

Who We Seek to Be

In our love for Christ and guided by God's Word we seek to be a community of

Joyful Worship, thoughtfully centered in the wonder and wisdom of the living God and celebrating the diversity of the body of Christ.

Loving Fellowship, encouraging and serving one another in the unifying love of the Holy Spirit.

Life-changing Learning, biblically-based preaching and teaching to equip children, youth, and adults to grow in their relationship with God.

Enthusiastic Service, reflecting the servant heart of Jesus as we proclaim the gospel near and far in word and deed.

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!

All: Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!

Pastor: Lo, your King comes to you;

All: Triumphant and victorious is he,

Pastor: humble and riding on a donkey,

All: on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

TIMOTHY HOLMAN

ANNETTE LAPLACA

Zechariah 9:9 NRSV

INVOCATION

* OPENING HYMN: All Glory, Laud, and Honor



Theodulph of Orleans, ca. 820 Tr. By John Mason Neale, 1854; alt.

WE ARE RENEWED BY GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION

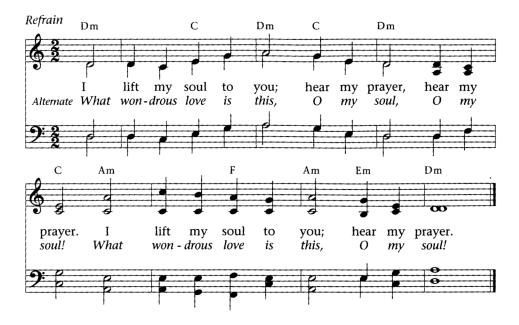
- All: Like the people who greeted Jesus as he entered Jerusalem and then later pronounced "Crucify him," we are fickle people who often deny Christ in our thoughts, word, and deeds.
- Leader: Remembering the events of Jesus' last week helps us see ourselves for what we are:
- All: Sinners in need of a Savior, a Savior—Praise God—we have in Christ. In honesty and hope, we can confess our sins to God.

(adapted from The Worship Sourcebook)

ALVA STEFFLER

SONG OF CONFESSION

All: Sing first line.



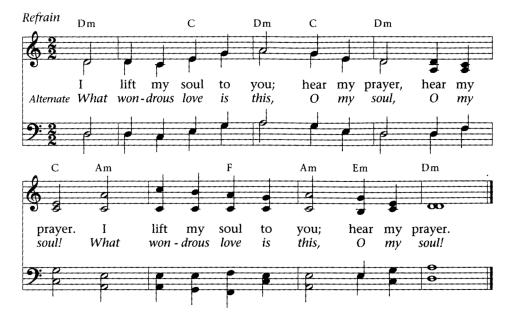
PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: In Christ, God answers us and sets us free! In Christ we are forgiven!

* SONG OF ACCLAMATION

All: Sing alternate line.



* PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you. All: And also with you.

(Please share God's peace with those around you.)

WE BRING OUR PRAISES, PRAYERS AND GIFTS

SPECIAL MUSIC: In His Love and in His Pity

In his love and in his pity he redeemed us. In his love and in his pity he provided heav'n. Never has another loved us like the Savior loves. How can anyone suspend himself upon a cross and die for me? Die willingly, to set us free.

But He did love, He had pity on us. He provided heaven at last. Shall we not return the favor, live each day for our dear Savior, and one day He will return for us. How He suffered in the garden for your sin and mine.
See Him trudge up Calvary's mountain, "Not my will, but Thine."
Cursing mobs and angry soldiers spit upon that face.
Then the sky in winter darkness proved the depth to which man's sin would go. and Jesus died, He loved us so.

But He did love . . .

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

Annika Durbin Abigail Durbin

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

ANNETTE LAPLACA

WE HEAR GOD SPEAK

Reader: DIANE JERDAN

(Please remain standing for the reading of God's Word.)

* OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: Numbers 23:18-21

¹⁸ Then he spoke his message: "Arise, Balak, and listen; hear me, son of Zippor.
¹⁹ God is not human, that he should lie, not a human being, that he should change his mind. Does he speak and then not act? Does he promise and not fulfill?
²⁰ I have received a command to bless; he has blessed, and I cannot change it.
²¹ "No misfortune is seen in Jacob, no misery observed in Israel. The Lord their God is with them; the shout of the King is among them. NIV

Sarah Holman

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: Hebrews 13:1-9

¹ Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters. ² Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it. ³ Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering.

⁴ Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral. ⁵Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said,

"Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you."

⁶ So we say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?"

⁷ Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. ⁸ Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

⁹ Do not be carried away by all kinds of strange teachings. It is good for our hearts to be strengthened by grace, not by eating ceremonial foods, which is of no benefit to those who do so. NIV

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

This is the Word of the Lord. Leader: All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON: Christ's Character: Constancy

* CLOSING HYMN: When I Survey the Wondrous Cross



Isaac Watts, 1707, 1709

HAMBURG L.M. Gregorian chant Arr. by Lowell Mason, 1824

- * BENEDICTION
- * Postlude

TODAY

If you are in need of prayer, elder Alva Steffler (630-802-0207, alvasteffler@yahoo.com) would love to pray with you.

Thanks to our musicians: Mary Hopper, Sarah Holman, Timothy Holman

Thanks to our livestream video crew: Peter Welander, Chris Danusiar

1:00 - 3:30 p.m.	Food Pantry open
4:00 - 5:00 p.m.	3rd - 5th grade Sunday School
7:00 - 8:00 p.m.	Youth Group (Zoom)

THIS WEEK

Tuesday	No women's Bible studies this week	
	11:00 a.m 1:00 p.m.	Food Pantry open (Note: Closed on Easter Sunday)
Friday	7:00 p.m.	Good Friday Service
Saturday	10:00 - 11:30 a.m.	Cross-making in the parking lot

Easter Sunday

11:00 A.M. Outdoor worship (Bring a lawn chair and a mask.)

IN IMMANUEL AND BEYOND

We would like to continue our tradition of remembering friends, and family who are **Witnesses to the Resurrection**. Please send the name of those you'd like to remember to immanpres@gmail.com no later than Wednesday morning. In lieu of purchasing an Easter Lily this year, we suggest making a donation to the food pantry on behalf of your loved one.

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ELDERS

Katherine Anderson (Clerk of Session), Dan Balzer, Ron Netzel, Carl Pickard, Sheroll Ritchie, Leon Sinclair, Gaby Sosa, Alva Steffler, Steve Westfall, Ken Wolgemuth

DEACONS Phebe Balzer, Becky Eggimann, Seth Ehorn, Debby France, Katie Pickard, Dee Netzel, Tom Nguyen, Heather Reyes (chair), Jack Swanson, Amy Treier, Rebecca Williams

STAFF

George A. Garrison, Senior Pastor; Annette LaPlaca, Minister of Congregational Life; Alva Steffler, Minister of Congregational Care; Mary Hopper, Minister of Music; Annika Durbin, Children's Minister; Anna and Scott Scheidt, Ministers to Youth; Amber Johnson, Business Manager; Barbara Lawrence, Church Secretary; Frank Lawrence, Church Sexton

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