

Welcome to Immanuel Lutheran Church
Thursday, March 29, 2018
Maundy Thursday

Prelude

Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

Friends in Christ, in this Lenten season we have heard our Lord's call to struggle against sin, death, and the devil—all that keeps us from loving God and each other. This is the struggle to which we were called at baptism.

Within the community of the church, God never wearies of forgiving sin and giving the peace of reconciliation. On this night let us confess our sin against God and our neighbor, and enter the celebration of the great Three Days reconciled with God and with one another.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.

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.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us
even when we were dead in sin,
and made us alive together with Christ.

By grace you have been saved.

In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

Almighty God strengthen you with power
through the Holy Spirit,

that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

Prayer of the Day

Eternal God, in the sharing of a meal your Son established a new covenant for all people, and in the washing of feet he showed us the dignity of service. Grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these signs of our life in faith may speak again to our hearts, feed our spirits, and refresh our bodies, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading: Exodus 12:1-4 [5-10] 11-14

¹The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: ²This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. ³Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. ⁴If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. [⁵Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. ⁶You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. ⁷They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. ⁸They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. ⁹Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. ¹⁰You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn.] ¹¹This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD. ¹²For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. ¹³The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

¹⁴This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

Word of God, Word of Life

Thanks be to God

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

²³For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, ²⁴and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” ²⁵In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” ²⁶For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

Word of God, Word of Life

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation “Return to the Lord”

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**Return to the Lord, Your God, for he is gracious and merciful,
Slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.**

A.M.: I give you a new commandment, that you love one another just as I have loved you.

Gospel: John 13:1-17, 31b-35

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The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. ²The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper ³Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, ⁴got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. ⁵Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples’ feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. ⁶He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, “Lord, are you going to wash my feet?” ⁷Jesus answered, “You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand.” ⁸Peter said to him, “You will never wash my feet.” Jesus answered, “Unless I wash you, you have no share with me.” ⁹Simon Peter said to him, “Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!” ¹⁰Jesus said to him, “One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you.” ¹¹For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, “Not all of you are clean.”

¹²After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, “Do you know what I have done to you? ¹³You call me

Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. ¹⁴So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. ¹⁶Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. ¹⁷If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.”

^{31b}“Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”
The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ. Amen.

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Niveen Sarras

Hymn of the Day “Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”

#708, vss. 1 & 4

Washing of Hands or Feet

On this night we have heard our Lord's commandment to love one another as he has loved us. We who receive God's love in Jesus Christ are called to love one another, to be servants to each other as Jesus became our servant. Our commitment to this loving service is signified in the washing of feet, following the example our Lord gave us on the night before his death.

Prayers of Intercession

After each petition, please respond with **“Hear our prayer”**

On this holy night, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy.

A brief silence.

By the cross of Christ, mend the brokenness of your church. Where there is division, grant healing. Where there is fracture, grant unity. Where there is indifference, grant passion. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

By the cross of Christ, mend the brokenness of the creation. Put an end to destruction and renew our commitment to the fullness of life you intend for every living thing. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

By the cross of Christ, mend the brokenness of the human family. Bring understanding and a spirit of cooperation to nations and communities in conflict. Dissolve distrust into understanding and transform disregard into profound care for one another. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

By the cross of Christ, mend the brokenness of those who suffer in mind, body, and spirit *especially* Thelma, Neil, Joella Corado, Jerrilynn, Betty Jane, Justin and Ashly, Esther, Barb, Dolores, Pam, Kathrine Sylvia, Norm, April, Breanna, Meredith, LuAnn, Connor, Janci, Lucy, Youa and Shelby. Through your grace help us to feed those who hunger, to give shelter to those without a home, to take care of the sick. Grant Lord rest to the dying. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

By the cross of Christ, mend the brokenness of this community. Help us seek not so much to be served, but to serve; not to be loved, but to love; not to be forgiven, but to forgive, for the sake of the gospel. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

By the cross of Christ, mend the brokenness within us. Cast out all fear of separation from you, and join us to the communion of saints *especially Robert Bursik and Arlene Dopkins* who celebrate at your eternal banquet table. Let us pray by singing “**O Lord, Hear My Prayer**” **#751**

O Lord, hear my prayer,
O Lord, hear my prayer:
when I call, answer me.
O Lord, hear my prayer,
O Lord, hear my prayer:
come and listen to me.

Pastor: Into the arms of your tender embrace, O God, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in the one who, on the cross, opened his arms to all: Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Sharing of Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always

C: and also with you.

Offering

Offertory **“Stay with Me”**

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Offertory Prayer

A.M.: Let us pray together in union.

God of glory,

receive these gifts and the offering of our lives.

As Jesus was lifted up from the earth,

draw us to your heart in the midst of this world,

that all creation may be brought from bondage to freedom,

from darkness to light, and from death to life;

through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Holy Communion

Great Thanksgiving

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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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
whose suffering and death gave salvation to all.

You gather your people around the tree of the cross,
transforming death into life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,

with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy

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**Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.**

The Institution of the Holy Communion

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever.
Amen.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

The Lord's Prayer

Invitation to Communion

A.M: Come to Jesus, our host and our meal.

Communion Hymns “Jesus, I Will Ponder Now”

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Prayer after Communion

A.M.: Lord Jesus, in a wonderful sacrament
you strengthen us with the saving power
of your suffering, death, and resurrection.
May this sacrament of your body and blood
so work in us that the fruits of your redemption
will show forth in the way we live,
for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Post Communion Hymn “Where Charity and Love Prevail”#359 vss. 1, 3, 5

Stripping of the Altar Psalm 22

Mary McDonell

All Depart in Silence

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Prayer Concerns: Thelma Bursik, Neil Coakley, Joella Corado (Maggie Westaby’s cousin), Jerrilynn Duxbury, Betty Jane Kettunen, Justin Nickolai, Esther Osterby, Barb Peterson, Dolores Riege, Pam (Rodney Riese’s wife), Dina Sarras, Kathrine Sylvia Sarras, Norm Winterhoff, April Winters (Jamie Rice-Heckendorf’s niece), Breanna Kurth, Meredith Westaby, Connor Rice (Jamie Rice-Heckendorf’s cousin), Janci Treutel, Ashley Nickolai, Lucy Peterson, and Youa Xiong & Shelby Brod (Serenity Hulstrom’s Friends)

A celebration of Arlene Dopkins’ life will be held at ILC on Saturday at 10:00.

Noisy offering will be Sunday, April 1st. Social Concerns uses the money to help feed the needy in our area. Contact Marge Warner with any questions.

Greetings and grace to all of you at Immanuel Lutheran Church. I have been in contact with your pastor and your president and we have decided, together, to spend some time in conversation to explore new ways of communicating with one another. Your congregation has experienced recent change and there are rich lessons that come from that. We will explore what the future might hold with the learning that has already happened.

I work with our synod office and I am trained to work with the systems of the church. My passion is the health of the system - the climate that makes people want to join your congregation!

I hope that you will take the time to join us in conversation on April 29th.

Joan Johanson

We will be sending a care package to Ashley Nickolai April 5th. Example of items: books, cards, treats. You may bring your items and place them in the box in Narthex.

Pictures – Church Directory Time! It's time to create an updated church photo directory! We will once again be partnering with Lifetouch to complete a church directory. They will be here April 12th-14th to take photographs. Watch for additional information as well as phone call messages with additional information. There will be no obligation to purchase; each family receives a copy of their directory photo free as well as a directory. If you have any questions, please contact the office or Jamie Rice-Heckendorf. Please sign up on the sheets in the Gathering Room.

We will also need volunteers during the photos shoots. It's a great way to see your fellow worshipers and socialize! To volunteer please contact Jamie Rice-Heckendorf 715-848-4678 or vicepres@immanuelausau.org

First Communion will be April 15th during worship service.

Synod Assembly 2018 Service Project will be "Blast Off for Books". Purchase a book(s) for a child in need by helping the National Youth Gathering collect 100,000 books for students pre-K through 6th grade in Houston. See the insert for all the information. On the Narthex table is the list of accepted book; only purchase what is on the list. All books must be new or gently used. If you bring books, you may drop them off in the Gathering Room box by May 13th. Please complete the form with your information. The books will be taken to the Synod meeting May 18th.

All Women of ILC-The WI River Valley Conference Women's Spring Event will be held at First English Lutheran Church, Wausau on Saturday, April 14th. Registration: \$15. Checks payable to First English Lutheran Church and turn into ILC office before April 1st.

SERVING US TODAY

Worship Leader	Rev. Dr. Niveen Sarras
Assisting Minister	Mary McDonell
Ministers	All Members of Immanuel
Organist	Judy Kort
Readers	Holly Westaby, Vern & Joanne Diestelhorst, Rick & Joyce Lohr, Tom McDonell
Communion Assistant	Mary McDonell
Greeters	Rick & Joyce Lohr
Head Usher	Dan Westaby
Presentation Manager	Karen Spoehr
Altar Guild	Dan & Holly Westaby
Contact Person	Margaret Johnson

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Thurs. Mar. 29	Maundy Thursday
6:00p	Communion Worship Service, washing of hands or feet
Fri. Mar. 30	Good Friday
	Church Office Closed
	1:30p Worship Service
Sat. Mar. 31	10:00a Celebration of Life for Arlene Dopkins
	6:00p Easter Vigil Service, Communion
Sun. Apr. 01	Easter Sunday
	8:15a Choir Practice
	9:00a Communion Worship Service, Choir, Noisy Offering
	10:15a Easter Breakfast
	Easter Egg Hunt
	10:30a Choir Practice

Our Sister Church is the Lobatla Parish. Address is: c/o Moruti (Pastor) Rev. G.M. Nkale, P.O. Box 160, Motswedi 2870, Republic of South Africa. Email for Pastor: nkalesto@gmail.com