

Lent

Sunday, March 30, 2025



Immanuel Lutheran Church

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The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

*Faithful to God's Word -
We receive, celebrate and share Jesus Christ.*

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Sunday Worship

9:00 am

with

LIVESTREAM –

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and RADIO – 103.7 FM

Monday Worship

6:30 pm



A Stephen
Ministry Congregation

Lent

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2 CORINTHIANS 5:17

...Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away, behold, the new has come.

QUILT TYING

...happens at 9 am in church basement. Extra hands are always needed, to tie or sew blocks together.

TIME TO ORDER EASTER PLANTS!

...Plants can be ordered until April 4 by calling Carol Truemner at 989-883-2391. Please make check out to Carol. Lilies, Daffodils (yellow jonquil), Hyacinths, Mums and Tulips are \$14.50. Azaleas and Hydrangeas are \$25.00. Plants will be available to take home after the 10:30am Easter service and until Tuesday, April 22. Look for your name on the back of the plant.

SPRING PRAYER VIGIL

...Immanuel Evangelism Board invites you to the Spring Prayer Vigil on Saturday, April 5. The church doors will be open from 9am-6pm for members of Immanuel and anyone from the area that would like to come in during that time to pray. No sign up needed.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

...Sunday, April 13 – Palm Sunday 9am worship; Thursday, April 17 – Maundy Thursday 6:30pm worship; Friday, April 18 – Good Friday 1:30pm and 6:30pm worship; Sunday, April 20 – Easter 6:00am, 8:00am and 10:30am worship. Communion with all services except Good Friday.

HOLY LAND CHRISTIANS

...Dear Brothers and Sisters, I come from the Holy Land, where many Christian families face economic hardships. To support them, I am offering handcrafted olive wood items from Bethlehem. These sacred pieces not only connect us to the land of Christ but also help sustain Christian families in their homeland. Your support and prayers make a real difference. I will be at Immanuel on Sunday, April 13. We accept all types of payments: cash, card, and check. Thank you, and God bless you!

SPECIAL VOTERS MEETING

...Sunday, April 6 after church, before Bible Class, will be a special Voter's meeting with one item on the agenda: to nominate a lay delegate to attend the district convention with Pastor Boyer.

IN OUR PRAYERS

+ The family of **Shirley Simmet**, who was received into Heaven on March 24, 2025. A funeral service for Shirley will be Thursday, April 3 at 11:00 here at Immanuel.

SPECIAL NEEDS

...John Volz, Cassie (Molina) Kerinuk, Loretta Tope, Marlene Faber, Warren Beers, Joan Walz, Gil & Joy Sprague, Nancy Pommerenke, Gary Volz, Nelda Gnagey, Chuck Dutcher, Emily Smith, LoAnn Riemann, Ernie Sbresney III, Sue McGathy, Jim & Shirley Simmet, Barb Nitz, Collin Nitz, Frank Gunsell, Randy Forbing, Ian Faist, Wayne Morris, Karen Swartzendruber, Stephen Sprague, Scott Smith, Brenda Chambers, Rick Chambers and Pastor Hagenow.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

...Sunday, March 23, 2025; 9:00 – ; Monday, 6:30 – 44; Wednesday, 6:30 –

OWLS

...The Older Adults Ministry committee makes plans each month for our members in assisted living facilities and nursing homes in Bay City, Essexville, Pigeon, Bad Axe, Caro, Sebawaing to be visited. To aid in increasing the number of visits made each month, a stand-by list of names with phone numbers is being considered. Any person willing to put his/her name on that stand-by list please contact anyone on the planning committee: Barbara Neuman, Sally Rievert, Pat Seabrook, Nancy Brown, or Doug Forsberg.

FAMOUS PORK DINNER

...**TODAY** at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Linkville from 11am-1:30pm. Menu: roast pork, mashed potatoes and gravy, hot vegetable, coleslaw, rolls, dessert and drinks. Prices: 13+ \$14, 6-12 \$8. Dine-in and take-out available. For pre-orders for take-out please call 989-551-2836.

ONLINE GIVING IS AVAILABLE

...through the Vanco app! Scan the QR code to Immanuel's site and click on "My Vanco" to designate your giving. Reach out to a member of the Stewardship Board with questions. Your time, talents, and treasures are a gift to our congregation!



HAPPY HEAVENLY BIRTHDAY, MR. J.S. BACH! THIS IS YOUR 340TH!

...You were a devout Lutheran who lived from 1685-1750, spending the last 27 years of your life at St. Thomas Church in Leipzig. Today's pre-service and postlude music will be played in your honor. Soli Deo Gloria (Glory to God alone) Barbara Bleck

School News

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

...Congratulations to Mrs. Brink for winning a \$100 grant through Team One Credit Union!

...Track season has begun. The first meet will be held after we return from Spring Break.

...Spring Break for the school is March 31-April 4. Safe travels to all who will be going away for the week. Hopefully everyone will be refreshed when we return to school!

Our Lord's Business this Week

March 30 – April 6

SUNDAY:	8:30 AM	Music and Fellowship in the Great Room
	9:00 AM	WORSHIP/Communion
	10:15 AM	Sunday School & Bible Study
MONDAY:	5:00 PM	Finance
	6:30 PM	WORSHIP/Communion
TUESDAY:	9:00 AM	Quilters
	6:00 PM	Public School Confirmation Class
	6:00 PM	Christ's Messengers
	7:00 PM	Adoration Choir
WEDNESDAY:	7:00 AM	Men's Bible Study at Lamplighter
	5:00 PM	Meager Meal – Pork Stew by the Walz Family
	6:30 PM	WORSHIP – Group 8 ushers
THURSDAY:	12:00 PM	Bulletin Deadline
SATURDAY:	9:00 AM – 6:00 PM	PRAYER VIGIL
NEXT SUNDAY:	7:15 AM	Elders Meeting
	8:30 AM	Music and Fellowship in the Great Room
	9:00 AM	WORSHIP/Communion
	10:15 AM	SPECIAL VOTERS MEETING
	10:15 AM	Sunday School & Bible Study

SERVING NEXT WEEK (APRIL 6)

Acolytes: 9:00-Lydia & Madelynn Irion

Greeters: 9:00-Kristi Eimers & Mary Engelhardt

Scrip: 9:00-Traci Kuhl

Ushers: 9:00-GROUP 9: Neil Gaeth, Bruce Bach, Nicolas Lutz, Chuck McGathy, Tim Matthews, Dalton Anderson, Peter Boyer, Bentley Bumhoffer, Dustin Kuhl

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Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 30, 2025

9:00 am

Divine Service 3

Announcements

Hymn – *Lord, to You I Make Confession*

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Divine Service 3

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Invocation, Confession and Absolution

Introit

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin!

For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.

Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.

Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,
and in sin did my mother conceive me.

Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being,
and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

Kyrie

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Salutation and Collect

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The First Reading – *Isaiah 12:1-6*

The Gradual

[O come, let us fix our eyes on] Jesus,
the founder and perfecter of our faith,
who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame,
and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

The Epistle – *2 Corinthians 5:16-21*

Children’s Sermon

The Gospel – *Luke 15:1-3, 11-32*

Apostles Creed

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Hymn – *Christ, the Life of All the Living* – Peter Boyer, trumpet

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Sermon

Offertory

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Offering

Prayer of the Church

Communion Liturgy

Service of the Sacrament

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Preface

Sanctus

The Lord’s Prayer

The Words of Our Lord

Agnus Dei



Distribution Hymns

Jesus, I Will Ponder Now – Branson Ruppal, chimes

LSB 440

Your Table I Approach

LSB 628

God Loved the World So That He Gave – Branson Ruppal, chimes

LSB 571

Nunc Dimittis

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Thanksgiving

Salutation

Benediction

Closing Hymn – *Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* – Peter Boyer, trumpet

LSB 528

Isaiah 12:1-6

You will say in that day:

"I will give thanks to you, O LORD,
for though you were angry with me,
your anger turned away,
that you might comfort me.

²"Behold, God is my salvation;
I will trust, and will not be afraid;
for the LORD GOD is my strength and my
song,
and he has become my salvation."

³With joy you will draw water from the
wells of salvation. ⁴And you will say in that day:

"Give thanks to the LORD, call upon his
name, make known his deeds among the
peoples,
proclaim that his name is exalted.

⁵"Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done
gloriously;

let this be made known in all the earth.

⁶Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of
Zion,

for great in your midst is the Holy One
of Israel."

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. ¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. ¹⁸All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear [Jesus]. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them."

³So he told them this parable: . . .

"There was a man who had two sons. ¹²And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.' And he divided his property between them. ¹³Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. ¹⁴And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

¹⁷"But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! ¹⁸I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.'" ²⁰And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. ²¹And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' ²²But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. ²³And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. ²⁴For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate.

²⁵"Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶And he called one of the

servants and asked what these things meant.
²⁷And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.’ ²⁸But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, ²⁹but he answered his father, ‘Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!’ ³¹And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³²It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.’”

- PREACHER: Rev Michael Boyer
ELDERS: Roger Bloomfield & Ryan Kuhl
ORGANIST: Barbara Bleck
ACOLYTES: Annalise Harder & Samuel Hofmeister
GREETERS: Judy Bollstetter & Nancy Brown
SCRIP: Jennifer Bohn
USHERS: GROUP 7: Larry Kuhl, Tim Irion, Andy Irion, Jim Hofmeister, David Mammel, Tim Beringer, Branden Gettel, William Harder

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Who Should Commune?

In the Sacrament of the Altar we receive, as Christ says, His true body and His true blood for the forgiveness of our sins. Those who come to the Lord’s Supper at this altar, are those who: 1 **Repent** of their sins, and earnestly seek to live according to God’s will. 2 **Trust** the Word of Christ that His body and blood are truly present and received here for forgiveness. 3 **Confess** the faith of the Lutheran Church- Missouri Synod, as a member of this congregation or a member of another LCMS congregation. If you have questions about our communion practice, please speak to the pastor or an elder.



Our Congregation at Prayer
Daily Scripture and Prayer
To be Used in the Home
Getting Ready for Lent 5 C
Immanuel Lutheran Church

Theme for Sunday: We should have no confidence in our sinful flesh. Rather, we trust the one who the Father has sent, Jesus. He was mistreated and killed on the cross for our sins out of love for us.

The following short order may be used for devotions at home during the week or Daily Prayer for individuals and families may be used in the hymnal (LSB page 294 and following).

Invocation

In the Name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Introit

Salvation belongs to the LORD;
your blessing be on your people!
But you, O LORD, are a shield about me,
my glory, and the lifter of my head.
I cried aloud to the LORD,
and he answered me from his holy hill.
I lay down and slept;
I woke again, for the LORD sustained me.
I will not be afraid of many thousands of people
who have set themselves against me all around.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Salvation belongs to the LORD;
your blessing be on your people!



Gradual

Heb 12.2

[O come, let us fix our eyes on] Jesus,
the founder and perfecter of our faith,
who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame,
and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Collect

Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Psalm for Lent 5 C may be read (Psalm 126) or those printed below.

Daily Psalms	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Morning	84	119.73-80	34	5	38	22	43
Evening	42; 32	121; 6	25; 91	27; 51	126; 102	107; 130	31; 143

Readings for next Sunday (see below) or these daily readings may be used

March 30	Genesis 41.28-57	Mark 11.20-33
March 31	Genesis 42.1-34, 38	Mark 12.1-12
April 1	Genesis 43.1-28	Mark 12.13-27
April 2	Genesis 44.1-18, 32-34	Mark 12.28-44
April 3	Genesis 45.1-20, 24-28	Mark 13.1-23
April 4	Genesis 47.1-31 (48.1-49.28)	Mark 13.24-37
April 5	Genesis 49.29-50.7, 14-26	Mark 14.1-11

Talk About Next Sunday's Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 43.16-21

When did God make a way in the sea?

Is God stronger than horse and chariot?

What is the new thing that God is doing?

How would God give drink to His people that they would declare His praise?

Talk About Next Sunday's Epistle Reading: Philippians 3.4-14

Why was Paul so confident in his flesh?

Why does Paul brag here?

What does Paul really value? His accomplishments or Jesus?

What is the goal and prize that Paul talks about?

Talk About Next Sunday's Gospel Reading: Luke 20.9-20

Is the owner of this vineyard (in the parable) wise to send his son?

Where the tenants wise to kill the son?

What does Jesus mean, "The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone"?

Why would God the Father send His Son?

Catechism Selection (this may be read, recited, or spoken responsively)

The Apostles' Creed

The First Article

Creation

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

What does this mean?

I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.

He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.

He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.

This is most certainly true.