

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

1 Peter 2:9



MARCH 9, 2024

5:00 PM



AS WE GATHER

We hear today of eternal life that is given to us because of God's great love for us, shown to us in perhaps the most famous Bible verse, John 3:16. This verse speaks of God's genuine love for us and the world shown in Jesus' death on the cross for us. The love of God never ends. God's love is present here and now and extends into eternal life as eternal love. May we be so encouraged by God's love to share it with others. Thanks be to God for such love!

AS YOU WORSHIP WITH US

- **Assisted Listening Devices** are available from an Elder or Usher.
- **If you do not wish to receive Holy Communion but would like a blessing**, simply come forward during the distribution, cross your arms when you approach the Pastor and he will speak a blessing.
- **Holy Communion** is offered to those who have been instructed in what the Scriptures teach about Communion. We believe the Bible teaches:
 - 1) Jesus Christ is our only Lord and Savior from all sin, death, and the power of evil;
 - 2) The Risen Christ is really present in the Sacrament and that with the bread and wine we receive His Body and Blood; and
 - 3) We resolve to dedicate our lives to the service of our Lord in His Body, the Church, through worship, sacrificial giving, and thankful living.
- **Non-alcoholic wine** is available for those who prefer this substitute. **Gluten-free wafers** are also available. Please inform the pastor of your preference when you approach.

✠ GATHERING ✠

GATHERING SONG

"Christ, the Life of All the Living"

LSB 420, Sts. 1-3

CALLING ON GOD'S NAME

SPEAKING GOD'S WORD TO ONE ANOTHER

John 3:16

Pastor: God so loved the world,

People: that He gave His only Son,

Pastor: that whoever believes in Him should not perish

People: but have eternal life.

Pastor: Our Lenten journey leads us to the cross where Jesus gave His life,

People: and then to the resurrection and eternal life.

SEEKING AND RECEIVING FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Though Christ has loved us with this genuine love that gives us eternal life, we sometimes ignore His love and refuse to share Christ's love with others. Still, our heavenly Father is merciful, and He invites us to draw near to Him in hope and confidence to ask for His grace.

Silence for reflection.

Pastor: Heavenly Father,

People: we have sinned against You and against our neighbors. We have not loved You with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not loved our enemies. Forgive us, renew our love, on account of Jesus. Amen.

Pastor: Jesus Christ was lifted up on the tree of the cross so that we might be forgiven. His genuine love is for the world and is for you. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen. We are forgiven by the genuine love of Jesus.

✠ HEARING GOD'S WORD ✠

FIRST READING

Numbers 21:4–9

(Moses lifts up the bronze serpent to save the people of Israel.)

SECOND READING

Ephesians 2:1–10

(We are saved by grace through faith.)

HOLY GOSPEL

John 3:14–21

(God so loved the world.)

CONNECTING SONG

“God Loved the World So That He Gave”

LSB 571

MESSAGE

“This Love”

Pastor Donald

CONFESSING OUR FAITH

Apostles’ Creed

TALKING WITH GOD

(Need prayer? Text 224-801-2902)

Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, as we come before You with our prayers and petitions, we thank You for Your genuine love, and we pray,

Pastor: Jesus, may our hearts be burning

People: **with more fervent love for You.**

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

“What the Lord has Done in Me”

Choir

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✠ RECEIVING GOD’S GIFTS ✠

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

LORD’S PRAYER

(forgive us our sins)

COMMUNION SONG

“Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness”

LSB 636

LEAVING WITH A BLESSING

Numbers 6:24–26

SENDING SONG

“O Love, How Deep”

LSB 544, Sts. 1-3, 7

Jim Vyhanek, Piano/Organ

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