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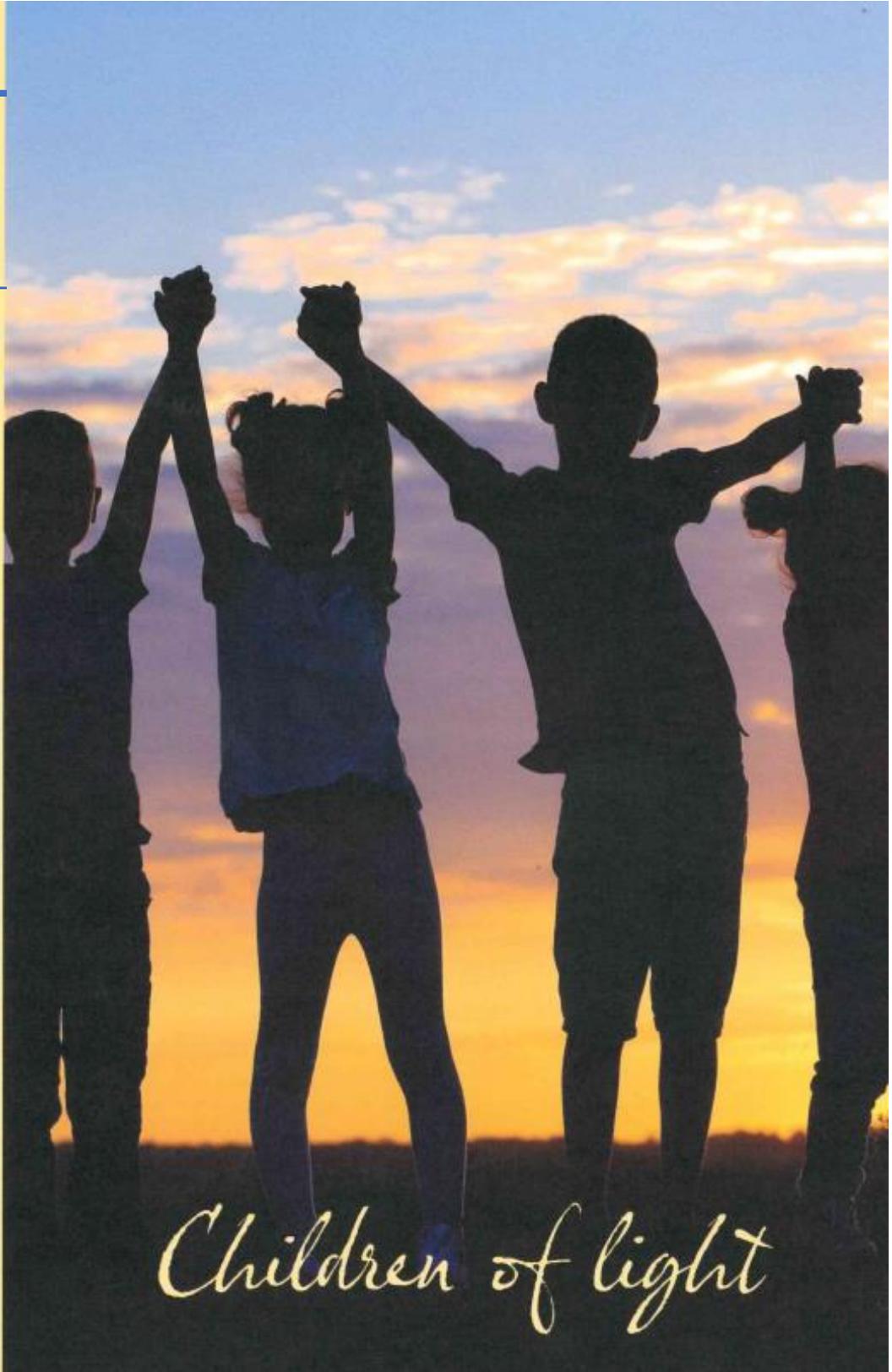
10:30 AM In

Person

& Facebook Live.

About the Cover:

As children of light, we have no room for the works of darkness. “The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it” (John 1:5). Christ is our light, who—having gone through the darkness of Good Friday, which leads to the morning light of Easter—has scattered the darkness of our sin and given us the light of salvation. His Word is the lamp to our feet and the light to our path (Psalm 119:105).



Children of light

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH AND STUDENT CENTER

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THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Theme for Worship: This morning we'll examine the concept of blindness. While the account of the Blind man being healed does concern blindness of the eyes, it reveals a much more significant kind of "blindness of the heart." Our own spiritual blindness will be contemplated as well as what it means to really "see" and believe in Jesus.

♪ Pre-Service Music

Ringing of the Bells

Welcome

♪ Opening Song: "Your Everlasting Love"

1. **Your everlasting love is higher, higher, higher than the sky.**
Your everlasting love is higher, higher, higher than the sky, higher than the sky.
Oh, the wonder of Your everlasting love is higher than the sky.

Chorus: **Higher than the heavens above is the glory of Your wonderful love.**

I'm lost in the mystery of Your everlasting love, Your everlasting love.

2. **Your everlasting love is deeper, deeper, deeper than the sea.**
Your everlasting love is deeper, deeper, deeper than the sea. Deeper than the sea.
Oh, the wonder of your everlasting love is deeper than the sea. *Chorus*
3. **Your everlasting love is reaching, reaching, reaching out to me.**
Your everlasting love is reaching, reaching, reaching out to me, reaching out to me.
Oh, the wonder of your everlasting love is reaching out to me. *End*

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The Invocation

P We begin in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

Nicene Creed

- C** I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made; being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into

heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life \dagger of the world to come. Amen.

Collect of the Day

P Let us pray.

P & C Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Service of the Word

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 42:14–21

¹⁴For a long time I have held my peace; I have kept still and restrained myself; now I will cry out like a woman in labor; I will gasp and pant. ¹⁵I will lay waste mountains and hills, and dry up all their vegetation; I will turn the rivers into islands, and dry up the pools.

¹⁶And I will lead the blind in a way that they do not know, in paths that they have not known I will guide them. I will turn the darkness before them into light, the rough places into level ground. These are the things I do, and I do not forsake them. ¹⁷They are turned back and utterly put to shame, who trust in carved idols, who say to metal images, “You are our gods.” ¹⁸Hear, you deaf, and look, you blind, that you may see! ¹⁹Who is blind but my servant, or deaf as my messenger whom I send? Who is blind as my dedicated one, or blind as the servant of the LORD?

²⁰He sees many things, but does not observe them; his ears are open, but he does not hear.

²¹The LORD was pleased, for his righteousness’ sake, to magnify his law and make it glorious.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Ephesians 5:8–14

⁸For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), ¹⁰and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹²For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. ¹³But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, ¹⁴for anything that becomes visible is light

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Children’s Message

Pastor Marty

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 9th chapter.

G Glory to You, O Lord.

¹As [Jesus] passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. ²And his disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” ³Jesus answered, “It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. ⁴We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. ⁵As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” ⁶Having said these things, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man’s eyes with the mud ⁷and said to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing. ⁸The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar were saying, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” ⁹Some said, “It is he.” Others said, “No, but he is like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” ¹⁰So they said to him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” ¹¹He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud and anointed my eyes and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ So I went and washed and received my sight.” ¹²They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.” ¹³They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. ¹⁴Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, “He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see.” ¹⁶Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?” And there was a division among them. ¹⁷So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?” He said, “He is a prophet.” ¹⁸The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight ¹⁹and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” ²⁰His parents answered, “We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. ²¹But how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.” ²²(His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess Jesus to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue.) ²³Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.” ²⁴So for the second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, “Give glory to God. We know that this man is a sinner.” ²⁵He answered, “Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” ²⁶They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” ²⁷He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?” ²⁸And they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. ²⁹We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” ³⁰The man answered, “Why, this is an amazing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. ³¹We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him. ³²Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. ³³If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” ³⁴They answered him, “You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?” And they cast him out. ³⁵Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” ³⁶He answered, “And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?” ³⁷Jesus

said to him, “You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you.”³⁸ He said, “Lord, I believe,” and he worshiped him.³⁹ Jesus said, “For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind.”⁴⁰ Some of the Pharisees near him heard these things, and said to him, “Are we also blind?”⁴¹ Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, ‘We see,’ your guilt remains.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You O Christ.

♪ Sermon Song: “More Love More Power”

1. More love more power
More of You in my life
More love more power
More of You in my life

Chorus: And I will worship You
With all of my heart
And I will worship You
With all of my mind
And I will worship You
With all of my strength
For You are my Lord

Chorus 2: And I will seek Your face
With all of my heart
And I will seek Your face
With all of my mind
And I will seek Your face
With all of my strength
For You are my Lord
You are my Lord

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Sermon: “Blindness of the Heart”

Rev. Marty Marks

Confession and Absolution

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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 Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

The Offering/ Announcements *The plates are brought forward*

(An offering plate is available in the narthex; plates will not be passed during the worship service. Immanuel has the ability to accept offerings through online giving. Families can easily give one-time or set up as recurring gifts. Simply make a secure donation via electronic check by visiting www.ImmanuelDeKalb.com. If you choose to set up a recurring gift, you will be prompted by email to create your own online donor account to manage your gifts.)

The Intercessory Prayers

*The Leader says prayers for specific and general concerns of God's people, following each petition with "Lord in your mercy" to which the congregation responds with "**Hear our prayer.**"*

The 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

The Celebration of the Lord's Supper

(The Lord's Supper is celebrated in this service in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us. If you share this confession, we invite you to commune with us. If you have doubts or questions concerning this confession of our faith community, we ask that you withhold participation until receiving clarification or instruction from our pastor. The pastor will also offer a blessing to any unconfirmed children who desire it.)

☩ The Sacrament of Holy Communion delivers to us the forgiveness of sins earned for us by the sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross. His real Body and Blood come to us in, with and under the bread and wine. Not only are our sins forgiven through this meal, our faith is strengthened, and the Holy Spirit guides us to be better and more effective servants to God. To help prepare our hearts and minds as we receive these gifts, please join me in praying:

☩ & ☩ Father I trust in Your Son, Jesus, as my Savior. As I prepare to receive His real Body and Blood into me, please make my heart inclined to receive it in a way pleasing to You. Create a true sense of repentance in my heart and a sincere desire to follow You after it is received. Please empower me to serve You better in a sense of unity with You and with others. Amen.

The Words of Institution

☩ Our Lord Jesus Christ on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples and said, "Take, eat, this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me. In the same way, also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: Drink of it all of you; this is My blood of the new testament, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do as often as you drink it in remembrance of Me.

☩ Come, the table is prepared, and the Lord awaits.

☩ We come in the name of Jesus.

The Sacrament is Distributed for Us to Receive

♪ Distribution Songs:

♪ “Sing For Joy”

1. If we call to Him
He will answer us
If we run to Him
He will run to us
If we lift our hands
He will lift us up
Come now praise His name
All you saints of God

Chorus: O sing for joy to God our strength
O sing for joy to God our strength
our strength

♪ “I am the Resurrection and the Life”

Refrain: I am the Resurrection, and the life,
All who believe in me will never
die! I am the Resurrection and
the life: All who believe in me will
live a new life!

1. I have come to bring the truth;
I have come to bring you life.
If you believe, then you shall live. *Refrain*

♪ “Let Us Break Bread Together”

1. Let us break bread together on our knees, Let us break bread together on our knees;
When I fall down on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord have mercy on me!
2. Let us drink wine together on our knees, Let us drink wine together on our knees.
When I fall down on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord have mercy on me!
3. Let us bow ‘round the altar on our knees, Let us bow ‘round the altar on our knees.
When I fall down on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord have mercy on me!
4. Let us praise God together on our knees, Let us praise God together on our knees.
When I fall down on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord have mercy on me!

Benediction
Silent Prayer
Postlude

2. Draw near to Him
He is here with us
Give Him your love
He’s in love with us
He will heal our hearts
He will cleanse our hands
If we rend our hearts
He will heal our land

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2. In my Word all men will come to know
It is love which makes the spirit grow,
If you believe, then you shall live. *Refrain*
3. Keep in mind the things that I have said;
Remember me in the breaking of the
bread. If you believe, then you shall live.
Refrain

PARTICIPANTS March 19, 2023		
Altar Guild: Carolyn McQuillan		
	8:00 a.m.	10:30a.m
Greeters	Deloris Baumann	The people of Immanuel
Musicians	Linda Conrad; <i>Organist</i> C-J Motisi, <i>Soloist & Pianist</i>	Angela Pringnitz; <i>Spiritwind</i> <i>coordinator</i>
Pastor	Rev. Marty Marks	Rev. Marty Marks
Acolyte	Mark Misic	Irene Pringnitz
Lay Reader	Sandy Lancaster	Angela Pringnitz
Radio Narrator	Sue Harms	---
Videographer/Sound	Doug Nelson	Doug Nelson
Slides	Kevin & Jackson Harms	Rachel Schmitt
Ushers	Chris Cook & Dennis Martinez	Dan Lohmeier & Heather Allen
Communion Assistant	Chris Cook & Tom Sawyer	Keith Nelson & Will Michels

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Altar Flowers: “Given in memory of Wilbur’s birthday on March 22nd,”
by Deloris Baumann and family.

Radio Broadcast: “To the glory of God in celebration of our 64th wedding anniversary.”
by Norm & Marion Gilbert.

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These checks may be placed in the offering plate or mailed to the church office.

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