



*Fourth Sunday in Lent  
Immanuel Lutheran Church  
March 19, 2023*

Welcome to this place of praise and worship. We gather today in celebration of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, as part of God's family. We would appreciate you sign our guest book so that we can remember your presence with us. Please note in the ELW the page numbers are printed at the bottom of the page and hymn numbers are indicated at the top. The order of worship is listed on the following pages.

The offering reminds us that all of life is a gift from God. We are stewards of that gift. In response, a portion of our income is given as a tithe of worship to do God's work in the world. Immanuel is a first-fruits congregation. This means that every Sunday when the offering is taken in, we give first to the mission and ministry of the ELCA. We don't wait to see if we can pay our bills before we give away God's mission. It is our hands doing God's mission for the sake of the world our Lord loves. We serve Holy Communion on the first Sunday of the month and at all festivals. We extend an open invitation to all baptized Christians to participate. It is our understanding that Christ offers his body and blood with the bread and wine to forgive sins and strengthen faith and life. If you receive communion in your home church, you are welcome to receive communion here. Because we strive to show equal respect for differences in worship music, we select hymns & songs meaningful to every age group. Our balanced music selection consisting of (a) great classic hymns written 1520-1870, (b) traditional gospel hymns written 1871-1960, and (c) three generations of contemporary Christian songs written 1960-1978, 1978-1995, and 1995 to today.

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## **Church Calendar**

**Sunday, 3/19:** 9:00am Worship

—No Sunday School —

**Monday, 3/20:** Pastors Vacation (3/17-3/25)

10am— Sew Blessed

**Tuesday, 3/21:**

**Wednesday, 3/22:**

6:30pm Lent Worship

7pm Choir Practice

**Thursday, 3/23:** 1:00pm— Do Day

**Friday, 3/24:**

**Saturday, 3/25:** Social Hall Reserved

Pop-up Thrift Shop Set-up

**Sunday, 3/26:** 9:00am Worship

— No Sunday School —

Pop-Up Thrift Shop Set-up

Please welcome Pastor Linda McPeak to lead our worship today!

## GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

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### ME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*(Please stand as you are able)*

### MISSION & FORGIVENESS

We believe in the holy Trinity, one God, who journeys with us these forty days, and sustains us with the gift of grace. **Amen.**

We acknowledge before God and one another our need for repentance and God's mercy.  
*(The following is kept for reflection.)*

God, we confess to you our faults and failings. Too often we neglect and do not truly keep your word; we take for ourselves instead of giving to others; we spoil rather than tend your creation; we cause hurt though you call us to heal; we choose fear over trust. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, as we seek to follow in your way of life.

The good news: God so loved the world that God gave the only Son, so that all may have life. This promise is for you! God embraces you with divine mercy, forgives you in Christ's name, and revives you in the Spirit's power. **Amen.**

### SING HYMN

*Be Thou My Vision*

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In the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

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### HYMN

*Eternal Lord of Love Behold Your Church (vs 1 &2)*

### OF THE DAY

our ear to our prayers, **Lord Christ, and come among us. By your gracious life and for us, bring light into the darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with your Spirit, e and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

**I Music**

*Surely He Has Borne Our Griefs*

-- based on *Isaiah 53:4-5*, by Joseph M. Martin

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## **WORD**

*God speaks to us in scripture readings, preaching and song.*

**READING: 1 SAMUEL 16: 1-13**

*I anointed David even though he was the eighth-oldest son of Jesse and did not measure up to his brothers in height or other physical characteristics. With the anointing came endowment with the Spirit of the Lord, designating David as the Lord's chosen successor to Saul.*

Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, who has provided for myself a king among his sons." <sup>2</sup>Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' <sup>3</sup>Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; I will even anoint for me the one whom I name to you." <sup>4</sup>Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him as he was coming, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" <sup>5</sup>He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now among these sons of the Lord." <sup>7</sup>But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the outward appearance of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see. The Lord looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." <sup>8</sup>Then Jesse called Eliab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this boy." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this boy." <sup>10</sup>Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." <sup>11</sup>Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?"

“There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said, “Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.” <sup>12</sup>He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord anointed him; for this is the one.” <sup>13</sup>Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

## WORD FOR KIDS

*We stand as you are able*)

## L ACCLAMATION

*Lenten Acclamation*

**“Let your steadfast love come to us, O Lord.  
Save us as you promised; we will trust your word.”**

## L READING: JOHN 9: 1-41

The holy gospel according to John, chapter 9.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Jesus heals a man born blind, provoking a hostile reaction that he regards as spiritual blindness, and a question from the people and Jesus’ answer.*

**or:** As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth.

**es/Congregation:** *“Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?”*

“Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.”

**or:** When Jesus had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, saying to him,

“Go, wash in the pool of Siloam.

**or:** Siloam means Sent. Then the man went and washed and came back able to see. His neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask,

**oors/Congregation: "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?"**

**or:** Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." They were saying,

**orn Blind:** "I am the man."

**oors/congregation: "Then how were your eyes opened?"**

**orn blind:** "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go wash in the pool of Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight."

**oors/Congregation: "Where is he?"**

**orn blind:** "I do not know."

**or:** They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was the eighth day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to question him about how he had received his sight.

**orn blind:** "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see."

**or:** Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the Sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And the Pharisees were divided. So they said again to the blind man,

**ees/Congregation: "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened."**

**orn blind:** "He is a prophet."

**or:** The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they met the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them.

**ees/Congregation: "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he see?"**

**s:** "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will tell you himself."

**or:** His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had almost entirely rejected him. They said, "Everyone who confesses Jesus to be the Messiah will be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him." So for the second time they sent the man who had been blind.

**ees/Congregation:** "*Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.*"

**orn blind:** "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was born blind, now I see."

**ees/Congregation:** "*What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?*"

**orn blind:** "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?"

**or:** Then they reviled him.

**ees/Congregation:** "*You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.*"

**orn blind:** "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to those who worship him and obey his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone has opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could not do such things."

**ees/Congregation:** "*You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?*"

**or:** And they drove him out. Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said,

"Do you believe in the Son of Man?"

**orn blind:** "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him."

"You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he."

**orn blind:** "Lord, I believe."

**or:** And he worshiped him.

"I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind."

**or:** Some of the Pharisees near him heard this.

**ees/Congregation:** "*Surely we are not blind, are we?*"

**s:** "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' you remain. This is the gospel of our Lord."                   **Praise to you, O Christ!**

*(Congregation may be seated)*

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**Pastor Linda McPeak**

**OF THE DAY**

*I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

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**RS OF THE PEOPLE**

Response to each prayer will be, "Lord, in your mercy,"

Congregation reply will be, "**Hear our prayer.**"

**NG OF THE PEACE**

ace of Christ be with you always.           **And also with you.**

*You are welcome to send a text or email to share peace with others.*

**ING (Offerings may be placed in the wooden offering box as you leave the sanctuar**

**ING RESPONSE**

*Create in Me a Clean Heart*

**ING PRAYER**

Good gifts, receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour your presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life. Amen.

**MEAL**

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

**THANKSGIVING**

HOLY, HOLY

S OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER

ther, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be 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 for ever and ever. Amen.

UNION HYMN

*Always Remember -- by Gregg Sewell*

-Immanuel Lutheran

Choir and Congregation: “Drink from this cup, Eat of this bread,  
Come to His table with trusting hearts, Here in this moment,  
Love flows among us; Always remember, trust in Him. ”

AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

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JNCEMENTS

IG HYMN

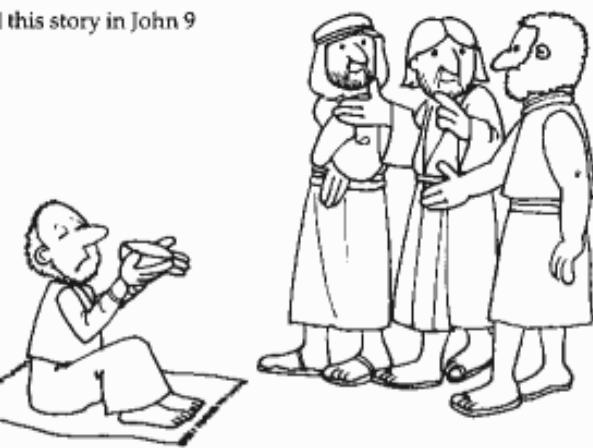
*What God Ordains is Good Indeed*

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Go in peace. Serve in love.  
Thanks be to God!

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this story in John 9



was blind



but now I see

(John 9:31)

# **Jesus Heals a Blind Man**

The man went and washed, and came  
to seeing. John 9:7 (NIV)

This puzzle is based on John 9:1-34 (NIV).



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BLIND	EYES	SPIT	POOL	WASH
WORLD	SINNED	SIGHT	NIGHT	BORN
HOME	MUD	LIFE	OPENED	LIGHT
SILOAM	PARENTS	RECEIVED	BIRTH	GROU

