

## Holy Week at First & Immanuel

### Holy Week:

#### **March 29, 2018**

6:30 pm - Maundy Thursday Worship @ *First*

8:00 pm - Maundy Thursday Worship @ *Immanuel*

#### **March 30, 2018**

1:00 pm - Good Friday Worship @ *Immanuel*

7:00 pm - Good Friday Worship @ *First*

#### **April 1, 2018**

7:00 am Easter Sunrise Service @ *Immanuel*

8:15 am - Easter Breakfast @ *Immanuel*

9:00 am - Easter Breakfast @ *First*

10:30 am - Resurrection Service @ *First*

**Easter Breakfast** - Come join us at either location for Easter breakfast. Immanuel has a lighter continental style breakfast while First serves a variety of breakfast casseroles.

# Maundy Thursday

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### **First Lutheran**

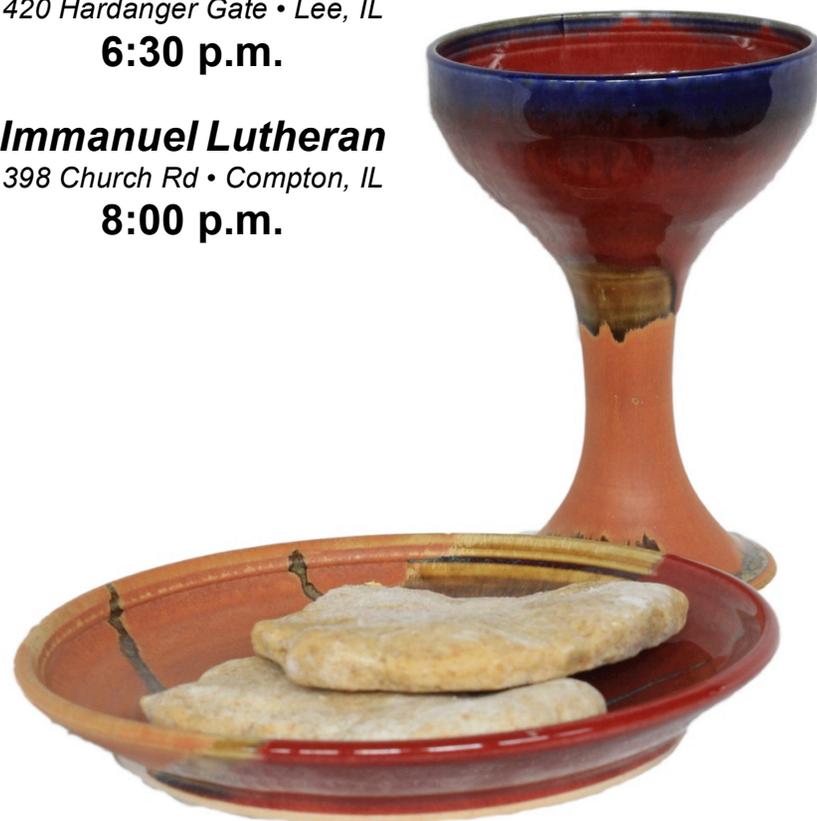
420 Hardanger Gate • Lee, IL

**6:30 p.m.**

### **Immanuel Lutheran**

398 Church Rd • Compton, IL

**8:00 p.m.**



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God's work. Our hands.

## Maundy Thursday

Welcome to worship on this Maundy Thursday. Tonight marks the beginning of the three most reverent days in our year.

It is on this day that Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper. Thus we gather around the altar, making it our dinner table where the sacrificial lamb was placed.

Following communion, we transition to the stripping of the altar. The black ashes of Ash Wednesday reminded us of our own mortality. The stripping of the altar and concluding the service at the cross reminds us that God, in Jesus, took on our mortality and experienced death as we will.

The silence that concludes the service offers a chance for reflection and prayer on our Lord's sacrifice. It will be unavoidable to hear sounds of life as we leave - perhaps it will be chirping birds or passing cars. But nevertheless, we exit into the darkness remembering the darkness of death that Jesus entered into **"for us."**

## Order of Worship

Greeting and Introduction to Service

Song - "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" ELW #351 v. 1

Confession

Friends in Christ, in this Lenten season we have heard our Lord's call to struggle against sin, death, and the devil - all that keeps us from loving God and each other. This is the struggle to which we were called at baptism.

Within the community of the church, God never wearies of forgiving sin and giving the peace of reconciliation. On this night, let us confess our sin against God and our neighbor, and enter the celebration of the great Three Days reconciled with God and with one another.

*Silence for reflection*

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Song - "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" ELW #351 v. 2

Meditation

Song - "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" ELW #351 v. 3

Communion

Sharing of the Peace

Song - "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" ELW #351 v. 4

Offering & Offering Prayer

Let us pray. God of glory,

**receive these gifts and the offering of our lives. As Jesus was lifted up from the earth, draw us to your heart in the midst of this world, that all creation may be brought from bondage to freedom, from darkness to light, and from death to life; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Stripping of the Altar

*Psalm 22 (v. 1-7)*

Song - Go to Dark Gethsemane - #347 v. 1

*Psalm 22 (v. 8-10)*

Song - Ah Holy Jesus - #349 v. 1

*Psalm 22 (v. 11-19)*

Song - Chief of Sinners Though I Be - #609 v. 1

*Psalm 22 (v. 20-23)*

Song - Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence - #490 v. 1

*Psalm 22 (v. 24-27)*

Song - Were You There - #353 v. 1-2

*Psalm 22 (v. 28-31)*

*Silence - may remain as long as you wish for prayer and meditation. Please depart in silence, respecting the solitude of those staying.*