

# Second 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*)

## How Good, Lord, to Be Here!



- 1 How good, Lord, to be here! Your glo - ry fills the night;
- 2 How good, Lord, to be here, your beau - ty to be - hold
- 3 Ful - fill - er of the past and hope of things to be,
- 4 Be - fore we taste of death, we see your king - dom come;
- 5 How good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not re - main;



your face and gar - ments, like the sun, shine with un - bor - rowed light.  
 where Mo - ses and E - li - jah stand, your mes - sen - gers of old.  
 we hail your bod - y glo - ri - fied and our re - demp - tion see.  
 we long to hold the vi - sion bright and make this hill our home.  
 but since you bid us leave the mount, come with us to the plain.

Text: Joseph A. Robinson, 1858–1933, alt.

Music: POTSDAM, W. Mercer, *The Church Psalter and Hymn Book*, 1854

**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

**O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life. Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

PSALM 22:23-31 (*Read responsively*)

*All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD. (Ps. 22:27)*

<sup>23</sup>You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's line, give glory.

Stand in awe of the LORD, all you off-spring of Israel.

<sup>24</sup>**For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the LORD's face hidden from them; but when they cry out, the LORD hears them.**

<sup>25</sup>From you comes my praise in the great assembly;

I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.

<sup>26</sup>**The poor shall eat and be satisfied,**

**Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts live forever!**

<sup>27</sup>All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; all the families of nations shall bow before God.

<sup>28</sup>**For dominion belongs to the LORD, who rules over the nations.**

<sup>29</sup>Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship;

all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the LORD.

<sup>30</sup>**Their descendants shall serve the LORD, whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.**

<sup>31</sup>They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying to them, "The LORD has acted!"

^HOLY GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 8<sup>th</sup> Chapter

**C: Glory to you O Lord**

*After Peter confesses his belief that Jesus is the Messiah, Jesus tells his disciples for the first time what is to come. Peter's response indicates that he does not yet understand the way of the cross that Jesus will travel.*

<sup>31</sup>[Jesus] began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.<sup>32</sup> He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup>But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

<sup>34</sup>He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. <sup>36</sup>For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? <sup>37</sup>Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? <sup>38</sup>Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

Pastor Scott Lee

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**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. Make us bold to proclaim your love. Give us courage to carry the cross that confronts us each day and follow Christ. Strengthen pastors, bishops, deacons, and all who minister in your name. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the world. For flowing streams and still waters. For urban parks and wilderness reserves. For pastures and forests. Instill within us a reverence for the earth as your creation and our fragile home. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the nations. Teach us to honor our common humanity within diversity. Turn enemies into friends. Lead us away from hatred, fear, and misunderstanding. Show our hearts the way to peace and fill us with compassion. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for this assembly. For those who prepare this space for worship. For ministries of fellowship and hospitality. For those preparing for baptism or confirmation, and for all who provide care and support to those who are homebound. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We remember with thanksgiving those who have gone before us in the faith (*especially deaconess Elizabeth Fedde*). Bring them to the fullness of their inheritance in Christ and into the joy of eternal life with you. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those in need. For people whose struggles we fail to acknowledge. For those who leave their homes and families in search of safety or employment. For those who grieve, and for all 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.

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**^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.**

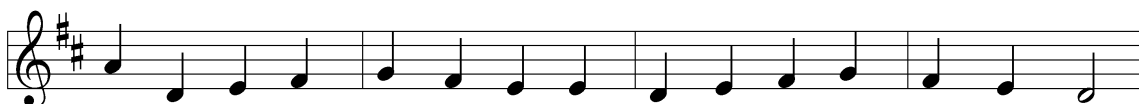
**ANNOUNCEMENTS****^BENEDICTION/BLESSING**

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*)**



## Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus



1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, fol - low his ex - am - ple pure,  
 2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus, and with pa - tience bear our cross.  
 3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death he con - quered death,  
 4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en from the dead



through a world that would de - ceive us and to sin our spir - its lure.  
 Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; where he is there is no loss.  
 he will free us from de - struc - tion, give to us im - mor - tal breath.  
 that to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus, since you are our head,



On - ward in his foot - steps tread - ing, pil - grims here, our home a - bove,  
 Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter, we shall reap ce - les - tial joy:  
 Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion that would lead us in - to sin;  
 we are your own liv - ing mem - bers; where you live, there we shall be



full of faith and hope and love, let us do our Fa - ther's bid - ding.  
 all dis - com - forts that an - noy shall give way to mirth here - af - ter.  
 then by grace we all may win un - told fruits of his cre - a - tion.  
 in your pres - ence con - stant - ly, liv - ing there with you for - ev - er.



Faith - ful Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where you guide.  
 Je - sus, here I share your woe; help me there your joy to know.  
 Je - sus, un - to you I die, there to live with you on high.  
 Je - sus, if I faith - ful be, life e - ter - nal grant to me.

### ^DISMISSAL

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



## **DUE TO COVID-19, ALL IN PERSON WORSHIP SERVICES AND CHURCH EVENTS ARE CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**



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.



**Acme/Giant and 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 value of the coupons that you use. Help us help our church!** Contact Alex Narcavage for details.

**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 22<sup>nd</sup>. 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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, please see “Zoom Bible Study” under separate cover on our Immanuel website.



**Youth Virtual Zoom Meetings beginning February 14<sup>th</sup>!** Please join us on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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, and have children between 3-10 years old, please contact Pastor Lee at [Pastor.Immanuelnorwood@gmail.com](mailto:Pastor.Immanuelnorwood@gmail.com). For internet access information, please see “Zoom Youth Activities Meeting” under separate cover on our Immanuel website.

**Help Immanuel save Money!** If you have an email address please consider going digital for the monthly delivery of our church newsletter. If enough members sign up, between postage, copier, and paper costs, **the savings would be significant to the church.** Email is more efficient and timely than the post office these days, so sign up today! Just send an email to: [secretary.immanuel@verizon.net](mailto:secretary.immanuel@verizon.net) to be added to our distribution list.



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**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 – <b>“Pure Heart”</b>
Mar. 3rd	Holy Trinity, Wallingford	Pr. Marie Sager – <b>“Mercy”</b>
Mar. 10th	St. Mark, Clifton Hghts.	Pr. Scott Lee – <b>“Hunger”</b>
Mar. 17th	St. Mark, Clifton Hghts.	Pr. Jenn Casey – <b>“Mourn”</b>
Mar. 24th	Immanuel, Norwood	Pr. Tim Ness– <b>“Peacemakers”</b>



## HOLY WEEK

DATE	Location	TIME
Mar. 28th	Palm Sunday	Virtual Worship ~ 11:00 AM <i>Via Facebook Live</i>
Apr. 1st	Maundy Thursday <b>Glenolden Congregational</b>	Virtual Worship ~ 7:00 PM <i>Via Zoom</i>
Apr. 2nd	Good Friday <b>Prospect Hill Baptist Church</b>	Virtual Worship ~ 7:00 PM <i>Via Zoom</i>
Apr. 4th	Easter Sunday	Virtual Worship ~ 11:00 AM <i>Via Facebook Live</i>