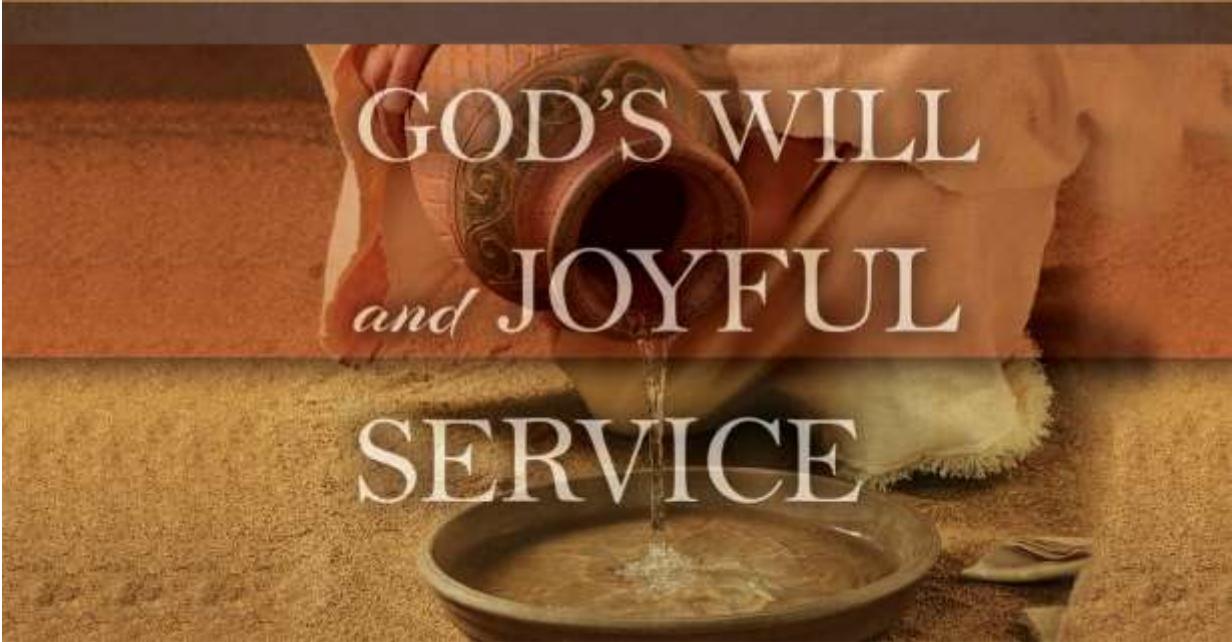




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*and* JOYFUL  
SERVICE

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***GOD'S WILL AND JOYFUL SERVICE***

*“These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.” John 15:11*

**As We Gather**

**03/29/18**

In this service for Maundy Thursday, we remember that Christ asks his disciples to wash one another's feet, as he has washed theirs, for the joy that was set before him. Serving one another with joy is a tribute to him who is the Servant of All.

**Ringings of the Bells**

**Opening Hymn**

***Glory Be to Jesus***

***LSB 433***



1 Glo - ry be to Je - sus, Who in bit - ter pains  
2 Grace and life e - ter - nal In that blood I find;  
3 Blest through end - less a - ges Be the pre - cious stream  
4 A - bel's blood for ven - geance Plead - ed to the skies;



Poured for me the life - blood From His sa - cred veins!  
Blest be His com - pas - sion, In - fi - nite - ly kind!  
Which from end - less tor - ment Did the world re - deem!  
But the blood of Je - sus For our par - don cries.

5 Oft as earth exulting  
Wafts its praise on high,  
Angel hosts rejoicing  
Make their glad reply.

6 Lift we, then, our voices,  
Swell the mighty flood;  
Louder still and louder  
Praise the precious blood!

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**Welcome**

**Invocation**

**P** In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

- P** Jesus said: “If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love,  
**C** **just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love.**
- P** I have told you this so that my joy may be in you  
**C** **and that your joy may be complete.”** (John 15:10-11)
- P** Jesus taught: “Blessed are you when people hate you, and reject your name as evil, because of the Son of Man.  
**C** **Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven.”** (Luke 6:22-23a)
- P** The Psalmist writes: “Then I will go to the altar of God, to God, my joy and my delight.  
**C** **I will praise you with the lyre, O God, my God.”** (Psalm 43:4)
- P** “Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.  
**C** **Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.”** (Psalm 100:1-2)
- P** “The precepts of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart.  
**C** **The commands of the Lord are radiant, giving light to the eyes.”** (Psalm 19:8)

### Responsive Prayer

- P** O Lord, we welcome the opportunity to make a joyful noise before you, O God, our Rock and our Redeemer. We come here today to offer our worship and praise. Yet, joyful noises are not easy for everyone to make.  
**C** **Some of us are burdened down with the stresses of daily life; some are weary from tasks of serving others; some worried over the state of the world and where it will lead.**
- P** Speak to us all, O God, in the stillness of this time and remind us of Jesus’ willingness to take our burdens upon himself and to learn from him.  
**C** **Let us experience his gentleness and steadfast love, for Jesus offers us his joy, so that our joy might be complete.**
- P** Confident in these promises, we offer this time of worship to you, O God, praying that it may reflect our praise and thanksgiving for all that Jesus has done for us.

**C** Let his joy be in us, that our joy may be full. Amen.

**Hymn of Response** *Christ, the Life of All the Living*

LSB 420 vs 1,5,7



1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of  
death, our foe, Who, Thy - self for me once giv - ing  
To the dark - est depths of woe: Through Thy suf - f'ings,  
death, and mer - it I e - ter - nal life in - her - it.  
Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks shall be, Dear - est Je - sus, un - to Thee.

5 Thou hast suffered men to bruise Thee,  
That from pain I might be free;  
Falsely did Thy foes accuse Thee:  
Thence I gain security;  
Comfortless Thy soul did languish  
Me to comfort in my anguish.  
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,  
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

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7 Then, for all that wrought my pardon,  
For Thy sorrows deep and sore,  
For Thine anguish in the Garden,  
I will thank Thee evermore,  
Thank Thee for Thy groaning, sighing,  
For Thy bleeding and Thy dying,  
For that last triumphant cry,  
And shall praise Thee, Lord, on high.

**Confession and Absolution**

**P** Gracious God, we recognize in ourselves the strengths and weaknesses of Jesus' first disciples:

**C** although they loved him, they disappointed and failed him.

- P** And yet, gathering with these imperfect friends at this last meal Jesus washed their feet in service, and then extended the bread and cup to each. Jesus called them to love one another, and invited them to share in his very life and in his acceptance of the road ahead.
- C** **We are humbled, honored and inspired by the deep love Christ extended to the world, and we take seriously the calling to be the body of Christ today.**
- P** Forgive us when we disappoint and fail you, and guide us back to a place of trust and faithful, joyful living.  
*(silence for personal confession)*
- P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

**Hymn of Response**

*Take My Life and Let It Be*

LSB 783 vs 1-3,5,6



1 Take my life and let it be Con-se - crat - ed, Lord, to Thee;  
 2 Take my hands and let them move At the im - pulse of Thy love;  
 3 Take my voice and let me sing Al-ways, on - ly for my King;



Take my mo - ments and my days, Let them flow in cease - less praise.  
 Take my feet and let them be Swift and beau - ti - ful for Thee.  
 Take my lips and let them be Filled with mes - sag - es from Thee.

5 Take my will and make it Thine,  
 It shall be no longer mine;  
 Take my heart, it is Thine own,  
 It shall be Thy royal throne.

6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour  
 At Thy feet its treasure store;  
 Take myself, and I will be  
 Ever, only, all for Thee.

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**Prayer of the Day**

**P** On the night You were betrayed, Jesus, you spoke of joy: joy of abiding in you, joy of doing the Father's will, joy of bearing fruit. Please, give me that joy. I want your delight to be in me; I want my heart to be full. I want to rejoice in the Father's will. I want to bear much fruit. Pour out your Spirit, Lord, that I may will and do what is pleasing to you. **Amen.**

### **First Reading**

*Exodus 12:1-14*

**P** The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, "This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers' houses, a lamb for a household. And if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his nearest neighbor shall take according to the number of persons; according to what each can eat you shall make your count for the lamb. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats, and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs at twilight. Then they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts. And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. In this manner you shall eat it: with your belt fastened, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in haste. It is the Lord's Passover. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt. This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the Lord; throughout your generations, as a statute forever, you shall keep it as a feast." **Amen**

### **Second Reading**

*Mark 14:12-16*

**P** And on the first day of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover

lamb, his disciples said to him, “Where will you have us go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?” And he sent two of his disciples and said to them, “Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him, and wherever he enters, say to the master of the house, ‘The Teacher says, Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’ And he will show you a large upper room furnished and ready; there prepare for us.” And the disciples set out and went to the city and found it just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover. **Amen**

### **Third Reading**

*John 13:1-17*

**P** Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, “Lord, do you wash my feet?” Jesus answered him, “What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand.” Peter said to him, “You shall never wash my feet.” Jesus answered him, “If I do not wash you, you have no share with me.” Simon Peter said to him, “Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!” Jesus said to him, “The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you.” For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, “Not all of you are clean.” When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, “Do you understand what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them. **Amen**

**Fourth Reading**

*John 15:8-12*

- P** By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. **Amen**

**Fifth Reading**

*Mark 14:22-26*

- P** And as they were eating, he took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to them, and said, “Take; this is my body.” And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, and they all drank of it. And he said to them, “This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Truly, I say to you, I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.” And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. **Amen**

**Sermon**

**Offering**

*“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”*

**Handbells**

**Prayers**

*Each petition ends with the following response:*

- P** O Christ, who came not to be served, but to serve,  
**C** **help us to give our all to you.**
- P** All these petitions we offer in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ, who did the will of God and lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**Proper Preface**

- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who accomplished the salvation of mankind by the tree of the cross that, where death arose, there life also might rise

again and that the serpent who overcame by the tree of the garden might likewise by the tree of the cross be overcome.

## **The Words of Our Lord**

### **Proclamation of Christ**

- P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- C** **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**
- P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

### **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.**

### **Pax Domini**

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C** **Amen.**

**Distribution**                   *(silence during the distribution)*

### **Extinguishing of Candles by Acolyte**

## Stripping of the Altar

*Psalm: Psalm 22:1-31*

### **Why Have You Forsaken Me?**

- <sup>1</sup>My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?  
Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?
- <sup>2</sup>O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer,  
and by night, but I find no rest.
- <sup>3</sup>Yet you are holy,  
enthroned on the praises of Israel.
- <sup>4</sup>In you our fathers trusted;  
they trusted, and you delivered them.
- <sup>5</sup>To you they cried and were rescued;  
in you they trusted and were not put to shame.
- <sup>6</sup>But I am a worm and not a man,  
scorned by mankind and despised by the people.
- <sup>7</sup>All who see me mock me;  
they make mouths at me; they wag their heads;
- <sup>8</sup>“He trusts in the LORD; let him deliver him;  
let him rescue him, for he delights in him!”
- <sup>9</sup>Yet you are he who took me from the womb;  
you made me trust you at my mother’s breasts.
- <sup>10</sup>On you was I cast from my birth,  
and from my mother’s womb you have been my God.
- <sup>11</sup>Be not far from me,  
for trouble is near,  
and there is none to help.
- <sup>12</sup>Many bulls encompass me;  
strong bulls of Bashan surround me;
- <sup>13</sup>they open wide their mouths at me,  
like a ravening and roaring lion.
- <sup>14</sup>I am poured out like water,  
and all my bones are out of joint;  
my heart is like wax;  
it is melted within my breast;
- <sup>15</sup>my strength is dried up like a potsherd,  
and my tongue sticks to my jaws;

you lay me in the dust of death.

<sup>16</sup>For dogs encompass me;  
a company of evildoers encircles me;  
they have pierced my hands and feet—

<sup>17</sup>I can count all my bones—  
they stare and gloat over me;

<sup>18</sup>they divide my garments among them,  
and for my clothing they cast lots.

<sup>19</sup>But you, O LORD, do not be far off!  
O you my help, come quickly to my aid!

<sup>20</sup>Deliver my soul from the sword,  
my precious life from the power of the dog!

<sup>21</sup>Save me from the mouth of the lion!  
You have rescued me from the horns of the wild oxen!

<sup>22</sup>I will tell of your name to my brothers;  
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:

<sup>23</sup>You who fear the LORD, praise him!  
All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him,  
and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

<sup>24</sup>For he has not despised or abhorred  
the affliction of the afflicted,  
and he has not hidden his face from him,  
but has heard, when he cried to him.

<sup>25</sup>From you comes my praise in the great congregation;  
my vows I will perform before those who fear him.

<sup>26</sup>The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied;  
those who seek him shall praise the LORD!  
May your hearts live forever!

<sup>27</sup>All the ends of the earth shall remember  
and turn to the LORD,  
and all the families of the nations  
shall worship before you.

<sup>28</sup>For kingship belongs to the LORD,  
and he rules over the nations.

<sup>29</sup>All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship;

before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,  
even the one who could not keep himself alive.

<sup>30</sup>Posterity shall serve him;

it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;

<sup>31</sup>they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn,  
that he has done it.

*All leave the church in silence.*

*The Easter Triduum is the period of three days that begins with the Maundy Thursday Service and concludes Easter Sunday; it is essentially one three day long service or vigil. It recalls the passion, death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus.*

*As part of the Easter Triduum, this service does not include a Benediction.*

*The congregation departs the service in reverent silence,  
anticipating the victory of Easter Day.*

## **Holy Week Activities:**

Good Friday Tenebrae Service 7:00 pm

Saturday Community Egg Hunt 10:00 am

Sunrise Worship w/Communion Sunday,

April 1, 2018 @ 8:00 am

Light Easter Breakfast following Service



***Let Us Love One Another, as Christ Has Loved Us and Loves Us to the End***  
“*The LORD’s Passover*” (Ex. 12:11) and “*the blood of the covenant*” at Mount Sinai (Ex. 24:8) are preeminent types of the Lord’s Supper. The blood of Christ, the Lamb of God, now covers us, and we keep His Supper “*as a feast to the LORD*” (Ex. 12:13–14). In Him, we see “*the God of Israel*” (Ex. 24:10), and yet He does not lay His hand on us to punish us. As disciples of Jesus, we recline at the table with Him to eat and drink in peace (Mark 14:18). The apostles, who received the New Testament in His blood “*on the night when he was betrayed,*” delivered the same to His Church, which we also now receive in remembrance of Him (1 Cor. 11:23–26; Mark 14:22–25). So He has “*loved his own who were in the world,*” and

He loves us *“to the end”* (John 13:1). As He thus feeds us in love, let us love one another, just as He has loved us (John 13:34). For *“we who are many are one body”* because *“we all partake of the one bread,”* which is the body of Christ (1 Cor. 10:17).

### **Serving this Evening:**

Preaching: Pastor Jeffrey King

Liturgist: Pastor Claudio Perez

Organist & Cantor: Stephen Hernandez

Acolyte: Jacob King

Elders: Lonnie Angst, Max Bolen, Steve Hairgrove, Mike Rivera, & Ray Thomas

Altar Guild: Antonieta Sherwood & Vivian Garcia

### **In Our Prayers**

**Health & Healing:** Christopher Atsinger (grandson of Pastor & Sylvia Atsinger), Barbara Boyd, Carolyn Breithaupt, Doug Cooper (husband of Liz Cooper), Carlos Garcia (husband of Vivian Garcia), Steve Hairgrove, Robert Heath, Hever Hernandez, Norman Kleiner (father of Diane Robinson), T.C. Koester, Chris Kramer (husband of Cheryl Kramer), Rose Lugo (Dora Schulle’s sister), Larry Nerrettig, Bill & Mary Osborn, Frank & Tina Petway, Andrew Robinson (son of Joel and Diane Robinson), Bonnie Thomas, Randy Wilcox, Mark Zander.

**Our Home Bound/Shut-in Members:** Doris Baker, Jean Bradham, Fred & Marilyn Cooper, Betty Harris, T.C. Koester, Mary Perez, Herbert Richter, Gail Walther, Ed and Helen Walther, Nancy Warmke, Dick and Vernice Wilson.

**Members of Armed Forces:** Ernie Martin IV & Kaz Martin, U.S. Army (grandsons of Martha and Bob McFarland); Ernest Martin III, U.S. Navy (son-in-law of Martha and Bob McFarland); Noe Muniz (nephew of Dora Schulle); Jack Mossbarger, USCG (son of Cathy Swanstrom); Lt. Taylor Meave, USMC (nephew of Jamie and Connie Meave); Christopher Kieschnik (grandson of Mary Rose Kieschnik, friend of Rod and Jackie Anderson); Brenden Elliott, U.S. Army (cousin of Winnie McNamara), Christopher McNamara U.S. Army National Guard, (nephew of Winnie McNamara), Mark Baker & Christopher Baker,

USMC (grandsons of Doris Baker), Wolfgang Harris & Lee Horne, U. S. Army National Guard (nephews of Pastor King) Courtney Ysaquirre, U.S. Navy (daughter of Jason & Snowy Ysaquirre).

### **Food for Thought**

*Here are some points to ponder.*

Talk about one or more of the following with a friend or family member.

What is the fanciest dinner you have ever been to? What made it fancy? What was the wait staff like and how many were there?

Have you ever celebrated a Passover Seder? What did you see, hear, taste, feel?

Share a time when you experienced joy. What has going on in your life at the time? What made it joyful?

Discuss with someone who can point you back to Jesus and his love for you.

Jesus was in a position of power, but he gave up that power in order to serve. Jesus commands the same “foot-washing” attitude, and says that the command is given for the purpose of joy. Talk about both the challenge and the invitation of that command/promise in your weekly experience.

That same night, Jesus talked about vines and branches, about abiding in him and



The registration card features the Immanuel Lutheran Church & ECE logo at the top, which includes a stylized blue cross and the text "Immanuel God with Us". The card is titled "Immanuel Lutheran Church & ECE Registration Card" on the right side. It contains a section for "Prayer Requests or Comments" with a checkbox for "please keep confidential". Below this is a section for "Holy Communion Registration" with a circular graphic of a chalice. The text in this section reads: "Having confessed my sin, recognized my need of forgiveness, and confident that forgiveness is assured to me in the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ which I believe is truly present in the Lord's Supper, and also holding no sin against my neighbor while standing together in faith and doctrine, I am partaking of Communion." There are several horizontal lines for writing.

therefore bearing fruit. How does the image of vine and branches fit with the command/promise of joyful service?

What one concrete step toward joyful service can you take this month? What will you need from Jesus or from another follower in order to take that next step?

**Welcome** - we are glad that you have joined us here this evening to worship our Savior, Jesus Christ. We invite all present to please register your attendance on the attached registration card and then place it in the collection plate or hand it to an usher. Know that you are always welcome at Immanuel!

**The Sacrament of the Altar** is celebrated at Immanuel this evening in the confession and glad confidence that, as Jesus says, He gives into our mouth not only bread and wine but His very Body and Blood to eat and 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, that they may show forth His death until He comes. Because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed in the Christian faith, who are in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked to first speak with an Elder or Pastor. "We also want to be sensitive to those who may have dietary issues. Please let the Pastor or Elder



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## Registration Card

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ 03/29/18

*(Please fill out Contact Information if there has been a change)*

Email (print) \_\_\_\_\_ Best Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

If a 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> time Guest, how did you hear about Immanuel \_\_\_\_\_

I desire a visit/call from a pastor.

*Welcome to ILC! We're so glad you're come to worship with us today.  
We promise to proclaim the Word of God and show the love of Christ.  
Please leave this card in the offering plate or give it to an usher.*

1<sup>st</sup> time Guest

2<sup>nd</sup> time Guest

Regular Attendee

Member

Interested in Membership

know prior to the service that you prefer Gluten Free Communion so we can prepare appropriately."