

# 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Altamont, Illinois

Third Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 3, 2024 at 10:00 AM

*Divine Service Third Setting, page 184 in Lutheran Service Book*

- *Preservice Music,*
- *Immanuel Ringers*
- *Brief Video History of Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church*

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

(Stand and face the cross as it passes your pew)

### HYMN 895 NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD

- 1 Now thank we all our God  
With hearts and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things has done,  
In whom His world rejoices;  
Who from our mothers' arms  
Has blest us on our way  
With countless gifts of love  
And still is ours today.
- 2 Oh, may this bounteous God  
Through all our life be near us,  
With ever joyful hearts  
And blessed peace to cheer us  
And keep us in His grace  
And guide us when perplexed  
And free us from all ills  
In this world and the next!
- 3 All praise and thanks to God  
The Father now be given,  
The Son, and Him who reigns  
With them in highest heaven,  
The one eternal God,  
Whom earth and heav'n adore;  
For thus it was, is now,  
And shall be evermore.

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## + CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

*(The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.)*

### INVOCATION

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

### EXHORTATION

LSB 184

- P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**C** **who made heaven and earth.**
- P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,  
**C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.)*

### CONFESSION OF SINS

LSB 184

- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,  
**C** **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

### ABSOLUTION

LSB 185

- P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and 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.

## + SERVICE OF THE WORD +

### INTROIT

Psalms 100

- P** <sup>1</sup>Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!  
**C** <sup>2</sup>**Serve the LORD with gladness!**  
**Come into his presence with singing!**

**P** <sup>3</sup>Know that the LORD, he is God!

**C** It is he who made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

**P** <sup>4</sup>Enter his gates with thanksgiving,  
and his courts with praise!

**C** Give thanks to him; bless his name!

**P** <sup>5</sup>For the LORD is good;

**C** his steadfast love endures forever,  
and his faithfulness to all generations.

## GLORIA PATRI

LSB 186

**C** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world  
without end. Amen.

## KYRIE

LSB 186

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

*The hymn of praise is omitted for Lent.*

## SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

**P** Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*(Sit)*

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 20:1–17

<sup>1</sup>And God spoke all these words, saying,

<sup>2</sup>“I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

<sup>3</sup>“You shall have no other gods before me.

<sup>4</sup>“You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. <sup>5</sup>You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of

the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, <sup>6</sup>but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

<sup>7</sup>“You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

<sup>8</sup>“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. <sup>9</sup>Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, <sup>10</sup>but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. <sup>11</sup>For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

<sup>12</sup>“Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

<sup>13</sup>“You shall not murder.

<sup>14</sup>“You shall not commit adultery.

<sup>15</sup>“You shall not steal.

<sup>16</sup>“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

<sup>17</sup>“You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor’s.”

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## GRADUAL

Hebrews 12:2

**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.**

## EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 1:18–31

<sup>18</sup>The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup>For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

<sup>20</sup>Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?

<sup>21</sup>For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup>For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup>but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup>For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

<sup>26</sup>For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup>But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; <sup>28</sup>God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, <sup>29</sup>so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. <sup>30</sup>He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. <sup>31</sup>Therefore, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

**IMMANUEL CHOIR** *sings "By Faith" by Getty, Townend, & Lawrence*

*(Stand)*

## **HOLY GOSPEL**

John 2:13–22

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the second chapter.

**G** Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>13</sup>The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup>In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. <sup>15</sup>And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. <sup>16</sup>And he told those who sold the pigeons, "Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade." <sup>17</sup>His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me."

<sup>18</sup>So the Jews said to him, "What sign do you show us for doing these things?" <sup>19</sup>Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." <sup>20</sup>The Jews then said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?" <sup>21</sup>But he was speaking about the temple of his body. <sup>22</sup>When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**G** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## **NICENE CREED**

**G** I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,

begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
 God of God, Light of Light,  
 very God of very God,  
 begotten, not made,  
 being of one substance with the Father,  
 by whom all things were made;  
 who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
 and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
 and was made man;  
 and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
 He suffered and was buried.  
 And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
 and ascended into heaven  
 and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
 And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the  
 dead,  
 whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
 the Lord and giver of life,  
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
 who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and  
 glorified,  
 who spoke by the prophets.  
 And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
 I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
 and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
 and the life  $\pm$  of the world to come. Amen.

(Sit)

## HYMN 828 WE ARE CALLED TO STAND TOGETHER

- 1 We are called to stand together  
 With the saints of ages past,  
 With the patriarchs and prophets  
 In the faith they once held fast;  
 Promises and hopes they treasured  
 Now we find fulfilled at last!
- 2 Those whom Jesus called apostles  
 Journeyed with Him side by side,  
 Heard His teaching, felt His power,  
 Saw the way He lived and died;  
 Then the news of resurrection  
 They delivered far and wide.
- 3 Through the intervening ages  
 Round the world the Gospel spread:  
 Faithful heralds took the message,  
 Guided where the Spirit led;  
 So the body grew in stature,  
 Serving Christ, the living head.

4 Now in many tongues and cultures  
Songs of celebration ring;  
Millions who confess our Savior  
Honor Him as Lord and King  
And, for courage, grace and guidance  
Ev'ry day their prayers they bring.

5 To each coming generation  
Tell the truth, persuade, explain,  
Till the time when time is ended,  
Till the Savior comes again—  
Till the saints are all united  
Under Christ's eternal reign!

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**SERMON** by Pastor Bernard Ross III, Trinity Lutheran Church, Alma,  
Missouri

**OFFERING** *is gathered for the work of the Lord*

*(Stand)*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

*The people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying,  
"Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and the unity of the Spirit  
in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22-24; Eph. 4:1-3).*

## + SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

### PREFACE

LSB 194

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them up unto the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

**C** It is meet and right so to do.

### PROPER PREFACE

LSB 194

**P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and  
saying:

## SANCTUS

LSB 195

**C** Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;  
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the  
name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

## LORD'S PRAYER

LSB 196

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

LSB 197

## PAX DOMINI

LSB 197

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C** Amen.

## AGNUS DEI

LSB 198

**C** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the  
world, have mercy upon us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the  
world, have mercy upon us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the  
world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

(Sit)

## DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

**Christian Stuckemeyer sings, "He's Already Won"**

### Praise Team

"I See the Lord"

I see the Lord seated on the throne exalted.  
And the train of His robe fills the temple with glory.  
And the whole earth is filled, and the whole earth is filled,  
And the whole earth is filled with His glory.  
Holy, holy, holy, holy; holy is the Lord.  
Holy, holy, holy, holy; holy is the Lord. *Repeat.*

*Ending:* Holy, holy, holy, holy; holy is the Lord of lords.

*Isaiah 6:3 ©1997 Maranatha! Music CCLI 187269 GMP 41 BB 112*

## HYMN 425 WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS

1 When I survey the wondrous cross  
On which the Prince of Glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss  
And pour contempt on all my pride.



- 2 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast  
Save in the death of Christ, my God;  
All the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to His blood.
- 3 See, from His head, His hands, His feet  
Sorrow and love flow mingled down!  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?
- 4 Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were a tribute far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all!

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748

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## **HYMN 644 THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION**

sts. 1–5

- 1 The Church's one foundation  
Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
She is His new creation  
By water and the Word.  
From heav'n He came and sought her  
To be His holy bride;  
With His own blood He bought her,  
And for her life He died.
- 2 Elect from ev'ry nation,  
Yet one o'er all the earth;  
Her charter of salvation:  
One Lord, one faith, one birth.  
One holy name she blesses,  
Partakes one holy food,  
And to one hope she presses  
With ev'ry grace endued.
- 3 Though with a scornful wonder  
The world sees her oppressed,  
By schisms rent asunder,  
By heresies distressed,  
Yet saints their watch are keeping;  
Their cry goes up, "How long?"  
And soon the night of weeping  
Shall be the morn of song.
- 4 Through toil and tribulation  
And tumult of her war  
She waits the consummation

Of peace forevermore  
Till with the vision glorious  
Her longing eyes are blest,  
And the great Church victorious  
Shall be the Church at rest.

- 5 Yet she on earth has union  
With God, the Three in One,  
And mystic sweet communion  
With those whose rest is won.  
O blessed heav'nly chorus!  
Lord, save us by Your grace  
That we, like saints before us,  
May see You face to face.

Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839–1900, alt.

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## **HYMN 637 DRAW NEAR AND TAKE THE BODY OF THE LORD**

- 1 Draw near and take the body of the Lord,  
And drink the holy blood for you outpoured;  
Offered was He for greatest and for least,  
Himself the victim and Himself the priest.
- 2 He who His saints in this world rules and shields,  
To all believers life eternal yields;  
With heav'nly bread He makes the hungry whole,  
Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.
- 3 Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere,  
And take the pledges of salvation here.  
O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow  
As in this feast of love You bless us now.


Text: Latin, 7th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–66, alt.

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*(Stand)*

### **NUNC DIMITTIS**

LSB 199

-  **Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,  
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people,  
a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

## THANKSGIVING

LSB 200

- P** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
**C** and His mercy endureth forever.

## PRAYER

Almighty God, You have promised to be with Your Church forever. We praise You for Your presence in this place of worship and ask Your ongoing blessing upon those who gather here. Dwell continually among us with Your holy Word and Sacraments, strengthen our fellowship in the bonds of love and peace, and increase our faithful witness to Your salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## SALUTATION

LSB 201

- P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And with thy spirit.


## BENEDICAMUS

LSB 202

- A** Bless we the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

## BENEDICTION

LSB 202

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and  give you peace.  
**C** Amen, amen, amen.

## HYMN TO DEPART

### Father, Who with Wisdom Infinite

To the tune of *Ebenezer*, LSB 578 *Thy Strong Word*

1. Father, who with wisdom infinite  
Shaped the earth, to life gave birth,  
Here You smiled on our endeavors  
Pleased to grant this glad day's mirth.  
Years of blessing! Years of blessing!  
Loud our hymns to heav'n ascend;  
Years of blessing! Years of blessing!  
From the Father, Maker, Friend.
2. Savior, who with love unlimited  
Sought the lost, including me,  
Here You smiled with sure salvation  
Pleased for Love's full amnesty.  
Years of blessing! Years of blessing!

Loud our hymns to heav'n ascend;  
Years of blessing! Years of blessing!  
From the savior, Refuge, Friend.

3. Spirit, who with fire unquenchable  
Warmed cold hearts to answer "yes,"  
Here You smiled on our awak'ning  
Pleased to nourish and to bless.  
Years of blessing! Years of blessing!  
Loud our hymns to heav'n ascend;  
Years of blessing! Years of blessing!  
From the Spirit, Quick-ner, Friend.

4. Father, Son and Holy Spirit  
God of clemency and might,  
Here You often smiled upon us;  
Smile once more with heav'n's de-light.  
Endless praises! Endless praises!  
Loud and long our thanks we'll sing;  
Endless praises! Endless praises!  
To our God, our Lord, the King.

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## ORGAN POSTLUDE

*While you are waiting for the meal to be served, you are invited to hear Jake Trost play hymns on the bagpipes outside the church.*

## CELEBRATORY MEAL IN THE PARISH HALL

**Our heartfelt thanks to Pastor, Katie, Daniel, and Olivia Ross for joining us today. God bless your ministry to Trinity Lutheran Church, Alma, Missouri.**  
**We also thank Marlene Krenske, former Choir Director, for joining us today from St. Louis.**

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