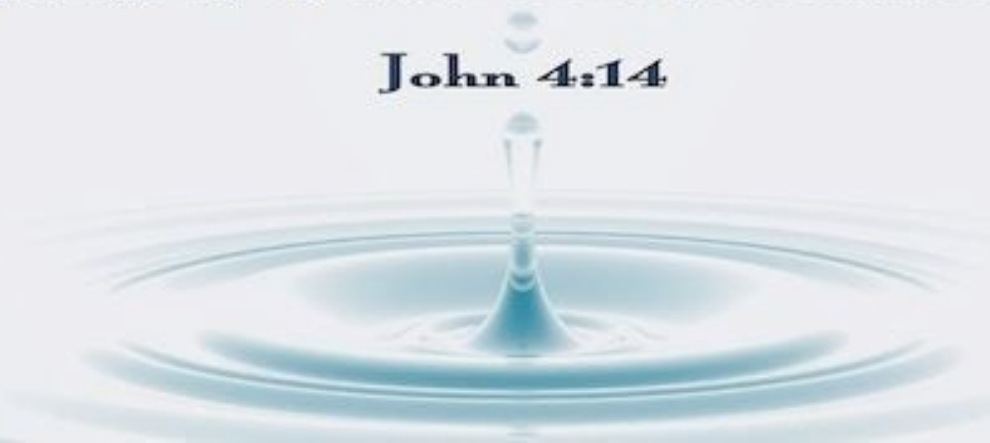


Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church

*“Inspired by God’s Grace
to Love and Serve all”*

Jesus said
whoever
drinks the water
that I shall give him
will never thirst again.
It will become a well of water
springing up within him for eternal life.

John 4:14



MARCH 12, 2023

9:00 AM

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

Welcome & Announcements

WE WELCOME GUESTS WHO WORSHIP WITH US TODAY!

Please sign the guest book in the narthex. Thank you!

The 2023 altar flower chart is in the narthex. Please sign up to sponsor flowers! This year the cost will be \$14.00. (There are no altar flowers during Lent.)

We welcome Matthew Johnson to worship this morning as our worship leader. Thank you Matthew for sharing your gifts and talents!

OFFICE HOURS—Administrative Assistant Kari Britton Tuesday 9:00 a.m. to Noon **OFFICE CLOSED THURSDAY 3/16 FOR SPRING BREAK.**

Pastor John Kuziej: Tuesday 10:00 am—Noon and by appointment.

Cell: 906-932-4165; email: johnckuziej2@gmail.com. Pastor John is happy to schedule visits with home-bound individuals and is also available for hospital visits.

From our Financial Secretary: Offering envelopes are available to be picked up in the narthex. If you need envelopes, please contact our Financial Secretary, Sheree Vanden Heuvel.

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS—6:00 p.m. during Lent. Sign up in the Narthex to bring soup, bread, or dessert.

LENTEN SERVICES—Holden Evening Prayer Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

MARCH WORSHIP – *Please sign up in the narthex* OR call the office if you can assist with Worship. We need readers, ushers, live stream assistant, and communion assistant.

SNOW SHOVELING - sign up sheet in narthex to volunteer for snow shoveling in the winter months.

WELCA BIBLE STUDY MOCHA ON THE MOUNT meets the third Wednesday of the month at 10:00 a.m.

NATH MEALS: All meals have been covered through April 2023. Please consider signing your group up to provide a meal again this year! To volunteer, please sign-up on the sheet in the narthex or you can call Sue Larsen at 715-362-2544.

BLOOD DRIVE—Thursday, March 23rd from 2:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m. To schedule your donation, please contact Jackie Waldorf at (715) 482-0513.

Prelude

Statio: Holy Pause—Silence

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
who journeys with us these forty days,
and sustains us with the gift of grace.

Amen.

Let us acknowledge before God and one another
our need for repentance and God's mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,

We confess to you our faults and failings.

Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word;

we take for ourselves instead of giving to others;

we spoil rather than steward your creation;

we cause hurt though you call us to heal;

we choose fear over compassion.

Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,

as we seek to follow in your way of life.

Amen.

Hear the good news:

God so loved the world that God gave the only Son,
so that all may receive life.

This promise is for you!

God embraces us with divine mercy,

✠ forgive us in Christ's name,

and revives us in the Spirit's power.

Amen.

GATHERING

Gathering Hymn

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" ELW #807

Pastoral 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.

Kyrie (Sing)

Also Found on Page 213

Kyrie eleison: **Lord, have mercy.**

Christe eleison: **Christ, have mercy.**

Kyrie eleison: **Lord, have mercy.**

Hymn of Praise (Sing) **Also Found on Page 213-215**

**Glory to God, glory to God,
glory to God in the highest:
glory to God, glory to God,
and peace to God's people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
Almighty God and Father, we worship you,
we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

**Glory to God, glory to God,
glory to God in the highest:
glory to God, glory to God,
and peace to God's people on earth.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**Glory to God, glory to God,
glory to God in the highest:
glory to God, glory to God,
and peace to God's people on earth.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you
alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in
the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**Glory to God, glory to God,
glory to God in the highest:
glory to God, glory to God,
and peace to God's people on earth,
and peace to God's people on earth.**

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray,

Merciful God, the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst
and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to
drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth through
Jesus Christ, our savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

First Lesson

Exodus 17:1-7

17 From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ² The people quarreled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?' ³ But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?' ⁴ So Moses cried out to the LORD, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.' ⁵ The LORD said to Moses, 'Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶ I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.' Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷ He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, 'Is the LORD among us or not?'

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm 95

Read Responsively

- ¹ O come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
- ² **Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**
- ³ For the LORD is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.
- ⁴ **In his hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are his also.**
- ⁵ The sea is his, for he made it,
and the dry land, which his hands have formed.
- ⁶ **O come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!**
- ⁷ For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.
O that today you would listen to his voice!
- ⁸ **Do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah,
as on the day at Massah in the wilderness,**
- ⁹ when your ancestors tested me,
and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work.
- ¹⁰ **For forty years I loathed that generation
and said, 'They are a people whose hearts go astray,
and they do not regard my ways.'**
- ¹¹ Therefore in my anger I swore,
'They shall not enter my rest.'

Second Lesson

Romans 5:1-11

1 Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³ And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵ and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

⁶ For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸ But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. ⁹ Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰ For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. ¹¹ But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Please rise for the Gospel Acclamation.

Gospel Acclamation (spoken)

Also found on Page 151

**Return to the Lord, your God, who is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

Gospel

John 4:5-42

The Gospel of the Lord according to John
Glory to you, O Lord

⁵ So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶ Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

⁷ A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink'. ⁸ (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) ⁹ The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) ¹⁰ Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' ¹¹ The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?' ¹² Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' ¹³ Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' ¹⁵ The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.'

¹⁶ Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.' ¹⁷ The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; ¹⁸ for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!' ¹⁹ The woman said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet. ²⁰ Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.' ²¹ Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²² You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³ But the

hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. ²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.' ²⁵ The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming' (who is called Christ). 'When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.' ²⁶ Jesus said to her, 'I am he, the one who is speaking to you.'

²⁷ Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, 'What do you want?' or, 'Why are you speaking with her?' ²⁸ Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, ²⁹ 'Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?' ³⁰ They left the city and were on their way to him.

³¹ Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, eat something.' ³² But he said to them, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' ³³ So the disciples said to one another, 'Surely no one has brought him something to eat?' ³⁴ Jesus said to them, 'My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. ³⁵ Do you not say, "Four months more, then comes the harvest"? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. ³⁶ The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. ³⁷ For here the saying holds true, "One sows and another reaps." ³⁸ I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.'

³⁹ Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, 'He told me everything I have ever done.' ⁴⁰ So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days. ⁴¹ And many more believed because of his word. ⁴² They said to the woman, 'It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

Matthew Johnson

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross" ELW #335

Our Worship continues with professing our faith using the words of the Apostles 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

Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*Merciful God, **receive our prayer.***

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

*Please share a sign of peace, keeping in mind social distancing
and respecting others boundaries.*

Please be seated.

Offering (Please sing hymn while the collection is being taken.)

Offering Song—"What Have We to Offer?"

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1 What have we to of - fer? What have we to share?
2 What have we to of - fer? What have we to bring?
3 What have we to of - fer? What have we to give?

Coins from the cof - fer, hearts filled with care.
Love, ripe with laugh - ter; hope that we can sing;
Eyes that are wide o - pen; lies that we won't live;

God will not fal - ter; so let us dare
dreams of what we're af - ter; prom - is - es of when.
truth that must be spo - ken; jus - tice some - how.

lay it at the al - tar there.
Lay it at the al - tar then.
Lay it at the al - tar now.

4 What have we to of - fer? What have we to

give? Lives we will live.

Please stand as you are able.

Offering Prayer

Let us pray,
God of good gifts,
Receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

*Gathered into one with the Holy Spirit let us pray
as Jesus taught us.*

**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.**

SENDING

BLESSING

God, the giver of love,
✠ Christ, the resurrection and the life,
And the Holy Spirit of rebirth
Bless you in this Lenten journey.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN *“You Are Mine” ELW #581*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve in love.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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Coffee &

Counters

Allie Johnson

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Kevin Kirby

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