he is
tested by Satan so that he might proclaim the good news of God's reign.*

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

¹²And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON

Pastor Scott Lee

^NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,*
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Renewed in the promises of baptism, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

We pray for the church. For all who preach, teach, and inspire your people to lives of service. Renew your church in ministry, mission, and compassion. Unite us in faith, and uphold us in the promises of baptism. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the world. For the well-being of both our own surroundings and of distant places. For favorable weather and sustaining rains. For creatures awakening from hibernation or beginning seasonal migrations. Provide safe habitats and abundant food for all. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the nations. For all who govern or hold positions of authority. For those who work to make their communities safe from violence. Protect

all who place themselves in danger to save others from harm. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for this assembly. For musicians, artists, and poets who help us envision your love through word, image, and song. For those who have faced exclusion or felt forgotten. For all who reach out in love and welcome. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

With thanksgiving, we remember those who have died (*especially Martin Luther*). As they receive the fulfillment of your promises made to them in baptism, sustain us in the hope of resurrection life with you. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those in need. For those moving to new communities. For individuals who are incarcerated or recently released from prison. For those who are abused or neglected, for the lonely, and for those who are ill (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Trusting in your covenant of mercy, O God, we lift our prayers to you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

^PEACE

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

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us share the peace.

^LORD'S PRAYER (*Spoken*)

**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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

^BENEDICTION/BLESSING

May God who has called us forth from the dust of the earth, and claimed us as children of the light, strengthen you on your journey into life renewed. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you ✝ peace. Amen.

^HYMN (*Kathleen Schneider & Joyce Morrison*)

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;
2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;
3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

I want Je - sus to walk with me;
in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;
when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,
when my heart is al - most break - ing,
when my head is bowed in sor - row,

Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
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^DISMISSAL

Marked with the cross of Christ, go forth to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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ReconcilingWorks
 LUTHERANS FOR FULL PARTICIPATION



As a **Reconciling in Christ** congregation, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Norwood, commits to celebrating the love of God with ALL people as we are all made in God's image. 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.

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Easter Flowers brighten the altar, contributing to our Easter celebration. This year we are ordering **Mums and Lilies!** Due to worship services going virtual once again, we will be taking orders either by mail or by dropping off orders during office hours. Please include **type of plant, number of plants, payment, and dedication** for the bulletin in your envelope. Orders are being taken beginning February 28th and the last day to order is Monday, March 22nd. The cost **per** plant is **\$7.00** each. For pick-up information after Easter, please contact the church office at 610.586.5860



“Virtual” Adult Bible Study! We are doing a virtual Bible study so that people can stay safe at home during the pandemic but also gather (remotely) once a week to learn more about the Bible. We are using a “Life Guide” bible study format doing a series about the 23rd Psalm. All you need is your Bible and we’ll provide the discussion questions when we “connect”. Sessions will be led by Karl McClellan and Fred Warner. If you missed the first week(s) no worry, you are welcome to join in “along the way”! For internet access information, or the dial in option to join, please see “Zoom Bible Study” under separate cover on our Immanuel website.



Youth Virtual Zoom Meetings beginning February 14th! Please join us on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month at 9:00am. We plan to meet for about 45 minutes to show and tell about the various crafts that they worked on from the games & activities bags dropped off at their residence. Parents are encouraged to join in by working with their children on the projects. If you wish to be a part of this group please contact Pastor Lee at Pastor.Immanuelnorwood@gmail.com. For internet access information, please see “Zoom Youth Activities Meeting” under separate cover on our Immanuel website.



Lenten Service Schedule: This year Immanuel - Norwood; St. Matthew - Woodlyn; Holy Trinity - Wallingford; St. Timothy - Aston; St. Mark – Clifton Heights, and St. John - Folcroft will be working together. This year’s theme is **“Pure heart, Mercy, Hunger, Mourn, & Peacemakers”**.

7:00 pm: Virtual Worship

For internet access information, or the dial in option to join, please see “Zoom Lenten Services” under separate cover on our Immanuel website.

DATE	Host	Preaching
Feb. 24th	St. Timothy, Aston	Pr. Scott Lee – “Pure Heart”
Mar. 3rd	Holy Trinity, Wallingford	Pr. Marie Sager – “Mercy”
Mar. 10th	St. Mark, Clifton Hghts.	Pr. Scott Lee – “Hunger”
Mar. 17th	St. Mark, Clifton Hghts.	Pr. Jenn Casey – “Mourn”
Mar. 24th	Immanuel, Norwood	Pr. Tim Ness– “Peacemakers”