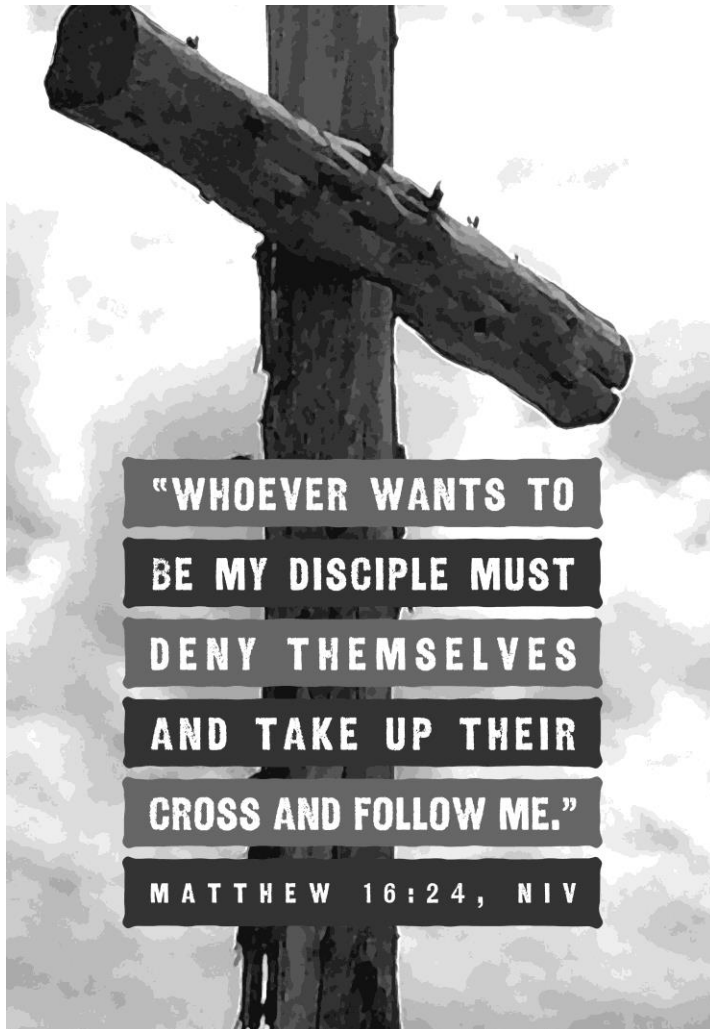


# IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Grant that I in love and faith May the im - age cher - ish  
Make me see how scourge and rod, Spear and nails did wound You,  
Ah! I al - so and my sin Wrought Your deep af - flic - tion;  
How could I re - fuse to shun Ev - 'ry sin - ful plea - sure



Of Your suf - f'ring, pain, and death That I may not per - ish.  
How for them You died, O God, Who with thorns had crowned You.  
This in - deed the cause has been Of Your cru - ci - fix - ion.  
Since for me God's on - ly Son Suf - fered with - out mea - sure?

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*Kneel/Sit*

## Confession and Absolution


- P** Hear me, merciful and mighty Father, as I confess my bondage to sin and death.  
**C** **I know that nothing good lives in me.**
- P** That is, in my sinful nature.  
**C** **I have the desire to do good.**
- P** But I cannot carry it out.  
**C** **What I do is not the good I want to do.**
- P** No, the evil I do not want to do, this I keep on doing.  
**C** **I find this law at work—**
- P** When I want to do good, evil is right there with me.  
**C** **In my inner being I delight in your law.**
- P** But I see another law at work in the members of my body, waging war and making me a prisoner of the law of sin and death.  
**C** **Who will rescue me from this body of death?**

*[You are invited to silently reflect on the fact that though our sin is great, Christ's love is greater.]*

- P** Hear the good news! The same God who delivered Israel from Egyptian bondage also delivers you from your body of sin and death! Jesus Christ, the Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed and his blood forgives you and sets you free! He turned the sea into dry land; we passed through the waters on foot. Though God's footprints were not seen.  
**C** **He led his people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron!**

*Sit*

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5 If my sins give me a-larm And my con-science grieve me,  
6 Gra-cious-ly my faith re-new; Help me bear my cross-es,  
Let Your cross my fear dis-arm; Peace of con-science give me.  
Learn-ing hum-ble-ness from You, Peace mid pain and loss-es.  
Help me see for-give-ness won By Your ho-ly pas-sion.  
May I give You love for love! Hear me, O my Sav-ior,  
If for me He slays His Son, God must have com-pas-sion!  
That I may in heav'n a-bove Sing Your praise for-ev-er.

*Kneel/Sit*

### Prayer of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray. Heavenly Father, right where we are, you love us with an everlasting love. But you love us too much to let us remain there. Give us faith and humility to accept your process of change so that—more and more—we become like Jesus. We pray in his name,

**C** **Amen.**

## Readings

### Old Testament Reading:

*Exodus 3:1-14*

**P** The Old Testament Reading is from Exodus, the third chapter.

Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. And the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. And Moses said, “I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned.” When the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, “Moses, Moses!” And he said, “Here I am.” Then he said, “Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.” And he said, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the LORD said, “I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a

good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. And now, behold, the cry of the people of Israel has come to me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt.” But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?” He said, “But I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you, that I have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain.”

Then Moses said to God, “If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?” God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” And he said, “Say this to the people of Israel, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Second Reading:

*Romans 12:1–2*

**P** The Epistle is from Romans, the twelfth chapter.

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand if able*

## Holy Gospel:

*Matthew 16:21–28*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the sixteenth chapter.

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

From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you.” But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”

Then Jesus told his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his life? Or what shall a man give in return for his life? For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done. Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

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

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

## Here I Am, Lord

Verses



1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my  
2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my  
3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the



peo - ple cry. All who dwell in dark and sin  
peo - ple's pain. I have wept for love of them.  
poor and lame. I will set a feast for them.



My hand will save. I who made the  
They turn a - way. I will break their  
My hand will save. Fin - est bread I



stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.  
hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love a - lone.  
will pro - vide Till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?  
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?  
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call - ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

## Sermon

# Prayer

*Kneel/Sit*

## Prayers of the Church

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**P** Lord God, heavenly Father, we offer before You our common supplications for the well-being of Your Church throughout the world. So guide and govern it by Your Holy Spirit that all who profess themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Send down upon all ministers of the Gospel and upon the congregations committed to their care the healthful spirit of Your grace that they may please You in all things. Behold in mercy all who are in authority over us. Supply them with Your blessing that they may be inclined to Your will and walk according to Your commandments. We humbly ask Your abiding presence in every situation that You would make known Your ways among us. Preserve those who travel, satisfy the wants of Your creatures, and help those who call upon You in any need that they may have patience in the midst of suffering and, according to Your will, be released from their afflictions; through Christ Jesus, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. God, you are calling me to change and so I say:

**C** **Here I am.**

## Lord's Prayer

*Matthew 6:9–13*

**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

*Stand if able*

## Benediction

*2 Corinthians 13:14*

**P** Though God's footprints were not seen.

**C** **He led his people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron.**

**P** May the Almighty God—Father, Son and Holy Spirit—lead you into new seasons of change and joy and peace.

**C** **Amen and Amen!**

## 878 Abide with Me



1 A - bid e with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.  
 2 I need Thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing hour;  
 3 Come not in ter - rors, as the King of kings,  
 4 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;



The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bid e.  
 What but Thy grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r?  
 But kind and good, with heal - ing in Thy wings;  
 Earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;



When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,  
 Who like Thy - self my guide and stay can be?  
 Tears for all woes, a heart for ev - 'ry plea.  
 Change and de - cay in all a - round I see;



Help of the help - less, O a - bid e with me.  
 Through cloud and sun - shine, O a - bid e with me.  
 Come, Friend of sin - ners, thus a - bid e with me.  
 O Thou who chang - est not, a - bid e with me.

5 I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless;  
 Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness.  
 Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy  
 victory?  
 I triumph still if Thou abide with me!

6 Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;  
 Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.  
 Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows  
 flee;  
 In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

Offering will be collected at both doors

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