

First Sunday in Lent

Sunday, February 22, 2026



— THE SEASON OF —
LENT

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 –
FB & YOUTUBE
and RADIO – 103.7 FM

Monday Worship

6:30 pm



A Stephen
Ministry Congregation

Lent

February 22, 2026

WHO SHOULD COMMUNE HERE

...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 of another LCMS congregation. If you have questions about our communion practice, please speak to the pastor or an elder.

Psalms 143:8

...Let me hear in the morning of thy steadfast love, for in thee I put my trust.

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

...is having their drive-up carry out Hot Turkey Sandwich Lunch on Sunday, March 1 from 11:30am-1:30pm. Meal includes hot turkey sandwich, mashed potatoes and gravy, coleslaw, corn and dessert. No need to get out of your car, just pull up under the carport in the alley and someone will take your order. Look for the sign on the Washington Street entrance.

CHURCH BOARD OPENINGS

...Good Morning, everyone, it's that time of year again when Immanuel has openings for Church Boards. All boards have openings at this time. Openings are as follows: Elders-3, Trustees-3, Education-1, Stewardship-3, Evangelism-2, Youth-2, Finance-8. 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.

1 Peter 4:10-11

...As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: ¹¹ whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

FLOWERS

...We are in need of someone to take over gathering orders, ordering from the florist, identifying and arranging flowers for Easter. Contact the church office – 989-883-3050 or Carol Truemner – 989-551-9942.

IN OUR PRAYERS

+ God's richest blessings on **SYLAR COFFINDAFFER**, daughter of Zachary & Cammie Coffindaffer who was baptized on February 14, 2026.

+ **SPECIAL NEEDS**

...Scott Adam, 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, and Rick Chambers.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

...Sunday, February 15, 2026; 9:00 – 147; Monday, 6:30 – 60, Ash Wednesday, 6:30 – 109

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 "As Through Fire" with Lutheran Hour speaker Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. To be baptized into Christ, to trust in Him, is to die with Him, to be raised by Him, to pass through the fire under His shelter. (1 Corinthians 3:13)

CEMETERY

...Easter is right around the corner which means it's time for spring cleanup at the cemetery. Please have anything you wish to keep picked up by Saturday, March 21. Thank you.

THE FOLLOWING LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRY BOOKLETS

...are available for your use at the Evangelism Table in the Great Room: "Coping with Cancer," "Take Heart in Your Grief," and "Helping Your Child – Growing Through Faith Conversations." Pick one up today for yourself, your family, or your friends!

THANK YOU

...to Greg King, Jeff Finkbeiner, Garrett Adam, Levi Anderson, Matt Bumhoffer, and Anne Bell for helping put up the big wooden cross. Your help and muscles were greatly appreciated! God's Blessings, Ursula

School News

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

...Last week, the CTK girls basketball took second place in the gold division for the TCLL tournament. They have also qualified for the state tournament which will be held at the end of the month. Go Knights!

...Our top spellers represented CTK at the Lutheran Spelling Bee last Thursday, at St. Peter in Hemlock. Results will be announced next week.

...CTK's Academic Fair is coming soon! On March 18, we welcome you to the gymnasium for a viewing of our projects from this school year. The gym will be open from 3:15-6:30 that afternoon. Our 7th graders will host a bake sale and our athletes will serve you spaghetti in Immanuel's Great Room for the Meager Meal. Finally, stay for the Lenten services when our 7/8 Handbell group will play.

...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 church for more information.

...CTK will be hosting a donation rummage sale this spring. The dates for the sale will be March 20 and 21. We will be collecting household items and decor, as well as shed and outdoor items, from March 9 to March 16. Donations can be dropped off at the Sebewaing campus. The ONLY clothing we will accept will be children and youth sizes. Proceeds from the sale will go to the Scholarship Fund. All donations are greatly appreciated. Thank you in advance for your support!
 ...CTK is hiring a preschool aide. This person would be responsible for assisting our lead teachers in our program in support of the mission and ministry of Christ the King. This position would be part time for the remainder of this school year, with possible full time for next school year. Please email a resume to Jen Yoder at principal@ctkl.org or leave a message with the school office at 989-883-3730.

...CTK is in need of individuals to sub in our school. We need passionate, caring individuals to sub in our preschool room and our classrooms. Please contact the office at 989-883-3730 for qualifications.

Our Lord's Business this Week February 22 – March 1

SUNDAY:	8:30 AM 9:00 AM 10:15 AM	Music and Fellowship in the Great Room WORSHIP/Communion Sunday School & Bible Study
MONDAY:	5:00 PM 6:30 PM	Finance WORSHIP/Communion
TUESDAY:	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Public School Confirmation Class Board of Education
WEDNESDAY:	7:30 AM 8:05 AM 5:30 PM 6:30 PM	Men's Bible Study at Lamplighter Chapel taco meager meal sponsored by Stewardship WORSHIP – usher group 1
THURSDAY:	12:00 PM	Bulletin Deadline
NEXT SUNDAY:	7:15 AM 8:30 AM 9:00 AM 10:15 AM	Elders Meeting Music and Fellowship in the Great Room WORSHIP/Communion Sunday School & Bible Study



SERVING NEXT WEEK (MARCH 1)

Elders: 9:00-John Kemp & Jeff Williamson
 Acolytes: 9:00-Norah & Eleanor Matthews
 Greeters: 9:00-Judy Bollstetter & Carol Truemner
 Scrip: 9:00-Sandy Irion
 Ushers: 9:00-GROUP 2: Mark Bauer, Dale Truemner, Alicia Truemner, Tucker Truemner, Evan Konecny, Easton Konecny, Garrett Adam, Mark Adam, Cole Finkbeiner, Cody Finkbeiner, Caden Finkbeiner, Adam Maust

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9:00 am

Divine Service 1

Announcements

Hymn – *O Christ, You Walked the Road*

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Divine Service 3

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Invocation, Confession and Absolution

Introit

When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble;

I will rescue him and honor him.

With long life I will satisfy him

and show him my salvation.

Because you have made the Lord your dwelling place—

the Most High, who is my refuge—

no evil shall be allowed to befall you,

no plague come near your tent.

For he will command his angels concerning you

to guard you in all your ways.

On their hands they will bear you up,

lest you strike your foot against a stone.

You will tread on the lion and the adder;

the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.

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.

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Kyrie

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Salutation and Collect

O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; 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 – *Genesis 3:1-21*

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 5:12-19*

Children’s Sermon

The Gospel – *Matthew 4:1-11*

Hymn – *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

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Sermon

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Communion Liturgy

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Preface

Sanctus

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord’s Prayer

The Words of Our Lord

Agnus Dei



Distribution Hymns

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

LSB 425

Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

LSB 563

The Tree of Life

LSB 561

Thank the Lord

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Post-Communion Collect

Benediction

Closing Hymn – *O Lord, throughout These Forty Days*

LSB 418

Genesis 3:1-21

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the Lord God had made.

He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?"² And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden,³ but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'"⁴ But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die.⁵ For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."⁶ So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.⁷ Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

⁸And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.⁹ But the Lord God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?"¹⁰ And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself."¹¹ He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?"¹² The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate."¹³ Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

¹⁴The Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you

shall eat all the days of your life.¹⁵ I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."

¹⁶To the woman he said, "I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you."

¹⁷And to Adam he said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, 'You shall not eat of it,' cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life;¹⁸ thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field.¹⁹ By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

²⁰The man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living.²¹ And the Lord God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

Romans 5:12-19

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned—¹³for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law.¹⁴ Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

¹⁵But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many.¹⁶ And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification.¹⁷ If, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that

one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

¹⁸Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. ¹⁹For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

Matthew 4:1-11

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." ⁴But he answered, "It is written, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."

⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple ⁶and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you,' and "On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone."

⁷Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, "You shall not put the Lord your God to the test."

⁸Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. ⁹And he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." ¹⁰Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written, "You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve."

¹¹Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

- PREACHER: Rev Michael Boyer
- ELDERS: Chuck McGathy & Warren Volz
- ORGANIST: Barbara Bleck
- ACOLYTES: Truman & Claire Modert
- GREETERS: Jerry & Michele Harbuck & Gary Loeffler
- SCRIP: Lori Kemp
- USHERS: GROUP 9: Peter Boyer, Neil Gaeth, Bruce Bach, Nicolas Lutz, Chuck McGathy, Tim Matthews, Dalton Anderson, Bentley Bumhoffer, Dustin Kuhl

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**Our Congregation at Prayer
Daily Scripture and Prayer
To be Used in the Home
Getting Ready for the Lent 2 A
Immanuel Lutheran Church**

Theme for Sunday: We are justified by God as a gift, not a result of works.

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 105.4-7, ant Psalm 105.8

He remembers his covenant forever,

The word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.

Seek the LORD and his strength;

Seek his presence continually!

Remember the wondrous works that he has done,

His miracles, and the judgments he uttered,

O offspring of Abraham, his servant,

Children of Jacob, his chosen ones!

He is the LORD our God;

His judgments are in all the earth.

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.

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Collect

O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Gradual

Hebrews 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.

The Psalm for Lent 2 A may be read (Psalm 121) 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 1 (Sunday)	Genesis 4.1-26	Mark 2.18-28
Monday	Genesis 6.1-7.5	Mark 3.1-19
Tuesday	Genesis 7.11-8.12	Mark 3.20-35
Wednesday	Genesis 8.13-9.17 (9.18-11.26)	Mark 4.1-20
Thursday	Genesis 11.27-12.20	Mark 4.21-41
Friday	Genesis 13.1-18 (14.1-24)	Mark 5.1-20
Saturday	Genesis 15.1-21	Mark 5.21-43

Talk About Next Sunday's Old Testament Reading: Genesis 12.1-9

Was Abram a believer before God called him here?

Why would Abram follow where God would lead him?

What does God promise to Abram and his offspring?

Talk About Next Sunday's Epistle Reading: Romans 4.1-8

How was Abraham justified before God?

How are we justified before God?

Why is it good that we are justified by God through His Son and not our works?

Talk About Next Sunday's Gospel Reading: John 3.1-17

Who was Nicodemus?

How is one born again?

How is one given eternal life?

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

The Tenth Commandment

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not entice or force away our neighbor's wife, workers, or animals, or turn them against him, but urge them to stay and do their duty.

The Close of the Commandments

What does God say about all these commandments?

He says: "I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate Me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love Me and keep My commandments." (Exodus 20:5-6)

What does this mean?

God threatens to punish all who break these commandments. Therefore, we should fear His wrath and not do anything against them. But He promises grace and every blessing to all who keep these commandments. Therefore, we should also love and trust in Him and gladly do what He commands.