

“How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.” (Genesis 28:17)

Welcome to Immanuel Lutheran Church & School! In the Divine Service, we enter our Lord’s presence to be served by Him through Word & Sacrament. The service is not something we do for God. The liturgy is God’s work to bless and enliven us: He gives, we receive (Hebrews 8:1-6).

Today we celebrate the Lord’s Supper, in which we receive Christ’s Body and Blood under the forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins (1 Corinthians 11:22-25). As we celebrate this sacrament, we also give public confession to our unity in the Christian faith (1 Corinthians 10:16-17). Visitors who have not received Communion from Pastor Akers or Pastor Beinke are kindly asked to speak with one of them before approaching the altar for the first time. Children and adults who are not eligible for the Holy Communion may cross their arms, placing both hands on their shoulders, to indicate they would like to receive a blessing.

INTROIT *Judica me, Deus* *Psalm 43:1-2a, 3a*



Judge me, | O God,*

And plead my cause against an ungodly | nation:
Oh, deliver me from the deceitful and | unjust man.*

For Thou art the God | of my strength.
Oh, send out Thy light | and Thy truth:*

Let them lead me; let them bring me unto Thy | holy hill.

The antiphon is repeated immediately. The Gloria Patri is not said in Passiontide.

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COLLECT

We beseech Thee, Almighty God, mercifully to look upon Thy people: that by Thy great goodness they may be governed in body: and by Thy protection preserved in mind; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

PROPHECY

Genesis 22:1-19

IN THOSE DAYS: God tested Abraham, and said to him, “Abraham!”

And he said, “Here I am.”

Then He said, “Take now your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.”

So Abraham rose early in the morning and saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son; and he split the wood for the burnt offering, and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. Then on the third day Abraham lifted his eyes and saw the place afar off. And Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey; the lad and I will go yonder and worship, and we will come back to you.”

So Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife, and the two of them went together. But Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, “My father!”

And he said, “Here I am, my son.”

Then he said, “Look, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?”

And Abraham said, “My son, God will provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering.” So the two of them went together.

Then they came to the place of which God had told him. And Abraham built an altar there and placed the wood in order; and he bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, upon the wood. And Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to slay his son.

But the Angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!”

So he said, “Here I am.”

And He said, “Do not lay your hand on the lad, or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me.”

Then Abraham lifted his eyes and looked, and there behind him was a ram caught in a thicket by its horns. So Abraham went and took the ram, and offered it up for a burnt offering instead of his son. And Abraham called the name of the place, The-LORD-Will-Provide; as it is said to this day, “In the Mount of the LORD it shall be provided.”

Then the Angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time out of heaven, and said: “By Myself I have sworn, says the LORD, because you have done this thing, and have not withheld your son, your only son—blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heaven and as

DIVINE SERVICE SETTING THREE

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HYMN OF INVOCATION **#429**
“We Sing the Praise of Him Who Died”

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

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GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (*omitted*)

COLLECT *

PROPHECY *

GRADUAL *

EPISTLE *

TRACT *

HOLY GOSPEL *

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HYMN OF THE DAY **#420**
“Christ, the Life of All the Living”

SERMON

OFFERTORY & OFFERING

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“My Song Is Love Unknown” **#430**
“The Lamb” **#547**

NUNC DIMITTIS (*omitted*)

THANKSGIVING—BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN **#421**
“Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing”

* See inside of bulletin

the sand which is on the seashore; and your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies. In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice.” So Abraham returned to his young men, and they rose and went together to Beersheba; and Abraham dwelt at Beersheba.

GRADUAL *Eripe me, Domine* *Psalm 143:9a, 10a; 18:48*



Deliver me, O LORD, from mine enemies:
teach me to | do Thy will.*

He delivereth me from mine | enemies:
Yea, Thou liftest me up above those
that rise up a- | gainst me:*

Thou hast delivered me from the | violent man.

EPISTLE *Hebrews 9:11-15*

BRETHREN: Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? And for this reason He is the Mediator of the new covenant, by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, that those who are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance, in Christ Jesus our Lord.

TRACT *Saepe expugnaverunt* *Psalm 129:1-4*



Many a time have they afflicted me | from my youth,*

May Israel now say:

Many a time have they afflicted me | from my youth:

Yet they have not prevailed a- | gainst me.*

The plowers plowed up- | on my back.

They made long their | furrows:*

The LORD is righteous:

He hath cut asunder the cords of the | wicked.

HOLY GOSPEL *John 8:46-59a*

AT THAT TIME: Jesus said to the multitude of the Jews and the chief priests: “Which of you convicts Me of sin? And if I tell the truth, why do you not believe Me? He who is of God hears God’s words; therefore you do not hear, because you are not of God.”

Then the Jews answered and said to Him, “Do we not say rightly that You are a Samaritan and have a demon?”

Jesus answered, “I do not have a demon; but I honor My Father, and you dishonor Me. And I do not seek My own glory; there is One who seeks and judges. Most assuredly, I say to you, if anyone keeps My word he shall never see death.”

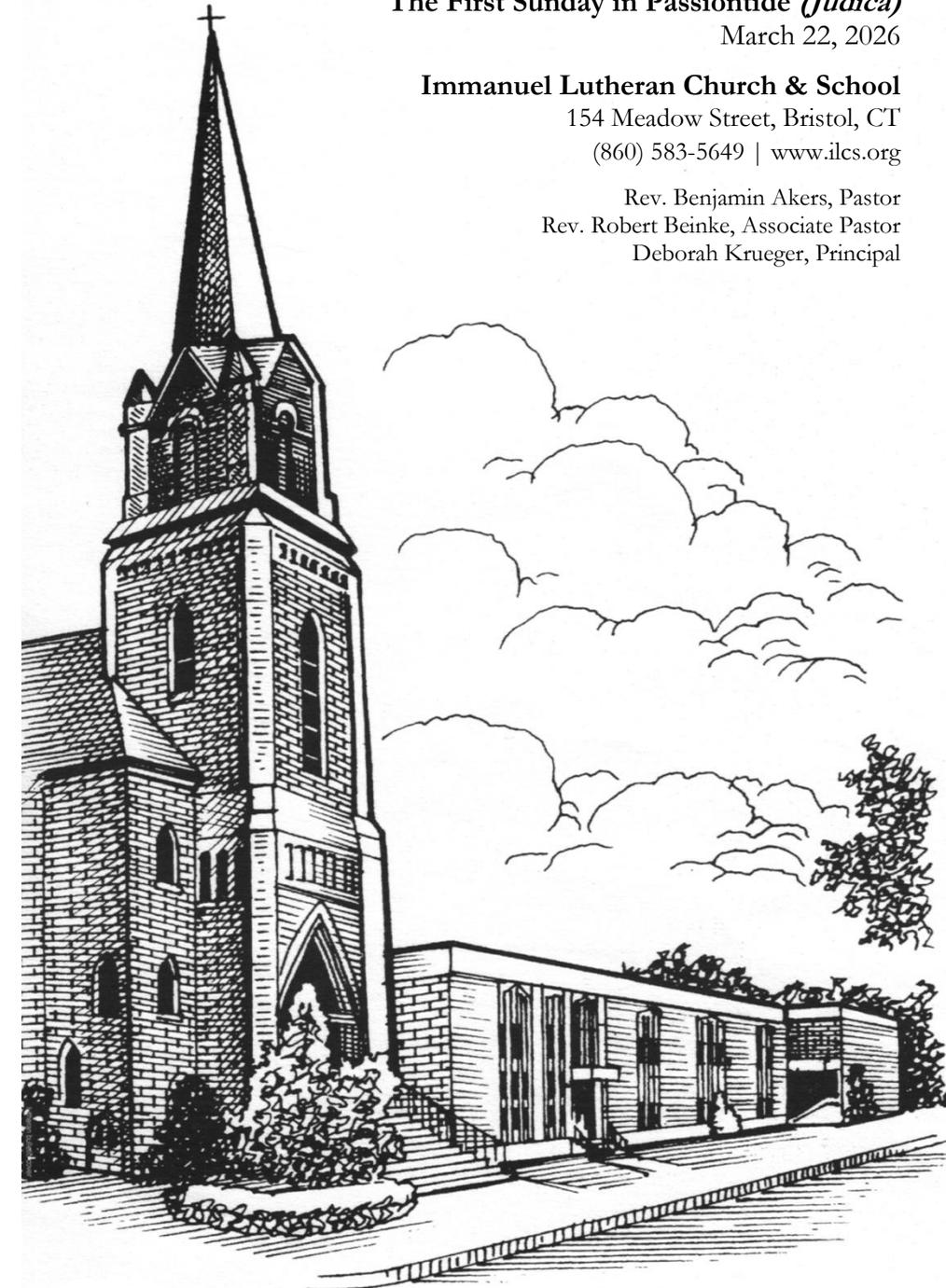
Then the Jews said to Him, “Now we know that You have a demon! Abraham is dead, and the prophets; and You say, ‘If anyone keeps My word he shall never taste death.’ Are You greater than our father Abraham, who is dead? And the prophets are dead. Who do You make Yourself out to be?”

Jesus answered, “If I honor Myself, My honor is nothing. It is My Father who honors Me, of whom you say that He is your God. Yet you have not known Him, but I know Him. And if I say, ‘I do not know Him,’ I shall be a liar like you; but I do know Him and keep His word. Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw it and was glad.”

Then the Jews said to Him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?”

Jesus said to them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM.”

Then they took up stones to throw at Him; but Jesus hid Himself and went out of the temple.



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