

# Lent

Sunday, March 23, 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.*

# Immanuel Lutheran Church

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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

## March 23, 2025

### MATTHEW 25:21

...Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness.

### 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.

### ANNUAL TURKEY DINNER

...at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Cass City is **TODAY** 12-2:30pm. All you can eat buffet or take out of: turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes & gravy, corn, famous Jell-O salad, rolls and assorted pies. Tickets available at the door, Adults \$13, Children 5-12 \$60, under 5 eat free.

### 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!

## **IN OUR PRAYERS**

### **+ 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 Rieman, 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 16, 2025; 9:00 – 132; Monday, 6:30 – 26; Wednesday, 6:30 – 68

### **8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE CONFIRMATION AND GRADUATION**

...gowns, caps and tassels are in the church office! Stop by to pay for and pick up your items. Reminder that Confirmation picture day will be Tuesday, April 8 at 5:00pm.

### **OWLS**

...The visit with members on Tuesday, March 18 has been rescheduled to Tuesday, March 25. Meet at church 1:00 pm to carpool to Essexville for visiting two locations, at 1:30 & 2:15 pm. The visits on April 8 & May 13 remain as originally scheduled.

### **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!



### **GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH**

...of Cass City is looking for a part time church secretary. If you're interested or know someone who might be, you can contact Amy at 989-872-2770. The office hours are 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. The deadline to apply is April 30th.

### **MEAGER MEAL MENU**

...Thank you to all who have attended and supported our first three meager meals, the next three weeks include menus of sloppy joes by Collide, pork stew by the Walz Family and beef stroganoff by CTK 6<sup>th</sup> graders. Take our and dine in available 5-6:30pm. We hope to see you at all of them!

### **MANY THANKS**

...to the Stewardship Committee for giving their meager meal earnings for updating equipment in the handbell area. This will include new cleaning cloths, lights, and stands. Thank you very much for your most generous gift. Barbara Bleck

### **THRIVENT FINANCIAL**

...The designation of current Choice Dollars may be made until March 31st.

## **School News**

### **FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

...Congratulations to both Ms. Laura and Mr. Markiewicz for winning a \$500 Mini Educator Grant through Frankenmuth Credit Union! We are truly blessed here at CTK!

...A big thank you goes out to everyone who helped plan the auction last weekend! Thank you to all who donated items, attended, and those who made purchases! It was another great success! CTK is so blessed to have such great continued support from our community and surrounding areas! God is good!

...We had a great turn out at the academic fair on Wednesday! The students had several art pieces on display, as well as projects from other classes! We have some very creative students here, and they did a great job!

...It is hard to believe, but Friday was the end of the Third Quarter!

...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 23 – March 30

SUNDAY:	8:30 AM	Music and Fellowship in the Great Room
	9:00 AM	<b>WORSHIP/Communion</b> – 7/8 <sup>th</sup> handbells at Immanuel
	10:15 AM	Sunday School & Bible Study
MONDAY:	5:00 PM	Finance
	5:00 PM	Glory Ringers
	<b>6:30 PM</b>	<b>WORSHIP/Communion</b>
TUESDAY:	9:00 AM	Quilters
	6:00 PM	Public School Confirmation Class
	6:00 PM	Christ's Messengers
	7:00 PM	Adoration Choir
	7:00 PM	Board of Education
WEDNESDAY:	7:00 AM	Men's Bible Study at Lamplighter
	8:05 AM	Chapel
	5:00 PM	Meager Meal – sloppy joes by Collide
	<b>6:30 PM</b>	<b>WORSHIP</b> – Group 6 ushers
THURSDAY:	12:00 PM	Bulletin Deadline
NEXT SUNDAY:	8:30 AM	Music and Fellowship in the Great Room
	9:00 AM	<b>WORSHIP/Communion</b>
	10:15 AM	Sunday School & Bible Study

### **SERVING NEXT WEEK (March 30)**

Acolytes: 9:00-Annalise Harder & Samuel Hofmeister

Greeters: 9:00-Judy Bollstetter & Nancy Brown

Scrip: 9:00-Jennifer Bohn

Ushers: 9:00-GROUP 7: Larry Kuhl, Tim Irion, Andy Irion, Jim Hofmeister, David Mammel, Tim Beringer, Branden Gettel, William Harder

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Sebewaing

# Third Sunday in Lent

March 23, 2025

9:00 am

## Divine Service 3

### *Announcements*

Hymn – *Jesus, Refuge of the Weary*

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### Divine Service 3

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Invocation, Confession and Absolution

### Introit

For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked will perish.  
For you are not a God who delights in wickedness;  
evil may not dwell with you.  
The boastful shall not stand before your eyes;  
you hate all evildoers.  
You destroy those who speak lies;  
the LORD abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man.  
But I, through the abundance of your steadfast love, will enter your house.  
I will bow down toward your holy temple in the fear of you.  
Lead me, O LORD, in your righteousness because of my enemies;  
make your way straight before me.

**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.**

For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked will perish.

### 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 33:7-20*

*Go to Dark Gethsemane* – Richard Redhead, Arranged by David Angerman – CTK 7/8 handbells

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 – *1 Corinthians 10:1-13*

The Gospel – *Luke 13:1-9*

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Hymn – *Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing* LSB 421

Sermon

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Offering – *Were You There?* – Arranged by Barbara Baltzer Kinyon – CTK 7/8 handbells

Prayer of the Church

## Communion Liturgy

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Preface

Sanctus

The Lord's Prayer

The Words of Our Lord

Agnus Dei



Distribution Hymns

*I Am Jesus' Little Lamb* LSB 740

*In Love Christ Came Among Us* – Christ's Messengers

*Jesus, Remember Me* – Adoration Choir – Annalise Harder, tenor recorder

*Lord, I Come to Thee* – Adoration Choir

*May God Bestow on Us His Grace* LSB 823

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Thanksgiving

Salutation

Benediction

Closing Hymn – *We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God* LSB 941

## Ezekiel 33:7-20

“So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. <sup>8</sup>If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. <sup>9</sup>But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.

<sup>10</sup>“And you, son of man, say to the house of Israel, Thus have you said: ‘Surely our transgressions and our sins are upon us, and we rot away because of them. How then can we live?’ <sup>11</sup>Say to them, As I live, declares the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?

<sup>12</sup>“And you, son of man, say to your people, The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him when he transgresses, and as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall by it when he turns from his wickedness, and the righteous shall not be able to live by his righteousness when he sins. <sup>13</sup>Though I say to the righteous that he shall surely live, yet if he trusts in his righteousness and does injustice, none of his righteous deeds shall be remembered, but in his injustice that he has done he shall die. <sup>14</sup>Again, though I say to the wicked, ‘You shall surely die,’ yet if he turns from his sin and does what is just and right, <sup>15</sup>if the wicked restores the pledge, gives back what he has taken by robbery, and walks in the statutes of life, not doing injustice, he shall surely live; he shall not die. <sup>16</sup>None of the sins that he has committed shall be remembered against him. He has done what is just and right; he shall surely live.

<sup>17</sup>“Yet your people say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just,’ when it is their own way that is not just. <sup>18</sup>When the righteous turns from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it. <sup>19</sup>And when the wicked turns from his wickedness and does what is just and right, he shall live by them. <sup>20</sup>Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ O house of Israel, I will judge each of you according to his ways.”

## 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

I want you to know, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, <sup>2</sup>and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, <sup>3</sup>and all ate the same spiritual food, <sup>4</sup>and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. <sup>5</sup>Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

<sup>6</sup>Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. <sup>7</sup>Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play.” <sup>8</sup>We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. <sup>9</sup>We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, <sup>10</sup>nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. <sup>11</sup>Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. <sup>12</sup>Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. <sup>13</sup>No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

## Luke 13:1-9

There were some present at that very time who told [Jesus] about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.<sup>2</sup> And he answered them, "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered in this way?<sup>3</sup> No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.<sup>4</sup> Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem?<sup>5</sup> No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish."

<sup>6</sup>And he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none.<sup>7</sup> And he said to the vinedresser, 'Look, for three years now I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and I find none. Cut it down. Why should it use up the ground?'<sup>8</sup> And he answered him, 'Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and put on manure.<sup>9</sup> Then if it should bear fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

PREACHER: Rev Michael Boyer  
ELDERS: Roger Bloomfield & Ryan Kuhl  
ORGANIST: Barbara Bleck  
ACOLYTES: Jacob & Grace Boyer  
GREETERS: Ev Adam & Mary Bauer  
SCRIP: Kari Stecker  
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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 4 C**  
**Immanuel Lutheran Church**

Theme for Sunday: We were dead in sin, but through Baptism are made alive in Christ. Living in Christ we speak and live this powerful good news to all.

*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

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.



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, 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 Psalm for Lent 4 C may be read (Psalm 32) 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 23	Genesis 27.30-45; 28.10-22	Mark 9.1-13
March 24	Genesis 29.1-30 (29.31-34-31)	Mark 9.14-32
March 25	Genesis 35.1-29	Mark 9.33-50
March 26	Genesis 37.1-36	Mark 10.1-12
March 27	Genesis 39.1-23	Mark 10.13-31
March 28	Genesis 40.1-23	Mark 10.32-52
March 29	Genesis 41.1-27	Mark 11.1-19

**Talk About Next Sunday's Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 12.1-6**

How are the people to rejoice in the Lord?

How has He, the Lord, become their salvation?

Why should all the earth shout for joy?

**Talk About Next Sunday's Epistle Reading: 2 Corinthians 5.16-21**

How are we a new creation in Christ? How did that happen?

Since we are a new creation what is our ministry to others?

What is the focus of this ministry?

**Talk About Next Sunday's Gospel Reading: Luke 15.1-3, 11-32**

What does the younger son want from his father? How is this insulting?

Why does the younger son come back? What does he realize?

Why is the older son upset?

What is the point of this parable? Who is the younger son, how about the older one?

What does Jesus mean, "It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found."

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

**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.