



Immanuel Lutheran Church

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GENERAL INFORMATION

- **Restrooms** are located downstairs. An elevator is available in the narthex.
- A **nursery room** is available at the rear of the Sanctuary for young children and their parents. The nursery room is equipped with a speaker so you can hear the service.
- Worship Bags are available in the nursery room every Sunday to help kids engage and participate in the service. They include coloring pencils, coloring sheets and Worship Guides. After worship service, keep your papers and place the bag back in the nursery room.
- **Registration cards** are placed in the back of the pews for worshipers to use for: 1) Visitor registration; 2) Communion registration for communion services; 3) Prayer requests may be written on the back of the card; after filling out the card, please place it in the offering plate.
- **Preprinted offering envelopes** are available in the pews for special offerings and Special Funds donations. Visitors are welcome to use these envelopes as well as members. Members, please make sure to note your envelope number on these special envelopes and place in the offering plate.
- **Kids Worship** We love having children in church! It is so important for the kids to be welcomed and loved in God's house. Kids Worship is offered during the service, after the Bible Readings. Kids ages 3 through 10 can come downstairs where we offer an age appropriate lesson on the readings, snack and sometimes a craft. Children will return to the sanctuary on communion Sundays just before communion. For more information, contact Rene Langwost at 410-253-8735. No kids worship tonight.

We kindly request that all cell phones be silenced.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE SERVICE FRIDAY APRIL 18, 2025 ~ 7:00 p.m.

WELCOME TO IMMANUEL!

When Jesus says, "It is finished" (John 19:30), he doesn't mean his life or the crucifixion process. Rather, Jesus has accomplished salvation for all who desire it. Welcome to worship at the foot of the cross.

WORDS OF PREPARATION

What a strange throne is your cross, Jesus, but as the psalmist wrote, "Dominion belongs to the Lord" (Psalm 22:28). Help us recognize you in places that don't look like worldly power.

Good Friday Tenebrae Vespers Service

 \square = congregation sings response

The congregation and pastor enter in silence.

Stand

Opening Versicles

- P O Lord, open my lips,
- C and my mouth will declare Your praise.
- P Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
- C make haste to help me, O Lord. Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our salvation.

Sit

Psalmody

Р	¹ In you, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame;
	in your righteousness deliver me!

- C ²Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily! Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me!
- P ³For you are my rock and my fortress; and for your name's sake you lead me and guide me;
- C ⁴you take me out of the net they have hidden for me, for you are my refuge.
- P ⁵Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.
- C ⁶I hate those who pay regard to worthless idols, but I trust in the LORD.



Psalm 31

LSB Altar Book 525-528

Р	⁷ I will rejoice and be glad in your steadfast love,
~	because you have seen my affliction; you have known the distress of my soul,
С	⁸ and you have not delivered me into the hand of the enemy;
_	you have set my feet in a broad place.
Р	⁹ Be gracious to me, O LORD, or I am in distress;
	my eye is wasted from grief; my soul and my body also.
С	¹⁰ For my life is spent with sorrow, and my years with sighing;
	my strength fails because of my iniquity, and my bones waste away.
Р	¹¹ Because of all my adversaries I have become a reproach, especially to my neighbors,
	and an object of dread to my acquaintances;
	those who see me in the street flee from me.
С	¹² I have been forgotten like one who is dead;
	I have become like a broken vessel.
Р	¹³ For I hear the whispering of many—terror on every side!—
	as they scheme together against me, as they plot to take my life.
С	¹⁴ But I trust in you, O LORD;
	I say, "You are my God."
Р	¹⁵ My times are in your hand;
	rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from my persecutors!
С	¹⁶ Make your face shine on your servant;
	save me in your steadfast love!
Р	¹⁷ O LORD, let me not be put to shame, for I call upon you;
	let the wicked be put to shame; let them go silently to Sheol.
С	¹⁸ Let the lying lips be mute,
	which speak insolently against the righteous in pride and contempt.
Р	¹⁹ Oh, how abundant is your goodness, which you have stored up for those who fear you
	and worked for those who take refuge in you, in the sight of the children of mankind
С	²⁰ In the cover of your presence you hide them from the plots of men;
	you store them in your shelter from the strife of tongues.
Р	²¹ Blessèd be the LORD,
	for he has wondrously shown his steadfast love to me when I was in a besieged city.
С	²² I had said in my alarm, "I am cut off from your sight."
	But you heard the voice of my pleas for mercy when I cried to you for help.
Р	²³ Love the LORD, all you his saints!
	The LORD preserves the faithful but abundantly repays the one who acts in pride.
С	²⁴ Be strong, and let your heart take courage,
	all you who wait for the LORD!
С	Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the
	beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
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~ The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ ~

Hymn Go to Dark Gethsemane

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Reading

John 19:1-16a

P The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John, the 19th chapter.

¹Then Pilate took Jesus and flogged him. ²And the soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head and arrayed him in a purple robe. ³They came up to him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and struck him with their hands. ⁴Pilate went out again and said to them, "See, I am bringing him out to you that you may know that I find no guilt in him." ⁵So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, "Behold the man!" ⁶When the chief priests and the officers saw him, they cried out, "Crucify him, crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and crucify him, for I find no guilt in him." ⁷The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has made himself the Son of God." ⁸When Pilate heard this statement, he was even more afraid. ⁹He entered his headquarters again and said to Jesus, "Where are you from?" But Jesus gave him no answer. ¹⁰So Pilate said to him, "You will not speak to me? Do you not know that I have authority to release you and authority to crucify you?" ¹¹Jesus answered him, "You would have no authority over me at all unless it had been given you from above. Therefore he who delivered me over to you has the greater sin."

¹²From then on Pilate sought to release him, but the Jews cried out, "If you release this man, you are not Caesar's friend. Everyone who makes himself a king opposes Caesar." ¹³So when Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called The Stone Pavement, and in Aramaic Gabbatha. ¹⁴Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover. It was about the sixth hour. He said to the Jews, "Behold your King!" ¹⁵They cried out, "Away with him, away with him, crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar." ¹⁶So he delivered him over to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus,

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Hymn Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted

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Reading

¹⁶So he delivered him over to them to be crucified.

So they took Jesus, ¹⁷and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called the place of a skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. ¹⁸There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. ¹⁹Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." ²⁰Many of the Jews read this inscription, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Aramaic, in Latin, and in Greek. ²¹So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but rather, 'This man said, I am King of the Jews." ²²Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written."

²³When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his garments and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier; also his tunic. But the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom, ²⁴so they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be." This was to fulfill the Scripture which says,

"They divided my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots."

So the soldiers did these things, ²⁵but standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" ²⁷Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

²⁸After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), "I thirst." ²⁹A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth. ³⁰When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished," and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

³¹Since it was the day of Preparation, and so that the bodies would not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken and that they might be taken away. ³²So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who had been crucified with him. ³³But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. ³⁴But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water. ³⁵He who saw it has borne witness—his testimony is true, and he knows that he is telling the truth—that you also may believe. ³⁶For these things took place that the Scripture might be fulfilled: "Not one of his bones will be broken." ³⁷And again another Scripture says, "They will look on him whom they have pierced."

³⁸After these things Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus, and Pilate gave him permission. So he came and took away his body. ³⁹Nicodemus also, who earlier

had come to Jesus by night, came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventyfive pounds in weight. ⁴⁰So they took the body of Jesus and bound it in linen cloths with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews. ⁴¹Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid. ⁴²So because of the Jewish day of Preparation, since the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus there.

- P O Lord, have mercy on us.
- C Thanks be to God.

A candle is extinguished.

Responsory

- P We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.
- C He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.
- P Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven and whose sin is put away.
- C He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.
- P We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.
- C He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.

Sit

Office Hymn	Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow	<i>LSB 428</i>		
All sing stanzas 1, 3, 4. Senior Choir sings stanza 2.				

Sermon "The Hand of the Lord Who Was Pierced for Us" Text: Various

Stand

Song of Habakkuk

C I will rejoice in the LORD; I will take joy in the God of my salvation.

- P O LORD, I have heard the report of You, and Your work, O LORD, do I fear. In the midst of the years revive it; in the midst of the years make it known; in wrath remember mercy.
- C I will rejoice in the LORD; I will take joy in the God of my salvation.
- P God came from Teman, and the Holy One from Mount Paran. His splendor covered the heavens, and the earth was full of His praise. His brightness was like the light; rays flashed from His hand; and there He veiled His power. Before Him went pestilence, and plague followed at His heels. He stood and measured the earth; He looked and shook the nations; then the eternal mountains were scattered; the everlasting hills sank low. His were the everlasting ways.

C I will rejoice in the LORD; I will take joy in the God of my salvation.

- P You went out for the salvation of Your people, for the salvation of Your anointed. You crushed the head of the house of the wicked, laying him bare from thigh to neck. Yet I will rejoice in the LORD; I will take joy in the God of my salvation. God, the LORD, is my strength; He makes my feet like the deer's; He makes me tread on my high places.
- C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
- C I will rejoice in the LORD; I will take joy in the God of my salvation.

A candle is extinguished.

Prayers

- P Lord, have mercy.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P Christ, have mercy.
- C Christ, have mercy.
- P Lord, have mercy.
- C Lord, have mercy.

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.

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, graciously behold this Your family for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and delivered into the hands of sinful men to suffer death upon the cross; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C Amen.
- P Let us pray.
 Almighty and everlasting God, You willed that Your Son should bear for us the pains of the cross and so remove from us the power of the adversary. Help us so to remember and give thanks for our Lord's passion that we may receive forgiveness of sin and redemption from everlasting death; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

The final candle is extinguished.

The congregation will hear a loud "bang" to represent the closing of the tomb in which our Savior rests.

To Be Continued...

The congregation leaves in silence and minimal light.



Acknowledgments

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THOSE SERVING IMMANUEL TODAY 4/18/2025

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The **Tenebrae Service** ends in darkness. At the conclusion of the service you are asked to leave the church in **silence and darkness**. Join us Easter morning for the victory celebration. To impress on the minds and hearts of believers the terrible consequences of sin and the magnitude of our Savior's sacrifice, the ancient Church held a special service in the last days of Holy Week called "Tenebrae". It comes from the ceremony of extinguishing candles in the church in alternation with readings of the Passion.

The **Tenebrae Service** is filled with symbolism. There are seven candles which are extinguished. The number seven represents completeness, and this represents the completeness of Christ's sacrifice of himself for our sins. The eight candle candle which remains lit is the "Christ candle". Lutherans often refer to the day when Jesus will come again as the "eighth day". This is because His return will be the beginning of a new creation. Just as in a week of seven days, the eighth day is also the first. For this reason, the number eight represents renewal, new creation, resurrection, and eternal life. The "Christ candle" is the eighth candle because it is he who won these things for us and brings them to us.

The gradual extinguishing of the candles is to remind us of the gathering darkness which covered the earth when Jesus hung on the cross and the disappearance of his disciples as he suffered and died. The candle representing Christ remains burning until the end of the service to symbolize that even in the midst of death and darkness the forces of hell shall not prevail against the Light of Christ.

As we leave the church in silence at the end of the service, we remember that "If we have been united with Jesus in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his". (Romans 6:5) For Christ, Friday evening is not the last word. He does not remain in the tomb. He will rise again on the Third Day. Similarly, for all who believe in him, our grave is not the last word. Just as he rose on the third day, so we will rise also when he returns on the Last Day.

Please join us Easter morning, otherwise you will miss the complete message. His resurrection is sure! He lives eternally!