

# The Fourth Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 15, 2026



## 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 –  
FB & YOUTUBE

and RADIO – 103.7 FM

## Monday Worship

6:30 pm



A Stephen  
Ministry Congregation

# Lent

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## 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.

## 1 Peter 5:6

*...Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you.*

## FAMOUS PORK DINNER

...at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Linkville TODAY from 11:00am-1:30pm. Dine-in and take-out meals available of roast pork, mashed potatoes and gravy, hot vegetable, coleslaw, rolls, desert, and drinks. Prices: age 13+ years \$15, age 5-12 years \$10, age 4 and under Free. Please call 989-551-2836 to pre-order take-out.

## 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 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, toothpaste (adult and children's), shaving cream and razors (men and women), liquid hand soap, bar soap, hairbrushes and combs, and deodorant (men and women).

## **IN OUR PRAYERS**

### **+ 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 8, 2026; 9:00 – 135; Monday, 6:30 – 41; Wednesday, 6:30 – 76

### **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 "No Command from the Lord" with Lutheran Hour speaker Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Jesus is the only way to God, but there are many adventures with Jesus. Which ones will you pick? (1 Corinthians 7:6-7)

### **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.

### **NOTE FROM 175TH COMMITTEE**

...Many thanks to everyone that has donated to the work of the 175th Comm. Barbara Bleck

### **LAST CHANCE**

...to pick up several "Little Jesus" figures at the evangelism table in the Great Room! The supply is almost gone, so get a couple today! Hand them out to friends, co-workers, and people you meet during the week. Share the love of Jesus and brighten up someone's day!

## **School News**

### **FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

...Congratulations to Mya Sweetman for making the All-State Team during the state tournament!  
...Congratulations to Mrs. Brink on being awarded the Sustainability Teacher Fellowship grant for a compost pile for next school year. This \$3,000 grant gives her a \$2,000 stipend for everything that needs to be completed and \$1,000 to go towards the compost pile. She was also awarded a mini grant through Frankenmuth Credit Union of \$300 towards this year's greenhouse project.

...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 our church.

...CTK's rummage sale is this coming weekend! The dates for the sale will be March 20 from 3-6pm and March 21 from 9am-6pm. Proceeds from the sale will go to the Scholarship Fund. Thank you to everyone who donated items! If you are interested in helping set up, clean up, or during the sale, please reach out to Jen Yoder by email [yoderj@ctkl.org](mailto:yoderj@ctkl.org) or call the school (989) 883-3730. Thank you in advance for your help and support!

# Our Lord's Business this Week

## March 15 – March 22

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
MONDAY:	5:00 PM	Finance
	<b>6:30 PM</b>	<b>WORSHIP/Communion</b>
TUESDAY:	6:00 PM	Public School Confirmation Class
WEDNESDAY:	7:30 AM	Men's Bible Study at Lamplighter
	8:05 AM	Chapel
	11:30 AM	CTK early release
	3-6:30 PM	CTK Academic Fair
	5:00 PM	spaghetti meager meal by CTK Athletics
	<b>6:30 PM</b>	<b>WORSHIP</b> – usher group 7, CTK 7/8 handbells play
THURSDAY:	12:00 PM	Bulletin Deadline
	4:00 PM	Newsletter Deadline
FRIDAY & SATURDAY		CTK's Rummage Sale
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 (JANUARY 11)

Elders: 9:00-Roger Bloomfield & Ryan Kuhl  
Acolytes: 9:00-Madison Reithel & Emersyn Reige  
Greeters: 9:00-Ev Adam & Mary Bauer  
Scrip: 9:00-Candice Reithel  
Ushers: 9:00-GROUP 2: Mark Bauer, Dale Truemner, Tucker Truemner, Easton Konecny, Garrett Adam, Mark Adam, Cole Finkbeiner, Cody Finkbeiner, Caden Finkbeiner, Adam Maust

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Immanuel Lutheran Church, Sebewaing

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9:00 am

## Divine Service 3

### *Announcements*

Hymn – *Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness*

LSB 849

### Divine Service 3

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Invocation, Confession and Absolution

### Introit

My eyes are ever toward the Lord,

for he will pluck my feet out of the net.

One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after:

that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple.

For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;

he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock.

And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;

I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

**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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for he will pluck my feet out of the net.

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 42:14-21*

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 – *Ephesians 5:8-14*

Children’s Sermon

The Gospel – *John 9:1-7, 13-17, 34-39*

Apostles Creed

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Hymn – *God Loved the World So That He Gave*

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Prayer of the Church

## Communion Liturgy

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The Lord’s Prayer

The Words of Our Lord

Agnus Dei



Distribution Hymns

*Hail to the Lord’s Anointed*

LSB 398

*Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed*

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*Eternal Father, Strong to Save*

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Nunc Dimittis

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Thanksgiving

Salutation

Benediction

Closing Hymn – *Go, My Children, with My Blessing*

LSB 922

## Isaiah 42:14-21

For a long time I have held my peace;  
I have kept still and restrained myself;  
now I will cry out like a woman in labor;  
I will gasp and pant.  
<sup>15</sup>I will lay waste mountains and hills,  
and dry up all their vegetation;  
I will turn the rivers into islands,  
and dry up the pools.  
<sup>16</sup>And I will lead the blind  
in a way that they do not know,  
in paths that they have not known  
I will guide them.  
I will turn the darkness before them into light,  
the rough places into level ground.  
These are the things I do,  
and I do not forsake them.  
<sup>17</sup>They are turned back and utterly put to  
shame,  
who trust in carved idols,  
who say to metal images,  
“You are our gods.”  
<sup>18</sup>Hear, you deaf,  
and look, you blind, that you may see!  
<sup>19</sup>Who is blind but my servant,  
or deaf as my messenger whom I send?  
Who is blind as my dedicated one,  
or blind as the servant of the Lord?  
<sup>20</sup>He sees many things, but does not observe  
them;  
his ears are open, but he does not hear.  
<sup>21</sup>The Lord was pleased, for his righteousness’  
sake,  
to magnify his law and make it glorious.

## Ephesians 5:8-14

For at one time you were darkness, but now  
you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of  
light <sup>9</sup>(for the fruit of light is found in all that is  
good and right and true), <sup>10</sup>and try to discern  
what is pleasing to the Lord. <sup>11</sup>Take no part in  
the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead  
expose them. <sup>12</sup>For it is shameful even to speak

of the things that they do in secret. <sup>13</sup>But when  
anything is exposed by the light, it becomes  
visible, <sup>14</sup>for anything that becomes visible is  
light. Therefore it says,  
“Awake, O sleeper,  
and arise from the dead,  
and Christ will shine on you.”

## John 9:1-7, 13-17, 34-39

As [Jesus] passed by, he saw a man blind  
from birth. <sup>2</sup>And his disciples asked him, “Rabbi,  
who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was  
born blind?” <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered, “It was not that  
this man sinned, or his parents, but that the  
works of God might be displayed in him. <sup>4</sup>We  
must work the works of him who sent me while  
it is day; night is coming, when no one can work.  
<sup>5</sup>As long as I am in the world, I am the light of  
the world.” <sup>6</sup>Having said these things, he spat  
on the ground and made mud with the saliva.  
Then he anointed the man’s eyes with the mud  
<sup>7</sup>and said to him, “Go, wash in the pool of  
Siloam” (which means Sent). So he went and  
washed and came back seeing. . . .

<sup>13</sup>They brought to the Pharisees the man  
who had formerly been blind. <sup>14</sup>Now it was a  
Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and  
opened his eyes. <sup>15</sup>So the Pharisees again asked  
him how he had received his sight. And he said  
to them, “He put mud on my eyes, and I  
washed, and I see.” <sup>16</sup>Some of the Pharisees  
said, “This man is not from God, for he does not  
keep the Sabbath.” But others said, “How can a  
man who is a sinner do such signs?” And there  
was a division among them. <sup>17</sup>So they said again  
to the blind man, “What do you say about him,  
since he has opened your eyes?” He said, “He is  
a prophet.” . . .

<sup>34</sup>They answered him, “You were born in  
utter sin, and would you teach us?” And they  
cast him out.

<sup>35</sup>Jesus heard that they had cast him out,  
and having found him he said, “Do you believe

in the Son of Man?" <sup>36</sup>He answered, "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" <sup>37</sup>Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you." <sup>38</sup>He said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him. <sup>39</sup>Jesus said, "For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind."

PREACHER: Rev Michael Boyer  
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### Who Should Commune?

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

Theme for Sunday: We are raised to new life in Jesus through the power of His Word. He declares us forgiven and so we are!

*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 116.1-4, 8; ant Psalm 116.15*

Precious in the sight of the LORD

Is the death of his saints.

I love the LORD, because he has heard

My voice and my pleas for mercy.

Because he inclined his ear to me,

Therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;

I suffered distress and anguish.

Then I called on the name of the LORD:

“O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!”

For you have delivered my soul from death,

My eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son,**

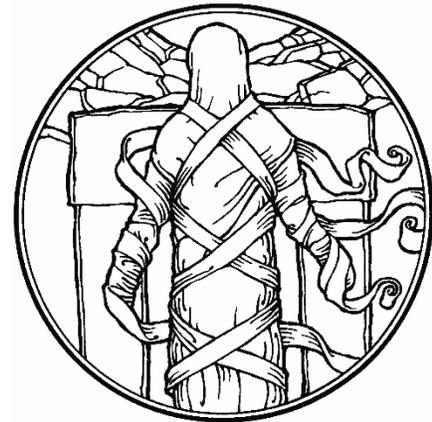
**And to the Holy Spirit;**

**As it was in the beginning,**

**Is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

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Is the death of his saints.



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.

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 5 A may be read (Psalm 130) 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 4 (Sunday)	Genesis 41.28-57	Mark 11.20-33
Monday	Genesis 42.1-34, 38	Mark 12.1-12
Tuesday	Genesis 43.1-28	Mark 12.13-27
Wednesday	Genesis 44.1-18, 32-34	Mark 12.28-44
Thursday	Genesis 45.1-20, 24-28	Mark 13.1-23
Friday	Genesis 47.1-31 (48.1-49.28)	Mark 13.24-37
Saturday	Genesis 49.29-50.7, 14-26	Mark 14.1-11

**Talk About Next Sunday's Old Testament Reading: Ezekiel 37.1-14**

Whose bones were those in the valley?

How would the bones live?

What did all this mean?

**Talk About Next Sunday's Epistle Reading: Romans 8.1-11**

How is there now no condemnation for those in Christ Jesus?

How are we set free from the law of sin and death?

How do we live as Christians?

**Talk About Next Sunday's Gospel Reading: John 11.1-45**

What happened to Lazarus?

How is Jesus the resurrection and life?

How does Martha have such strong faith?

How is Lazarus raised?

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

**The Apostles' Creed Continued**

**The Third Article**

*Sanctification*

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*What does this mean?*

I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.

In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers.

On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

This is most certainly true.