



# Today's Message

*“Karma? I’ll Take Grace!”*

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## New Here... Welcome!

If you are new to Immanuel Lutheran Church and School, we would love to meet you! Be sure to stop by our “Connection Center” where a **welcome gift** is waiting for you, and thanks for sharing worship with us today!

### What’s Happening:

You can always keep in touch with what’s happening by checking in at our website: [www.immanuelcl.org](http://www.immanuelcl.org)

### Connecting

A Connection card helps us to get to know you! We like to send a thank you for visiting us, and to help you find classes or connections that might best fit what you are looking for.

### I’d like to Know More

We would love to answer your questions! Call the church office or email: [mwolowiec@immanuelcl.org](mailto:mwolowiec@immanuelcl.org)

**Service Times: Saturday Evenings, 6:00pm Historic Church • Sunday Mornings 8:00 - 9:30 - 11:00 Pathway Court \***

## SERMON NOTES

### I. WHO SINNED?

A. What kind of God would do that?

1. It was common belief that illness and t\_\_\_\_\_ was a result of sin.
2. So who sinned? The m\_\_\_\_ or his p\_\_\_\_\_s.
3. To our modern ears this sounds i\_\_\_\_\_.
4. And yet, who hasn’t asked these questions?
  - How come?
  - Whose fault is it?
  - Why would God allow this to happen?

B. We think:

- If God is in charge, how can this tragedy happen?
- If God is so loving, why must I s\_\_\_\_\_?

Either God’s not in charge or He doesn’t love me.

### II. NO EASY ANSWER

A. We often find ourselves in a m\_\_\_\_\_ f\_\_\_\_\_ not of our making.

B. And then we ask:

- How come?
- Whose fault is it?
- Why would God allow this to happen?

C. We’d like to e\_\_\_\_\_ out the unexplainable.

### III. HOW ABOUT GRACE?

A. In the midst of a life filled with questions and no answers...

B. We turn to the One whose love we can trust.

C. Ours is a God who suffers with us.

1. If God was present in the suffering and death of Christ...
2. Then He is present in our sufferings, as well.

D. We may not understand the p\_\_\_\_\_, but we know it ends in g\_\_\_\_\_.

### Memory Verse

***“As he passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. And his disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him.” (John 9:1-3)***

### MY NEXT STEPS...

- Reflect on John 9:1-3 this week.
- Give thanks to God for His Amazing Grace.
- Make plans to invite a friend, relative, acquaintance, or neighbor to Easter worship so they might experience His Grace, as well.

# Coming Up at >>



Immanuel

>> Sunday, March 26, 2017 - Fourth Sunday in Lent

*Touching Hearts and Transforming Lives with the Light of Jesus Christ...*



Palm Sunday, April 9	<b>8, 9:30 and 11 am</b> 300 S. Pathway Ct, Crystal Lake
Maundy Thursday, April 13	<b>7 pm</b> 300 S. Pathway Ct, Crystal Lake
Good Friday, April 14	<b>12 noon</b> 300 S. Pathway Ct, Crystal Lake <b>7 pm</b> 178 McHenry Ave, Crystal Lake
Easter Vigil, April 15	<b>6 pm</b> 178 McHenry Ave, Crystal Lake



Easter Sunday, April 16  
(300 S. Pathway Court, Crystal Lake)

**6 am Sunrise Service in Music Room**  
**8 am in Gym**  
**9:30 am in Gym**  
**11 am in Gym**

**An Easter Continental Breakfast** is being planned for the commons on Easter morning! Monetary donations for this occasion are now being accepted through Easter. Times and details will be published soon.



*Altar Flowers Commons: In celebration of Evelyn Schroeder's 90th Birthday by her children.  
This weekend we celebrate the Baptism of Hayden Thomas Ralph Cornett at our 11 am Worship Service.*



#### Prayer Shawl Ministry - Mini Prayer Squares:

Immanuel's Prayer Shawl Ministry understands that hard times come upon all of us; this is why they create blankets for those in need. This weekend, and throughout the Lenten season, they have made and are passing out mini prayer squares just for you! These are made with love and blessed by our Pastors as a way of giving you hope and peace during Lent and your hard times. Grab one while you're at Immanuel and enjoy the peace it brings.



Sunday, April 9, 12:30—2:30 pm

Immanuel is hosting an Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, April 9th from 12:30-2:30 pm. This is an outreach opportunity to meet people in our community, so be sure to not only bring *your* smiles, but *invite* your family and friends to this free, open-house style event. Dress appropriately....we will hunt for eggs outdoors. And, don't forget your basket or pail to gather your eggs. Games, Bible story, crafts and filling refreshments will be available indoors. For questions or more information, contact Laura Gilleland at [lgillland@immanuelcl.org](mailto:lgillland@immanuelcl.org) or call 815-459-1441.

**rightnow MEDIA**

**Quality Kids Christian Programming:** RightNow Media is a free, Netflix like Christian resource for adults and kids alike, which has age-appropriate kids' programming. All church members will be receiving an invitation to access RightNow Media. But, this free resource is open to *anyone*, so if you would like an invitation contact Laura Gilleland at [lgilleland@immanuelcl.org](mailto:lgilleland@immanuelcl.org) or Monica Wolowiec at [mwolowiec@immanuelcl.org](mailto:mwolowiec@immanuelcl.org) in the church office .

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\* **Families with Young Children:** Changing tables are found in the washrooms down the hall on the left of the worship area. Nursing Mom's room is located behind the desk in the Library (doors on the back wall of worship area).