



*5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent with  
Holy Communion  
Immanuel Lutheran Church  
March 22, 2026*

**Welcome** to this place of praise and prayer. We gather today in celebration of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, as part of God's family.

- ❖ We would appreciate having you sign our guest book so that we can remember your presence with us. Please note that in the ELW the page numbers are printed at the bottom of the page and hymn numbers are located at the top. The order of worship is outlined on the following pages.
- ❖ The offering reminds us that all of life is a gift of God. We are stewards of that gift. In response, a portion of our income is given as an act of worship to do God's work in the world. Immanuel is a first-fruits congregation. That means that every Sunday when the offering is taken in, we give first to the mission and the ministry of the ELCA. We don't wait to see if we can pay our bills before we give away for God's mission. It is our hands doing God's work, 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 offer an open invitation to all baptized believers to participate. It is our understanding that Christ offers his body and blood with the bread and wine to forgive sin and strengthen faith and life. If you receive communion in your home church, you are welcome to receive communion here.
- ❖ We have a toddler worship area in the middle-right section of our pews. This area is intended for children ages 0-3 accompanied by an adult(s) to sit during worship. Children 4K-6<sup>th</sup> Grade are welcome to join us for Sunday school during worship downstairs. This is a space for families to be fully engaged in worship, while providing quiet activities for young children to accommodate their natural need to move and be busy. Please follow posted guidelines for use of this space. Thank you!
- ❖ We have accommodated seating available in the middle-left and the front-right sections of our pews. Please feel free to utilize this space for those who may need it!

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## GATHERING

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

### Prelude

### Welcome And Worship Announcements

\*Please note all **bold** text throughout the service are congregational responses

*(Please stand as you are able)*

### Confession And Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,  
who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin before God, who removes our guilt and blots out all offenses.

*(Silence is kept for reflection)*

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you:

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word:

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For failing to recognize your coming reign, and for hindering the work of the Spirit:

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition, and for disdain the living water  
Christ offers:

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For disregarding voices from the margin, and for distrusting signs of your healing and hope in the world:

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent, and for disregarding Christ's call to come forth to life:

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound. Through faith, the free gift of God, you have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

The Spirit of the One who raised Christ from the dead dwells in you, pours God's love into your hearts, and gives you life and peace.

**Amen.**

<b>Gathering Hymn</b>	<i>God of the Sparrow</i>	<b>#740</b>
<b>Greeting</b>		<b>Page 138</b>
<b>Kyrie</b>		<b>Page 138-139</b>
<b>Lenten Hymn</b>	<i>Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church</i>	<b>#321</b>
<b>Prayer Of The Day</b>		

Almighty God, **your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death.**

**Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

<b>Hymn</b> (children come forward)	<i>Jesus Loves Me!</i> vs. 2	<b>#595</b>
<b>Word for Kids</b>		
<b>Sunday School Dismissal Hymn</b>	<i>Go My Children, with My Blessing</i> vs. 2	<b>#543</b>

## THE WORD

### First Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-14

*Ezekiel's vision of the valley of dry bones is a promise that Israel as a nation, though dead in exile, will live again in their land through God's life-giving spirit. Three times Israel is assured that through this vision they will know that "I am the LORD."*

<sup>1</sup> The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup> He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. <sup>3</sup> He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." <sup>4</sup> Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. <sup>5</sup> Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup> I will lay sinews on you and will cause flesh to come upon you and cover you with skin and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD."

<sup>7</sup> So I prophesied as I had been commanded, and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. <sup>8</sup> I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them, but there was no breath in them. <sup>9</sup> Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." <sup>10</sup> I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

<sup>11</sup> Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' <sup>12</sup> Therefore prophesy and say to them: Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people, and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. <sup>13</sup> And you shall know that I am the LORD when I open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup> I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD."

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

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

**Gospel Reading: John 11:1-45**

*Jesus is moved to sorrow when his friend Lazarus falls ill and dies. Then, in a dramatic scene, he calls his friend out of the tomb and restores him to life.*

The holy gospel according to John, chapter 11. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. <sup>2</sup> Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. <sup>3</sup> So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." <sup>4</sup> But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather, it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." <sup>5</sup> Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, <sup>6</sup> after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

<sup>7</sup> Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." <sup>8</sup> The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" <sup>9</sup> Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble because they see the light of this world. <sup>10</sup> But those who walk at night stumble because the light is not in them." <sup>11</sup> After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." <sup>12</sup> The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." <sup>13</sup> Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. <sup>14</sup> Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. <sup>15</sup> For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." <sup>16</sup> Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

<sup>17</sup> When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. <sup>18</sup> Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, <sup>19</sup> and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. <sup>20</sup> When

Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. <sup>21</sup> Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup> But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." <sup>23</sup> Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." <sup>24</sup> Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." <sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, <sup>26</sup> and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" <sup>27</sup> She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

<sup>28</sup> When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." <sup>29</sup> And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. <sup>30</sup> Now Jesus had not yet come to the village but was still at the place where Martha had met him. <sup>31</sup> The Jews who were with her in the house consoling her saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. <sup>32</sup> When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." <sup>33</sup> When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. <sup>34</sup> He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." <sup>35</sup> Jesus began to weep. <sup>36</sup> So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" <sup>37</sup> But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

<sup>38</sup> Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. <sup>39</sup> Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." <sup>40</sup> Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" <sup>41</sup> So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. <sup>42</sup> I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." <sup>43</sup> When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" <sup>44</sup> The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

<sup>45</sup> Many of the Jews, therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did believed in him.

This is the gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ!**  
*(Congregation may be seated)*

## Sermon

**Hymn Of The Day (With Intro)**      *Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land*      **#333**

*(Please stand as you are able)*

**Apostles' Creed**

**Back Cover of Hymnal**

## Prayers Of The People

The response to each prayer will be, "God of grace,"  
Congregation reply will be, "**Hear our prayer.**"

## Sharing Of The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**  
*You are welcome to send a text or email to share peace with others.*

## OFFERING

*(Offerings may be placed in the wooden offering box as you leave the sanctuary)*

**Offering Response**      *Create in Me a Clean Heart*      **#186**

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.**

## Offering Prayer

**O God, maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

## MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ*

### Great Thanksgiving (Sung)

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The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### Holy, Holy, Holy

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### Words Of Institution

### The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, 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.**

### Lamb Of God (With Intro)

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### Distribution Of Communion

### Communion Hymns

*Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery* #334 vs. 1-3 & Lent 5

*What Wondrous Love Is This* #666

### Communion Blessing

### Prayer After Communion

## SENDING

*God Blesses Us And Sends Us In Mission To The World.*

### Benediction

### Announcements

**Dismissal**

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude****Thank you to Today's Volunteers!**

**We would love to have your help during our worship service. Please sign up at the kiosk in the church narthex or on the church website under the sign-up link on the home page. Thank you!**

**Greeters:** Brayden Klug

**Ushers:** Dave Renslo & Dean Schutte

**Reader:** Donna Huttner

**Presentation Clicker:**

**Live Stream:** Stacey Meyer

**Acolytes:** Brayden Klug

**Coffee and Refreshments:**

**Communion Servers:**

**Additional News and Notes:****Do you have an interest in being part of the Synod level of the Women of the ELCA?**

The Synod W-ELCA needs a new Treasurer, Vice President, North Conference Representative, East Conference Representative, West Conference Coordinator, North Conference Coordinator, and South Conference Representative.

If you are interested and/or would like to know more about the positions, contact JoAnn Salava at [jams@mwt.net](mailto:jams@mwt.net) or Mona Van Riper at [monavanriper@gmail.com](mailto:monavanriper@gmail.com).

Our Spring Convention will be on Saturday, 04/18/2026, at Coon Valley Lutheran Church in Coon Valley, WI.

**Sign Ups for Worship Volunteering**

With Lent in full swing, we have communion every Sunday in the month of March and then Easter Sunday, April 5. We are in need of communion servers, at least 4 per service. If you are available to help serve communion, please sign up at the kiosk in the Narthex or online. We are also in need of presentation clickers for not only each Sunday, but Wednesday evening Holden Even Prayer services during the month of March. Please consider signing up if you are able to do so! Thank you! Many hands make things run smoothly and your time and dedication is always appreciated!

## Immanuel Lutheran Scholarships

College Scholarship Applications are now available! Calling all Graduating High School Seniors, Families, along with all college students who are members of Immanuel Lutheran Church.



Immanuel has three different scholarships you may apply for:

1. Immanuel Lutheran/Elmer & Doris Anderson Scholarship
2. Leland Schulze Scholarship
3. Thrivent Choice Dollars Scholarship

Each scholarship has a separate application, but are all similar in content. Confirmed members of Immanuel may apply for each scholarship up to two times. Applications have been mailed to all Immanuel seniors and all college students who have previously applied and are still eligible. Applications are also available in the church office and on the church website ([www.immanuelcaledonia.org](http://www.immanuelcaledonia.org)). Applications are due to the church office **no later than April 1, 2026.**

Applications will be reviewed by the Immanuel Scholarship Committee. After April 1, first time applicants will be invited to participate in a “meet and greet” session with the scholarship committee.

Presentation of scholarships will take place on Senior Recognition Sunday in April or May with the time still to be determined.



## Run For The One 5K

*in honor of Sexual Assault Awareness Month*

**April 25, 2026**



Scan the QR code  
to register today!



Old Hickory Park, La Crescent, MN

Check-in begins at 9:00am

Run/Walk begins at 10:00am

Call 507-894-2676 for more info!



# Coulee Region Gospel Choir

Presents

*Alpha and Omega*

*A Musical for Easter*

**The Venue at Crossway Church**

Valley View Mall, La Crosse

**Sunday March 22<sup>nd</sup> - 3 pm**

**Saturday March 28<sup>th</sup> - 3 pm**

**Sunday March 29<sup>th</sup> - 3 pm**