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Love Like an Ocean

In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us
and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. 1 John 4:10

Fourth Sunday in Lent
Sunday, March 19, 2023—8:00 & 9:30 am &
Monday, March 20, 2023—6:30 pm

* - Congregation will rise

Opening Hymn

“A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth” - #438

***Order of Worship “Divine Service Setting III”**

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Gloria in Excelsis omitted during Lent

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.

Response: This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading

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. Therefore it says,

“Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

Response: This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Alleluia (omitted during Lent)

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the ninth chapter.

(Sung) Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

*Holy Gospel

John 9:1-7, 13-17, 34-41

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.

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.”

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

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **(Sung) Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

***Nicene Creed**

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Faith Milestone—2nd Grade Students Receive their Faith Alive Bible

Hymn

“God Loved the World So That He Gave” - #571 v. 1-2, 5-6

Sermon

“Jesus Sees” - John 9:1-7, 13-17, 34-41

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“Jesus, Refuge of the Weary” - #423

***Postlude**

Participants

Preacher Vicar Jon Bartels

Liturgist Rev. Ryan Taylor (8:00); Rev. Dr. Marty Conkling (9:30)

Faith Milestone DCE Maggie Warner (8:00); Vicar Jon Bartels (9:30 & 6:30)

Organist Mr. Al Loesel

Acolyte Chrissa Briggs (8:00); Jackson Bruns (9:30)

Sound Technician Ethan McCollister (8:00); (9:30)

Prayers for the Weekend of March 18-20, 2023

In our prayers this week:

- † The Pastoral Call Committee.
- † Christine Nixon (ILS teacher) who has received a Call to serve as Principal of Immanuel Olivette.
- † The family of Bob Zuroweste at the death of his mother, Helen Zuroweste, on March 14th; The family of Corinne Graham who died on March 15th.
- † Tiffany Fenner (friend of Brad Rogers) who was recently diagnosed with cancer.
- † Abigail Jean Boyer and Evelyn Mae Boyer who were welcomed to God's family through Holy Baptism during chapel on Wednesday; Jackson David Bredensteiner and Jubilee Miriam Tigerman who were welcomed into God's family through Holy Baptism during worship this weekend.
- † College students as they travel for spring break and finish up their studies.
- † Ron Smith & Sherry Smith who are both recovering from serious, but separate falls at home.
- † Su Gerler who is experiencing health concerns following knee surgery.
- † Beverly Martin who will undergo hip surgery on March 22nd.
- † Hospitalized this past week: Michelle Kozemczek, Pastor Al Tormoehlen

On-going prayers:

- † All expectant mothers and their unborn babies, especially: Ally Walters Garrison, Ashley Springer, Amy (Scheffer) Perry, Lilly (Bull) Tanck
- † For Christ's help and hope for those fighting cancer: Becki Anderson, Tim Aubuchon, Jennifer Besowshek, Claire Brown, Jodi Lombardo Bubenzer, Lindsay Collins, Wes Crawford, Ronald Davis, Teresa Doer, Christopher Goodman, Jean Gruber, Tom Hacker, Dorothy Hallemeier, Amber Hellstrand, Bob Hodson, Andrea King, Kathy Lamper, Pat Leezer, Dean McAlexander, Morris Mitchell, Steve Murphy, Mary Ellen Pratt, Jane Reilly, Gary Rice, Meagan Rouland, Rev. Mike Schempff, Roger Schroeder, Marilyn Sprung, Julie Stevens, Dale Stivison, Judith Strohl, Sheri Swadley, Frank Thompson, Brandy Thoroughman, Richard Toedebusch, Rob Viehland, Jim Weidner
- † Watch over and bless those students studying for church worker careers at our Concordia Universities and Concordia Seminaries; Bless all our college students as they work hard in their chosen vocations.
- † Immanuel's homebound members and those in skilled nursing.
- † All those suffering from illness & injury, both short-term and long-term.
- † Comfort Dog Ministry, as they spread the love of Christ, especially the Zillah Comfort Dog Team.
- † For all missionaries as they spread God's Word, especially the Clausing family serving in Tanzania and Katie Bradley serving in the Philippines.
- † Deaf Ministry and all the many opportunities and open doors God is providing for expansion—training for overseas deaf ministers, establishing a Deaf Outpost and bringing more deaf to Jesus!

Prayer requests or updates may be sent to cshikore@immanuelstcharles.org or you may phone the Church Office (636.946.2656).