

**Welcome to Immanuel Lutheran Church**  
**Friday, March 30, 2018**  
**Good Friday**

**Prelude**

**Prayer of the Day**

**Merciful God, your Son was lifted up on the cross to draw all people to himself. Grant that we who have been born out of his wounded side may at all times find mercy in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**Gospel Acclamation**

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**Look to Jesus, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.**

**Gospel: John 18:1-19:42 (This will be read by readers.)**

**(Only put Gospel: John 18:1-19:42 on screen not the verses)**

**Reading**

**Hymn**

**“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”**

**#803 vss. 1, 2 & 4**

**Reading**

**Hymn**

**“Ah, Holy Jesus”**

**#349 vss. 1, 3, 5**

**Reading**

**Hymn**

**“Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed” #337 vss. 1, 3, 5**

**Reading**

**Hymn**

**“Were You There”**

**Soloist, Arzelee Drown**

**Reading**

**Hymn**

**“They Crucified My Lord”**

**#350 vss. 1, 2, 4**

## **Bidding Prayer**

A.M.: Let us pray, brothers and sisters, for the holy church throughout the world, that God the Holy Spirit guide it and gather it together, so that we may worship God in peace and tranquility.

*Silent prayer.*

P: Almighty and eternal God, you have shown your glory to all nations in Jesus Christ. By your Holy Spirit guide the work of the church. Help it to persevere in faith, proclaim your name, and bring the good news of salvation in Christ to all people. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

A.M.: Let us pray for The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton, our Presiding Bishop, Gerald Mansholt, our bishop, for Niveen Sarras, our pastor, for all servants of the church, and for all the people of God.

*Silent prayer.*

P: Almighty and eternal God, your Spirit guides the Church and makes it holy. Strengthen and uphold our bishops, pastors, other ministers, and lay leaders. Keep them in health and safety for the good of the church, and help them to do faithfully the work to which you have called them. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

A.M.: Let us pray for our sisters and brothers in other churches who share our faith in Jesus Christ, that God may lead into deeper unity all those who know and confess Christ Jesus as Lord.

*Silent prayer.*

P: Almighty and eternal God, you give your church unity. Look with favor on all who follow Jesus your Son. Make all the baptized one in the fullness of faith, and keep us united in the fellowship of love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

A.M.: Let us pray for the Jewish people, the first to hear the word of God and to receive God's law, that they may know the fulfillment of the covenant's promises.

*Silent prayer.*

P: Almighty and eternal God, long ago you gave your promise to Abraham and your law to Moses. Hear our prayers that the people you called and elected as your own may arrive at the fullness of redemption. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

A.M.: Let us pray for those who do not share our faith in Christ Jesus, that the light of the Holy Spirit may illumine their way to salvation.

*Silent prayer.*

P: Almighty and eternal God, gather into your embrace all those who call out to you under different names. Bring an end to inter-religious conflict, and make us more perfect witnesses of the love made known to us in your Son. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

A.M.: Let us pray for those who do not believe in God, that they may come to the knowledge of the one who is the author and goal of our existence.

*Silent prayer.*

P: Almighty and eternal God, you created humanity so that all may long to know you and find peace in you. Grant that all may recognize the signs of your love and grace in the world and in the lives of Christians, and gladly acknowledge you as the one true God. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

A.M.: Let us pray for those who serve in public office, that God may guide their minds and hearts, so that all of us may receive justice and live in peace and freedom.

*Silent prayer.*

P: Almighty and eternal God, you are the champion of the poor and oppressed. In your goodness, give wisdom to those in authority, so that all people may enjoy justice, peace, freedom, and a share in the goodness of your creation. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

A.M.: Let us pray for those in need, that the almighty and merciful God may heal the sick, comfort the dying, give safety to travelers, free those unjustly deprived of liberty, and rid the world of falsehood, hunger, and disease.

*Silent prayer.*

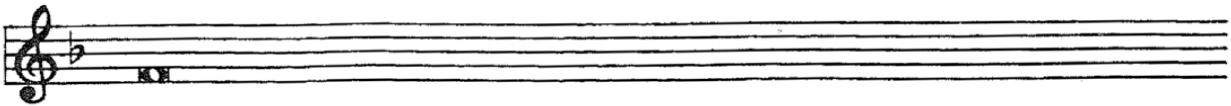
P: Almighty and eternal God, you give strength to the weary and new courage to those who have lost heart. Hear the prayers of all who call on you in any trouble, that they may have the joy of receiving your help in their need. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

A.M.: Finally, let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask, saying:

**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.**

### **Procession of the Cross**

*Sing three times*



☐ Behold the life - giving cross on which was hung the salvation



of the whole world. ☑ Oh, come, let us wor - ship him.

*Minister takes a lighted votive and place on the table,  
then Assisting Minister lights candles for all who come forward.*

### **Reflective Music**

### **Veneration of the Cross and Lighting Candles**

**Solemn Reproaches**

**Kathy Knox and Rev. Niveen Sarras**

### **Adoration**

P: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

**C: By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

*All Depart in Silence*

**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 1<sup>st</sup>. 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 Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup> following worship service.  
Joan Johanson

**We will be sending** a care package to Ashley Nickolai April 5<sup>th</sup>. 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 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> 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@immanuelwausau.org

**First Communion** will be April 15<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup>. Please complete the form with your information. The books will be taken to the Synod meeting May 18<sup>th</sup>.

**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 14<sup>th</sup>. Registration: \$15. Checks payable to First English Lutheran Church and turn into ILC office before April 1<sup>st</sup>.

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

**SERVING US TODAY**

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| <b>Worship Leader</b>       | Rev. Dr. Niveen Sarras                                  |
| <b>Assisting Minister</b>   | Mary McDonell   |
| <b>Ministers</b>            | All Members of Immanuel                                 |
| <b>Pianist</b>              | Judy Kort   |
| <b>Soloist</b>              | Arzelee Drown   |
| <b>Readers</b>              | Bill Cerny, Claudette Harring<br>Joyce Lohr, Kathy Knox |
| <b>Head Usher</b>           | Bob Doede   |
| <b>Greeters</b>             | Rick & Joyce Lohr                                       |
| <b>Presentation Manager</b> | Karen Spoehr  |
| <b>Altar Guild</b>          | Dan & Holly Westaby                                     |
| <b>Contact Person</b>       | Margaret Johnson  |

**WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

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| <b>Fri.</b> | <b>Mar. 30</b> | <b>Good Friday</b>                               |
|             | 1:30p          | Worship Service                                  |
| <b>Sat.</b> | <b>Mar. 31</b> | 10:00a Celebration of Life for Arlene Dopkins    |
|             | 6:00p          | Easter Vigil Service, Communion                  |
| <b>Sun.</b> | <b>Apr. 01</b> | <b>Easter Sunday</b>                             |
|             | 8:15a          | Choir Practice                                   |
|             | 9:00a          | Communion Worship Service, Choir, Noisy Offering |
|             | 10:15a         | Easter Breakfast                                 |
|             |                | Easter Egg Hunt                                  |
|             | 10:30a         | Choir Practice                                   |