

FIRST SUNDAY  
IN LENT

MARCH 10, 2019  
IMMANUEL  
LUTHERAN  
CHURCH  
Missouri Synod



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*Sunday*  
9:00 AM

Worship Service

Adult Bible Class  
Sunday School  
10:00 a.m.

Holy Communion:  
1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday

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**"Therefore, if You will worship  
before me, all will be Yours."  
And Jesus answered and said to  
him, "Get behind Me, Satan! For  
it is written, `You shall worship  
the LORD your God, and Him  
only you shall serve.'"**

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**WELCOME to IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

We wish to extend a warm welcome to all our visitors this morning. It is our hope that you will benefit by your worship here with us, and that you will return again soon. We would greatly appreciate it if everyone would fill out an Attendance/Communion card so that we can keep track of our attendance. They are the 3x5 white cards located in the pew racks in front of you.

Next week we celebrate Holy Communion. We teach that in the receiving of the Lord's Supper each person receives the real presence of the Body and Blood of Christ for the forgiveness of their sins. If you are not a member of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod and desire to partake of Communion, please ask to speak with Pastor Weber or one of the elders prior to the service.

**A Prayer Upon Entering Church** - O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the Promised Land. Guide me in the present day that I who call upon Your name may find You to be my refuge and fortress forever; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, my Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**AS WE GATHER** - Like an army runs to find refuge in a castle, we run to Jesus in every time of need. He is our fortress, our God. Today He mercifully invites us into His presence and shields us from the power of our adversary. He will guard and defend us! What makes Him completely trustworthy to be our fortress? What gives us confidence in knowing that He will deliver us from sin, death, and the devil? He Himself was tempted and can understand our temptation. He Himself was protected from the evil one and can protect us in our hour of need. He Himself battled Satan and won. He invites us to share in the victory of His cross and resurrection. Find refuge in Him today! He is our mighty fortress. He is our God.

**WELCOME**

**PRELUDE**

(A quiet time for prayer and meditation in preparation for worship)

**DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING FOUR**

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**OPENING HYMN**

*A Mighty Fortress is Our God*

**LSB 657**

**INVOCATION**

**P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*(We take a moment of silence to reflect on our sin and our need for the Savior.)*

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
*(John 20:19-23)*

C **Amen.**

**INTROIT** *Psalm 91:9-13; antiphon: Psalm vv. 15-16*

P 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.

C **Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place—the Most High, who is my refuge—**

P no evil shall be allowed to befall you, no plague come near your tent.

C **For He will command His angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.**

P On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.

C **You will tread on the lion and the adder; the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.**

ALL **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.**

P 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.

**KYRIE**



**☐ Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.**

## **SALUTATION**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P Let us pray. 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.

C **Amen.**

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*Deuteronomy 26:1-11*

(We rejoice in all the good things the Lord has given as our inheritance.)

1 "And it shall be, when you come into the land which the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance, and you possess it and dwell in it, 2 that you shall take some of the first of all the produce of the ground, which you shall bring from your land that the Lord your God is giving you, and put it in a basket and go to the place where the Lord your God chooses to make His name abide. 3 And you shall go to the one who is priest in those days, and say to him, 'I declare today to the Lord your God that I have come to the country which the Lord swore to our fathers to give us.' 4 "Then the priest shall take the basket out of your hand and set it down before the altar of the Lord your God. 5 And you shall answer and say before the Lord your God: 'My father was a Syrian, about to perish, and he went down to Egypt and dwelt there, few in number; and there he became a nation, great, mighty, and populous. 6 But the Egyptians mistreated us, afflicted us, and laid hard bondage on us. 7 Then we cried out to the Lord God of our fathers, and the Lord heard our voice and looked on our affliction and our labor and our oppression. 8 So the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and with an outstretched arm, with great terror and with signs and wonders. 9 He has brought us to this place and has given us this land, "a land flowing with milk and honey"; 10 and now, behold, I have brought the firstfruits of the land which you, O Lord, have given me.' "Then you shall set it before the Lord your God, and worship before the Lord your God. 11 So you shall rejoice in every good thing which the Lord your God has given to you and your house, you and the Levite and the stranger who is among you.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God**

## **PSALM**

*Psalm 91:1-13; antiphon: v. 2*

P I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."

P He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

C **I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."**

P For He will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence.

**C He will cover you with His pinions, and under His wings you will find refuge;**

P His faithfulness is a shield and buckler.

**C I will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.”**

P You will not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day,

**C nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness, nor the destruction that wastes at noonday.**

P A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand,

**C but it will not come near you.**

P You will only look with your eyes and see the recompense of the wicked.

**C I will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.”**

P Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place—the Most High, who is my refuge—

**C no evil shall be allowed to befall you, no plague come near your tent.**

P For He will command His angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.

**C On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.**

P You will tread on the lion and the adder; the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.

**C I will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.”**

**ALL 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.**

P I will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.”

## CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

### EPISTLE

*Romans 10:8b–13*

(Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.)

8 “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith which we preach): 9 that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. 11 For the Scripture says, “Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame.” 12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him. 13 For “whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

### HOLY GOSPEL

*Luke 4:1–13*

(Jesus is protected from the devil in His time of temptation.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourth chapter.

**C Glory to You, O Lord.**

1 Then Jesus, being filled with the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the

Spirit into the wilderness, 2 being tempted for forty days by the devil. And in those days He ate nothing, and afterward, when they had ended, He was hungry. 3 And the devil said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." 4 But Jesus answered him, saying, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.'" 5 Then the devil, taking Him up on a high mountain, showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. 6 And the devil said to Him, "All this authority I will give You, and their glory; for this has been delivered to me, and I give it to whomever I wish. 7 Therefore, if You will worship before me, all will be Yours." 8 And Jesus answered and said to him, "Get behind Me, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve.'" 9 Then he brought Him to Jerusalem, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down from here. 10 For it is written:

'He shall give His angels charge over you,  
To keep you,'

11 and,

'In their hands they shall bear you up,  
Lest you dash your foot against a stone.'

12 And Jesus answered and said to him, "It has been said, 'You shall not tempt the Lord your God.'" 13 Now when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from Him until an opportune time.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **APOSTLES CREED**

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

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**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.**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*O Christ, You Walked the Road*

**LSB 424**

**SERMON "God's Unconditional, Unswerving Love and Truth Defeat the Devil's Conditional Lies"**

(Luke 4:6)

**OFFERTORY**

*Fight the Good Fight*

**LSB 664**

**OFFERING**

**SHARING OF THE PEACE**

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

For the hallowing of God's name among us in this congregation and throughout the world, that His Word be taught in its truth and purity and we, as the children of God, live holy lives according to it, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Father, be our fortress and the One who makes us holy.**

P For the protection of all who bear the name of Christ and seek to share His saving Gospel with all creation, that when there are times of testing and persecution, the Church grow strong in the power of the Holy Spirit, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Father, be our fortress and the One who strengthens Your Church.**

P For the blessing of all the world, especially the land and the community where we live, that our Mighty Fortress guide all public servants and leaders among us, that we live in peace and safety, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Father, be our fortress and the One who watches over us all.**

P For the support and care of all who are brokenhearted, that times of hardship, poverty, and loss lead all who struggle to seek refuge in the support of others and, ultimately, run to the fortress of Jesus and His never-failing mercy, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Father, be our fortress and the One who showers us with mercy.**

P For the healing of those who are struggling with medical issues and battling illness, [including . . .], that the Physician of body and soul work mightily in their lives and fill them with His perfect peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Father, be our fortress and the One who brings healing.**

P For the answering of these and all other prayers that we bring before the throne of the Most High, that we take comfort in knowing that He is our Father and we are His children, made holy by the name He has given to all who are baptized into Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Father, be our fortress and the One who answers our prayers for the blessing of Your children and for the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER *(Matthew 6:9-13)*

**All Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

## BENEDICAMUS

P Let us bless the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## **BENEDICTION**

P He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

**C I will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.”**

P The LORD bless you and keep you. The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The LORD look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**C Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN**

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer*

**LSB 918**





**Portals of Prayer** are available for January to March in the Narthex.

Lovingly and prayerfully, you and your family are invited to  
**join us for Sunday School and Bible Study**  
at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

You have fellowship with one another and also enrich your spiritual life with the Word.

**Confirmation Class**

on Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. in the Pastor's Office

**RioMac RGV Livestock Show Booth**

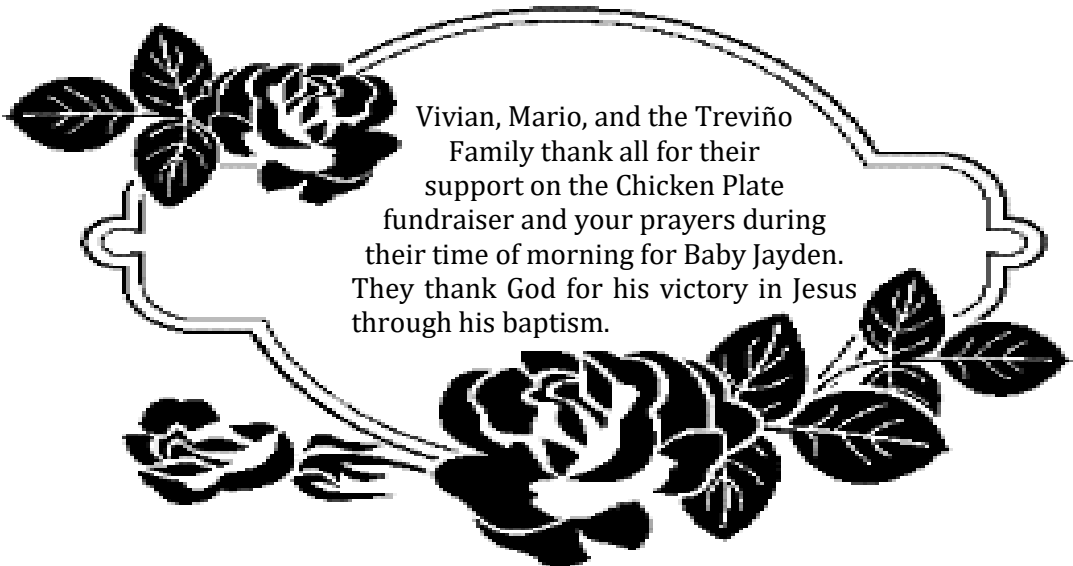
March 7th to 17th

**Pastors Circuit Meeting**

Tuesday, March 12th

St. Paul, Harlingen

8:30 a.m.



Vivian, Mario, and the Treviño  
Family thank all for their  
support on the Chicken Plate  
fundraiser and your prayers during  
their time of morning for Baby Jayden.  
They thank God for his victory in Jesus  
through his baptism.

## LENTEN MIDWEEK 2

A Lent to Remember: **Remember Wondrous Works**

Wednesday, March 13, 2019



5:00 p.m. *Soup Supper*

6:00 p.m. *Lenten Worship Service*



## UPCOMING EVENTS

March 22nd	Game Night	5:00 p.m.
April 18th	<b>Maundy Thursday Service</b>	6:00 p.m.
April 19th	<b>Good Friday Service</b>	7:00 p.m.
April 21st	<b>Easter Sunrise Devotion</b>	7:00 a.m.
April 21st	<b>Easter Breakfast</b>	8:00 a.m.
April 21st	<b>Easter Service</b>	9:00 a.m.
April 26th	Game Night	5:00 p.m.



# LENTEN *Schedule*

**Wednesdays**, starting at 5 p.m. with a Soup Supper followed by Lenten Worship Service at 6:00 p.m.

## **2019 Lenten Service Series: A LENT TO REMEMBER**

LENTEN MIDWEEK 1 March 6<sup>th</sup> **Ash Wednesday**  
A Lent to Remember: **Remember Dust**

LENTEN MIDWEEK 2 March 13<sup>th</sup>  
A Lent to Remember: **Remember Wondrous Works**

LENTEN MIDWEEK 3 March 20<sup>th</sup>  
A Lent to Remember: **Remember Jesus' Words**

LENTEN MIDWEEK 4 March 27<sup>th</sup>  
A Lent to Remember: **Remember the Covenant**

LENTEN MIDWEEK 5 April 3<sup>rd</sup>  
A Lent to Remember: **Remember Sins No More**

LENTEN MIDWEEK 6 April 10<sup>th</sup>  
A Lent to Remember: **Remember Steadfast Love**

Maundy Thursday April 18<sup>th</sup> **Holy Communion**  
**Remembrance of Me**

Good Friday April 19<sup>th</sup>  
**Remember Me**

## Jesus Christ Is Our Champion Against the Devil

Jesus Christ, our champion against the devil, endures and overcomes “every temptation” (Luke 4:13) on our behalf. He worships the Lord, His God, and serves Him only by trusting the Word of His Father: “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased” (Luke 3:22). Jesus’ victory is now ours through His gracious Word, which is not far away but near us — in our mouth and in our heart, in the proclamation of repentance and faith. For “with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved” (Rom. 10:10). Our confession of Christ includes the prayer of faith, which is not disappointed, “for ‘everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved’” (Rom. 10:13). The Lord is not oblivious to “our affliction, our toil, and our oppression” (Deut. 26:7), but has mercy upon us. He has brought us out of bondage through the “signs and wonders” of Holy Baptism, “with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm” (Deut. 26:8), and now He leads us by His Spirit even in the wilderness.

<b>3/3/2019</b>	
<b>Sunday Worship</b>	<b>71</b>
Plate:	\$ 400.00
Envelopes:	\$ 2,480.00
Donation:	
Memorial:	
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 2,880.00</b>
Bible Class:	<b>25</b> \$ 31.00

***Second Sunday  
in Lent  
Readings:***

*Jeremiah 26:8-15  
Psalm 4  
Philippians 3:17-4:1  
Luke 13:31-35*

<b>Bi-Weekly Church Activity Schedule</b>	
<b>March</b> Sunday Servants:	
Elder:	Dan Wehling
Altar Guild:	Donna Jackson & Lorri Marchant
Music:	Bonny Winston
This Week	First Sunday in Lent
Usher:	Ken & Bob Eilers
Sunday:	Worship Service                      9:00 am
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study      10:30 am
Next Week	Second Sunday in Lent
Usher:	Don Vogel
Sunday:	Holy Communion Worship Service      9:00 am
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study      10:30 am