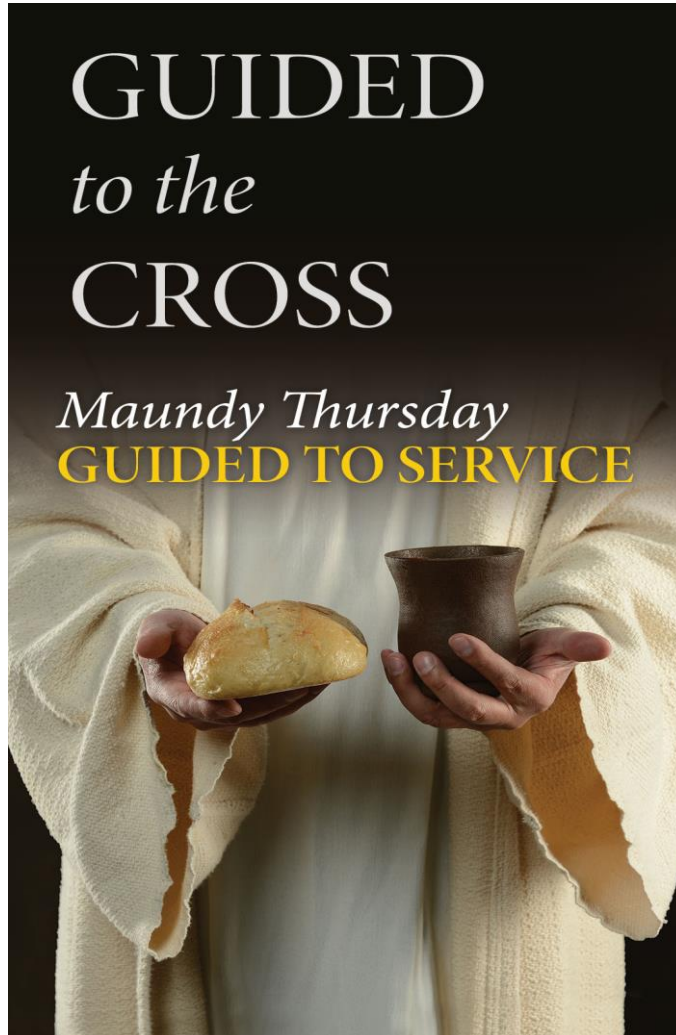


IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

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 28, 2024, 7:00 PM



☞ *Now we are released from the law, having died to that which held us captive, so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit.* ☞
Romans 7:6

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 ✠

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

“Go to Dark Gethsemane”

LSB 436

INVOCATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: On the night before he died, Jesus spoke to his disciples about many things—the betrayal and denial to come, the promised gift of the Holy Spirit and the peace that he alone can give: Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the

world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid” (John 14:27).

People: Jesus our Savior, grant us your peace.

Pastor: Jesus told his disciples that he was the true vine and that, abiding in him, they would bear fruit in works of love. He gave them a new commandment: “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another” (John 13:34).

People: Jesus our Savior, teach us to love one another as you love us.

Pastor: On that same night of his betrayal, the night he would be abandoned by his disciples, Jesus gave them a lesson in love and service. The Lord of all took up a towel and a basin of water and washed his disciples’ feet. The next day he would lay down his life for them, for us, for all people. As Jesus had said of himself, “The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many” (Mark 10:45).

People: Jesus our Savior, set your cross before us to guide us in the way of service.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us confess our sins to God and ask his forgiveness.

People: Almighty God, we have not followed our Savior in the way of love and service. We seek to serve ourselves. We want to fulfill our own selfish desires and turn away from the needs of others. Have mercy on us, and forgive us.

Pastor: God sent his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to serve and save us. On the cross Jesus shed his blood to cleanse us from sin. I announce to you that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

People: Lead us, Jesus, to walk in your steps in the way of love and service.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

HYMN	“Jesus, Refuge of the Weary”	LSB 423
FIRST READING	Isaiah 61:1-3	
SECOND READING	Romans 7:4-6	
HOLY GOSPEL	John 13:3-5	
SERMON HYMN	“Son of God, Eternal Savior”	LSB 842, Sts. 1-2

SERMON "Guided to Service" Pastor Warren
RESPONSE VERSE "Son of God, Eternal Savior" LSB 842, St. 3
CREED Apostles' Creed

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH (Need prayer? Text 224-801-2902)

Each petition ends with the following response:

Pastor: Jesus, Suffering Servant,

People: Set your cross before us to guide us in the way of service.

✠ **RECEIVING GOD'S GIFTS** ✠

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD Matthew 26:26-29

LORD'S PRAYER

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS "Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord" LSB 637
"Lamb of God" LSB 550
"The Lamb" LSB 547

THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

Choir "Love Will Rise" Crane|Taylor

This service continues tomorrow at 7 p.m., Good Friday, March 29.

The congregation departs in peace and silence.

Renaë Easley; pianist

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