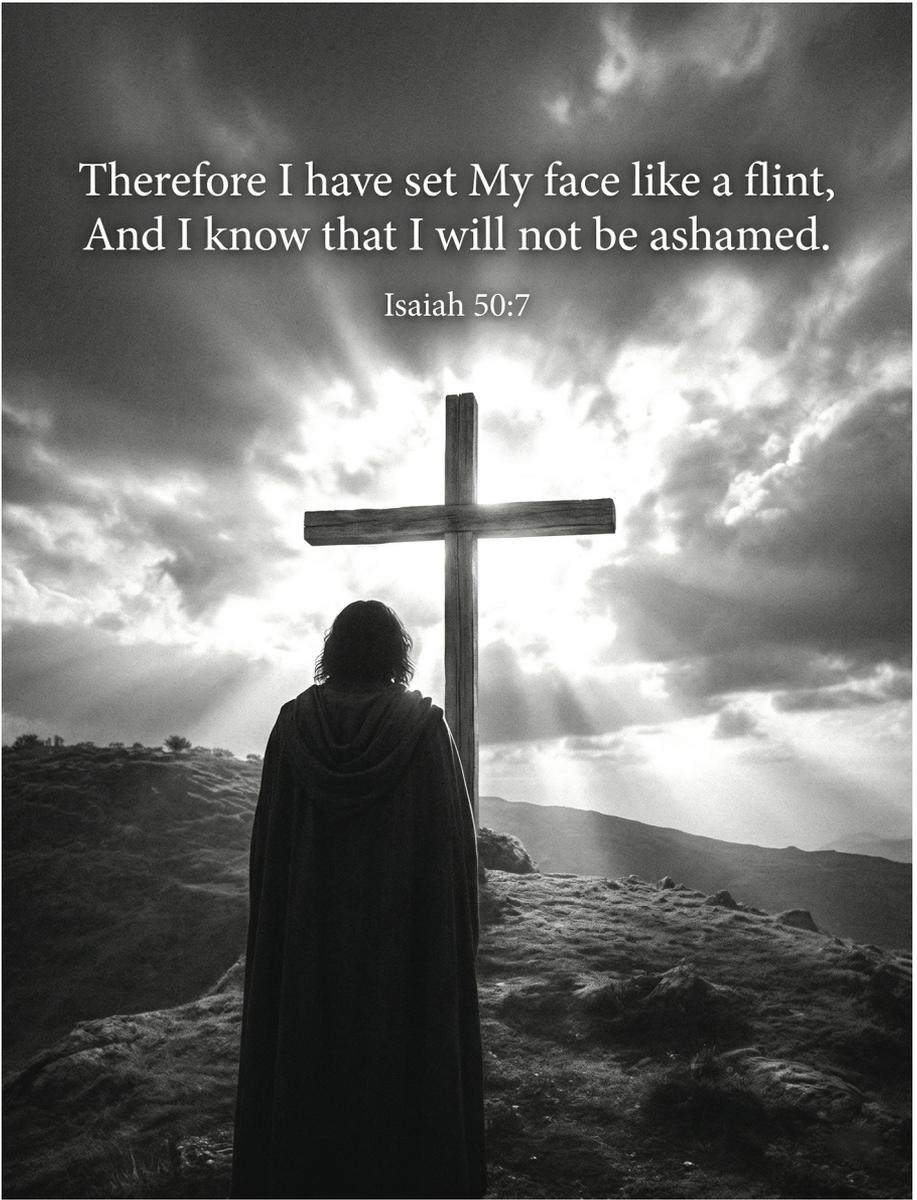


Therefore I have set My face like a flint,
And I know that I will not be ashamed.

Isaiah 50:7



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As We Gather

Today, we join the ancient crowds in crying, “Hosanna!” Yet, we know how quickly the joyful cheers of Palm Sunday faded into the violent demands of Good Friday. If we are honest, our own hearts are often just as fickle—praising God one moment and wandering the next. How comforting it is that our salvation relies not on our wavering devotion, but on the unwavering resolve of our God. As we enter Holy Week, the prophet Isaiah points us to the Lord’s Servant, who willingly embraced mockery and shame for our sake, setting His face like flint toward the cross. As we gather this morning, prepare your hearts to marvel at the depths of His love: the Flint-Faced Savior for a fickle people.

✠ Preparation for Worship ✠

Hymn

160 – All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Invocation

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

C Amen.

Opening Sentences

Psalm 51:5; Matthew 21:9; Philippians 2:5, 7-8

P O Lord, open my lips,

C And my mouth shall show forth Your praise.

P Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

C Hosanna in the highest!

P Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus,

C Who made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant.

P He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death,

C Even the death of the cross.

Confession and Absolution

P Beloved in the Lord! Though we sing joyful hosannas today, we know our fickle hearts. Our devotion fades and our praises often turn to grumbling when the way of the cross becomes difficult. Yet, our Savior’s love does not waver. He marched resolutely toward Jerusalem, enduring the shame for our salvation. Let us therefore draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. We confess our fickleness, O Lord. We praise You with our lips, but our lives deny You. We shrink from our crosses and fail to love You and our neighbors. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive our inconstancy, renew our spirits, and lead us to walk steadily 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. Jesus Christ did not turn away from the suffering of the cross but remained steadfast to win your salvation. As a called 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 Service of the Word ✠

Glory be to the Father

Gloria Patri

P In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.



Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son
and to the Ho - ly Ghost; As it was in the be-ginning,
is now, and ev-er shall be for - ev-er more. A - men.


Gloria Patri
GLORY BE TO GOD THE FATHER

Epistle Reading

Philippians 2:5-11

⁵ Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, ⁷ but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. ⁹ Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, ¹¹ and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 118:19-29

- P** Open to me the gates of righteousness;
C **I will go through them, And I will praise the LORD.**
P This is the gate of the LORD,
C **Through which the righteous shall enter.**
P I will praise You, For You have answered me,
C **And have become my salvation.**
P The stone which the builders rejected
C **Has become the chief cornerstone.**
P This was the LORD's doing;
C **It is marvelous in our eyes.**
P This is the day the LORD has made;
C **We will rejoice and be glad in it.**
P Save now, I pray, O LORD;
C **O LORD, I pray, send now prosperity.**
P Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!
C **We have blessed you from the house of the LORD.**
P God is the LORD, And He has given us light;
C **Bind the sacrifice with cords to the horns of the altar.**
P You are my God, and I will praise You;
C **You are my God, I will exalt You.**
P Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good!
C **For His mercy endures forever.**

Children's Anthem

Hosanna in the Highest!

Gospel Reading

Matthew 21:1-11

¹ Now when they drew near Jerusalem, and came to Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them, “Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Loose them and bring them to Me. ³ And if anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord has need of them,’ and immediately he will send them.” ⁴ All this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying: ⁵ “Tell the daughter of Zion, ‘Behold, your King is coming to you, Lowly, and sitting on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey.’” ⁶ So the disciples went and did as Jesus commanded them. ⁷ They brought the donkey and the colt, laid their clothes on them, and set Him on them. ⁸ And a very great multitude spread their clothes on the road; others cut down branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ Then the multitudes who went before and those who followed cried out, saying: “Hosanna to the Son of David! ‘Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!’ Hosanna in the highest!” ¹⁰ And when He had come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, “Who is this?” ¹¹ So the multitudes said, “This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth of Galilee.”

Response

P Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.

C Amen.

Confession of Faith

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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.

Hymn

725 – No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet

Sermon Text

Isaiah 50:4-9a

⁴ “The Lord GOD has given Me The tongue of the learned, That I should know how to speak A word in season to him who is weary. He awakens Me morning by morning, He awakens My ear To hear as the learned. ⁵ The Lord GOD has opened My ear; And I was not rebellious, Nor did I turn away. ⁶ I gave My back to those who struck Me, And My cheeks to those who plucked out the beard; I did not hide My face from shame and spitting. ⁷ “For the Lord GOD will help Me; Therefore I will not be disgraced; Therefore I have set My face like a flint, And I know that I will not be ashamed. ⁸ He is near who justifies Me; Who will contend with Me? Let us stand together. Who is My adversary? Let him come near Me. ⁹ Surely the Lord GOD will help Me; Who is he who will condemn Me?



Sermon

The Flint-Faced Savior for a Fickle People

Offertory

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from Your
pres - ence, and take not Your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -
store un - to me the joy of Your sal - va - tion; and up -
hold me with Your free spir - it. A - men.

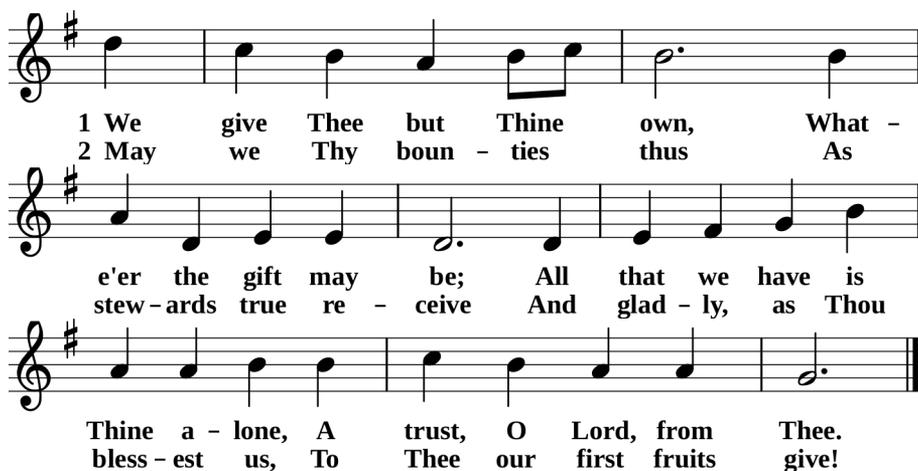
Hymn

145 – Jesus, Refuge of the Weary

Offering

Offering Hymn

441 (1-2)



1 We give Thee but Thine own, What -
2 May we Thy boun - ties thus As
e'er the gift may be; All that we have is
stew - ards true re - ceive And glad - ly, as Thou
Thine a - lone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.
bless - est us, To Thee our first fruits give!

General 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.

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C Amen.

Hymn

162 – Ride On, Ride On, in Majesty

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✝ Announcements ✝

Upcoming Schedule – winterhavenlutheran.com/church-calendar

March 29	9:15 am	Bible Class
	10:15 am	Worship Service
April 2	7:00 pm	Maundy Thursday Worship
April 3	7:00 pm	Good Friday Worship
April 5	9:00 am	Easter Breakfast
	10:15 am	Worship Service w/ Holy Communion
	11:30 am	Quarterly Voters' Meeting
April 10	10:30 am	Learning with Littles
April 12	8:00 am	Worship Service (Orlando)
	10:15 am	Worship Service (Winter Haven)

Upcoming Meetings: Here is a schedule of our upcoming meetings:

- **April 5** – Quarterly Voters' Meeting
- **May 3** – Education/Elders
- **June 7** – Trustees/Church Council

In Our Prayers: Please keep our shut-in members in your prayers: Don Beymer, Bob & Joan Doriot, Johanna Jaehnigen, David & Elsie Kleinschmidt, Shirley Rosenberry, and Mike Sheffield.

Looking Forward to Maundy Thursday: Have you ever gathered for the reading of a will? It is a solemn occasion where a precious inheritance is passed down, but it only happens because someone has died. As Scripture reminds us, "For where there is a testament, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator." Next week, as we gather for Maundy Thursday, we will witness the greatest reading of a will in human history. In the Upper Room, Jesus instituted the New Testament in His blood—a holy will and testament guaranteeing your eternal inheritance. Yet, for this testament to take effect, the Testator had to lay down His life. Join us as we explore Hebrews 9:11-22 and discover the priceless treasures Christ has left to you!



Looking Forward to Good Friday: We love to celebrate victories with cheering crowds and pristine trophies. But the greatest victory in human history was won in blood and agony. This Friday, we gather to witness “The Ugliest Victory.” Looking at the cross through the eyes of Isaiah 52 and 53, we see a Savior who had “no beauty that we should desire Him.” He was despised, rejected, and battered beyond recognition. Yet, beneath the gruesome surface of Calvary lies the most beautiful truth for us sinners: “He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities.” Join us as we stand at the foot of the cross to marvel at the agonizing, ugly, and perfectly complete victory that secured our salvation.

Looking Forward to Next Sunday: Have you ever noticed how much time we spend looking down? We stare at the dirt of our daily struggles, the heavy mess of our sins, and ultimately, the dust of the grave. But next Sunday is Easter! The stone is rolled away. Why keep looking down when the tomb is empty? Join us as we celebrate the triumphant bodily resurrection of our Lord. Our sermon, "Stop Staring at the Dirt!", is based on Colossians 3:1-4. Because Jesus lives, the Apostle Paul urges us to "seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God." It is time to lift our eyes from the dust of death to the glory of eternal life! Christ is risen!

Easter Lilies for Easter Sunday: We invite you to help beautify our sanctuary for Easter Sunday by purchasing an Easter lily in honor or memory of a loved one. Each lily is \$10. If you would like to participate, please sign up at the back of church by March 29.

ILC Dorm Supervisor: Jaqi Bredehoft will be resigning as girls dorm supervisor at the end of this school year. We thank her for her faithful service to the LORD and for being such a positive role model to our dorm students. ILC is accepting applicants for this position to begin the 2026-27 school year. This role is vital to our campus, given how dorm supervisors provide spiritual counsel and a fatherly or motherly role to those students who are living away from home. Females who are CLC members in good standing and are able and willing to fill this position may contact ILC President Daniel Schierenbeck (dan.schierenbeck@ilc.edu/660) for more information about the responsibilities and compensation for this position. An application is available online at ilc.edu > Forms and Applications > ILC Employment Application. Review of applications begins April 15.

CLC News: Pastor Michael Wilke of Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Saginaw, MI, has received the call to Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI. <> Pastor David Pfeiffer of Holy Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, West Columbia, SC, has received the call to Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, Madison Heights, MI. <> Teacher Noah Ohlmann of Grace Ev. Lutheran School,

Valentine, NE, has returned the call to teach grades 3-4 and serve as associate principal at Messiah Lutheran School, Eau Claire, WI. <> Pastor Rob Sauers of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Winter Haven, FL, has received the call to Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church, Phoenix, AZ. <> Pastor Jonah Albrecht of Redemption Ev. Lutheran Church, Lynnwood, WA, and Ascension Lutheran Church, Tacoma, WA, has received the call to Living Hope Lutheran Church, Appleton, WI. <> Dr. Daniel Sullivan has accepted the call from the CLC Call Committee for Educational Institutions to serve as a professor at Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary in Eau Claire, WI. <> Teacher Levi Schaller of Messiah Lutheran School, Hales Corners, WI, has received the call to Redeemer Lutheran School, Cheyenne, WY. <> Teacher Lane Fischer of Immanuel Ev. Lutheran School, Mankato, MN, has received the call to Faith Lutheran School, Markesan, WI.

Fruits of Faith		March 22, 2026		Attendance: WH – 28; ORL – 11	
<u>Immanuel Lutheran Church</u>				<u>Church of the Lutheran Confession</u>	
<i>General Budget</i>				<i>General Budget</i>	
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\$14,574.72	Year to Date Offerings	\$500.00		\$500.00	Year to Date Offerings
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-\$1,769.28	Year to Date (+/-)	-\$307.72		-\$307.72	Year to Date (+/-)
<i>Non-Budgetary</i>				<i>Non-Budgetary</i>	
\$40.00	Benevolence Fund	\$10.00		\$10.00	ILC Student Aid
\$10.00	Learning with Littles				



✠ Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions ✠

March 30 – April 4, 2026

Monday - *Zechariah 9:9-10*

The prophet's promise: Zion's King Messiah will bring exultant joy when He comes to Jerusalem. He is humble, comes not with weapons of war, but to proclaim peace to the ends of the earth!

Tuesday - *Matthew 21:1-9*

Jesus comes to Jerusalem for the Passover, and He comes humbly riding the foal of a donkey. A large crowd welcomes Him, applying verses from one of their Passover Psalms (118) to Him!

Wednesday - *Philippians 2:5-11*

The apostle calls for a Christ-like attitude in God's people. Not only did He take on the nature of a servant (verse 7), but He also humbled Himself to die for us, before His glorious exaltation! (Verse 9)

Maundy Thursday - *John 13:1-15*

Jesus is about to lay down His life for His disciples, but He is also not too proud to be their servant and wash their feet. Thus He would lead us also to serve one another.

Good Friday - *Psalms 22:1-21*

This Psalm was on our Savior's mind as He hung on the cross this day. It speaks of the profound suffering of God's Messiah, while still looking forward to God's deliverance (verses 19-21).

Saturday - *Psalms 22:22-31*

On that sad Saturday after our Lord's death, the disciples would have had reason to hope if they had remembered the promises at the end of this Psalm from which Jesus quoted on the cross.

