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## The Fourth Sunday in Lent

11 a.m. Sunday, March 19, 2023

**W**arm welcome to Immanuel Lutheran Church. God's blessings to you in this holy season of Lent.

Men of the congregation: Let us stand ready to sing. The first verse of the Trisagion is ours, along with the Cantor. Then the women sing the second verse, and we all join together for the great third verse.

We are honored that you are worshiping with us today. If you do not already have a church home in our city, please consider joining this congregation. We would rejoice to have you. Just speak with Pastor Carol or send me an email ([gpfryer@gmail.com](mailto:gpfryer@gmail.com)).

In Christ,

*Gregory Fryer*

Pastor Gregory Fryer

## Lutheran Book of Worship, Setting One

PRELUDE

*Improvisation*

THE BELLS

*Please stand when the minister approaches the center aisle.*

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

**C Amen**

**P** Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen**

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Kneel/Stand. Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

**P** Most merciful God,

**C** **we confess that we are in bondage 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 minister stands and addresses the congregation.*

**P** Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen**

# The Entrance Rite

HYMN LBW 400

*God, Whose Almighty Word*

ITALIAN HYMN

## God, Whose Almighty Word



1 God, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard  
2 Lord, who once came to bring, on your re - deem - ing wing,  
3 Spir - it of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly dove,  
4 Ho - ly and bless - ed three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,



and took their flight: hear us, we hum - bly pray, and where the  
heal - ing and sight, health to the sick in mind, sight to the  
speed forth your flight; move on the wa - ter's face bear - ing the  
wis - dom, love, might! Bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in



gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray,  
in - ly blind: oh, now to hu - man - kind let there be light!  
lamp of grace, and in earth's dark - est place  
full - est pride, through the earth, far and wide,

Text: John Marriott, 1780–1825, alt.

Music: ITALIAN HYMN, Felice de Giardini, 1716–1796

### APOSTOLIC GREETING

**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.

*Men*

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and might - y, Ho - ly Im -

*Women*

mor - tal One, have mer - cy up - on us. Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and

might - y, Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, have mer - cy up - on us.

*All*

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and might - y, Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One,

have mer - cy up - on us, have mer - cy up - on us.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray. God of all mercy, by your power to heal and to forgive, graciously cleanse us from all sin and make us strong; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen**

*Sit*

# The Liturgy of the Word of God

FIRST LESSON.....1 Samuel 16:1-13, RSV  
*Samuel anointed David even though he was the eighth-oldest son of Jesse and did not match his brothers in height or other physical characteristics. With the anointing came endowment with the Spirit of the LORD, designating David as the LORD's chosen successor to Saul.*

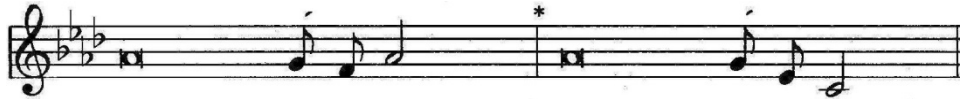
<sup>1</sup>The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul, seeing I have rejected him from being king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil, and go; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." <sup>2</sup>And Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.'"  
<sup>3</sup>And invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me him whom I name to you." <sup>4</sup>Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" <sup>5</sup>And he said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; consecrate yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice." And he consecrated Jesse and his sons, and invited them to the sacrifice.

<sup>6</sup>When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD'S anointed is before him." <sup>7</sup>But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance

or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD sees not as man sees; man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." <sup>8</sup>Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." <sup>9</sup>Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." <sup>10</sup>And Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen these." <sup>11</sup>And Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but behold, he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and fetch him; for we will not sit down till he comes here." <sup>12</sup>And he sent, and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. And the LORD said, "Arise, anoint him; for this is he."  
<sup>13</sup>Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brothers; and the Spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. And Samuel rose up, and went to Ramah.

**A** The word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.



Cantor <sup>1</sup>The LORD | is my shepherd;\*  
I shall not | be in want.

All <sup>2</sup>**He makes me lie down | in green pastures\***  
**and leads me be- | side still waters.**

Cantor <sup>3</sup>He re- | vives my soul\*  
and guides me along right pathways | for his name's sake.

All <sup>4</sup>**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall | fear no**  
**evil;\***  
**for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they | comfort me.**

Cantor <sup>5</sup>You spread a table before me in the presence of those who | trouble me;\*  
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is | running over.

All <sup>6</sup>**Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days | of my life,\***  
**and I will dwell in the house of the | LORD forever.**

SECOND LESSON ..... Ephesians 5:8-14, RSV

*Because we now live in the divine light that is Jesus Christ, we conduct our lives in ways that reflect the light of Christ, so that our activity is truly pleasing to God.*

<sup>8</sup>for once you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord; walk as children of light <sup>9</sup>(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), <sup>10</sup>and try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. <sup>11</sup>Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. <sup>12</sup>For it is a shame even to speak of the things that they do in secret; <sup>13</sup>but when anything is exposed by the light it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. <sup>14</sup>Therefore it is said,

“Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give you light.”

**A** The word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

*Please stand for the singing of the Lent Verse and for the reading of the Holy Gospel.*

Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and  
 3 mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in  
 6 stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

HOLY GOSPEL ..... John 9:1-41, RSV

*Before the Gospel:*

☐ The Holy Gospel according to St. John, from the Ninth Chapter:

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>As he [Jesus] passed by, he saw a man blind from his birth. <sup>2</sup>And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be made manifest in him. <sup>4</sup>We must work the works of him who sent me, while it is day; night comes, when no one can work. <sup>5</sup>As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." <sup>6</sup>As he said this, he spat on the ground and made clay of the spittle and anointed the man's eyes with the clay, <sup>7</sup>saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing. <sup>8</sup>The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar, said, "Is not this the

man who used to sit and beg?" <sup>9</sup>Some said, "It is he"; others said, "No, but he is like him." He said, "I am the man." <sup>10</sup>They said to him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" <sup>11</sup>He answered, "The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash'; so I went and washed and received my sight." <sup>12</sup>They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

<sup>13</sup>They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. <sup>14</sup>Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. <sup>15</sup>The Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and I see."

<sup>16</sup>Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the

sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" There was a division among them. <sup>17</sup>So they again said to the blind man, "What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet."

<sup>18</sup>The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight, <sup>19</sup>and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" <sup>20</sup>His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; <sup>21</sup>but how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age, he will speak for himself." <sup>22</sup>His parents said this because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if any one should confess him to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue. <sup>23</sup>Therefore his parents said, "He is of age, ask him."

<sup>24</sup>So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and said to him, "Give God the praise; we know that this man is a sinner." <sup>25</sup>He answered, "Whether he is a sinner, I do not know; one thing I know, that though I was blind, now I see." <sup>26</sup>They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" <sup>27</sup>He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do

you too want to become his disciples?"

<sup>28</sup>And they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. <sup>29</sup>We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." <sup>30</sup>The man answered, "Why, this is a marvel! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. <sup>31</sup>We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if any one is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him. <sup>32</sup>Never since the world began has it been heard that any one opened the eyes of a man born blind. <sup>33</sup>If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." <sup>34</sup>They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out.

<sup>35</sup>Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of man?" <sup>36</sup>He answered, "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" <sup>37</sup>Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is he who speaks to you." <sup>38</sup>He said, "Lord, I believe"; and he worshiped him. <sup>39</sup>Jesus said, "For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and that those who see may become blind." <sup>40</sup>Some of the Pharisees near him heard this, and they said to him, "Are we also blind?" <sup>41</sup>Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, 'We see,' your guilt remains.



*After the Gospel:*

☐ The Gospel of the Lord!



HYMN ELW 779

*Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

NEW BRITAIN

### Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound



1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that  
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I  
4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his  
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but  
grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that  
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me  
word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and  
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found; was blind, but now I see.  
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt., sts. 1–4; anonymous, st. 5  
Music: NEW BRITAIN, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

*Please sit after the minister's opening invocation of the Holy Trinity.*

SERMON

*Silence for reflection after the sermon, then stand for the Creed, Intercessions and Exchange of Peace.*

## APOSTLES' CREED

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


**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.**

## INTERCESSIONS

**☒ [Spoken] Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs, singing "Lord, have mercy."**

Cantor



In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

The image shows a musical staff with a treble clef. The first part of the staff contains the lyrics 'In peace, let us pray to the Lord.' with notes on a G-clef staff: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), D5 (quarter), E5 (quarter), F5 (quarter), G5 (quarter). The second part of the staff contains the lyrics 'Lord, have mer - cy.' with notes: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), D5 (quarter), E5 (quarter), F5 (quarter), G5 (quarter). A double bar line separates the two parts.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

For Bishop Dan, and for all servants of the Church, let us pray to the Lord.

For our public servants, for the government and those who protect us, that they will be upheld and strengthened in every good deed, let us pray to the Lord.

For faith and zeal that we will be delivered from all sloth in your work and all coldness in your cause, let us pray to the Lord.

For those who bring offerings, those who do good works in this congregation, those who toil, those who sing, and for all the people here present who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us pray to the Lord.

For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord.

For the poor and people who have suffered calamities, for deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and need, and for the sick, including Jeff Rudat, Irene Juhasz, Jackson Greenberg, Sam Grenning, Barbara Chomko, Elida Burgos, and Alma von Graffenried, let us pray to the Lord.

For the faithful who have gone before us and are at rest, let us give thanks to the Lord.



Thanks be to God.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ our Lord.

*(Silence)*

## The Liturgy of the Eucharistic Meal

THE PEACE

- ☐ The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- ☑ **And also with you.**

*Let us offer a sign of peace to our neighbors: "Peace be with you."*

*Sit*

THE OFFERING *You can give your tithes and offerings via our QR code. Just point the camera on your smart phone to this code on your screen:*

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*The Eucharistic Bread and Wine are moved from the credence table to the altar. The congregation remains in the pews until the Distribution of the Sacrament.*

Offertory

*Sarabande from Cello Suite #4*  
*Daniel Yen, cello*

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Offertory Prayer

- ☐ Merciful Father,
- ☑ **we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

## *Eucharistic Dialog*

**P** The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

## *Preface for Lent*

**P** It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. You bid your people cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast. Renew our zeal in faith and life, and bring us to the fullness of grace that belongs to the children of God. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## *Sanctus*

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

Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*Eucharistic Prayer I*

☐ Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign. You have filled all creation with light and life; heaven and earth are full of your glory. Through Abraham you promised to bless all nations. You rescued Israel, your chosen people. Through the prophets you renewed your promise; and, at this end of all the ages, you sent your Son, who in words and deeds proclaimed your kingdom and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

☑ **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

☐ Therefore, gracious Father, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.

☑ **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

☐ Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, the spirit of our Lord and of his resurrection, that we who receive the Lord's body and blood may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

☑ **Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

☐ Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all.

Through him, with him, in him, in the u - ni - ty of the  
 Ho - ly Spir - it, all hon - or and glo - ry is yours, al -  
 might - y Fa - ther, now and for - ev - er. A - men

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

*Agnus Dei:*

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
 mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
 world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
 sin of the world; grant us peace.

*Sit*

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

† If you are home during this pandemic, worshiping online with us, here is a possible "Prayer for Spiritual Communion" lifted up in *Forum Letter* (May 2020). *Forum Letter* is a respected Lutheran newsletter published by the American Lutheran Publicity Bureau:

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Hymn LBW 486

*Spirit of God, Descent upon My Heart*

MORECAMBE

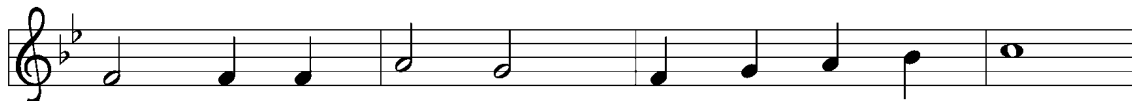
Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart



1 Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;  
 2 I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,  
 3 Have you not bid me love you, God and King;  
 4 Teach me to love you as your an - gels love,



wean it from earth, through all its puls - es move;  
 no sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,  
 all, all your own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?  
 one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame:



stoop to my weak - ness, strength to me im - part,  
 no an - gel vis - i - tant, no op - 'ning skies;  
 I see your cross; there teach my heart to cling.  
 the bap - tism of the heav'n - de - scend - ed dove,



and make me love you as I ought to love.  
 but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.  
 Oh, let me seek you and, oh, let me find!  
 my heart an al - tar, and your love the flame.

Text: George Croly, 1780-1860  
 Music: MORECAMBE, Frederick C. Atkinson, 1841-189

Hymn LBW 217

*We Place Upon Your Table, Lord*

DISTRESS

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## We Place upon Your Table, Lord



1 We place up - on your ta - ble, Lord, the food of  
2 With - in these sim - ple things there lie the height and  
3 Ac - cept them, Lord; they come from you; we take them



life, the bread and wine, as sym-bols of our dai - ly  
depth of hu - man life: our pain and tears, our thoughts and  
hum - bly from your hand. These gifts of yours for high - er



work, ac - cord - ing to your grand de - sign.  
toils, our hopes and fears, our joy and strife.  
use we of - fer up as you com - mand.

Text: M. F. C. Wilson, 1884–1944, alt.  
Music: DISTRESS, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*Silence for reflection.*

## The Sending

BENEDICTION (*Spoken*)

HYMN LBW 501

*He Leadeth Me*  
(*Next page*)

HE LEADETH ME



## He Leadeth Me



1 He lead - eth me: oh, bless-ed thought! Oh, words with heav'n-ly com-fort fraught!  
2 Some-times mid scenes of deep-est gloom, some-times where E - den's bow-ers bloom,  
3 Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine, nor ev - er mur - mur nor re - pine;  
4 And when my task on earth is done, when by thy grace the vic-t'ry's won,



What-e'er I do, wher-e'er I be, still 'tis God's hand that lead - eth me.  
by wa - ters calm, o'er trou-bled sea, still 'tis God's hand that lead - eth me.  
con - tent, what - ev - er lot I see, since 'tis my God that lead - eth me.  
e'en death's cold wave I will not flee, since God through Jor - dan lead - eth me.



He lead-eth me, he lead-eth me, by his own hand he lead-eth me.



His faith-ful fol-l'wer I would be, for by his hand he lead - eth me.

Text: Joseph H. Gilmore, 1834–1918  
Music: HE LEADETH ME, William B. Bradbury, 1815–1868

### DISMISSAL

- A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- B Thanks be to God.

### POSTLUDE

*Improvisation*

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## Parish Announcements

- ✦ ABOUT TODAY'S PARAMENTS AND VESTMENTS: The color used throughout Lent is purple, symbol of our penitence and his royal suffering for us.
- ✦ The LENT BANNER above and to the right of the pulpit was commissioned by our church and created by church artist Richard Caemmerer, Jr., who describes his banner thus: "The spears pierce the blood which becomes wine for our Eucharist and which becomes water for our Baptism."

- ✦ EASTER LILIES AND SPECIAL MUSIC: Gifts for Easter lilies and special music can be given as memorials to a loved one or friend to add to the beauty of our worship at Easter. Gifts in any amount are sought for the Music Fund; lilies are \$20.00. You can use the included envelope and place it in the offering plate or give it to Barbara Chomko after the liturgy.
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## Midweek Lent

*Some of Our Favorite Bible Stories*

*6:30 p.m. Wednesdays*

- ✦ March 22, “Jesus wept.” (John 11), Pastor Carol Fryer preaching
- ✦ March 29, Our resurrected Jesus on the shore making breakfast for his disciples and asking Peter “Do you love me?” (John 21), Pastor Gregory Fryer preaching

## Service Notes

Organist and Choirmaster..... Zachary Schurman  
 Cantor..... Olivia Ericsson  
 Greeters/Ushers..... Luz Ortiz and Jazo Ichikawa  
 Altar Guild..... Carol Dittbrenner  
 Crucifer ..... Matthias Bhasin  
 Lector..... Vicar Lara Bhasin  
 Preacher ..... Rev. Gregory P. Fryer  
 Presiding Minister..... Rev. Carol E. A. Fryer  
 Assisting Minister ..... Vicar Lara Bhasin

## Intercessions

FAIRLY NEW TO THE PRAYER LIST: Jeff Rudat, Irene Juhasz, Jackson Greenberg (friend of Hans Kibler), Sam Grenning, Barbara Chomko, Elida Burgos (sister of Luz Ortiz), Alma von Graffenried (requested by David Kiehl)

## Some Notes on Our Church Nave and Liturgy

- † Our congregation is one of the historic Lutheran churches in town, going back to the middle of the Civil War, 1863. We are a member of the North American Lutheran Church (NALC). The national bishop of the NALC is Rev. Daniel Selbo.
- † You might be interested to hear about our reredos — the wooden altarpiece at the front of our church. It was hand carved by artists in Germany's Black Forest. The left statue is Moses, with the Ten Commandments in his left arm and the two horn-like rays of light shining forth from his face after his encounter with the Lord on Mt. Sinai (Exodus 34:29-30). The right-hand statue is St. John the Evangelist, with a quill pen in his hand and an eagle at his feet. And the center statue is Jesus Christ, the personal unity and the most perfect meaning of the Law (Moses) and the Gospel (St. John).
- † Our painting of the Transfiguration of Our Lord, above the reredos, pays tribute to the founding liturgy of our congregation, Transfiguration Sunday, February 11, 1863. Our painting shows Jesus, Moses, and Elijah elevated above the ground, so that at first glance you might think that it is a painting of the Ascension. But the saintly company with Jesus — Moses and Elijah on either side, with Peter, James, and John fallen down in awe at the sight — point to the Transfiguration. Heaven knows and gives credit to the anonymous painter of our painting, but we note that it is in the style of Raphael's painting of *The Transfiguration* (1517-1520). Raphael also placed Jesus, Moses, and Elijah elevated above the disciples.
- † Our church windows were installed in 1973 and constitute a visual meditation on an ancient hymn of the Church, the *Te Deum*. Pamphlets are available in the rear of the church explaining the windows one by one.
- † Our church bells, named *Glaube*, *Hoffnung*, and *Liebe* for Faith, Hope, and Love, were a gift from German Empress Augusta Viktoria.
- † A hint about acoustics: you will be able to hear the choir and organ better if you sit toward the front half of the church. The overhanging choir balcony obscures some of the beauty of the music for those sitting under it.
- † Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me," and we view the presence of children in worship, even when they are wiggly and noisy, as a gift to the Church and an encouragement that our congregation is growing! Parents at their own preference are also welcome to take advantage of free childcare which we offer in the Undercroft every Sunday for children age 3-6. Our childcare worker will bring these children up to the Communion rail to receive a Blessing. We encourage older children to attend the entire service, either sitting with their parents or up in the balcony where the teens tend to congregate.

- ✦ Our worship book is the green hymnal, the *Lutheran Book of Worship* (“LBW”). This book contains both liturgies and hymns, with liturgies in the first half and hymns in the second. Sometimes we include hymns from *With One Voice* (“WOV”) or from *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (“ELW”).
- ✦ If you have a cell phone, please silence it for the liturgy. And please finish coffee or other drinks out in the narthex rather than in the main nave.

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LITURGY OF HOLY COMMUNION ..... 11 a.m. Sundays  
 MIDWEEK HOLY COMMUNION ..... 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays  
 SUNDAY SCHOOL ..... 10 a.m. Sundays  
 THURSDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY ..... 6:30 p.m., Martin Luther Room or via Zoom  
 PARISH SECRETARY ..... Karen Katz-Shea  
 SEXTON ..... Gerry Britton  
 PARISH BOOKKEEPER ..... Charles Derderian  
 ORGANIST AND CHOIRMASTER ..... Zachary Schurman  
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 SEMINARY INTERN ..... Vicar Lara Bhasin  
 PASTORAL ASSOCIATE ..... Rev. Carol E. A. Fryer  
 PASTOR ..... Rev. Gregory P. Fryer

*Some Parish Ministry Opportunities:*

CHOIR ..... Organist and Choirmaster Zachary Schurman  
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 MEALS ON HEELS ..... Barbara Chomko ([bchomko@nyc.rr.com](mailto:bchomko@nyc.rr.com))

**W**e extend to you a cordial welcome and hope that you will return. If you are a visitor, please fill out one of the cards in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate or hand it to Pastor Carol Fryer. If you are interested in membership here at Immanuel, please contact the church office for an appointment with Pastor Carol. Or you can email her at [caefryer@gmail.com](mailto:caefryer@gmail.com).

- ✦ HOLY COMMUNION is offered to all baptized Christians who have been instructed in the Church’s faith, who confess it with us (as in the Creeds), and who may in good conscience receive the Sacrament in keeping with the understanding

with which it is celebrated here: namely, that the Body and Blood of Christ are truly present in the consecrated bread and wine and are distributed to and received by all who commune.

- ✦ HOLY BAPTISM is celebrated and MARRIAGES solemnized only after consultation with the pastor well in advance. If you or someone you know is ill, hospitalized, homebound, or otherwise in need of the ministry of the Church, let us know. Please call one of the Pastors (212-289-8128) or email them: [gp Fryer@gmail.com](mailto:gp Fryer@gmail.com) or [ceafryer@gmail.com](mailto:ceafryer@gmail.com).
- ✦ We mean for PRIVATE CONFESSION to be available as often as you need. Please call one of the Pastors (212-289-8128) or email them: [gp Fryer@gmail.com](mailto:gp Fryer@gmail.com) or [ceafryer@gmail.com](mailto:ceafryer@gmail.com).
- ✦ LAYING ON OF HANDS AND ANOINTING WITH OIL FOR THE SICK is available. Again, simply contact the pastors.
- ✦ FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: There is a long line of Christians, both rich and poor, who have disciplined themselves to budget a portion of their income, put it into an offering envelope first thing, and give it to the church. Pastors Carol and Gregory Fryer live by that tradition and commend it to you. Online giving is also available through our website, or by following this QR code with your phone camera:

