IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

Jesus said: "Go to the people of all nations and make them My disciples. Baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and teach them to do everything that I have told you. I will be with you always, even to the end of the world." Matthew 28:19-20



APRIL 18, 2025 7:00 pm



AS YOU WORSHIP WITH US

Assisted Listening Devices are available from an Elder or Usher.

AS WE GATHER

As we gather for worship, we continue the service begun last night with Holy Thursday. Following Jesus' celebration of Passover, He was arrested in the Garden of Gethsemane. From there, our Savior fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah's Suffering Servant. "He was wounded for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities; upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with His stripes we are healed" (Isaiah 53:5). Jesus willingly subjected Himself to abuse, ridicule, mocking, flogging, and finally death. He died the death we deserve, so that just as He lives we shall live also.

₩ GATHERING **₩**

PRELUDE Handbells

CHOIR AND HANDBELLS "When Jesus Wept" arr. by Wagner

SEEKING FORGIVENESS Hebrews 4:14–16; 5:7–9

Pastor: Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.

People: For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.

Pastor: Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Silence for reflection and personal confession.

Pastor: Jesus, our High Priest,

People: We humbly confess to You that we are weak. In our weakness, we sin against You and one another with our words and actions, and in our thoughts and the lack thereof. Our sins cut us off from You. We know that the wages of sin is death, and we keep on sinning. We deserve death. Have mercy on us. Forgive us. Change our hearts and lives and conform them to Yours, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name.

Amen.

RECEIVING FORGIVENESS

PRAYER OF THE DAY

→ WORD OF PARDON

Luke 23:33-34

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 52:13–53:12

(The Suffering Servant)

HYMN "Jesus Refuge of the Weary" LSB 423

EPISTLE Hebrews 4:14–16; 5:7–9

(Jesus, our High Priest, gives us mercy and grace.)

HOLY GOSPEL John 19:17–30 (Jesus dies.)

♦ WORD OF PROMISELuke 23:39-42

SERMON HYMN "Chief of Sinners Though I Be" LSB 611, Sts. 1, 2, 5

♦ WORD OF LOVE John 19:25-27

SERMON "By His Wounds We are Healed" Pastor Warren

♦ WORD OF JUSTICEMatthew 27:45-46

CREED Apostles' Creed

WORD OF TORMENT

John 19:28

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₩ORD OF TRIUMPH

John 19:30

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy, **People: hear our prayer.**

CHOIR "And Can It Be? by Dan Forrest

♦ WORD OF RESTLuke 23:46

HYMN "Were You There" LSB 456 St. 1-3

LORD'S PRAYER (whispered)

THE REMOVAL OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

STREPITUS

A loud sound is heard, signifying the closing of the tomb. After the Christ Candle is returned, please leave in silence.

The service will continue tomorrow at our Easter Vigil, April 19, 5 pm.

Please exit the sanctuary and church building silently, contemplating the death of Christ and anticipating the joys of Easter.



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