

The Lord's Prayer

(Matthew 6:9-13)

Let us pray together in Jesus' name:

**C: 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.**

+ The Words of Institution +

Agnus Dei "Lamb of God, You Take Away" **962**

+ The Holy Communion +

(Please see our Communion Statement on page 2.)

Individual Absolution and the wiping away of the ashes.

Distribution Hymn: "Christ the Life of All the Living" **420**

Post Communion Hymn "On My Heart Imprint Your Image" **422**

The Blessing

P: Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you. Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith ... and the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ ... will Himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. To Him be the power for ever and ever.

(1 Peter 5:7a, 8-11)

C: Amen

Hymn: "O Lord, throughout These Forty Days" **418**

The Postlude "Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing" *R. Powell*

Ash Wednesday



Immanuel Lutheran Church

March 5, 2025

Welcome to our guests – Welcome to our Divine Service at Immanuel. We are sincerely pleased to have you with us this evening. You are about to have a conversation with God, in God's own words. If you are familiar with the Bible, you will recognize the words that go into your ears and come out of your mouth. This is the Historic Liturgy, the structure of which goes all the way back to the days of Moses. We call it Divine Service, because the Lord Himself 'bestows on us His gifts of grace that Jesus earned for us through His righteous life and atoning death through His Word and Sacraments.

Masked Area - The last pew in the rear left of the sanctuary marked with blue tape is reserved for those with contagious health concerns. Masks are required in this pew.

Guests, Please sign your name in our guest register found in the narthex.

Communion Statement: This morning, we joyfully celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. We believe that when we receive the bread and wine, we receive Christ's body and blood for the forgiveness of sins, we know not how. As we receive this holy mystery, we also give public confession to our unity in the Faith. We therefore invite all communicant members of any congregation of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod to commune. Guests are invited to come forward to receive a blessing. As it was with the very first disciples of Jesus, our practice is to receive instruction in the Faith leading to Holy Communion. If you would like to join our instruction class, Pastor would *love* to instruct you.

Families worshipping together – We encourage families to worship together. If your child becomes restless during worship, you are welcome to use the nursery located just outside the Narthex. An usher would be happy to help direct you.

Cell phones – Please turn off your cell phones and other electronic devices before you enter the sanctuary.

Reverence in the Sanctuary –During the Service, the quiet times are an intentional part of the liturgy, such as during the playing of the prelude, communion, and times of prayer. Please help us maintain a reverent atmosphere by not talking in the sanctuary before or during the service. Thank you.



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on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; ²⁰ but treasure for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn: "Lord Jesus, Think on Me"

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+ The Sermon +

Offering

Prayer of the Church

P: Lord, in Your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

+ The Service of The Lord's Supper +

The Preface

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And with your spirit.

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.

The Proper Preface

P: It is truly fitting, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Having our hearts cleansed, we prepare with joy for the paschal feast. Renew our zeal in faith and life, and bring us to the fullness of grace as Your children. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

The Sanctus

C: Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might: Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!

6:¹ Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. ² For He says,

“In a favorable time I listened to you,
and in a day of salvation I have helped you.”

Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. ³
We put no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴ but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵ beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶ by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; ⁷ by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸ through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹ as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰ as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

+ The Holy Gospel + *Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21*

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 6th chapter:

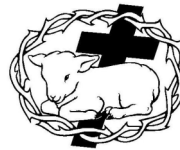
C: Glory be to You, O Lord.

¹“So, take heed that you do not do your righteousness in front of people, to be seen by them. Otherwise you have no reward from your Father who is in the heavens. ²Therefore, when you do mercy, do not sound a trumpet before you as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, in order to be glorified by the people.
Amen, I tell you, they are paid in full.

³ But when you do mercy, do not let your left know what your right is doing, ⁴in order that your mercy be cryptic; and your Father who sees what’s cryptic will Himself give back to you in the light. ⁵And when you pray, you shall not be like the hypocrites. For they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the corners of the major streets in order to be seen by people. Amen, I tell you, they are paid in full.

⁶But you, when you pray, go into your private room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees what’s cryptic will Himself give back to you in the light. ¹⁶
“Moreover, when you fast, do not be like the hypocrites, with a long face. For they disfigure their faces in order to shine for people as those who are fasting.
Amen, I tell you, they are paid in full.

¹⁷ But you, when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face¹⁸so that you don’t shine for people as those who fast, rather to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees what’s cryptic will Himself give back to you in the light. ¹⁹“Stop treasuring for yourselves treasures



Ash Wednesday

The Prelude: “*Jesus Sinners Doth Receive*”

R.Powell

Opening Hymn: “*Savior, When in Dust to Thee*”

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Invocation

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

C: Amen

✠ **The Preparation** ✠

from Psalm 102

P: My days pass away like smoke; my bones are like charred sticks.

C: My heart is like trodden grass, and withered.

P: I eat ashes like bread and mix my drink with tears

C: Because of Your indignation and Your anger.

P: Because You have grasped me and thrown me aside

C: My days are like a shrinking shadow, and I wither like the grass.

P: Yet the LORD will build up Zion; He will appear in His glory.

**C: Let this be written for a generation to come,
that people yet unborn may praise the LORD.**

P: For He looked down from the height of His sanctuary;

C: From Heaven the LORD looked at the earth

P: To hear the groans of the prisoners,

C: To set free those who were doomed to die.

P: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost

**C: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.**

Choir: “*Speak to Me in Ashes*” *Karen Nolan*

+ **The Imposition of Ashes** +

(During this time of silence, those who desire may come forward to receive ashes on their forehead. The ashes mark us as mortal sinners in need of God's mercy given through Jesus the Crucified. After the ashes have been placed on your forehead you may return to your seat.)

The Confession of Sin *Psalm 51:1-13 (Responsively) (We kneel)*

P: Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your unfailing love; according to Your great compassion blot out my transgressions.

C: Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

P: For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.

C: Against You, You only, have I sinned and done what is evil in Your sight, so that You are proved right when You speak and justified when You judge.

P: Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me.

C: Surely You desire truth in the inner parts; You teach me wisdom in the inmost place.

P: Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

C: Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones You have crushed rejoice.

P: Hide Your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity. Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

C: Do not cast me from Your presence or take Your Holy Spirit from me.

P: Restore to me the joy of Your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

C: Then I will teach transgressors Your ways, and sinners will turn back to You.

P: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P: Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your unfailing love; according to Your great compassion blot out my transgressions.

+ **The Absolution** +

C: Amen

Collect

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And with your spirit.

P: Let us pray:

**C: Gracious and merciful God,
You forgive the sins of all who come to You
with penitent and contrite hearts.
Grant us the spirit of true repentance to acknowledge our sins and
to find in You forgiveness
and restoration, wholeness and peace;
through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen**

+ **The Service of the Word** +

+ **The Old Testament Lesson** + *Joel 2:12-19*

¹²“Yet even now,” declares the Lord, “Return to Me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;

¹³and rend your hearts and not your garments.”

Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and He relents over disaster.

¹⁴Who knows whether He will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind Him, a grain offering and a drink offering for the Lord your God?

¹⁵Blow the trumpet in Zion; consecrate a fast; call a solemn assembly;

¹⁶gather the people. Consecrate the congregation; assemble the elders; gather the children, even nursing infants.

Let the bridegroom leave his room, and the bride her chamber.

¹⁷Between the vestibule and the altar let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep and say, “Spare your people, O Lord, and make not Your heritage a reproach, a byword among the nations.

Why should they say among the peoples, ‘Where is their God?’

¹⁸Then the Lord became jealous for His land and had pity on His people.

¹⁹The Lord answered and said to His people, “Behold, I am sending to you grain, wine, and oil, and you will be satisfied, and I will no more make you a reproach among the nations.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

+ **The Epistle Lesson** + *2 Cor 5:20b—6:10*

We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we would become the righteousness of God.