**Welcome to Immanuel Lutheran Church  
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## Sunday, March 19, 2023 Fourth Sunday of Lent, Year A

## We welcome Pastor Richard Block and Sandy Block to Immanuel and thank them for doing the service for today.

## Prelude

### Announcements

*Please stand.*

**Gathering Hymn “Christ, The Life Of All The Living” # 339**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

P: Gracious God

**Have mercy on us**

**We confess that we have turned from you**

**And given ourselves into the power of sin.**

**We are truly sorry and humbly repent.**

**In your compassion forgive us our sins,**

**Known and unknown, things we have done**

**And things we have failed to do.**

**Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your spirit**

**So that we may live and serve you In newness of life,**

**In Jesus Christ, our savior and Lord. Amen.**

**Greeting**

P: The grace of the Lord, Jesus Christ, and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

**C: and also, with you.**

**Kyrie pg. 138**

### Prayer of the Day

*Please be seated.*

First Lesson: Samuel 16:1-13

R: Word of God, Word of Life

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 23

R: The Lord| is my shepherd;  
  I shall not | be in want.  
 2**The Lord makes me lie down | in green pastures**  
  **and leads me be- | side still waters.**  
 3You restore my | soul, O Lord,  
  and guide me along right pathways | for your name’s sake.  
 4**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.** R  
 5You prepare a table before me in the presence | of my enemies;  
  you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is | running over.  
 6**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days | of my life,**  
  **and I will dwell in the house of the | Lord forever.** RR: A reading from Romans

Second Lesson: Ephesians 5:8-14

R: Word of God, Word of Life

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

P: Let us stand for the Gospel.

C: Return to the Lord pg. 142

**Gospel: John 9:1-41**

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to John

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

**P:** The gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated*.

**Hymn**

**Sermon Rev. Richard Block**

**Hymn of the Day** **“Amazing Grace How Sweet The Sound” # 779**

*Please stand.*

**Apostles’ Creed** *See the yellow sheet in your pew rack*

Prayers of Intercession

R: Merciful God

**C: Receive our Prayer**

**Sharing of the Peace**

**P:** The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And, also with you.**

*You may be seated*.

Offertory Hymn “Come To The Table” # 481

**Offering Prayer**

**P:** Liberating God,

**All: you break the bonds of injustice**

**and let the oppressed go free.**

**Receive these offerings in thanksgiving**

**for all your works of merciful power,**

**and shape us as people of your justice and freedom.**

**You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior,**

Amen.

*Please stand.*

Great Thanksgiving pg. 144

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also, 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 our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy; that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise….we praise your name and join their unending hymn…

Holy, Holy, Holy pg. 144

Words of Institution

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**Invitation to Communion**

**P:** Behold the Lamb of God

That takes away the sin of the world.

Happy are those who are called to his banquet.

**Lamb Of God** **pg.** **146**

**Communion Hymns “Just As I Am Without One Plea” # 592**

**Blessing**

**P**: Almighty God, the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit, Bless you now and forever.

**Prayer**

P: God our Redeemer,

**All: You have fed us at this table**

**With gifts of grace, truth, and life.**

**As you have gathered us in joy,**

**Send us forth as messengers of your peace.**

**Make us shine with the good news of your glory,**

**Born to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*Please stand for the Benediction.*

**Benediction**

**Closing Hymn** **“Be Thou My Vision” # 793**

### Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C:Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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| **Worship Assistants – March 19, 2023** | | |
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| **Pianist / Organist** | **Reader** | **Usher** |
|  | Sue Schwede | Mike Schwede |
| **Altar Guild**  Holly Westaby & Kathy Knox | | |

**Prayer Concerns: Joanne Diestelhorst, Joan Bonstead, Judi McGill, Tom McDonell, Thelma Bursik, Esther Osterby, Brent Harring, George Klinker’s family, Pat Stricker** (contact ILC office to update)

**March 24, 2023, Lenten Meditation Recitals 12:15 -12:45 pm - Brian Higgans Moe** sponsored by the Wisconsin River Chapter of the American Guild of Organists at Grace United Church of Christ, 535 S, 3rd Avenue, Wausau.

**April 2, 2023. Palm Sunday Immanuel Service 9:00 am.**

**April 6, 2023. Maundy Thursday Holy Communion Service at Immanuel at 6:00 pm.**

**April 7, 2023. Good Friday We are invited to attend services at**

**St. Stephen at 12:15 pm or**

**Pilgrim Lutheran at 6:15 pm**

**April 9, 2023. Easter Sunday Service Immanuel at 9:00 am.**

**Need Singers for Easter Choir!** Wouldn't it be great to have a choir for Easter Sunday? I have a sprightly (and easy) 2-part anthem for Easter.   This would be done to start the service, and you could then either remain in the loft, or join your family in the sanctuary. I would like to meet today after a brief stop for coffee hour.   We can do this in 3 rehearsals. PLEASE KNOW THAT YOU ARE ALL EVER SO NEEDED!

(I know that there are many GOOD  singers in this congregation. All that is needed is to be able to carry a tune!) I hear those beautiful voices every Sunday singing with heart and soul DO JOIN ME PLEASE. A choir for Easter would be so special for Immanuel!    Judy K

**Altar Guild Flowers for Easter. Altar Guild will be purchasing flowers locally to beautify the altar area for Easter Sunday. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church if you wish to donate flowers. (This is not required) Flowers are available after the service for anyone to take home.**

**Men’s Discussion Group** meets Thursdays at 7:30 am, in the Koinonia room. New participants are always welcome.

**Volunteers needed to Host Coffee Hours.** There is a sign-up sheet in the kitchen.

**Attendance on 03/12/2023 14 (Snow Day)**

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