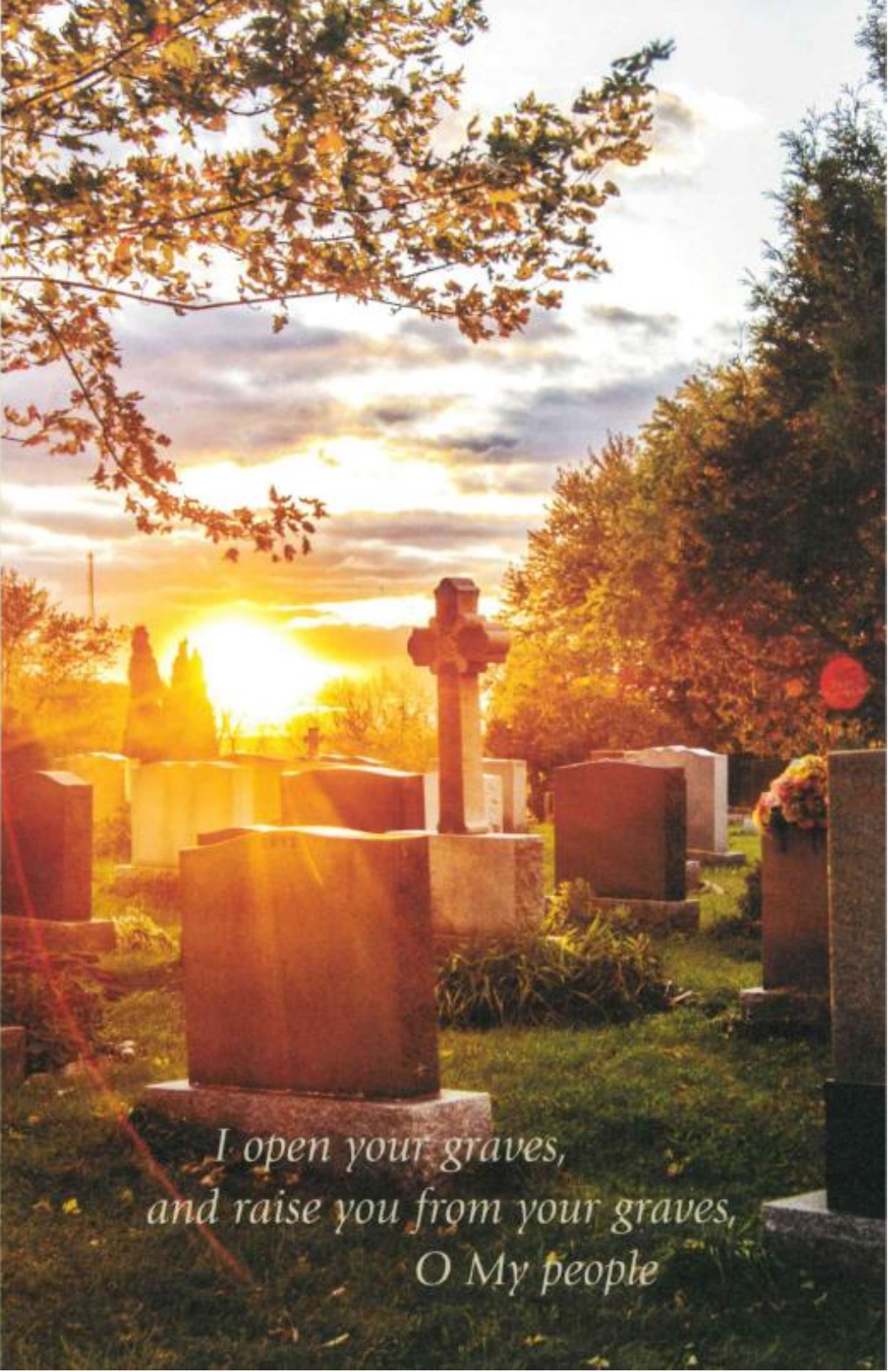


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**About the Cover:**

While the sight of the grave may give us the impression that the Lord's people are sealed off from life, not even the grave is too great for our Lord to overcome. Just as the Creator breathed life into earth to form Adam, so He is able to open the graves in order to breathe resurrection life into His people on the Last Day. So also, even today, not even the graveyard of our sin is able to keep us from breathing new life through forgiveness in Christ.



*I open your graves,  
and raise you from your graves,  
O My people*

# IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH AND STUDENT CENTER

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## THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Theme for worship: This morning we'll hear the account of Jesus' greatest miracle, raising His friend Lazarus from the dead. We'll see the powerful sign that points to who Jesus is and what He came to do. We'll recognize the resistance some had in believing in Him just as our own sinfulness sometimes hampers our own belief. We'll take the journey from death to life.

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♪ Pre-Service Music

*Spiritwind*

Welcome

♪ Opening Song: "He is Exalted"

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high; I will praise Him.

He is exalted, forever exalted and I will praise His name!

He is the Lord, forever His truth shall reign;

Heaven and earth rejoice in His holy name.

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high.

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Invocation

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

**C** Amen

Apostles' Creed

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Introit

*Psalm 116:1-4, 8; antiphon: v. 15*

**P** Precious in the sight of the LORD

**C** is the death of his saints.

**P** I love the LORD, because he has heard

**C** my voice and my pleas for mercy.

**P** Because he inclined his ear to me,

**C** therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

**P** The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;

**C** I suffered distress and anguish.

**P** Then I called on the name of the LORD:

**C** “O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!”

**P** For you have delivered my soul from death,

**C** my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.

**P** & **C** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**P** Precious in the sight of the LORD

**C** is the death of his saints.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray

**C** **Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**C** Amen.

### The Old Testament Lesson

*Ezekiel 37:1–14*

<sup>1</sup>The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup>And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. <sup>3</sup>And he said to me, “Son of man, can these bones live?” And I answered, “O Lord GOD, you know.” <sup>4</sup>Then he said to me, “Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. <sup>5</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup>And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD.” <sup>7</sup>So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. <sup>8</sup>And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. <sup>9</sup>Then he said to me, “Prophecy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live.” <sup>10</sup>So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army. <sup>11</sup>Then he said to me, “Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are clean cut off.’ <sup>12</sup>Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. <sup>13</sup>And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup>And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD.”

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### The Epistle Lesson

*Romans 8:1–11*

<sup>1</sup>There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup>For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. <sup>3</sup>For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, <sup>4</sup>in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in

us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. <sup>5</sup>For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. <sup>6</sup>To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. <sup>7</sup>For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. <sup>8</sup>Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. <sup>9</sup>You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. <sup>10</sup>But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup>If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## The Children's Message

*Pastor Marty*

## Holy Gospel

*John 11:1-45*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 11<sup>th</sup> chapter.

### **C** Glory to you O Lord

<sup>1</sup>Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. <sup>2</sup>It was Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was ill. <sup>3</sup>So the sisters sent to him, saying, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." <sup>4</sup>But when Jesus heard it he said, "This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." <sup>5</sup>Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. <sup>6</sup>So, when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. <sup>7</sup>Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." <sup>8</sup>The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now seeking to stone you, and are you going there again?" <sup>9</sup>Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. <sup>10</sup>But if anyone walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him." <sup>11</sup>After saying these things, he said to them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I go to awaken him." <sup>12</sup>The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover." <sup>13</sup>Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that he meant taking rest in sleep. <sup>14</sup>Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus has died, <sup>15</sup>and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." <sup>16</sup>So Thomas, called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him." <sup>17</sup>Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. <sup>18</sup>Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, <sup>19</sup>and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. <sup>20</sup>So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. <sup>21</sup>Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup>But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you." <sup>23</sup>Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." <sup>24</sup>Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." <sup>25</sup>Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, <sup>26</sup>and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" <sup>27</sup>She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world." <sup>28</sup>When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in private, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." <sup>29</sup>And when she heard it, she rose quickly and went to him. <sup>30</sup>Now Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still in the place where Martha had met him. <sup>31</sup>When the Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary rise quickly and go out, they followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to weep there. <sup>32</sup>Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet, saying to him, "Lord, if

you had been here, my brother would not have died.”<sup>33</sup>When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled.<sup>34</sup> And he said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.”<sup>35</sup>Jesus wept.<sup>36</sup>So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!”<sup>37</sup>But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man also have kept this man from dying?”<sup>38</sup>Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it.<sup>39</sup>Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days.”<sup>40</sup>Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?”<sup>41</sup>So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, “Father, I thank you that you have heard me.<sup>42</sup>I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me.”<sup>43</sup>When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out.”<sup>44</sup>The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”<sup>45</sup>Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord

**C** Praise to you O Christ

### ♪Sermon Song: “I Love Your Grace”

- 1 I love Your grace, I love Your mercy; I love the way You help me when I call. I love the truth, I love the power of Your name; But You know I love Your presence most of all.**
- 2 My soul takes refuge in the shadow of Your wings; Close to You is where I want to be. You are my strength, You are my God, You are my King; And all I want is what you want for me.**
- 3 I love Your grace, I love Your mercy; I love the way You help me when I call. I love the truth, I love the power of Your name; But You know I love Your presence most of all.**

Sermon: “Death and Life ”

*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 now 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](http://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**

**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

### **♪Closing Hymn: "Blessed Be Your Name"**

1. Blessed be Your name  
In the land that is plentiful  
Where Your streams of abundance flow  
Blessed be Your name
2. Blessed be Your name  
When I'm found in the desert place  
Though I walk through the wilderness  
Blessed be Your name

*Pre-Chorus:* Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll  
Turn back to praise  
When the darkness closes in Lord  
Still I will say

*Chorus:* Blessed be the name of the Lord

**Blessed be Your name Jesus  
Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your glorious name**

- 3. Blessed be Your name  
When the sun's shining down on me  
When the world's all as it should be  
Blessed be Your name**
- 4. Blessed be Your name  
On the road marked with suffering  
Though there's pain in the offering  
Blessed be Your name**

*Pre-Chorus:* **Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll  
Turn back to praise  
When the darkness closes in Lord  
Still I will say**

*Chorus1:* **Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your name Jesus  
Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your glorious name  
Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your name Jesus  
Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your glorious name**

**The Benediction**

**Silent Prayers**

**Postlude**



**PARTICIPANTS – March 26, 2023**

**Altar Guild: Carolyn McQuillan**

	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>
<b>Musicians</b>	Linda Conrad, <i>Organist</i> C-J Motisi, <i>Soloist &amp; Pianist</i>	Angela Pringnitz; <i>Spiritwind coordinator</i>
<b>Pastor</b>	Rev. Marty Marks	Rev. Marty Marks
<b>Children’s Message</b>	Rev. Marty Marks	Rev. Marty Marks
<b>Acolyte</b>	Alexis Cruz	Brayden Goff
<b>Lay Reader</b>	Pat McKinley	Kevin Harms
<b>Radio Narrator</b>	Chris Ewald	---
<b>Videographer/Sound</b>	Mark Mistic	Rachel Schmitt
<b>Slides</b>	Ted Stone	Doug Nelson
<b>Ushers</b>	Rob Tiggelaar, Chris Cook & Dennis Martinez	Dan Lohmeier
<b>Greeters</b>	Tom Sawyer	Jackie Hanson

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**Altar Flowers:** “In thankfulness to God in honor of the March Birthdays of Pete, Dan & Jen Springmire, Sandy & Josh Lancaster, Katie Amoroso and Zachary Baker,” by Ursula Sarver.

**Radio Broadcast:** “To the glory of God and in memory of my mom, Fern Broadway,” by her daughter Dolores Broadway.

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