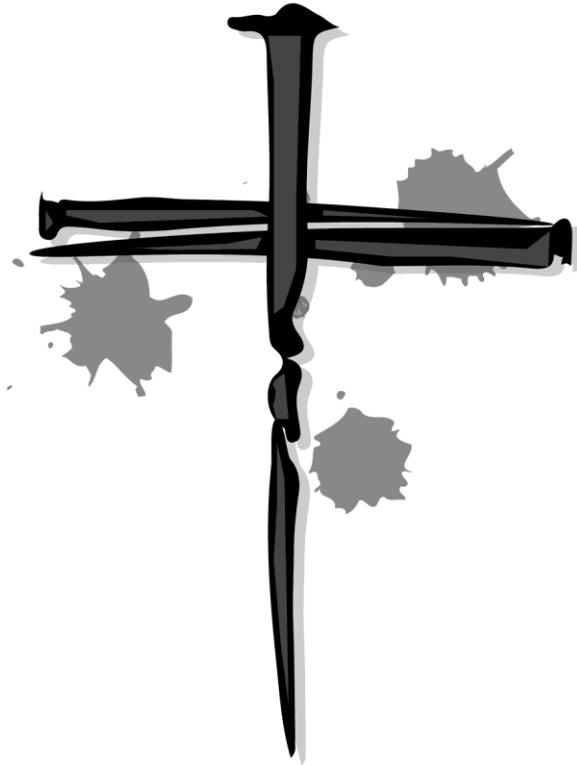


**IMMANUEL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
Manitowoc, Wisconsin

# Three Words



of  
**TRUTH**

Lent Midweek | March 13, 2019

## WELCOME

In the name of our Lord Jesus, welcome to one and all! We pray that here at Immanuel you will find the warmth of Christian hospitality, the abiding truth of God's Word and the quiet assurance of peace in Christ. If we can assist you in any way, please ask. Come worship with us again!

**TODAY'S FOCUS:** Our Lenten theme this year is *Three Words of Truth*. In the gospel accounts of Jesus' passion, there are several striking three-word phrases, such as "Love one another," "Watch and pray," and "It is finished." These powerful three-word phrases will help us focus on our Savior's suffering and death and grow in our appreciation of his saving love.

**GUEST PASTOR:** Our guest pastor this week is Pastor Gregory Pope of Trinity in Liberty. We thank Pastor Pope for leading our worship and bringing us the truth about our Savior today.

## FOR VISITORS

- **Friendship Register:** Please fill out the Friendship Register located at the end of each pew.
- **Cell Phones:** Out of respect for our Lord and your fellow worshiper, please silence your cell phone.
- **Restrooms:** The main restrooms are located in the Gathering Room near the coatrack.
- **Offering:** The gospel ministry of Immanuel is supported by the generosity and sacrificial giving of our members. You are our guest today, and may want to learn more about our ministry before giving a gift. When the offering plates are passed, please do not feel obligated to make a contribution.
- **Information:** The media counter is located in the Gathering Room Here you will find magazines, brochures, devotional booklets and children's bulletins (printed on yellow paper).
- **Contact:** Our pastor and principal are always happy to serve you. Please feel free to contact them (contact info on back of bulletin).

# LENTEN MEDITATION

## WELCOME

**HYMN 109** (*red hymnal*)

When O'er My Sins I Sorrow

*STAND (Responses are spoken)*

**M:** In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** **Amen.**

**M:** Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

**C:** **Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin. For faithless worrying and selfish pride, for sins of habit and sins of choice, for the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do, you should cast me away from your presence forever.**

**The devil, the world, and my sinful nature assault me persistently with lies that compete for my attention. Though your gentle whisper calls to me, I have all too often failed to listen.**

**O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.**

**M:** Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** **Amen.**

## PRAYER

**M:** Lord God, you have brought us safely to this hour of evening prayer. We thank you for providing all that we need for body and life. Bless us who have gathered in your name. Forgive our sins. Speak to our hearts. Dispel our sorrows with the comfort of your Word, and receive our hymns of thanks and praise, through Jesus Christ, our living Savior, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

*BE SEATED*

## PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 33 | p. 79 (*red hymnal*)

## PSALM PRAYER

**M:** Lord God, through your Son you made the heavens and the earth; through him you continue to rule over all things. Make us, your chosen people, witnesses of your power and heralds of your glory to the praise of your unfailing love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C:** Amen.

## PASSION READING

Luke 22:1-38

Now the Festival of Unleavened Bread, called the Passover, was approaching, <sup>2</sup> and the chief priests and the teachers of the law were looking for some way to get rid of Jesus, for they were afraid of the people. <sup>3</sup> Then Satan entered Judas, called Iscariot, one of the Twelve. <sup>4</sup> And Judas went to the chief priests and the officers of the temple guard and discussed with them how he might betray Jesus. <sup>5</sup> They were delighted and agreed to give him money. <sup>6</sup> He consented, and watched for an opportunity to hand Jesus over

to them when no crowd was present. <sup>7</sup> Then came the day of Unleavened Bread on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. <sup>8</sup> Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and make preparations for us to eat the Passover." <sup>9</sup> "Where do you want us to prepare for it?" they asked. <sup>10</sup> He replied, "As you enter the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him to the house that he enters, <sup>11</sup> and say to the owner of the house, 'The Teacher asks: Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' <sup>12</sup> He will show you a large room upstairs, all furnished. Make preparations there." <sup>13</sup> They left and found things just as Jesus had told them. So they prepared the Passover. <sup>14</sup> When the hour came, Jesus and his apostles reclined at the table. <sup>15</sup> And he said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. <sup>16</sup> For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it finds fulfillment in the kingdom of God." <sup>17</sup> After taking the cup, he gave thanks and said, "Take this and divide it among you. <sup>18</sup> For I tell you I will not drink again from the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." <sup>19</sup> And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me." <sup>20</sup> In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you. <sup>21</sup> But the hand of him who is going to betray me is with mine on the table. <sup>22</sup> The Son of Man will go as it has been decreed. But woe to that man who betrays him!" <sup>23</sup> They began to question among themselves which of them it might be who would do this. <sup>24</sup> A dispute also arose among them as to which of them was considered to be greatest. <sup>25</sup> Jesus said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those who exercise authority over them call themselves Benefactors. <sup>26</sup> But you are not to be like that. Instead, the greatest among you should be like the youngest, and the one who rules like the one who serves. <sup>27</sup> For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one who is at the table? But I am among you as one who serves. <sup>28</sup> You are those who have stood by me in my trials. <sup>29</sup> And I confer on you a kingdom, just as my Father conferred one on me, <sup>30</sup> so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom and sit on thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. <sup>31</sup> "Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift all of you as wheat. <sup>32</sup> But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers." <sup>33</sup> But he replied, "Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death." <sup>34</sup> Jesus answered, "I tell you, Peter, before the rooster crows today, you will deny three times that you know me." <sup>35</sup> Then Jesus asked them, "When I sent you without purse, bag or sandals, did you lack anything?" "Nothing," they

answered. <sup>36</sup> He said to them, “But now if you have a purse, take it, and also a bag; and if you don’t have a sword, sell your cloak and buy one. <sup>37</sup> It is written: ‘And he was numbered with the transgressors’; and I tell you that this must be fulfilled in me. Yes, what is written about me is reaching its fulfillment.” <sup>38</sup> The disciples said, “See, Lord, here are two swords.” “That’s enough!” he replied.

## SEASONAL RESPONSE

**M:** All we like sheep have gone astray, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

**C:** **By his wounds we are healed.**

**HYMN 115** (*red hymnal*)

He Stood before the Court  
*Bella Darvanian, Solo and Guitar*

*The soloist will sing stanza 1. The congregation sings stanzas 2-4.*

## SERMON

John 18:33-40

What is Truth?

## OFFERING

*Moved by God’s love in Christ, we offer him our first and best gifts, purely out of thanks to him.*

*STAND*

## PRAYERS

### LORD'S PRAYER

**C:** Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

### EVENING PRAYER

**M:** O God our Father, by your mercy and might, the world turns safely into darkness and returns again to light. We place into your hands our unfinished tasks, our unsolved problems, and our unfulfilled hopes, knowing that only what you bless will prosper. To your great love and protection, we commit each other and all those we love, knowing that you alone are our sure defender; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C:** Amen.

### BLESSING

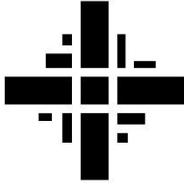
**M:** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, + and the Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us.

**C:** Amen.

*BE SEATED*

**HYMN 373** (*red hymnal*)

O Jesus, King Most Wonderful



# IMMANUEL

## LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

*Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church  
is a family glorifying God, growing in faith,  
and leading others to Christ.*

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