

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 22, 2026



— THE SEASON OF —
LENT

Immanuel Lutheran Church

SEBEWAING, MICHIGAN



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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WHO SHOULD COMMUNE HERE

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Mark 1:12-13

...At once the Spirit sent him out into the wilderness, and he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and the angels attended him.

SEBEWAING FIREMAN BREAKFAST

...Next Sunday, March 29 from 8am-1pm, visit the Sebewaing Township Fire Hall for their delicious pancake breakfast featuring their famous homemade sausage! All you can eat for \$10. This year's proceeds will be donated to support one of our Fire Department Families – Firefighter Fletcher and his wife – during her ongoing cancer diagnosis and treatment.

CHURCH BOARD OPENINGS

...All boards have openings at this time. Openings are as follows: President, Secretary, Elders-3, Trustees-3, Education-2, Stewardship-3, Evangelism-2, Youth-2, Finance-6. If anyone is interested in serving on a board please let the board chairperson, or me, know. If currently serving on a board and wish to re-run, please let your board chairperson know. Thanks, Jim Bratton, Ballot Committee Chairman.

THE RADIO MISSION

...is in need of donations to be able to continue weekly broadcasts. Any support is greatly appreciated. Thank you, the Evangelism Board.

LISTEN TO THE LUTHERAN HOUR

...every Sunday morning on WLEW 1340AM at 11:10, WMIC AM 660 at 10:05 or WSAM AM 1340 at 8:30. Today's Lutheran Hour message is "Meeting You Where You Are" with guest speaker Rev. Gregory Manning. Jesus meets you where you are, not where you should have been. (1 Corinthians 9:19-23)

IN OUR PRAYERS

+ Prayers for healing and recovery following major surgery for **Darwin Nitz**, currently at My Michigan Hospital.

SPECIAL NEEDS

... Scott Adams, Lorraine Morey, Kevin Weeks, John Volz, Cassie (Molina) Kerinuk, Loretta Tope, Marlene Faber, Warren Beers, Joan Walz, Gil & Joy Sprague, Nancy Pommerenke, Gary Volz, Nelda Gnagey, Chuck Dutcher, LoAnn Rieman, Ernie Sbresney III, Sue McGathy, Jim Simmet, Barb Nitz, Collin Nitz, Frank Gunsell, Ian Faist, Wayne Morris, Karen Swartzendruber, Stephen Sprague, Scott Smith, Brenda Chambers, Rick Chambers, Christine Brown, and Hank & Sandy Brandt.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

...Sunday, March 15, 2026; 9:00 – 139; Monday, 6:30 – 29, Wednesday, 6:30 – 82

THE EVANGELISM BOARD

...plans to join with the Good Samaritan Rescue Mission in Bay City in Operation Hope and Care. This program insures that everyone (adults and children) who enter the shelter is given a tote bag filled with necessities. It is our hope that we as a congregation can donate to this worthy cause. The dates for donating are April 11 – May 9. There will be boxes for donations in the great room. Please note that donations should be “full size” items. Thank you for your consideration as we help those in need. Items needed: shampoo and conditioner, hand and body lotion, deodorant, shaving cream and razors (men and women), liquid hand soap, hairbrushes and combs.

Immanuel's Endowment and Capital Fund Update

...In 2025, Immanuel's Endowment and Capital Fund earned a total of \$26,615.09, reflecting an 8.18% return. These funds are available to support extraordinary repairs or maintenance of congregational facilities, new capital improvements, and special ministries at Immanuel Lutheran Church. Requests for fund distributions may be submitted by any board, committee, or congregation member in accordance with the Endowment's bylaws. Requests should be submitted in writing to any member of the Endowment Committee or to the church office. The Endowment and Capital Fund Committee extends heartfelt thanks to all past and present donors whose generosity has contributed to the continued growth and impact of this fund.

EASTER SEASON DVDs NOW AVAILABLE

...to be signed out at the Evangelism table in the Great Room. These featured Christian DVDs are “Risen,” “Resurrection,” “The Road to Emmaus,” and “The Chosen-Season One.” Check out one of these movies today and enjoy watching it during this Easter season!

School News

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

...Track practice has begun and the athletes are excited for the upcoming meets!

...Thank you for attending this year's Academic Fair! The students were excited to show off their projects from this school year. Our 7th grade bake sale was a success and the athletes served spaghetti for the Meager Meal. Our 7/8 Handbell group played for the Lent Service. God is good!

...CTK's rummage sale was also a success. Thank you to everyone who donated items! All proceeds go to the scholarship fund!

...CTK Lunch Program: Are you interested in being a part of our Adopt Our Salad Bar for a Day program, but aren't sure what to do next? Pick up a brochure at the back of our church.

Our Lord's Business this Week

March 22 – March 29

SUNDAY: 8:30 AM Music and Fellowship in the Great Room
 9:00 AM **WORSHIP/Communion** – grades 2-5 sing at St Paul
 10:15 AM Sunday School & Bible Study

MONDAY: 5:00 PM Finance
 6:30 PM **WORSHIP/Communion**

TUESDAY: 6:00 PM Public School Confirmation Class
 7:00 PM Board of Education

WEDNESDAY: 7:30 AM Men's Bible Study at Lamplighter
 8:05 AM Chapel
 5:00 PM ham and scalloped potatoes by the Walz family
 6:30 PM **WORSHIP** – group 9 ushers

THURSDAY: 12:00 PM Bulletin Deadline

NEXT SUNDAY: 8:30 AM Music and Fellowship in the Great Room
 9:00 AM **Palm Sunday WORSHIP/Communion**
 10:15 AM Sunday School & Bible Study

SERVING NEXT WEEK (MARCH 29)

Elders: 9:00-Roger Bloomfield & Ryan Kuhl
Acolytes: 9:00-Truman & Claire Modert
Greeters: 9:00-Betty Guenther & Chris Walz
Scrip: 9:00-Joanna Matthews
Ushers: 9:00-GROUP 1: Warren Reithel, Jim Reithel, Mark Reithel, Joel Gremel, Shaun Gremel, Seth Gremel, Dave Lutz, Michael Lutz, Matt Bumhoffer, Doug Elston

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Immanuel Lutheran Church, Sebewaing

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9:00 am

Divine Service 1

Announcements

Hymn – *Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow*

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Divine Service 3

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Invocation, Confession and Absolution

Introit

Blessèd are those whose strength is in you,
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

How lovely is your dwelling place,
O Lord of hosts!

My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.

Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her
young,

at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

Blessèd are those who dwell in your house,
ever singing your praise!

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.

Blessèd are those whose strength is in you,
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

Kyrie

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Salutation and Collect

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; 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 – *Ezekiel 37:1-14*

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 – *Romans 8:1-11*

The Gospel – *John 11:1-45*

Hymn – *Go to Dark Gethsemane*

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Sermon

Nicene Creed

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Prayer of the Church

Offering – *Just a Closer Walk with Thee - Christ's Messengers*

Offertory

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Communion Liturgy

Service of the Sacrament

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

The Words of Our Lord

Agnus Dei



Distribution Hymns

My Song Is Love Unknown

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The Lamb

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What a Friend We Have in Jesus

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Thank the Lord

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Post-Communion Collect

Benediction

Closing Hymn – *Glory Be to Jesus*

LSB 433

Who Should Commune?

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Exekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the Lord was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. ²And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. ³And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord God, you know." ⁴Then he said to me, "Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. ⁵Thus says the Lord God to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the Lord."

⁷So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live." ¹⁰So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

¹¹Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are clean cut off.' ¹²Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am

the Lord; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the Lord."

Romans 8:1-11

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. ³For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. ⁸Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

John 11:1-45

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ²It was Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was ill. ³So the sisters sent to him, saying, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." ⁴But when Jesus heard it he said, "This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it."

⁵Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. ⁶So, when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. ⁷Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." ⁸The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now seeking to stone you, and are you going there again?" ⁹Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. ¹⁰But if anyone walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him." ¹¹After saying these things, he said to them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I go to awaken him." ¹²The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover." ¹³Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that he meant taking rest in sleep. ¹⁴Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus has died, ¹⁵and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." ¹⁶So Thomas, called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

¹⁷Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, ¹⁹and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. ²⁰So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. ²¹Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you." ²³Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." ²⁵Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, ²⁶and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" ²⁷She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world."

²⁸When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in private, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." ²⁹And when she heard it, she rose quickly and went to him. ³⁰Now Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still in the place where Martha had met him. ³¹When the Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary rise quickly and go out, they followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to weep there. ³²Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet, saying to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." ³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled. ³⁴And he said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵Jesus wept. ³⁶So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" ³⁷But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man also have kept this man from dying?"

³⁸Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. ³⁹Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days." ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me." ⁴³When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out." ⁴⁴The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

⁴⁵Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him.





**Our Congregation at Prayer
Daily Scripture and Prayer
To be Used in the Home
Getting Ready for the Palm Sunday A
Immanuel Lutheran Church**

Theme for Sunday: Jesus, the King, rides into Jerusalem in triumph ready to lay down
His life for sinners.

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

Psalm 24.7-10; ant Psalm 118.26

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!

We bless you from the house of the LORD.

Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors,
That the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory?

The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!

Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors,
That the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory?

The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!

We bless you from the house of the LORD.



Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Gradual

Hebrews 9.12a, c, 15a; Psalm 111.9a

[Christ] entered once for all into the holy places, by means of his own blood,
thus securing an eternal redemption.

Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant,

so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance.

He sent redemption to his people;

He has commanded his covenant forever.

The Psalm for Palm Sunday A may be read (Psalm 118.19-29) 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

Lent 5 (Sunday)	Exodus 1.1-22	Mark 14.12-31
Monday	Exodus 2.1-22	Mark 14.32-52
Tuesday	Exodus 2.23-3.22	Mark 14.53-72
Wednesday	Exodus 4.1-18	Mark 15.1-15
Thursday	Exodus 4.19-31	Mark 15.16-32
Friday	Exodus 5.1-6.1	Mark 15.33-47
Saturday	Exodus 7.1-25	Mark 16.1-20

Talk About Next Sunday's Old Testament Reading: Zechariah 9.9-12

Why should Zion rejoice?

How does this king come?

How is this text fulfilled?

Talk About Next Sunday's Epistle Reading: Philippians 2.5-11

How does Jesus humble Himself for us?

Why would Jesus humble Himself for us?

How is Jesus exalted now?

Talk About Next Sunday's Gospel Reading: Matthew 21.1-9

Why is Matthew careful to remind the reader of the prophecy in Zechariah 9?

Why is it fitting that Jesus rides into Jerusalem in this way?

What were the people expecting Jesus to do?

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

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven.

What does this mean?

With these words God tenderly invites us to believe that he is our true Father and that we are His true children, so that with all boldness and confidence we may ask Him as dear children ask their dear father.

The First Petition

Hallowed be Thy name.

What does this mean?

God's name is certainly holy in itself, but we pray in this petition that it may be kept holy among us also.

How is God's name kept holy?

God's name is kept holy when the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity, and we, as the children of God, also lead holy lives according to it. Help us to do this, dear Father in heaven! But anyone who teaches or lives contrary to God's Word profanes the name of God among us. Protect us from this, heavenly Father!