



Immanuel Lutheran Church

April 9, 2020

Worship Begins at 7:30 p.m.

Consider gathering some food and drink for communion and a medium size bowl of water and a towel for handwashing.

Prelude “Jesu, Jesu Fill Us With Your Love”

**WELCOME**

**Worship Live!**

**Good Friday 7:30 pm**

**Easter Sunday 9:30 am**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

# Candle Lighting Prayer

A: Light of Christ,  
Shine on our path  
Chase away all darkness  
And lead us to the heart of God

**C: Amen**

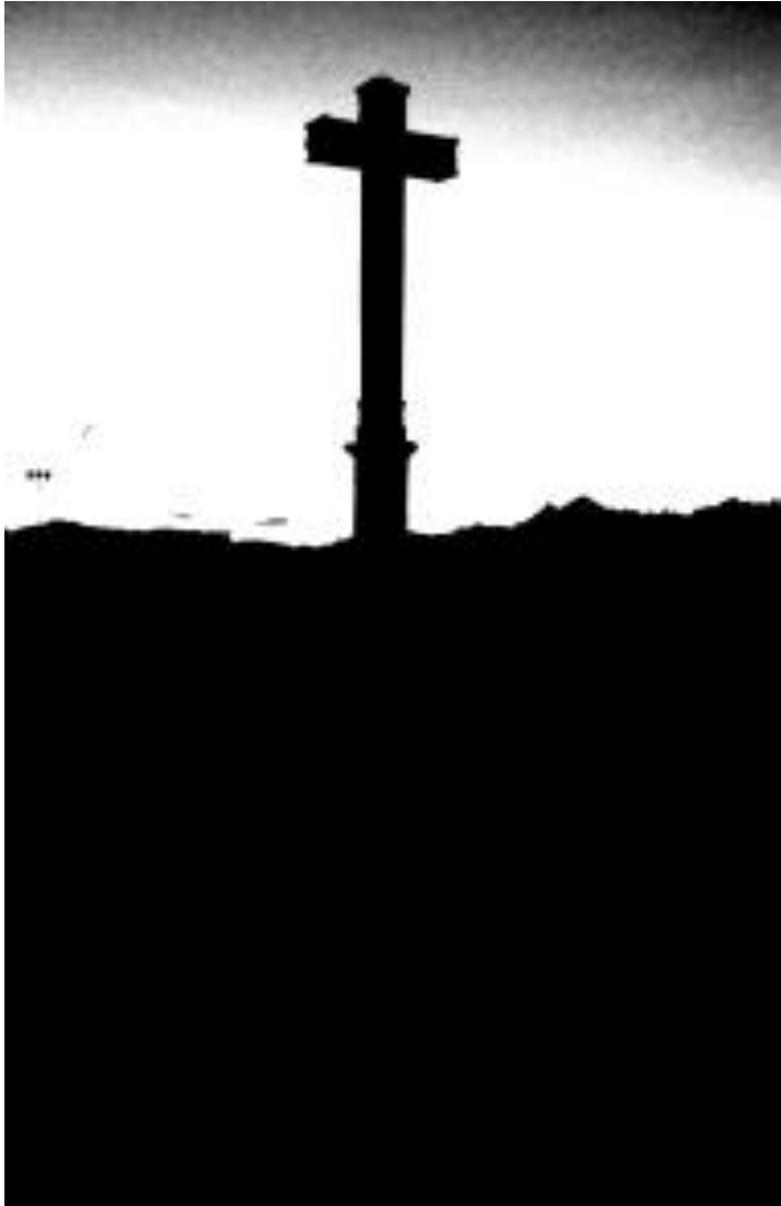
# What Wondrous Love Is This

What wondrous love is this,  
O my soul, O my soul!

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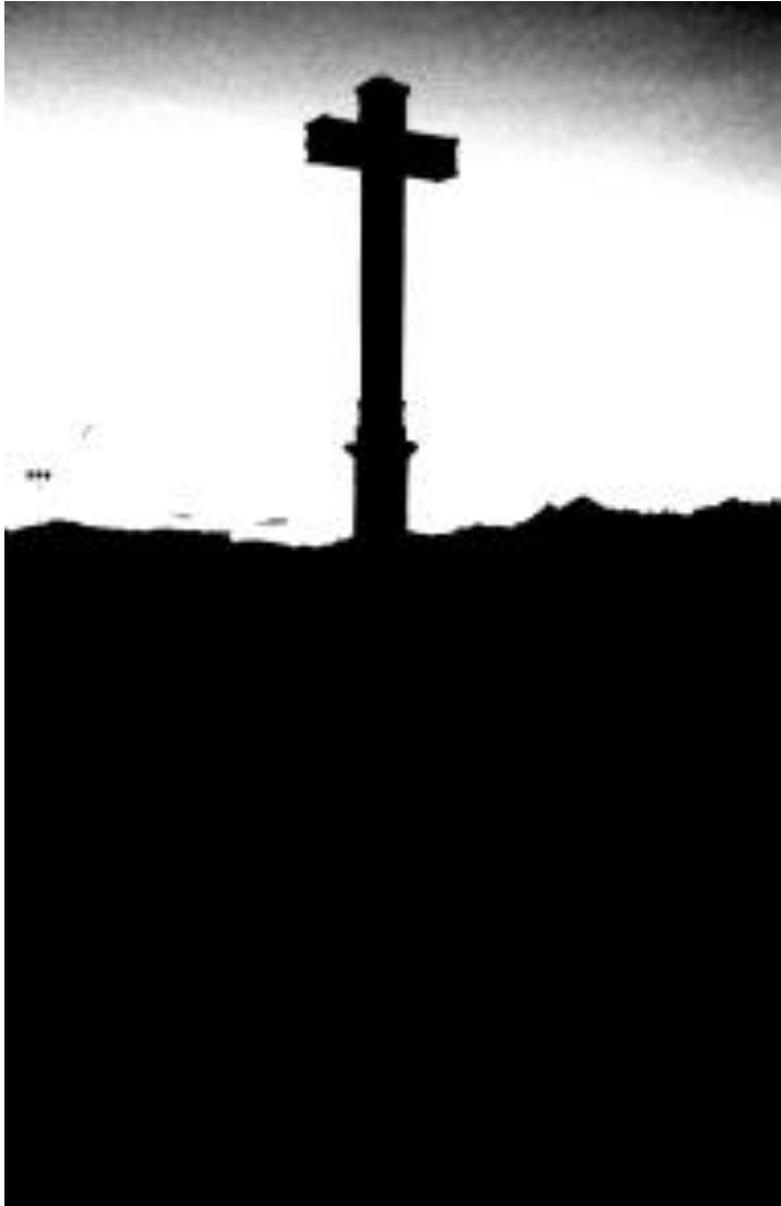
What wondrous love is this  
that caused the Lord of bliss  
to bear the dreadful curse  
for my soul, for my soul,  
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul?

To God and to the Lamb  
I will sing, I will sing;  
to God and to the Lamb I will sing;  
to God and to the Lamb,  
who is the great I AM,  
while millions join the theme,  
I will sing, I will sing,  
while millions join the theme, I will sing.

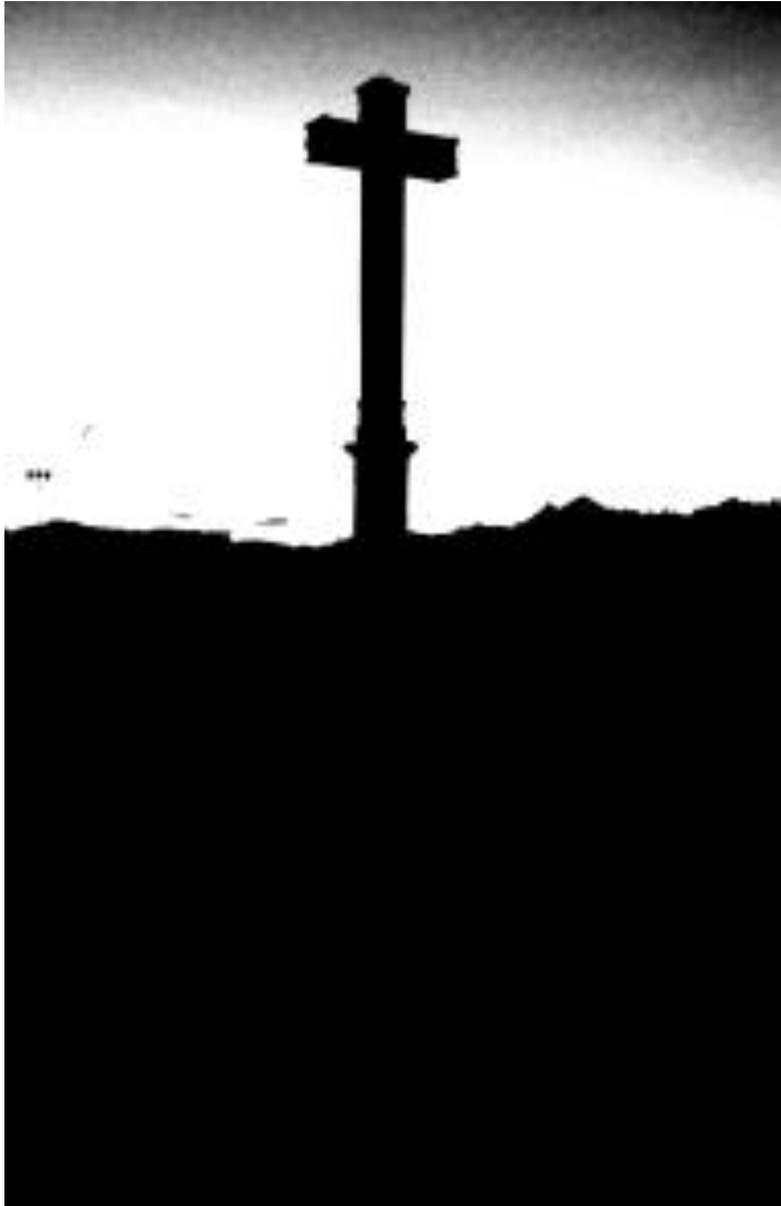


## **Confession & Forgiveness**

Friends in Christ, in this Lenten season we have heard stories from the Wilderness, and surprisingly, been brought into a wilderness time of COVID-19.



The Lord calls to us to struggle against sin, death, and evil in all its forms - all that keep us from loving each other. This is the struggle to which we were called at baptism.



Within the community of the church, God never wearies of forgiving sin and giving the peace of reconciliation. On this night let us confess our sin against God and our neighbor, and enter the celebration of the great Three Days reconciled with God and with one another.



A: Most merciful God,  
**C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart;**



**C: 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: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**C: Amen.**

# Prayer of the Day

A: Eternal God, in the sharing of a meal your Son established a new covenant for all people, and in the washing of feet he showed us the dignity of service. Grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these signs of our life in faith may speak again to our hearts, feed our spirits, and refresh our bodies, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## **Psalm 116:1-2;12-19 (read responsively)**

<sup>1</sup>I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my supplications.

<sup>2</sup>**Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.**

<sup>12</sup>What shall I return to the LORD for all his bounty to me?

<sup>13</sup>**I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD,**

<sup>14</sup>I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people.

<sup>15</sup>**Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his faithful ones.**

<sup>16</sup>O LORD, I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your serving girl. You have loosed my bonds.

<sup>17</sup>**I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the LORD.**

<sup>18</sup>I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of  
all his people,

<sup>19</sup>**in the courts of the house of the LORD, in your  
midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the LORD!**

## **Gospel John 13:1-17, 31b-35**

<sup>1</sup>Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. <sup>2</sup>The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper <sup>3</sup>Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, <sup>4</sup>got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself.

<sup>5</sup>Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. <sup>6</sup>He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" <sup>7</sup>Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." <sup>8</sup>Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." <sup>9</sup>Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!"

<sup>10</sup>Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." <sup>11</sup>For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."  
<sup>12</sup>After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you?" <sup>13</sup>You call me Teacher and Lord — and you are right, for that is what I am.

<sup>14</sup>So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. <sup>15</sup>For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. <sup>16</sup>Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. <sup>17</sup>If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them. <sup>31</sup>When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup>If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once.

<sup>33</sup>Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.'<sup>34</sup>I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.<sup>35</sup>By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.“

P: This is the gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

# HANDWASHING

Jesus began the final days of his earthly life by washing the feet of his disciples. You are invited to take a moment to wash your hands where you are at home. As you feel the coolness of the water, may it be like a spring in the wilderness, a reminder of baptism, the assurance that no matter what happens, God will provide what you need. As you feel the touch of your hands, pray that your hands might be the hands of Christ—comforting, healing, and supporting all those you meet.

# Borning Cry

I was there to hear your borning cry,  
I'll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized  
to see your life unfold.  
I was there when you were but a child,  
with a faith to suit you well;  
in a blaze of light you wandered off  
to find where demons dwell.

When you heard the wonder of the Word  
I was there to cheer you on;  
you were raised to praise the living Lord,  
to whom you now belong.  
If you find someone to share your time  
and you join your hearts as one,  
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme  
from dusk till rising sun.

In the middle ages of your life,  
not too old, no longer young,  
I'll be there to guide you through the night,  
complete what I've begun.

When the evening gently closes in  
and you shut your weary eyes,  
I'll be there as I have always been,  
with just one more surprise.

I was there to hear your borning cry,  
I'll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized  
to see your life unfold.

## 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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Text: African American spiritual  
Music: BALM IN GILEAD, African American spiritual

# Offering Prayer

P: God of glory,  
receive these gifts and the offering of our lives.  
As Jesus was lifted up from the earth,  
draw us to your heart in the midst of this world,  
that all creation may be brought from bondage to  
freedom,  
from darkness to light, and from death to life;  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

# **Preface and Words of Institution**

# COMMUNION

A still life image featuring a chalice filled with red wine, a plate of bread, and a lit candle, set against a dark background with a white cloth.

*You are invited to commune:*

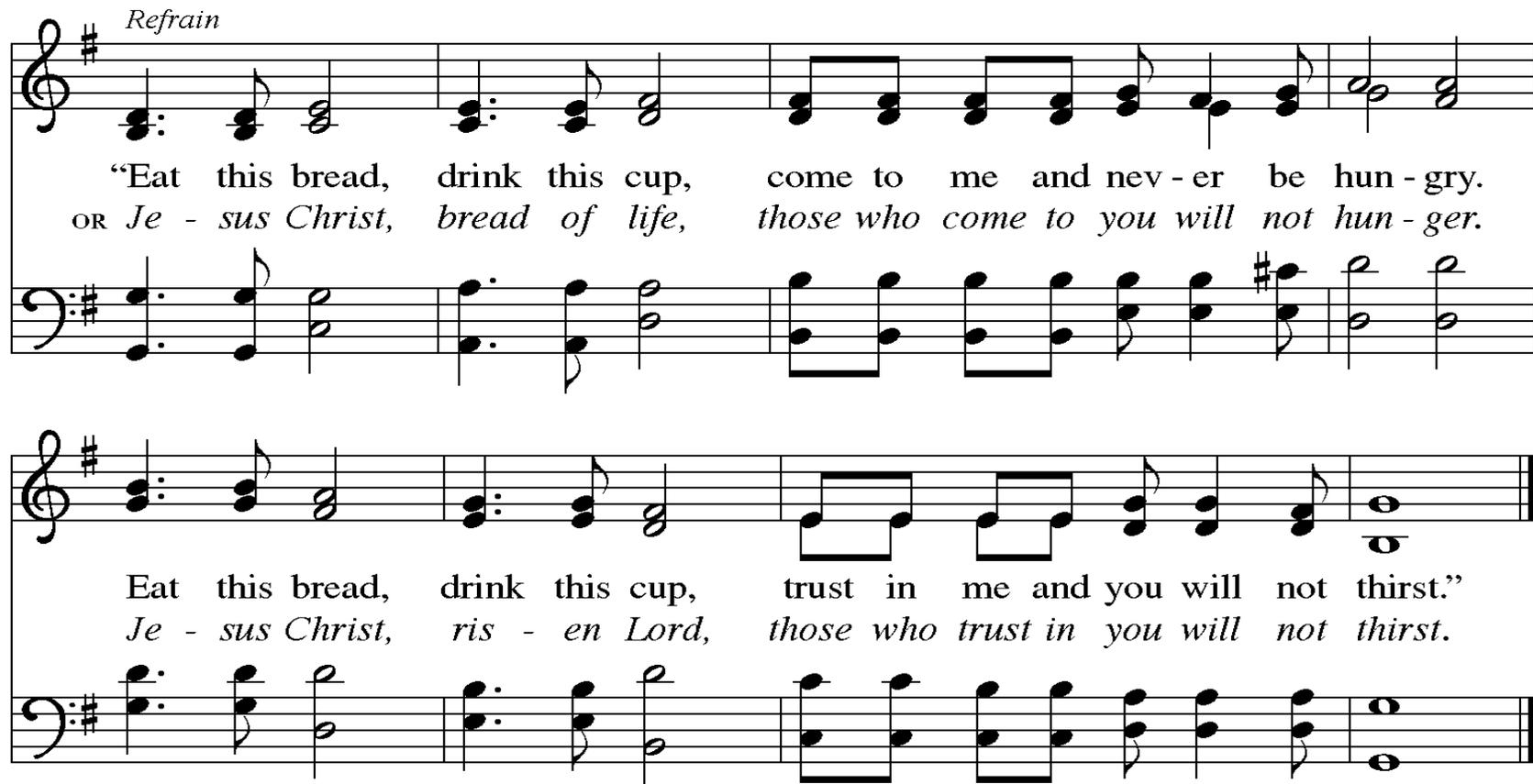
*This is the body of Christ, given for you.*

*This is the blood of Christ, shed for you*

# Communion Hymn

## Eat This Bread *Jesus Christ, Bread of Life*

*Refrain*



“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.*

## Communion Blessing

P: Lord Jesus, in a wonderful sacrament you strengthen us with the saving power of your suffering, death, and resurrection. Thank you for our siblings in Christ who share this gift for the first time tonight, especially (...).

May this sacrament of your body and blood so work in us that the fruits of your redemption will show forth in the way we live, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen**

P: We invite you to stay for the second half of the service, the stripping of the altar, and the closing of the sanctuary.

**Stripping of the Altar**  
**Psalm 88**

# Thanksgiving for the Means of Grace

P: We have experienced God's blessing in the places of the word and sacraments here. Today we return to these symbols of God's grace in our lives.

Because proclaiming the word and celebrating the sacraments are the heart of a congregation's ministry, we give thanks for the ways that God has nurtured this congregation throughout and has led us to serve others in Christ's name.

P: Today we say good-bye for a time to this place of worship for a time. We give thanks for the ministry that has happened in this building, and for the people who have been fed and nurtured in the Christian faith here. Even as we mark a time of transition in one place, we acknowledge how we all are participants in God's mission that continues beyond this day and these walls...and we look forward to the day when we can return and rejoice.

## At the place of the meal

O God, through manna on a wilderness journey and through loaves of bread multiplied on a hillside, you fed people who needed sustenance for their bodies and souls. May all who have been nourished here with the body and blood of Christ give themselves away as food for the hungry.

May all who have feasted here welcome others to the banquet of salvation; And may we gather here again to feast with you and all the saints of all times and places...through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## **At the place of the word**

P: Let us pray.

O God, your mighty word at the dawn of creation breathed life into the earth and all of its inhabitants. By the gift of your incarnate Word in Jesus, you brought good news of life and salvation to all humankind. Through your word proclaimed in worship here, this congregation has been challenged and healed.

A: Let your voice, which has sounded in this place, echo in our lives as we proclaim your message of peace into the places you will send us in this wilderness time...even as we look forward with great anticipation to the time when we return with joy to hear it again here... through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## **At the place of baptism**

P:O God, through the flood in the time of Noah,  
and through the waters of the Red Sea,  
you saved your people of old.

Through the waters of baptism in this place,  
your people have been born to new life  
and have been commissioned for service in Christ's  
name. May all the baptized of this community  
continue to give witness to your saving grace  
throughout the world wherever we are as we wait  
to return to these waters here; through Jesus Christ,  
our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## Declaration on Leave-Taking

With thanks to God for the work accomplished in this place and with eagerness for when we will return, I remind you of what has always been true... The community of *Immanuel Lutheran Church* is present not just in this place or that place...but in all places where any member of this body is...for we are all a part of one another and with another wherever we go...in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

May the witness of the people who have ministered here in the name of Jesus Christ continue in this time beyond these walls and until we are gathered in this place again.

**C: Amen.**

# BLESSING

P: You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**



## **DISMISSAL**

P: May you know the Peace of Christ - exactly where you are...and share the good news.

**C: Thanks be to God.**