

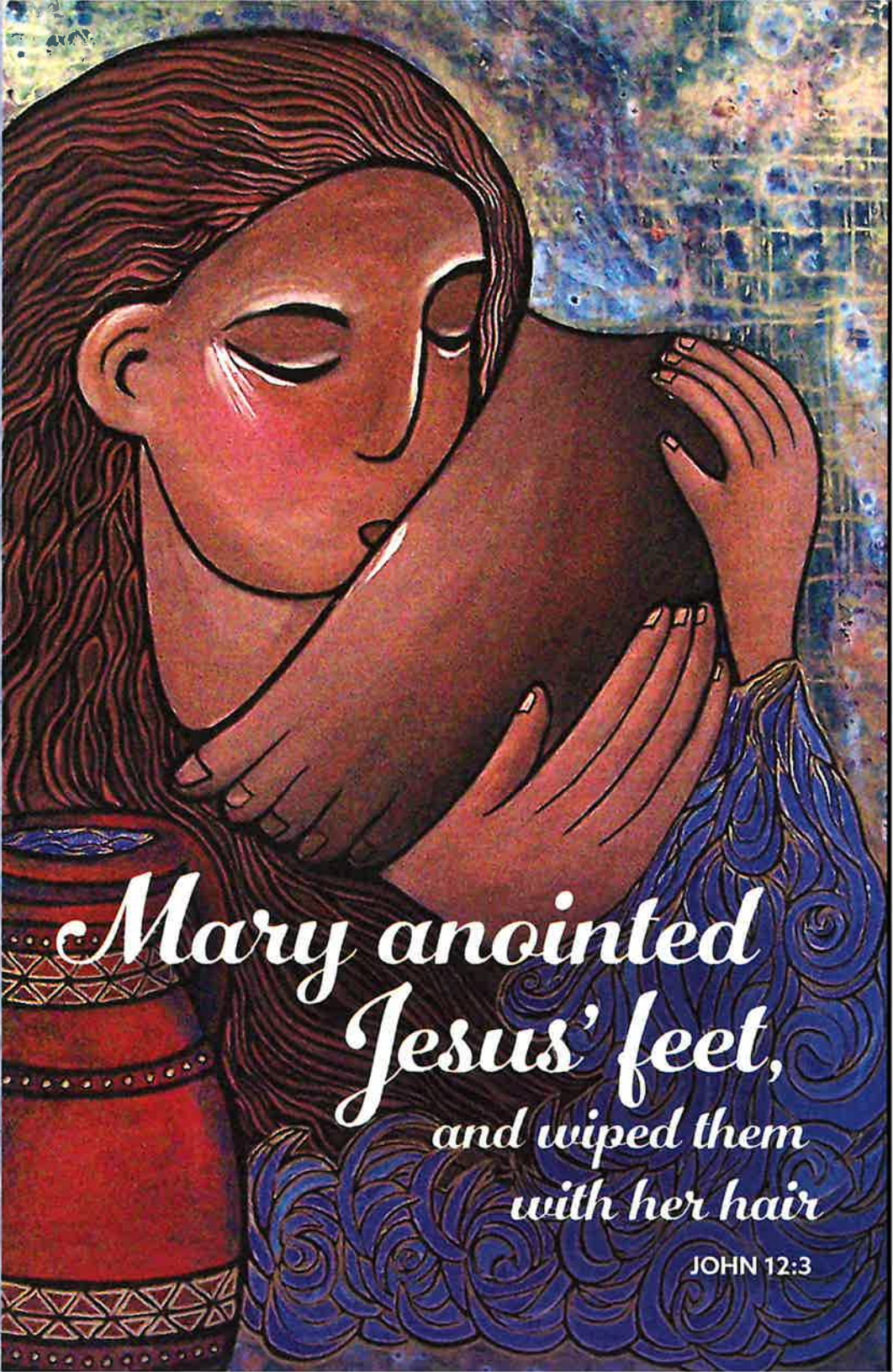
FIRST READING: Isaiah 43:16-21
Thus says the LORD,
 who makes a way in the sea,
 a path in the mighty waters,
¹⁷who brings out chariot and horse,
 army and warrior;
they lie down, they cannot rise,
 they are extinguished, quenched like a
 wick:
¹⁸Do not remember the former things,
 or consider the things of old.
¹⁹I am about to do a new thing;
 now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
 and rivers in the desert.
²⁰The wild animals will honor me,
 the jackals and the ostriches;
for I give water in the wilderness,
 rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people,
 ²¹the people whom I formed for myself
so that they might declare my praise.

Psalm 126

SECOND READING: Philippians 3:4b-14
If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.
⁷Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found

in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.
¹²Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own; because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL: John 12:1-8
Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ²There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. ³Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ⁵"Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" ⁶(He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) ⁷Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."



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Our mission is to invite people to know Jesus Christ so that we may all share God's love.

Welcome to Worship at Immanuel - May God's grace nurture and strengthen you each day as we journey through our lives, seeking to grow in faith, hope and love.

Prayer before Worship: Lord, prepare our hearts for worship. Still our souls. Ground us in your grace. Amen.

Prayer Requests: We welcome requests of prayers for our members, friends and families throughout our communities and beyond. Anyone is welcome to leave a note on the desk in the office or contact the pastor.

Offering envelopes are located and available on the table in the entry.

Please designate how you would like to have your offering used if for anything other than general funds.

The Lord's Supper, (offered on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month) the Eucharist, or Holy Communion is a means of God's grace whereby the real presence of Christ is offered. ***If you would rather receive a blessing instead of Holy Communion, please come forward and cross your arms to your shoulders as indication of needing a blessing today. All are welcome at the Lord's table.***

We have Children's Bulletins for those who wish to enhance the worship experience for the kids. They can be found each week on the table with the regular Sunday Bulletins.

Newsletter, bulletin, and member information or changes may be sent to
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This Week at Immanuel 9:30 am - Sunday School 10:30 am - Worship

Sunday, April 6, 2025

WORSHIP LEADERS: PASTOR NATHAN FEIG
Lay Reader: Mike Petersen
Greeters: Ron & Deb Jaskowiak
Ushers/Acolytes: Elton & Spring Mau
Communion: Erin Ifft, Eli Petersen
Organist: Kimberly Petersen

Sunday, April 13, 2025

WORSHIP LEADER: PASTOR NATHAN FEIG
Lay Reader: Briana Ray
Greeters: Phil & Angie Kratochvil
Ushers/Acolytes: Brec, Zane Hoffman
Communion: na
Organist: Cindy Wilson

Please include the following people in our prayers:

Lois Barker, Gary Kessinger, Lucy McKinley, Cheryl Poppe, Robert Ruff, Jeannie Weber, Tim Dawson, Bob & Nancy Lasser, Bob & Judy Logan, Kevin and Chad Allen (family members of Von Becker), and Daviney Steidinger-Reynolds (a student at Ridgeview)

Announcements

If you would like to attend the Central Southern Illinois Synod Assembly this year; registration is now open. The assembly will take place June 5-7 at St. John's Lutheran Church, 1617 East Emerson Street, Bloomington. Let Pastor Nathan know and we will get you signed up. Immanuel can send up to 2 adults and 1 youth.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion Class wraps up today after worship.

What is it? What happens there? Why do Lutherans Practice this in Worship? How do we take Holy Communion? All are great questions. Let's get together and talk about this. Topics have included What is a Sacrament? The Passover? Holy Communion? If you would like more information on any of these topics, please contact Pastor Nathan.

This Wednesday will be the last of our Wednesday Lenten services discussing the Five strategic priorities and goals of our faith. Soup Suppers will be shared at 6 pm followed by the Service at 7pm. Thank you to those who have provided the wonderful soups and sweets each week.

LWR Quilts - We will knot quilts on Tuesdays, April 8th and 22nd from 1:00-3:30 p.m. (note day and time change). If you are planning to attend, please let Dee Winterland know so if we need to cancel for whatever reason, you can be contacted. We would love to see some new faces!



Fifth Sunday in Lent

April 6, 2025

Our God makes all things new. In the first reading God promises it. In the gospel Mary anticipates it, anointing Jesus' feet with costly perfume in preparation for the day of his burial. In the second reading Paul recalls his transformation from the persecutor Saul into an apostle. In baptism, God's new person (you!) rises daily from the deadly mire of trespasses and sins.

PRELUDE / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

**Congregation may remain seated or stand as you are able*

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

All may make the sign of the cross in remembrance of baptism as the worship leader begins -

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Compassionate One,

C: you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, but our lives do not always reflect you and your love for the world. We do not show others the tender compassion you have shown to us. We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality you grant to all people. We oppress others, even though you have set us free again and again. We squander the abundant gifts of the earth. Transform our lives and guide us again in the way of the cross. **Amen.**

P: Beloved in Christ, God's arms are always stretched open wide to welcome the wandering ones home. In ✠ Christ your sins are forgiven. You have a place in God's house forever.

C: Amen.

GATHERING SONG

I Love to Tell the Story

ELW 661

*GREETING **Please stand as you are able*

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

C: And also with you.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Creator God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters our desert. Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love given to all through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Congregation may be seated.

Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

READING Isaiah 43:16-21 back of bulletin

The prophet declares that long ago God performed mighty deeds and delivered Israel from Egyptian bondage through the waters of the sea. Now, God is about to do a new thing, bringing the exiles out of Babylon and through the wilderness in a new Exodus.

After the reading . . . L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

PSALM Psalm 126

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, then were we like those who dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy. Then they said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them."

The Lord has done great things for us, and we are glad indeed.

Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses of the Negeb.

Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy.

Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

READING Philippians 3:4b-14 back of bulletin

Writing to Christians in Philippi, Paul admits that his heritage and reputation could give him more reason than most people to place confidence in his spiritual pedigree. But the overwhelming grace of God in Jesus calls Paul to a new set of values.

After the reading . . . L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW page 142



*GOSPEL READING John 12:1-8 back of bulletin

The Gospel is announced:

P: The Holy Gospel according to John. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

Judas willfully misinterprets as waste Mary's extravagant act of anointing Jesus' feet with costly perfume. Jesus recognizes that her lavish gift is both an expression of love and an anticipation of his burial.

After the reading: P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Congregation may be seated.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

Pastor Nathan Feig

HYMN OF THE DAY

Take My Life, That I May Be

ELW 685

*APOSTLE'S CREED

ELW page 104

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and was born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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 INTERCESION

P: Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.

After each petition: P: God in your mercy, **C: receive our prayer.**

P: Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life. **C: Amen.**

WE GATHER OUR OFFERING

*OFFERING SONG *Please stand as you are able.*

ELW 182

Let the vineyards be fruitful Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.

Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.

Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now.

Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

*OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray... Gracious Provider,

C: you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us share that peace with one another.

The congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

Amen, amen, amen.

*LORD’S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:
**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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: All who are hungry, come! The feast of grace is spread.
Congregation may be seated.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

*All are invited to receive Holy Communion at the Lord’s table. The inner circle of cups
contain grape juice, the rest are wine. Please follow the directions of the ushers.
If you would rather receive a blessing instead of Holy Communion, please come
forward and cross your arms to your shoulders as indication of needing a blessing
today. All are welcome at the Lord's table.*

COMMUNION HYMNS	Lamb of God	ELW, page 146
	My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less	ELW 597
	When I Survey the Wondrous Cross	ELW 803

After all have returned to their places, please stand as you are able.
P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you
and keep you in his grace. **C: Amen.**

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Generous Host,
**C: you have shared your feast with us and made us new. Send us now to set
tables of love and grace in our communities, that your liberating love
might nourish the world into freedom, in the name of the crucified one,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

P: God our tender parent, God the crucified one, God the reconciling Spirit, ✚ bless
you now and forever.
C: Amen.

*HYMN **Sent Forth Be God’s Blessing** ELW 547

*DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.
C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

**There have been a few changes in our Worship and Assistant schedule since the
newsletter was published last week:** Pastor Nathan will be here to lead worship next
Sunday – Palm Sunday, and we will not be celebrating Holy Communion on Palm Sunday.
We will not have individual readers for Maundy Thursday or Good Friday. (Both of those
services will be here at 7:00 pm.)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Worship Leader</u>	<u>Lay Reader</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Acolytes/Ushers</u>	<u>Communion</u>
April 6	Pastor Nathan	Mike Petersen	Ron & Deb Jaskowiak	Elton & Spring Mau	Erin Ifft, Eli P.
April 13	Pastor Nathan	Briana Ray	Phil & Angie Kratochvi	Brec, Zane Hoffman	
April 17	Pastor Nathan		Jerry & Suzie Kukuck	Phil & Angie K.	Dennis G., Jerry K.
April 18	Pastor Nathan		Elton & Spring Mau	Harlan B., Dan Harms	
April 20	Pastor Nathan	Lisa Winterland	Alan & Sabrina Petersen	Ty Harms, Rylee K.	John & Cindy H.
April 27	Pastor Nathan	Von Becker	Eli & Katelyn Petersen	Kasen C., Acer K.	