

FOR VISITORS:

WELCOME! We're so glad you were able to join us today to hear God's word and receive forgiveness.

- **Please sign our guest register found in the Narthex.**
- Have a prayer request? As a precautionary measure, we have removed the attendance cards and Holy Communion cards. If you have a prayer request, please submit this to Pastor via email by 5pm on the day prior to that worship service. Pastor's email is: pastor@immlu.com.



• **HOLY COMMUNION** is reserved for those who confess the scriptural teaching in unity. Thus, we practice "Closed Communion." Those who are fellow members of the LCMS in good standing are welcome to partake of the sacrament. Learn more about our practice by reading the tops of pages 11 and 13.

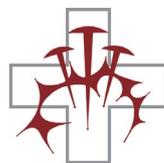
We humbly ask that you respect our belief and practice. If you'd like more information on this belief & practice, please speak with our Pastor.



THE ALTAR FLOWERS have been given to the glory of God by Fred Reinhardt.



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF
PENSACOLA, FL
4th SUNDAY IN LENT 2020 (22 March)



PREPARATION

The Church is in Lent—a holy season of prayerful and penitential reflection. Our attention is especially directed to the holy sufferings and death of our Lord Jesus Christ. From ancient times the season of Lent has been kept as a time of special devotion, self-denial, and humble repentance born of a faithful heart that dwells confidently on His Word and draws from Him life and hope. Lent is a time of instruction and preparation so that we may come to Easter with glad hearts and keep the feast in sincerity and truth. During Lent, the church refrains from the Hymn of Praise and “Alleluia” to help mark the time of preparation and the season of Easter.

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism whenever the ✝ symbol is shown. △ indicates that you should stand on that stanza of the hymn.

After worship, please take this bulletin home or discard it in the trash bin in the narthex (entry room).

Stand

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**
- P** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
- C** **I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.**
- P** In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

Sit

SERVICE OF THE WORD



Entrance Hymn – Word of God, Come Down on Earth 545



1 Word of God, come down on earth, Liv - ing rain from
 2 Word e - ter - nal, throned on high, Word that brought to
 3 Word that caused blind eyes to see, Speak and heal our
 4 Word that speaks God's ten - der love, One with God be -



heav'n de - scend - ing; Touch our hearts and bring to birth
 life cre - a - tion, Word that came from heav'n to die,
 mor - tal blind - ness; Deaf we are: our heal - er be;
 yond all tell - ing, Word that sends us from a - bove,



Faith and hope and love un - end - ing. Word al - might - y,
 Cru - ci - fied for our sal - va - tion, Sav - ing Word, the
 Loose our tongues to tell Your kind - ness. Be our Word in
 God the Spir - it, with us dwell - ing, Word of truth, to



we re - vere You; Word made flesh, we long to hear You.
 world re - stor - ing, Speak to us, Your love out - pour - ing.
 pit - y spo - ken, Heal the world, by sin now bro - ken.
 all truth lead us; Word of life, with one bread feed us.

Kyrie

P Lord, have mercy upon us.

C Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us. Amen.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading: *Isaiah 42:14-21*

¹⁴For a long time I have held my peace; I have kept still and restrained myself; now I will cry out like a woman in labor; I will gasp and pant. ¹⁵I will lay waste mountains and hills, and dry up all their vegetation; I will turn the rivers into islands, and dry up the pools. ¹⁶And I will lead the blind in a way that they do not know, in paths that they have not known I will guide them. I will turn the darkness before them into light, the rough places into level ground. These are the things I do, and I do not forsake them. ¹⁷They are turned back and utterly put to shame, who trust in carved idols, who say to metal images, "You are our gods." ¹⁸Hear, you deaf, and look, you blind, that you may see! ¹⁹Who is blind but my servant, or deaf as my messenger whom I send? Who is blind as my dedicated one, or blind as the servant of the LORD? ²⁰He sees many things, but does not observe them; his ears are open, but he does not hear. ²¹The LORD was pleased, for his righteousness' sake, to magnify his law and make it glorious.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle: *Ephesians 5:8-14*

⁸For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), ¹⁰and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹²For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. ¹³But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, ¹⁴for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand



C Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra - cious and
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

Holy Gospel: John 9:1-41

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 9th chapter.



G Glo - ry to You, O Lord.



¹As [Jesus] passed by, he saw a man blind from birth.

²And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" ³Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. ⁴We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. ⁵As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." ⁶Having said these things, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man's eyes with the mud ⁷and said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing.

⁸The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar were saying, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" ⁹Some said, "It is he." Others said, "No, but he is like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." ¹⁰So they said to him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" ¹¹He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' So I went and washed and received my sight." ¹²They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

¹³They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. ¹⁴Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." ¹⁶Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" And there was a division among them. ¹⁷So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet."

¹⁸The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight ¹⁹and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" ²⁰His parents answered, "We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. ²¹But how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." ²²(His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess Jesus to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue.) ²³Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

²⁴So for the second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, "Give glory to God. We know that this man is a sinner." ²⁵He answered, "Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see."

²⁶They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" ²⁷He answered them, "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?" ²⁸And they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. ²⁹We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." ³⁰The man answered, "Why, this is an amazing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. ³¹We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him. ³²Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. ³³If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." ³⁴They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out.

³⁵Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" ³⁶He answered, "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" ³⁷Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you." ³⁸He said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him. ³⁹Jesus said, "For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind." ⁴⁰Some of the Pharisees near him heard these things, and said to him, "Are we also blind?" ⁴¹Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, 'We see,' your guilt remains.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.



Sermon

Prayer of the Church

P Blessed Lord, You give sight to the blind, You open the ears of the deaf, and You make the lame to walk. Hear the prayers of Your people on behalf of all people as they have need. In the darkness of sin and its death, we cry to You, O Lord. Open our ears by Your Word, our minds by Your Spirit, and our hearts by Your grace, that we may know and remain thankful for all the blessings You have given to us in Christ, our Lord, especially the gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation. Strengthen us in faith, especially in these perilous times. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P O Lord, strengthen and encourage pastors to serve us faithfully with Your Word and serve us with Your Sacraments. Protect them in their calling and give them Your Spirit. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P O Lord of lords, provide us with good and faithful leaders and aid them in their calling to provide justice, liberty, and peace. Bless those who have authority over us, especially those who provide information & warnings, and are called to aid the sick. Grant Your blessing to all emergency workers who come to our aid in time of need. Through our leaders and those in health care, we ask you to provide healing, cures, peace, and order. Bless the members of our armed forces and protect them as they defend us. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P O Lord, despite worldly fear and anxiety, we ask you to open our eyes, that we may see the blessing of the riches of Your grace. Give to us grateful and generous hearts to return to You a portion of what You have first given to us. Be with those who are unemployed or who have been adversely impacted by this crisis that we may all receive our daily bread with thanksgiving. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Knowing Your healing will and gifts, we ask You to remember the sick in their afflictions, to calm those troubled in mind, and to keep steadfast the dying. Hear us especially for those who are ill or have lost loved ones due to this virus, [*for_____.*] You are gracious, merciful and compassionate. According to You will, bring about healing and sustain those who are afflicted in body or mind until Your return. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P As we rightly mourn and repent of our sins and cry to you for help, help us also to be mindful of Your promise of the resurrection. Trusting in You, give to us and all who mourn, hope, comfort, and peace. Remembering the faithful who have died in Christ, we ask You to keep us steadfast through every trial we are called to endure, that we may be brought to be with them in Your nearer presence. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

[Additional Prayers]

P O Lord, teach us to be content with Your will and to trust that You will hear and answer us. All these things, dear Father, we pray in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, asking You to grant our prayers not for our sake but for the sake of Him alone, who reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Offering

If you have not already done so, you may come forward to give your offering to the Lord (in the offering plate in the front center aisle). You may also put it in the offering plate in the narthex after the service. Please allow for proper "social distancing" during this process.

Meditation during the offering:

*On my heart imprint Your image, Blessèd Jesus, King of grace,
That life's riches, cares, and pleasures Never may Your work erase;
Let the clear inscription be: Jesus, crucified for me,
Is my life, my hope's foundation, And my glory and salvation!*

A Note for Visitors regarding Holy Communion:

We're so glad you're here! We welcome to Holy Communion those who share the confessional fellowship of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS). **If you are not an LCMS member:** you may come forward, placing your index finger over your mouth, which indicates that you'd like to receive a blessing. If our pastor is unfamiliar with you, he will speak a blessing rather than give Holy Communion. If you have questions or would like to become a member & share our fellowship of faith, please speak with our pastor. We humbly ask our guests to respect our belief & practice.

Stand

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT



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 Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

C 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 forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C Amen.

C Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

The musical notation consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff is a prelude. The second and third staves contain the lyrics: "Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us." The fourth staff continues with "Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; grant us peace." The melody is simple and repetitive, with a final cadence on the word "peace."

Sit

Distribution

If you're visiting, we're happy you're here today! Please read the note on the top of page 11 prior to coming forward.

Updated Practices regarding the Distribution of Holy Communion:

- An usher will admit you forward. Pastor will welcome you to the table.
- Less-than-usual numbers will be served each time to allow for distancing. Families may remain closer together, but they ought not encroach upon other's space.
- Please remain standing throughout reception.
- Please receive the bread/host 1st in hand (i.e., not by mouth only).
- The chalice has a fortified wine. It's wiped with an alcohol-soaked cloth.
- Used individual cups are to be left on the communion "rail."
- Blessings will be offered without the laying on of a hand.

Hymn during Distribution: Wide Open Stand the Gates 639



1 Wide o - pen stand the gates a - dorned with pearl, While
2 He speaks the Word the bread and wine to bless: "This
3 The cher - u - bim, their fac - es veiled from light, While



round God's gold - en throne The choirs of saints in
is My flesh and blood!" He bids us eat and
saints in won - der kneel, Sing praise to Him whose



end - less cir - cles curl, And joy - ous praise the Son!
drink with thank - ful - ness This gift of ho - ly food.
face with glo - ry bright No earth - ly masks con - ceal.



They watch Him now de - scend - ing To vis - it wait-ing earth.
All hu - man thought must fal - ter— Our God stoops low to heal,
This sac - ra - ment God gives us Binds us in u - ni - ty,



The Lord of Life un - end - ing Brings dy - ing hope new birth!
Now pres - ent on the al - tar, For us both host and meal!
Joins earth with heav'n be - yond us, Time with e - ter - ni - ty!

Hymn during Distribution: Jesus Comes Today with Healing 620



1 Je - sus comes to - day with heal - ing, Knock - ing at my
 2 Christ Him - self, the priest pre - sid - ing, Yet in bread and
 3 Un - der bread and wine, though low - ly, I re - ceive the
 4 God de - scends with heav'n - ly pow - er, Gives Him - self to



door, ap - peal - ing, Of - f'ring par - don, grace, and peace.
 wine a - bid - ing In this ho - ly sac - ra - ment,
 Sav - ior ho - ly, Blood and bod - y, giv'n for me,
 me this hour In this or - di - nar - y sign.



He Him - self makes prep - a - ra - tion, And I hear His
 Gives the bread of life, once bro - ken, And the cup, the
 Ver - y Lamb of God from heav - en, Who to bit - ter
 On my tongue His pledge re - ceiv - ing, I ac - cept His



in - vi - ta - tion: "Come and taste the bless - ed feast."
 pre - cious to - ken Of His sa - cred cov - e - nant.
 death was giv - en, Hung up - on the curs - ed tree.
 grace, be - liev - ing That I taste His love di - vine.

5 Let me praise God's boundless favor,
 Whose own feast of love I savor,
 Bidden by His gracious call.
 Wedding garments He provides me,
 With a robe of white He hides me,
 Fits me for the royal hall.

6 Now have I found consolation,
 Comfort in my tribulation,
 Balm to heal the troubled soul.
 God, my shield from ev'ry terror,
 Cleanses me from sin and error,
 Makes my wounded spirit whole.

The Dismissal – Stand

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

G Amen.

Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore

You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives & reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C Amen.

Hymn: God, Whose Almighty Word

979



1 God, whose al - might - y word Cha - os and
 2 Lord, who once came to bring, On Your re -
 3 Spir - it of truth and love, Life - giv - ing,
 4 Ho - ly and bless - ed Three, Glo - ri - ous



dark - ness heard And took their flight: Hear us, we
 deem - ing wing, Heal - ing and sight, Health to the
 ho - ly dove, Speed forth Your flight; Move on the
 Trin - i - ty, Wis - dom, love, might! Bound - less as



hum - bly pray, And where the Gos - pel day
 sick in mind, Sight to the in - ly blind:
 wa - ter's face, Bear - ing the lamp of grace,
 o - cean's tide, Roll - ing in full - est pride,



Sheds not its glo - rious ray, Let there be light!
 Oh, now to hu - man - kind Let there be light!
 And in earth's dark - est place Let there be light!
 Through the earth, far and wide, Let there be light!

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*“[O come, let us fix our eyes on] Jesus,
the founder and perfecter of our faith,
who for the joy that was set before him
endured the cross, despising the shame,
and is seated at the right hand of the
throne of God.”*

~ Hebrews 12:2 ~

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Events Happening Today

ADULT CATECHESIS at noon in the library. This is a class for teenagers (14+) & adults that gives instruction in the Christian faith.

NO FOOD/DRINKS will be served on the grounds until further notice.

Upcoming Events & News

THE ANNUNCIATION OF OUR LORD DIVINE SERVICE will take place on (Wed, 3/25) at 7pm. This is an opportunity to celebrate an important Festival in the church year.

THANKS TO THE LWML for all the Kitchen help & desserts for both Pastor Victor Schulz's funeral and Gail Stearns' funeral.

THE FAMILY OF PASTOR VICTOR SCHULZ are sincerely grateful to the members of Immanuel for their prayers, cards, donations, flowers, and expressions of Christian hope and sympathy with regard to the calling of our dear loved one, Pastor Victor Schulz, into the Lord's heavenly presence. Many thanks to Ms. Pat, the LWML, and other volunteers for the wonderful luncheon provided following the service. Thank you to Pastor Blanckschaen for his spiritual guidance to the family during this difficult time, and Judy Greunke for the beautiful music played during the service. Although this is a difficult time for all of us, we find comfort in knowing how fortunate Pastor was to have served the congregation of Immanuel and that he had such a wonderful church family that meant so much to him.



UNABLE TO ATTEND? OR NO CASH TO GIVE? We understand. Please give generously to your Lord and his work. Immanuel accepts online giving through Give Plus (a Vanco company) where you can give on a one-

time or recurring basis....

via \$ amount text message to # 877-959-2884

online at: immlu.com/giving

via app. Search for: "GivePlus Church" in App Store.

Instructions on the bulletin board nearest the church and across from the kitchen.

* **Fees per transaction: ACH: .90%+\$0.20 / Debit/credit: 2.75%+\$0.45**
Giving by cash or check incurs no fees.

Your donations are appreciated & used in service to our community.

CANCELLATIONS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. As a precautionary effort, the following events/group meetings have been cancelled until further notice:

- Nursery & Sun. School for children
- Pastor's Wife Appreciation Meal
- Braille Workers
- Baby Shower for Immanuel member, Katie Tolbert
- All Potlucks
- Saturday Oatmeal Breakfasts

Stay up to date on news, meeting times, cancellations, etc. at: **immlu.com**

WEEK AT A GLANCE

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| SUNDAY | 8:00am | Divine Service |
| | 9:15am | Adult Bible Classes |
| | 10:30am | Divine Service |
| | 12:00pm | Adult Catechesis |
| TUESDAY | 10:30am | Staff Meeting |
| WEDNESDAY | 5:30pm-6:00pm | Bell Choir Rehearsal |
| | 7:00pm | Annunciation Divine Service |
| SUNDAY | 8:00am | Divine Service |
| | 9:15am | Adult Bible Classes |
| | 10:30am | Divine Service |
| | 12:00pm | High School Bible Study |

Want to see further out?

1) See the calendar on the bulletin board nearest the church OR 2) www.immlu.com/calendar

ATTENDANCE/COMMUNED

Divine Service 3/15 = 42, 43 = 85 Communed: 65
Lent Midweek 3/18 = 21

OFFERINGS: March 11, 2020

General \$460.00 Lenten \$200.00 Memorial: Pastor Schulz \$50.00
Total: \$710.00

OFFERINGS: March 15, 2020

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| General | \$4,086.00 | Memorial: Gail Stearns | \$200.00 | Vicar | \$10.00 |
| Lenten | \$30.00 | Plate | \$107.00 | Stained Glass | \$75.00 |
| Sun. School | \$28.00 | Mortgage | \$10.00 | Organ | \$10.00 |
| <u>LWML</u> | <u>\$250.00</u> | <u>Memorial: Pastor Schulz</u> | <u>\$100.00</u> | | |
| Total: \$4,906.00 | | | | | |

Immanuel Lutheran Church's Response to the coronavirus (COVID-19)

To all attendees and visitors of Immanuel Lutheran Church,

We are God's church and are called to be His disciples. This fact guides us as we deal with the difficult challenge of responding to the coronavirus (COVID-19).

Please know that we are monitoring the COVID-19 situation and have taken precautions to ensure our environment is as safe as possible. However, we simply cannot guarantee a germ-free, virus-free, or "safe" building. **Thus, we ask you to exercise your best wisdom, practice, & choice with regard to this virus.** We plan to heed the official legal mandates from our local authorities and will keep you aware of updates/changes via our website, Facebook group & page. Please use the recommended practices from local authorities as well as the CDC and WHO.

This is a changing situation. Any decisions or statements made are subject to change.

REGARDING YOU:

- **If you are sick, stay home.** If you're vulnerable to this illness, it is understandable that you stay home for your safety.

- **If you are unable to be present in worship, please stay in God's word.** Open your Bibles. Pray. Stay steadfast & trust in God, especially in times of difficulty or worry. You can use devotional resources like "Portals of Prayer," "The Lutheran Hour" or "Issues, Etc." (most of which can be found on our website: www.immlu.com).

REGARDING SERVICES:

- Both **Midweek Services at 7pm** and **Sunday morning services at 8 & 10:30am** remain as scheduled. The church building will be limited to 50 people. Overflow will be in Mary Lawrence Hall (with audio) and limited to 50 as well. All sermons will be posted on our webpage.

- The **offering plates will be made available at both the front and back of the church**, instead of passed. Online giving is also an option at: www.immlu.com/giving. You may also choose to mail your offerings to the church. Regardless, we ask that you continue to support the Lord's work in these difficult times

- **For communion, we will offer both the chalice and individual glasses.** The choice is solely yours to make. The chalice will have a fortified wine (Port) and be wiped regularly with an alcohol soaked cloth. Used individual glasses are washed.

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| Peace be with you all. Our peace is in Christ Jesus who healed the sick, raised the dead, forgives our sins, and promises everlasting life to those who believe in Him. |
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More info. from our Synod and the CDC regarding COVID-19 can be found on our website: **immlu.com**