



Immanuel Lutheran Church

March 29, 2020

Worship begins at 9:30 a.m.

Consider gathering some food and drink for communion

WELCOME

Candle Lighting Prayer

A: Light of Christ,
Shine on our path

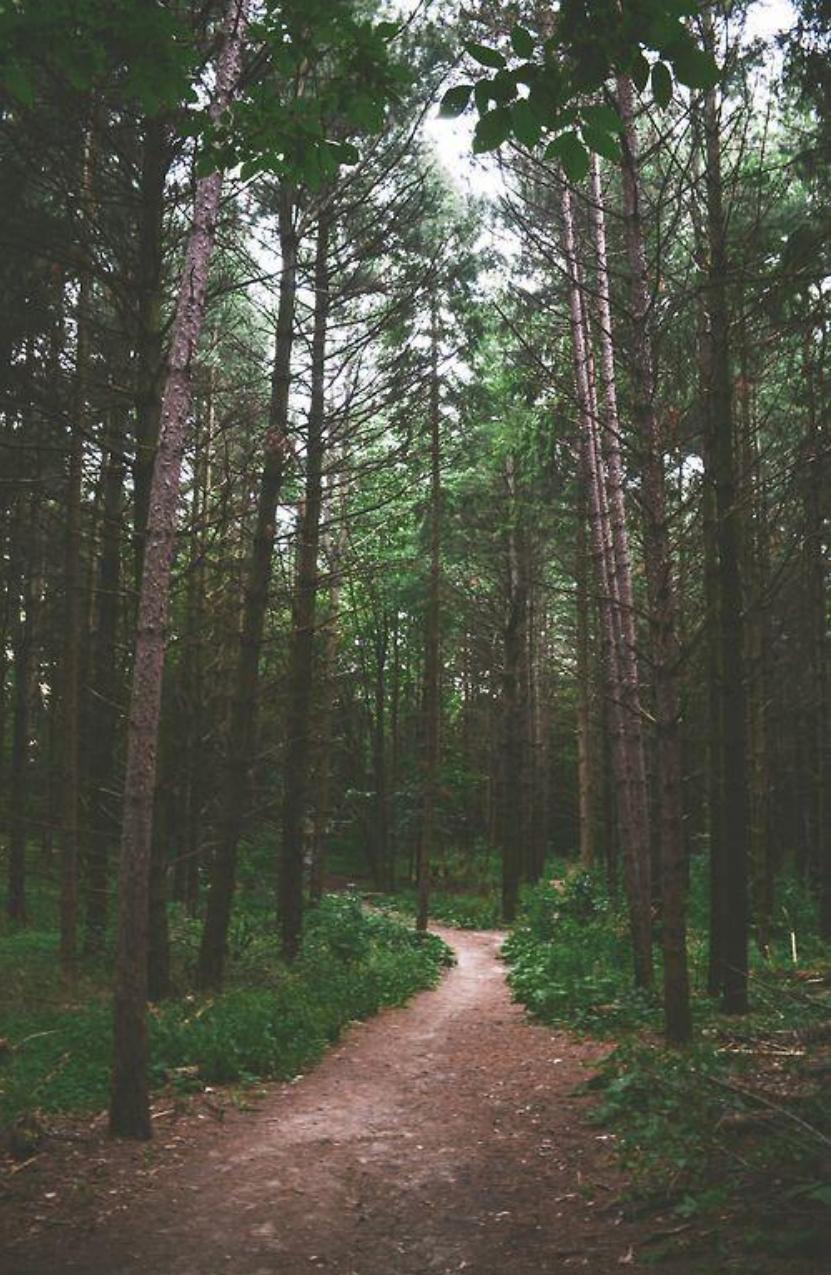
Chase away all darkness
And lead us to the heart of God.

Amen



Call to Worship

A: We have been in the
wilderness –
C: Discerning and working,
seeking and dreaming.
A: We have been in the
wilderness –
C: Grieving and wondering,
praying and hoping.



A: We have been in the wilderness –

**C: Longing and running,
creating and waiting**

A: We have been in the wilderness but we have not been alone; for God walks with us, every step of the way.



**C: So let us worship
the God of our
darkest nights and
our brightest days.**

**A: Let us worship
Holy God.**

Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery



Tree of Life and awesome myst'ry,
in your death we are reborn;
though you die in all of hist'ry,
still you rise with ev'ry morn,
still you rise with ev'ry morn.



Give us eyes to see you clearly;
make us children of your light.
Give us hearts to live more nearly
as your gospel shining bright,
as your gospel shining bright.

Prayer of Confession



A: In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.



A: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to love for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.



A: Let us confess our
sin in the presence of
God and of one
another.



A: Most merciful God,

C: We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you I thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.



**C: We have not loved you
with our whole heart; we
have not loved our
neighbors as ourselves.
For the sake of your Son,
Jesus Christ, have mercy
on us.**



**Forgive us, renew us, and
lead us, so that we may
delight in your will and
walk in your ways, to the
glory of your holy name.
Amen.**



P: In the mercy of almighty God,
Jesus Christ was given to die for
us, and for his sake God forgives
us all our sins. As a called and
ordained minister of the church
of Christ, I therefore declare to
you the entire forgiveness of all
your sins, in the name of the
Father, and of the Son, and of
the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Prayer of the Day

A: 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.

C: Amen.

First Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-14

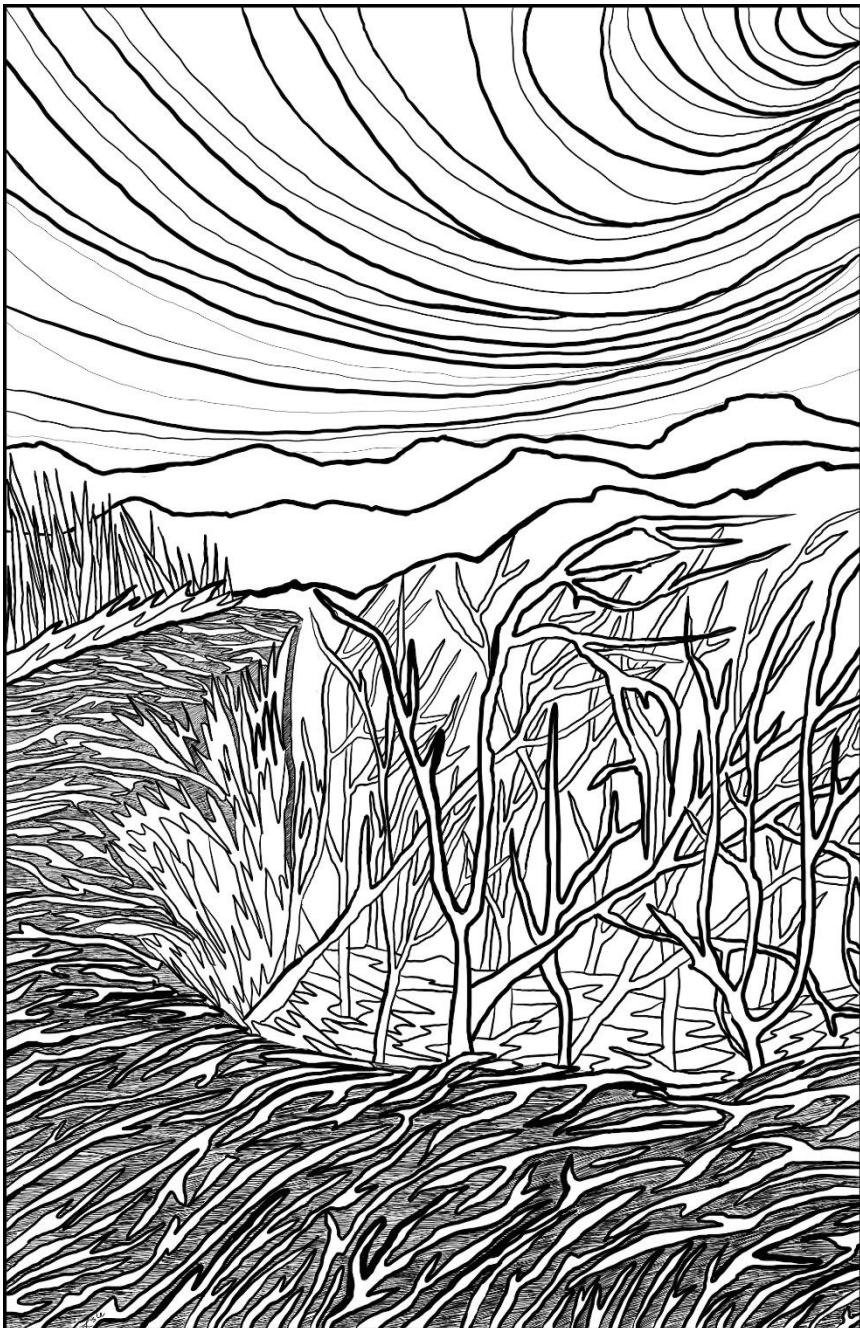
¹The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ²He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³He said to me, “Mortal, can these bones live?” I answered, “O Lord God, you know.”

⁴Then he said to me, “Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry ones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶I 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.”

⁷So 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. ⁸I 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.

⁹Then he said to me, “Prophesy 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.” ¹⁰I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

¹¹Then 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.’ ¹²Therefore 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.



¹³And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴I 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.”

A: The Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 130 (read responsively)

¹Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD.

**²LORD, hear my voice! Let your ears be
attentive to the voice of my supplications!**

³If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, LORD,
who could stand?

**⁴But there is forgiveness with you, so that you
may be revered.**

⁵I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his
word I hope;

⁶my soul waits for the LORD more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning.

⁷O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem.

⁸It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.

Gospel John 11: 1-3, 32-45 (MESSAGE)

A man was sick, Lazarus of Bethany, the town of Mary and her sister Martha. This was the same Mary who anointed the Lord's feet with aromatic oils and then wiped them with her hair. It was her brother Lazarus who was sick. So the sisters sent word to Jesus, "Master, the one you love so very much is sick."

Four days later...

Mary came to where Jesus was waiting and fell at his feet, saying, “Master, if only you had been here, my brother would not have died.”

When Jesus saw her sobbing and the Jews with her sobbing, a deep anger welled up within him. He said, “Where did you put him?”

“Master, come and see,” they said. Now Jesus wept.

The Jews said, “Look how deeply he loved him.”

Others among them said, “Well, if he loved him so much, why didn’t he do something to keep him from dying? After all, he opened the eyes of a blind man.”

Then Jesus, the anger again welling up within him, arrived at the tomb. It was a simple cave in the hillside with a slab of stone laid against it. Jesus said, “Remove the stone.”

The sister of the dead man, Martha, said, “Master, by this time there’s a stench. He’s been dead four days!”

Jesus looked her in the eye. “Didn’t I tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?”

Then, to the others, “Go ahead, take away the stone.”

They removed the stone. Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and prayed, “Father, I’m grateful that you have listened to me. I know you always do listen, but on account of this crowd standing here I’ve spoken so that they might believe that you sent me.”

Then he shouted, “Lazarus, come out!” And he came out, a cadaver, wrapped from head to toe, and with a kerchief over his face.

Jesus told them, “Unwrap him and let him loose.”

That was a turnaround for many of the Jews who were with Mary. They saw what Jesus did, and believed in him.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

In the Garden

I come to the garden alone,
While the dew is still on the roses,
And the voice I hear, falling on my ear
 The Son of God discloses

And He walks with me, and He talks with me,
 And He tells me I am His own
And the joy we share as we tarry there
 None other has ever known

He speaks and the sound of His voice
Is so sweet the birds hush their singing
And the melody that He gave to me
 Within my heart is ringing

And He walks with me, and He talks with me,
And He tells me I am His own
And the joy we share as we tarry there
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APOSTLE'S CREED

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the
dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Amen.

TIME FOR OFFERING

Give thanks! God's love continues to unite us for the good of all people. Please use this time to show your gratitude for the good things that God is doing in your life.

God's work through Immanuel Lutheran Church continues with staff to lead new ministries for families at home, telephone ministry, Bible studies, and pastoral care. We serve our neighbors through our hunger ministries and Immanuel Lutheran Day School.

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Holy and generous host,

C: you set a table where we feast as friends.

Prepare us to witness to your goodness

with every gift you have given us to share,

that all people may know your peace

through Jesus Christ, now and forever.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 our thanks and praise.

PREFACE & WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.**

COMMUNION

You are invited to commune:

This is the body of Christ, given for you.

This is the blood of Christ, shed for you.

Communion Hymn

Eat This Bread *Jesus Christ, Bread of Life*

Refrain

The musical score consists of two staves of music in common time, key of G major (one sharp). The top staff features a soprano vocal line with quarter notes and eighth-note chords. The bottom staff features a basso continuo line with half notes and quarter notes. The lyrics are integrated into the music, appearing below the notes.

"Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev - er be hun - gry.
OR Je - sus Christ, bread of life, those who come to you will not hun - ger.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst."
Je - sus Christ, ris - en Lord, those who trust in you will not thirst.

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COMMUNION BLESSING

P: May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, bless us, and keep us in God's grace.

C: Amen.

PRAYER FOR COURAGE

A: Let us pray:

O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending,
by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown.
Give us faith to continue becoming your church in new ways,
not yet knowing what that might look like,
but trusting that your hand is leading us
and your love supporting us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

DISMISSAL



A: Go in peace. Share the
good news.

C: Thanks be to God.

PEACE

We invite you to share a sign of peace. In lieu of shaking hands, we invite you to share a peace sign with one another or bow.



What good news have you heard or seen recently? We invite you to add your comments in the livestream chat box.