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Immanuel Lutheran Church

March 21, 2021

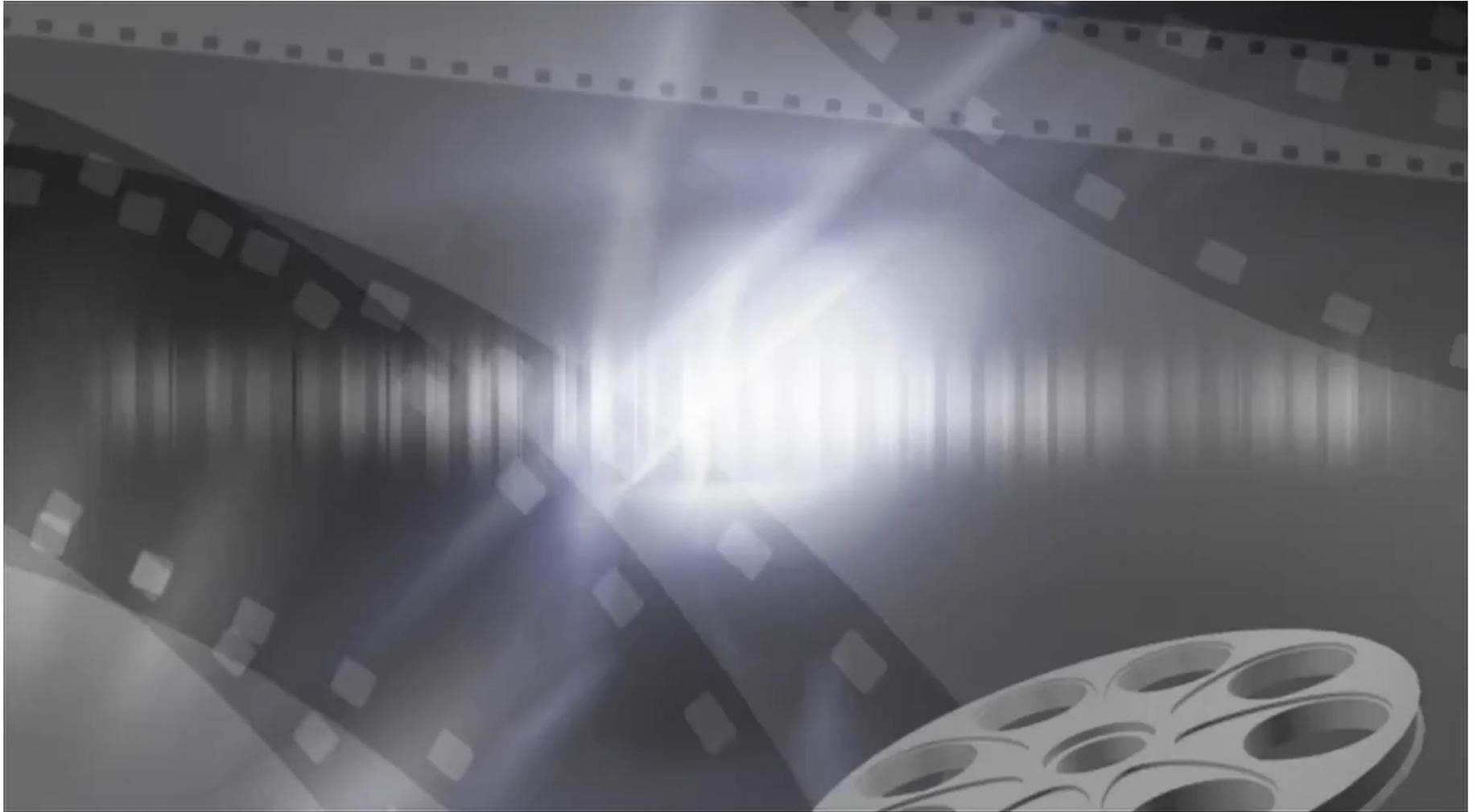
Worship Begins at 9:30 am

Gather some food and drink for communion



11:00

# Announcements For the Week of March 21



# Prelude



## Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Pianist & Vocals: Donna Slocum

Text: Elizabeth C. Clephane, 1830-1869



If you are here for the first time, the first time back after a long time, or it's only been a week since we were together:

Welcome to all.



## Candle Lighting Prayer

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

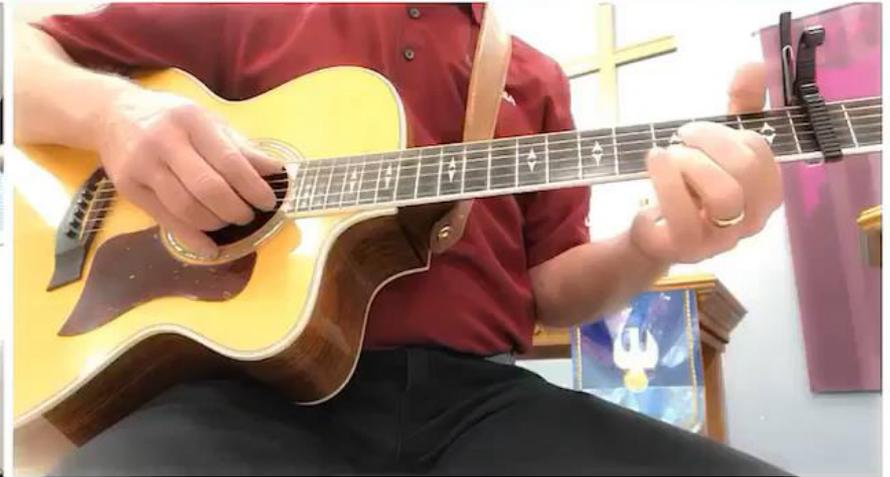
**C: Amen**

# Opening Hymn

## The Wonderful Cross

Vocals & Guitar: Brian Markert  
Keyboard: Joy Arnhamn

Hymn by Isaac Watts, Refrain by Chris Tomlin & J.D. Walt  
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## Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, the keeper of the covenant, the source of steadfast love, our rock and our redeemer.

**C: Amen.**

P: God hears us when we cry, and draws us close in Jesus Christ. Let us return to the one who is full of compassion.



P: Fountain of living water,

**C: pour out your mercy over us. Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free. Rebuild what we have ruined and mend what we have torn. Wash us in your cleansing flood. Make us alive in the Spirit to follow in the way of Jesus, as healers and restorers of the world you so love. Amen.**



P: Beloved, God's word never fails. The promise rests on grace: by the saving love of Jesus Christ, the wisdom and power of God, your sins are ✝ forgiven, and God remembers them no more. Journey in the way of Jesus.

**C: Amen.**

## First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

<sup>31</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

<sup>34</sup>No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

A: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 51:1-12 (read responsively)

<sup>1</sup>Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

**<sup>2</sup>Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.**

<sup>3</sup>For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

**<sup>4</sup>Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment.**

<sup>5</sup>Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me.

**<sup>6</sup>You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.**

<sup>7</sup>Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

**<sup>8</sup>Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.**

<sup>9</sup>Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

**<sup>10</sup>Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.**

<sup>11</sup>Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.

**<sup>12</sup>Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.**

## Second Reading: Hebrews 5:5-10

<sup>5</sup>Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son,  
today I have begotten you”;

<sup>6</sup>as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever,  
according to the order of Melchizedek.”

<sup>7</sup>In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission.

<sup>8</sup>Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; <sup>9</sup>and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, <sup>10</sup>having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

A: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**



Children's Message

# Gospel Acclamation

## Return to the Lord

Vocalist: Donna Slocum  
Organist: Vernagene Mott

Text: Joel 2:13



## Gospel Reading: John 12:20-33

<sup>20</sup>Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. <sup>21</sup>They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” <sup>22</sup>Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. <sup>23</sup>Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup>Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.

<sup>25</sup>Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup>Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

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

# Lamb of God

Vocalist: Elizabeth Arndt  
Pianist: Joy Arnhamn

Text: Twila Paris, b. 1958  
Music - Twila Paris



**Sermon**

**Welcome Pastor Anna Gordy**

# Sermon Hymn

## My Song Is Love Unknown

Vocals: Chris Rankin  
Organist: Vernagene Mott

Text: Samuel Crossman, c. 1624-1683

# 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.**



# Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

Vocals & Guitar: Brian Markert  
Keyboard: Joy Arnhamn

Text: Ken Medema, b. 1943  
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# Prayers of the People

A: Relying on the promises of God, we pray boldly for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

A: You wash us through and through and remember our sin no more. Make your church a community of forgiveness throughout the world. Give your people courage to forgive; through them show the world new possibilities. Bless ministries of repentance and reconciliation. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: You promise to write your law on our hearts. Guide citizens throughout the world to shape communities that reflect your mercy, justice, and peace, and give them creativity to work for the welfare of all. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: You sustain us with your bountiful Spirit. Restore the joy of all who need to know your presence: those who are lonely or feel unforgivable, those who need healing of mind or body, those who are dying, and all who grieve, *especially...*

Elois Sakewitz

Virginia Weiss

Judy Tawater

Nelvira Wolff

Deanna Davis

Doug Nowotny

Sandra Noton

Billie Becker

Robin Rankin

Eddie Zamora

Glen Randig

Fred Scott

Melvin Eilers

Eryn Emken

Betty Wolf

Jennifer Pfluger

The Pfluger family thanks you for the thoughts and prayers during Jennifer's aneurysm surgery and hospital stay. We are so thankful and giving God glory that she is having a speedy recovery.

A: Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: We entrust ourselves and all our prayers to you, O faithful God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

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500 Immanuel Road  
Pflugerville, TX 78660

# Offering Song



## Create in Me a Clean Heart

Vocalist: Elizabeth Arndt  
Pianist: Joy Arnhamn

Text Psalm 51:10-12

# Offering Prayer

P: Faithful God,

**C: you walk beside us in desert places, and you meet us in our hunger with bread from heaven. Accompany us in this meal, that we may pass over from death to life with Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**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 and Words of Institution

# The 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.**

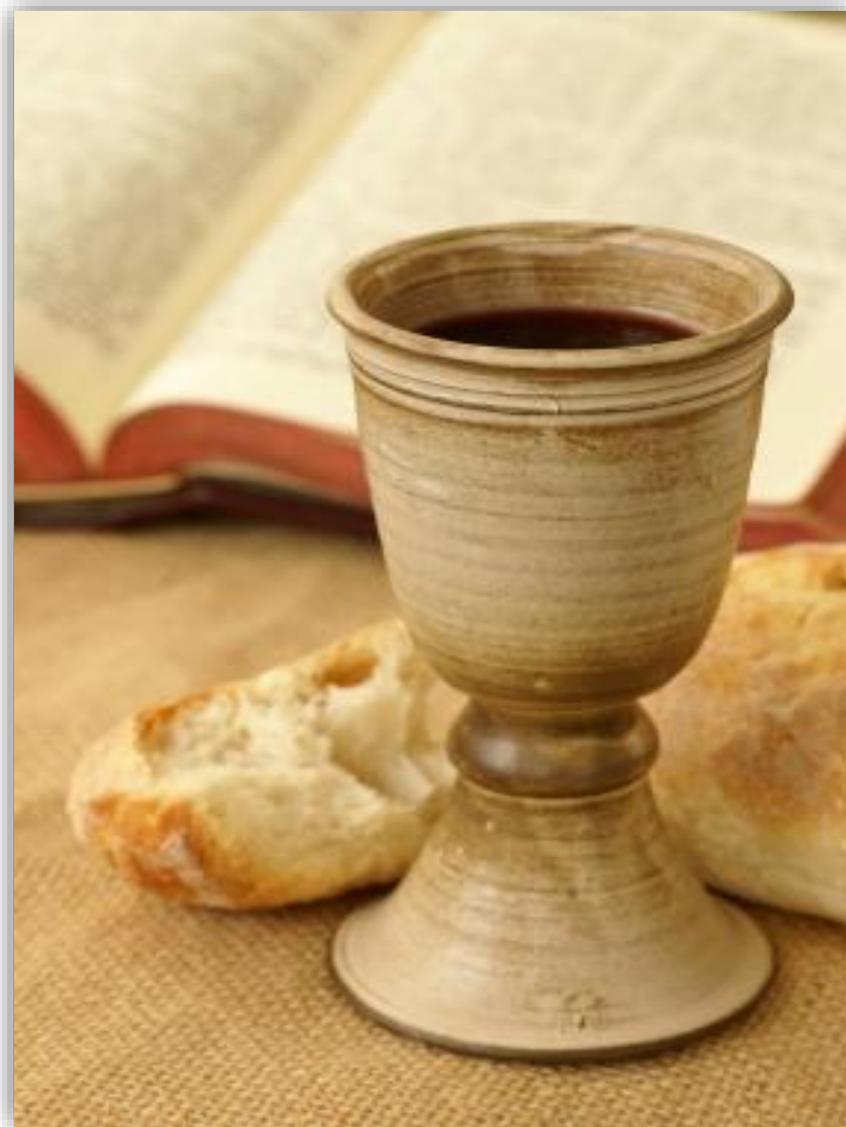
**Amen.**

# **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

When Are You Closest To God?

Vocals & Guitar: Brian Markert

Words & Music by Brian K. Markert c2009



## Communion Blessing

P: You are what God made you to be: created in Christ Jesus for good works, chosen as holy and beloved, freed to serve your neighbor. God bless you ✠ that you may be a blessing, in the name of the holy and life-giving Trinity.

**C: Amen.**

# Closing Hymn

## Are You Washed In The Blood

Vocals & Guitar: Brian Markert  
Keyboard: Joy Arnhamn

Elisha Albright Hoffman  
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## **Dismissal**

A: Go In peace. Share the good news.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Let's share a little good news!





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