

# Fourth Sunday In Lent

*March 14, 2021*



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**“WELCOME TO IMMANUEL”  
INSIDE, OUTSIDE, AND ONLINE WORSHIP**

*Note that our guidelines will evolve over time as restrictions increase or decrease.  
Thank you for your faithful flexibility as we worship our beloved Lord and Savior!*

**INSIDE**

- Please practice social-distancing. Save important conversations and visiting for outside where it is safer.
- Masks are required inside and advisable outside.  
Pick up your bulletin on the table inside and put your offering (or pledge) in the offering plate.
- Let the usher know if you have a preference where you would like to sit. They will try to seat you based on your group size and your preference.
- Talk as little as possible and only in a soft voice.
- Only the worship leaders sing and speak out. Hum the songs if you feel so led.
- Communion cups/wafers are already set up in the pews. Put the used cups back in the wooden holder when you are finished.
- The usher will dismiss you.
- Inside worship is inevitably different than before the pandemic. For the best experience, you may want to view it as a more reflective time enjoyed in a beautiful, sacred space where you can listen, share in communion, and attend to God.

**OUTSIDE**

- Safer than inside worship, outside worship doesn't require masks in your vehicle—although masks are advisable when interacting with others like the usher who brings you:
  - ◇ Your bulletin.
  - ◇ Your combined communion cup & wafer.
  - ◇ An offering box to put your offering (or pledge card).

- Please turn your car radio to this radio station:

FM 90.9

- Feel free to sing and join in as loudly as you want during worship. Take home the used communion cups and dispose of them.
- Outside worship reminds us of the fun and comradery of the summer parking-lot worship. It is a way of worshipping more closely with others while staying safe in our vehicle. Like the inside worship, communion is offered.

### **ONLINE**

- The safest and most convenient worship experience, online worship involves just a few steps:
  - ◇ If you wish to celebrate communion, prepare ahead of time bread or cracker, as well as juice or wine.
  - ◇ Go to [www.immanlutheran.org](http://www.immanlutheran.org) on your computer, smartphone, tablet, etc.
  - ◇ View or print out the bulletin before watching the service. You may also request to have a paper bulletin mailed to you each week.
  - ◇ Click on the video link and worship!
- Online worship is the safest and most convenient worship experience. It is recommended for the most vulnerable. Although missing the social element of worshipping together inside or outside, the online worship can in some ways feel the most “normal.”

**Welcome to Worship!**  
**We are a “Church Together”**

God calls us to be a church together as we find ourselves physically separated, but spiritually united as one community of God. Whether you are a visitor or longtime member, you are welcome to join us in worshipping Jesus Christ.

**Offerings may be mailed to the office:**

Immanuel Lutheran Church  
1865 14th Avenue  
Greeley, CO 80631

**Contact the Office and Pastor:**

Office phones (970-352-3003) will be monitored during office hours and messages responded to in a reasonable manner. For the safety of everyone during this pandemic, we have been advised to not have in-person meetings or visits. If you have a pastoral concern, either call the office and leave a message to set up a time to converse with Pastor Daren, or if urgent, text or call Pastor Daren at 760-814-5171.

**Sunday, March 14, 2021**  
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**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

**Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Fountain of living water,

**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.**

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.

**Amen.**

## **THE GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

O God, rich in mercy, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world and rescued us from the hopelessness of death. Lead us into your light, that all our deeds may reflect your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **WORD**

### **FIRST READING: Numbers 21:4-9**

<sup>4</sup>From Mount Hor [the Israelites] set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. <sup>5</sup>The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." <sup>6</sup>Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. <sup>7</sup>The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. <sup>8</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." <sup>9</sup>So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM: Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22**

<sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good,  
for God's mercy endures forever.

<sup>2</sup>**Let the redeemed of the LORD proclaim  
that God redeemed them from the hand of the foe,**

<sup>3</sup>gathering them in from the lands;  
from the east and from the west, from the north and  
from the south.

<sup>17</sup>**Some were fools and took rebellious paths;  
through their sins they were afflicted.**

<sup>18</sup>They loathed all manner of food  
and drew near to death's door.

<sup>19</sup>**Then in their trouble they cried to the LORD  
and you delivered them from their distress.**

<sup>20</sup>You sent forth your word and healed them  
and rescued them from the grave.

<sup>21</sup>**Let them give thanks to you, LORD, for your steadfast  
love and your wonderful works for all people.**

<sup>22</sup>Let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving  
and tell of your deeds with shouts of joy.

## **SECOND READING: Ephesians 2:1-10**

<sup>1</sup>You were dead through the trespasses and sins <sup>2</sup>in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. <sup>3</sup>All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. <sup>4</sup>But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us <sup>5</sup>even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—<sup>6</sup>and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup>so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup>For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—<sup>9</sup>not the result of works, so that no one may boast. <sup>10</sup>For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

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### **Children's Message**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Let your steadfast love come to us, O Lord.  
Save us as you promised; we will trust your word.**

### **GOSPEL: John 3:14-21**

The holy gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] <sup>14</sup>“Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup>“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

<sup>17</sup>“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. <sup>18</sup>Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. <sup>19</sup>And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. <sup>20</sup>For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. <sup>21</sup>But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **Homily**

**Hymn of the Day: Salvation unto Us Has Come** (ELW 590) *Verses 1 & 4*



1 Sal - va - tion un - to us has come by God's free grace and fa - vor;  
2 What God did in the law de - mand no one could keep un - fail - ing;  
3 Since Christ has full a - tone - ment made and brought to us sal - va - tion,  
4 Faith clings to Je - sus' cross a - lone and rests in him un - ceas - ing;



good works can - not a - vert our doom, they help and save us  
great woe a - rose on ev - 'ry hand, and sin grew all - pre -  
we will re - joice, we will be glad and build on this foun -  
and by its fruits true faith is known, with love and hope in -



nev - er. Faith looks to Je - sus Christ a - lone, who did for  
vail - ing. Be - cause the law must be ful - filled, Christ came as  
da - tion. Your grace a - lone, dear Lord, I plead; bap - tized in -  
creas - ing. For faith a - lone can jus - ti - fy; works serve our



all the world a - tone, our on - ly me - di - a - tor.  
God in mer - cy willed, for us the law o - bey - ing.  
to your death, I'm freed; your life is mine for - ev - er.  
neigh - bor and sup - ply the proof that faith is liv - ing.

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**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**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

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

You sent your Son that the world might be saved through him. Inspire the witness of the church throughout the world. Empower missionaries, Bible translators, and ministries of service in your name. Bless our partners in ministry, our ELCA global partner churches, and Young Adults in Global Mission. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

From east to west your steadfast love is shown. Nourish seas and deserts, wilderness areas and cities. Give water to thirsty lands; nurture spring growth that feeds hungry creatures; bless farmers as they prepare for the growing season. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Your Son was lifted up that whoever believes might have eternal life.  
We praise you for all who have died in Christ. Bring us with all the  
saints into the fullness of your promises. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

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

**Amen.**

## **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## **Meal**

### **Offering**

### **Offering Prayer**

Let us pray.

God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words  
of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from  
your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

## **Words of Institution**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**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**

*After all have communed:*

The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ  
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**Amen.**

*Prayer after Communion:*

Let us pray.

Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## **Sending**

Purpose and Mission Statements:

**Immanuel is called to proclaim the life, death and resurrection of Christ; to provide places and opportunities for worship and fellowship; and to be the spirit of Christ in the world.**

**Lutheran-Episcopal Campus Ministry gathers in Christ's name to share God's love, to ask questions, to grow in faith, to respect and nurture our differences, and to serve others.**

Blessing

**Sending Hymn: Christ, the Life of All the Living** (ELW 339 ) *Verses 1 & 2*



1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of death, our foe,  
2 You have suf - fered great af - flic - tion and have borne it pa - tient - ly,  
3 Then, for all that bought my par - don, for the sor - rows deep and sore,



Christ, your - self for me once giv - ing to the dark - est depths of woe:  
e - ven death by cru - ci - fix - ion, ful - ly to a - tone for me;  
for the an - guish in the gar - den, I will thank you ev - er - more;



through your suf - f'ring, death, and mer - it life e - ter - nal I in - her - it.  
for you chose to be tor - ment - ed that my doom should be pre - vent - ed.  
thank you for the groan - ing, sigh - ing, for the bleed - ing and the dy - ing,



Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks are due, dear - est Je - sus, un - to you.  
Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks are due, dear - est Je - sus, un - to you.  
for that last tri - um - phant cry, praise you ev - er - more on high.

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord; **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

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Worship Leaders

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Daren Erisman  
Organist: Stan Elmquist

**Church Office Hours**

**Monday – Friday: 8:30 A.M. to 11:30 A.M.**

**Pastor Daren Erisman**

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*In this time of COVID19, Please feel free to make appointments with Pastor Daren by calling or emailing him at the above phone numbers or email address.*

**WEEK OF MARCH 14, 2021**

Sunday, March 14	10:30 am	Holy Communion—Fourth Sunday in Lent
	3:00 pm	Common Sense Cleaning—Church Building
Wednesday, March 17	10:45 am	Lenten Midweek Service
Saturday, March 20	8:00 am	Spring Cleaning – outside projects
<i>(Makeup Date March 27)</i>		
Sunday, March 21	10:30 am	Holy Communion—Fifth Sunday in Lent

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**VOLUNTEERS**

	<b><u>Sunday, March 14</u></b>	<b><u>Sunday, March 21</u></b>
Greeter:	Julie Elmquist	Julie Elmquist
Assisting Minister:	Marcia Hutton	Janet Willis
Communion Setup:	Cindy Thompson	Cindy Thompson
Tellers:	Bev Peterson, Brenda Turnwall	Linda Sample, Vera Sylvester
Ushers: Indoor-	Ron & Cindy Thompson, Vera Sylvester	Cheryl Clausen, Juan Cruz
Outdoor -	Matt & Molly Ward	John Johnson, Sally Stewart

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**Communion Supplies**



For those of you who are unable to attend worship in person or in the parking lot, or if you know of someone who is unable to attend worship because of health reasons, this message is for you. As you worship via streaming or online and it is time for communion, you may find it hard to find supplies for this shared meal. If so, please call the church office, 352-3003, and Council will deliver some communion sets to you. Then when communion is celebrated, you can easily share in this meal with all the members of Immanuel’s family.

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## Our Lenten Offerings

During this Lenten season, Immanuel has once again taken up the challenge.  
Thank you for your gifts.

Lenten Offerings (either marked Lenten offering or in the Lenten offering envelopes) will be divided between Lutheran Disaster Relief and the Sunrise Clinic. In the spirit of helping others in need, our offerings will help those in Texas and right here in Greeley.



Lenten Challenge – Give your Best Shot (marked Lenten Challenge or Covid or Shot, even if you put it in a Lenten Offering envelope) will help provide medical supplies and treatment to those around the world. Your generous gifts have already started pouring in for vaccinations, nutrition supplies, personal protective equipment and clinic supplies.

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Dick Hay  
Susan Truchses  
Pat Rhone  
Roma Arithson  
Rodger Arithson  
Family and Friends dealing with COVID

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays this week:  
March 18– Michael Crespin  
Max Ulrich

Anniversaries this week:  
March 16-Max & Mary Ulrich

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## COVID VACCINATIONS

Here is the Banner Health site to sign up for the vaccine:

<https://www.bannerhealth.com/staying-well/health-and-wellness/wellness/covid/weld-county-vaccine>

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If you have information that needs to be added to the weekly update, please contact Denise in the church office at 352-3003 or email to:  
[office@immanlutheran.org](mailto:office@immanlutheran.org)

## LENTEN SCHEDULE

- **Lenten Mid-Week Services** (Wednesdays, March 17 and 24 at 10:45 am)
  - ◇ Inside, outside, and online. An abbreviated Holden Evening service with a teaching/devotional message.
- **Palm Sunday** (Sunday, Mar. 28 at 10:30 am)
  - ◇ Inside, outside, and online.
- **The Passion Service** (Thursday, April 1 at 4 pm)
  - ◇ Inside, outside, and online. Combines the Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services into one service on Thursday at 4pm.
- **Easter Sunday** (Two services on Sunday, April 4)
  - ◇ 8:30 am inside, outside and online.
  - ◇ The Easter Egg Hunt will be held between the services.
  - ◇ 10:30 am only outside. Asking bigger families to attend this service.

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## Immanuel's Organ Fund



Immanuel has established a fund to replace the organ. Our current instrument is old and we are at the point that repairs are more costly and more frequent. In reality, the organ may no longer work within the next few years. Since this will be a sizeable investment, we need to consider our move toward the future. What will worship at Immanuel look like in the next 5 to 10 years? What type of instrument will be needed to accommodate that vision? How can this investment reach out to the community? Council has begun to look into these questions and has started searching for options that are available. We will be looking for the congregation's help and opinions as we answer these questions. In the meantime, we know this will be a costly investment and have established

the organ fund to begin addressing the financial needs for this project. Please prayerfully consider how you might be a part of this project.

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## The 2021 Easter Egg Hunt is a GO! YIPPEE!

It will look a little different, but, nonetheless, it will be happening!  
It will be held outside (rain, snow or shine) so dress appropriately.  
Masks and social distancing will be strongly encouraged.



If you would like to help...please consider purchasing wrapped candy and small toys to fill TONS of colorful plastic eggs! Please give your donations to

Amy Herold before Sunday, March 28.

Thank you!

If you have any questions, please contact Amy  
at [herold\\_amy@hotmail.com](mailto:herold_amy@hotmail.com) or call 970.978.0870.  
The 2021 EGG HUNT will be absolutely "egg"cellent!