



Holy Communion

Second Sunday in Lent

March 16, 2025, 10:30 am

Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church ♦ A Living Sanctuary of Hope and Grace

Though we sometimes doubt and often resist God's desire to protect and save us, our God persists. In holy baptism, God's people have been called and gathered into a God-initiated relationship that will endure. Lent provides the church with a time and a tradition in which to seek the face of the Lord again.

Lent provides another occasion to behold the God of our salvation in the face of the Blessed One who "comes in the name of the Lord."

*Al
congregarse*

The Holy Spirit gathers us in unity on the first day of the week, the day of Christ's resurrection.

Gathering

The carillon is rung and calls all to a time of silence in preparation for worship. Prayers for this time are found on pg. 72 in the front of the hymnal.

Prelude

Kyrie

- Fela Sowande

The assembly stands and turns to face the cross as it enters.

Gathering Song

The God of Abraham Praise

#831

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

**In the name of the Father,
and of the + Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.**

Amen.

The procession of the cross symbolizes Christ's entrance into the assembly. As a sign of reverence to Christ and the symbol of our salvation, you may turn and bow as it passes.

The presiding minister leads a prayer of preparation.

Silence is kept for reflection.

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we are captive to sin
and cannot free ourselves.**

**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.**

**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.

The presiding minister announces God's forgiveness.

*The assembly responds: **Amen.***

Kyrie/Trisagion

Sung once by the choir, then repeated twice by all (in English)

A - gi - os o The - os, A - gi - os is - chy - ros,
Ho - ly, ho - ly God, ho - ly and might - y,

A - gi - os a - tha - na - tos, e - le - i - son i - mas.
ho - ly and im - mor - tal, have mer - cy on us.

The image shows a musical score for the Kyrie/Trisagion. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat). The first system contains the lyrics: 'A - gi - os o The - os, A - gi - os is - chy - ros, Ho - ly, ho - ly God, ho - ly and might - y,'. The second system contains the lyrics: 'A - gi - os a - tha - na - tos, e - le - i - son i - mas. ho - ly and im - mor - tal, have mer - cy on us.'

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

The assembly is seated.

Palabra

*God speaks to
us in scripture
reading,
preaching,
song, and
silence.*

Word

First Reading

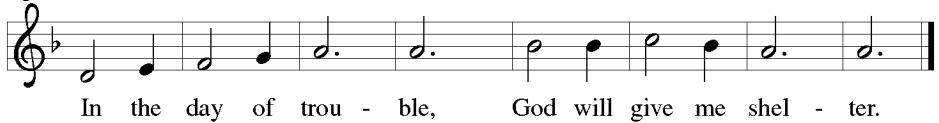
Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

Psalm

Psalm 27

The assembly sings the refrain after the choir/leader, then the verses in bold to the Psalm tone below.

Refrain:



Psalm Tone



- ¹The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then | shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I | be afraid?
- ²**When evildoers close in against me to de- | vour my flesh,
they, my foes and my enemies, will stum- | ble and fall.**
- ³Though an army encamp against me, my heart | will not fear.
Though war rise up against me, my trust will | not be shaken.
- ⁴**One thing I ask of the Lord; one | thing I seek;
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life;
to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord
and to seek God | in the temple. – Refrain.**
- ⁵For in the day of trouble God will | give me shelter,
hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me
high up-| on a rock.
- ⁶**Even now my head is lifted up
above my enemies | who surround me.
Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of
rejoicing; I will sing and make music | to the Lord.**
- ⁷Hear my voice, O Lord, | when I call;
have mercy on me and | answer me.
- ⁸**My heart speaks your message— | “Seek my face.”
Your face, O Lord, | I will seek. - Refrain**

The meditation bell calls us to a time of silent reflection as we continue to listen for God speaking through the scriptures.

- ⁹Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your ser- | vant in anger.
 Cast me not away—you have been my helper;
 forsake me not, O God of | my salvation.
- ¹⁰**Though my father and my moth- | er forsake me,**
the Lord will | take me in.
- ¹¹Teach me your | way, O Lord;
 lead me on a level path, because of | my oppressors.
- ¹²**Subject me not to the will | of my foes,**
for they rise up against me, false witnesses | breathing violence.
- ¹³This I believe—that I will see the goodness | of the Lord
 in the land | of the living!
- ¹⁴**Wait for the Lord | and be strong.**
Take heart and wait | for the Lord! - Refrain

Second Reading

Philippians 3:17—4:1

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

Gospel Acclamation

Choir, then all.



Glo - ry to you, O Word of God, Lord Je - sus Christ.

Proper verse: The Son of Man must be | lifted up,
 that whoever believes in him may have e- | ternal life. (John 3:14-15)

The acclamation is repeated.

Gospel

Luke 13:31-35

At the announcement: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At the conclusion: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The assembly is seated.

An ancient practice at the announcement of the gospel is to make a sign of the cross on the forehead, the lips, and the heart, that the good news may be in our minds, on our lips, and in our hearts.

The Apostles' Creed, the creed used in baptismal liturgies, is used during Lent, further connecting the season to baptism.

Sermon

Silence for reflection follows.

The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.

Hymn of the Day

Thy Holy Wings

#613

Creed

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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 Intercession

...let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

Cena

God feeds us
with the
presence of
Jesus Christ.

Peace

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace and may say Peace be with you or similar words. Then the assembly is seated for the congregational announcements.

Meal

Offering

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. Loose offerings go to the ELCA's World Hunger Appeal. The choir makes an offering of music.

When Twilight Comes

arr. Robert Buckley Farlee

Text may be found at #566 in the red ELW hymnal.

The assembly stands as the gifts are presented.

Create in Me A Clean Heart

#186

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right
spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take
not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of
your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The thanksgiving continues with the preface; the assembly responds:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Our liturgical music during Lent is adapted from Franz Schubert's *Deutsche Messe* of 1827. Austrian physicist Johann Phillip Neumann commissioned the mass. He desired simple music for the Catholic liturgy that would appeal to the "widest possible congregation."

Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Ho-san-na in the high-est, ho-san-na in the high-est.

The thanksgiving includes this acclamation and a sung Amen:

Christ has died. Christ is ris'n. Christ will come a-gain.

A-men, a-men, a-men. A-men, a-men.

The great thanksgiving concludes:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

Communion

All who desire communion are welcome at Christ's table. People may come forward to the rail for communion. Bread is received in the hands. Wine may be received by the pouring chalice into individual cups. You may also reverence the presence of Christ in the chalice with a solemn bow. Gluten free bread is available. People choosing not to commune are invited forward for a blessing and may indicate so by folding hands across the chest.

Jesus, Lamb of God

Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Jesus, Lamb of God". It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff for the melody and a bass clef staff for the accompaniment. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style with a mix of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics "Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us." are written below the treble staff, with hyphens under "Je - sus" and "mer - cy". The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and moving lines.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins, have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world,

grant us peace, grant us peace.

Around You, O Lord Jesus
This is Christ's Body

#468
All Creation Sings #967

This is Christ's bod - y, bro - ken and blest. Feed us with

mer - cy and love. We are Christ's bod - y,

bro - ken and blest. Heal us and make us one.

Envío

*God blesses
us and sends
us in mission
for the life of
the world.*

We are sent forth
to continue in the
disciplines of
Lent: self-
examination and
repentance,
prayer and
fasting, sacrificial
giving and works
of love.

The assembly stands.

Prayer after Communion

Sending

Blessing

The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus.

Amen.

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The God of all grace, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

Sending Song

Lead Me, Guide Me

#768

Dismissal

As part of our Lenten fasting, no postludes will be played during Lent.

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GATHERING SONG— The God of Abraham Praise (#831)



- 1 The God of A - br'ham praise, who reigns en - throned a - bove;
- 2 The God of A - br'ham praise! At your su - preme com - mand
- 3 The God of A - br'ham praise! Your all - suf - fi - cient grace
- 4 Your prom - ise you have sworn; I on your oath de - pend.



An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days, and God of love—
 from earth I rise and seek the joys at your right hand.
 shall guide me all my pil - grim days in all my ways.
 I shall, on ea - gle wings up - borne, to heav'n as - cend.



“I Am the One I Am”— by earth and heav'n con - fessed;
 I all on earth for - sake— its wis - dom, fame, and pow'r—
 You deign to call me friend; you call your - self my God!
 I shall be - hold your face; I shall your pow'r a - dore,



I bow and bless the sa - cred name for - ev - er blest.
 and you my on - ly por - tion make, my shield and tow'r.
 And you will save me to the end through Je - sus' blood.
 and sing the won - ders of your grace for - ev - er - more.

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| <p>5 Though nature's strength decay,
 and earth and hell withstand,
 to Canaan's bounds I urge my way
 at your command.
 The wat'ry deep I pass,
 with Jesus in my view,
 and through the howling wilderness
 my way pursue.</p> | <p>7 Before the great Three-One
 the saints exulting stand
 and tell the wonders God has done
 through all their land.
 The list'ning spheres attend
 and swell the growing fame
 and sing the songs which never end,
 the wondrous name.</p> |
| <p>6 The goodly land I see,
 with peace and plenty blest;
 a land of sacred liberty
 and endless rest.
 There milk and honey flow,
 and oil and wine abound,
 and trees of life forever grow
 with mercy crowned.</p> | <p>8 The whole triumphant host
 give thanks to God on high.
 “Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!”
 they ever cry.
 Hail, Abr'ham's God and mine!
 I join the heav'nly lays:
 to you be glory, might divine,
 and endless praise!</p> |

HYMN OF THE DAY – Thy Holy Wings (#613)



1 Thy ho - ly wings, O Sav - ior, spread gent - ly o - ver me,
2 Oh, let me nes - tle near thee, with - in thy down - y breast
3 Oh, wash me in the wa - ters of No - ah's cleans - ing flood.



and let me rest se - cure - ly through good and ill in thee.
where I will find sweet com - fort and peace with - in thy nest.
Give me a will - ing spir - it, a heart both clean and good.



Oh, be my strength and por - tion, my rock and hid - ing place,
Oh, close thy wings a - round me and keep me safe - ly there,
Oh, take in - to thy keep - ing thy chil - dren great and small,



and let my ev - 'ry mo - ment be lived with - in thy grace.
for I am but a new - born and need thy ten - der care.
and while we sweet - ly slum - ber, en - fold us one and all.

OFFERING SONG—Create in Me A Clean Heart (#186)



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right



spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take



not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of



your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

COMMUNION HYMN— Around You, O Lord Jesus (#468)



- 1 A - round you, O Lord Je - sus, your own you gath - er still
- 2 We hear your in - vi - ta - tion, and heed, O Lord, your call;
- 3 We are your own for - ev - er; un - til our fi - nal breath



to share the feast you give us with grace our lives to fill.
your word of con - so - la - tion is spo - ken here to all.
we will be true and nev - er— in joy, in grief, in death—



You say to us so lov - ing - ly, "Take, eat! This is my
It draws us to your lov - ing heart; it brings to us your
de - part from you, for you are still a - mong your peo - ple



bod - y! Take, drink! This is my blood!"
bless - ing, which nev - er will de - part.
dwell - ing, as you have said you will.

SENDING SONG—Lead Me, Guide Me (#768)

Refrain



Lead me, guide me, a-long the way, For if you
lead me, I can - not stray. Lord, let me walk each
day with thee. Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.

Verses



1. I am weak and I need thy strength and pow'r to
2. Help me tread in the paths of right - eous - ness, Be my
3. I am lost if you take your hand from me, I am
help me o - ver my weak - est hour. Help me through the
aid when Sa - tan and sin op - press. I am put - ting
blind with - out thy Light to see, Lord, just al - ways
dark-ness thy face to see, Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.
all my trust in thee. Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.
let me thy ser - vant be. Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.

Prayer of the Day

God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

First Reading: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

God promises a childless and doubting Abram that he will have a son, that his descendants will be as numerous as the stars, and that the land of Canaan will be their inheritance. Abram's trust in God is sealed with a covenant-making ceremony, a sign of God's promise.

¹After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ²But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness. ⁷Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." ⁸But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" ⁹He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." ¹⁰He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. ¹¹And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. ¹²As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. ¹⁷When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. ¹⁸On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

Second Reading: Philippians 3:17--4:1

Although Paul's devotion to Christ has caused him to be persecuted, he does not regret the course he has taken. Writing from prison, he expresses confidence in a glorious future and encourages other Christians to follow in his footsteps.

¹⁷Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. ¹⁹Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. ²⁰But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. ²¹He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. ^{4:1}Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

Gospel: Luke 13:31-35

Neither Herod's plotting nor Jerusalem's resistance to maternal love will deter Jesus from his sacrificial mission.

³¹At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus,] "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." ³²He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. ³³Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' ³⁴Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

Readings for the Week

Monday—Wednesday reflect on the previous Sunday's readings.

Thursday—Saturday prepare for next Sunday.

Monday Psalm 105:1-42; Exodus 33:1-6; Romans 4:1-12

Tuesday Psalm 105:1-42; Numbers 14:10b-24; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

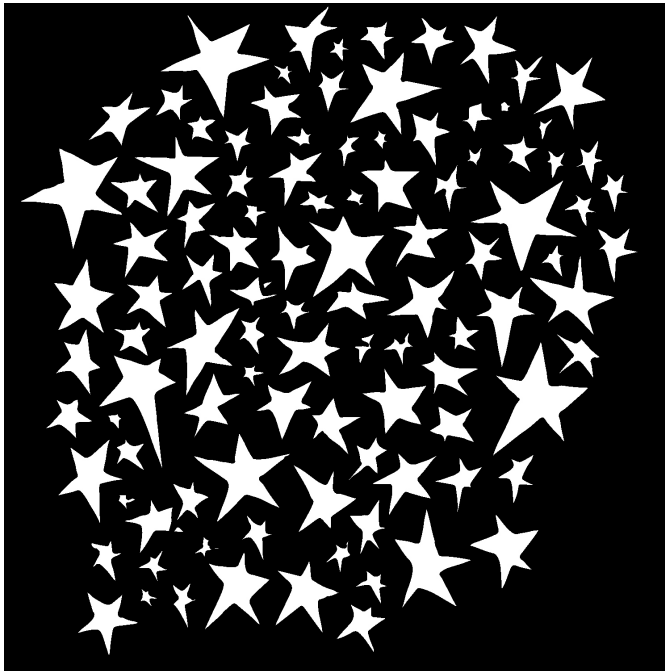
Wednesday Psalm 105:1-42; 2 Chronicles 20:1-22; Luke 13:22-31

Thursday Psalm 63:1-8, Daniel 3:19-30; Revelation 2:8-11

Friday Psalm 63:1-8; Daniel 12:1-4; Revelation 3:1-6

Saturday Psalm 63:1-8; Isaiah 5:1-7; Luke 6:43-45;

Sunday Isaiah 55:1-9; Psalm 63:1-8; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9



WELCOME TO IMMANUEL

We rejoice that diversity in God's creation enriches, nurtures, and challenges our life together as followers of Jesus Christ and as servants to the world.

Because we believe that God's grace is truly amazing, we are committed to welcoming all people to this place. No matter where you come from, no matter what age, race, socio-economic or family status, no matter what gender identity or sexual orientation, you are welcome here.

Grace is for everyone or it isn't grace. It's that simple, it's that amazing!

