

SECOND SUNDAY
IN LENT

MARCH 8, 2020

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CHURCH
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Sunday
9:00 AM
Worship Service
Adult Bible Class
Sunday School
10:30 a.m.

Holy Communion:
1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday

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8:00 am to 12:00 pm

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FOR **GOD** SO
LOVED 



THE WORLD

THAT HE GAVE

♥ His only ♥
begotten **SON**



THAT WHOSOEVER
BELIEVES in **HIM**
should not perish

• BUT HAVE •
Everlasting
LIFE



JOHN 3:16

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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 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 - Faithful Lord, You promised Abraham that he would be the father of a great nation and through him all the families of the earth would be blessed. Receive my thanks for the promise kept in the gift of Your Son, whose death and resurrection have paid the price of sin and reconciled me to You. Lead me to follow Abraham's example of faith, trusting in Your Word and promise all the days of my life; I pray in Your holy name, whom with the Father and the Spirit, You are one God and one Lord, now and forever. Amen.

AS WE GATHER - That which is born of flesh cannot inherit the kingdom of God, only that which is born of the Spirit, born from above and born anew. With Nicodemus we marvel at Jesus' words. It is hard for us to admit that we cannot save ourselves but must be redeemed from sin and its death. Even more difficult is to see in the baptismal water that power of the Spirit connecting us to Christ's death and resurrection—giving us this new birth. "How can this be?" Nicodemus marvels at Jesus' words and promise, and so are we in awe of God's gracious favor: "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16).

WELCOME

PRELUDE

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

DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING FOUR

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OPENING HYMN

What Wondrous Love Is This

LSB 543

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.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

INTROIT *Psalms 142:1, 5-7; Psalms 25:15*

P My eyes are ever toward the Lord, for He shall pluck my feet out of the net.

C I cry out to the Lord with my voice; with my voice to the Lord I make my supplication.

P I cried out to You, O Lord: I said, "You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living.

C Attend to my cry, for I am brought very low; deliver me from my persecutors, for they are stronger than I.

P Bring my soul out of prison, that I may praise Your name; the righteous shall surround me, for You shall deal bountifully with me."

My eyes are ever toward the Lord, for He shall pluck my feet out of the net.

KYRIE



C 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 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.

C **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 12:1–9

(God's call to Abraham and His promise that Abraham would become the father of a great nation)

1 Now the Lord had said to Abram:

“Get out of your country, from your family and from your father's house, to a land that I will show you. 2 I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name great; and you shall be a blessing. 3 I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who curses you; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

4 So Abram departed as the Lord had spoken to him, and Lot went with him. And Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. 5 Then Abram took Sarai his wife and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people whom they had acquired in Haran, and they departed to go to the land of Canaan. So they came to the land of Canaan. 6 Abram passed through the land to the place of Shechem, as far as the terebinth tree of Moreh. And the Canaanites were then in the land. 7 Then the Lord appeared to Abram and said, “To your descendants I will give this land.” And there he built an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. 8 And he moved from there to the mountain east of Bethel, and he pitched his tent with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; there he built an altar to the Lord and called on the name of the Lord. 9 So Abram journeyed, going on still toward the South.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God**

HYMN

The Tree of Life

LSB 561

PSALM

Psalm 121; antiphon: v. 8 (God is the source of help and redemption)

P The Lord shall preserve your going out and your coming in from this time forth, and even forevermore.

C **I will lift up my eyes to the hills—from whence comes my help?**

P My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

C **He will not allow your foot to be moved; He who keeps you will not slumber.**

P Behold, He who keeps Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.

C **The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand.**

P The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

C The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; He shall preserve your soul.

P The Lord shall preserve your going out and your coming in from this time forth, even forevermore.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

EPISTLE

Romans 4:1–8, 13–17

(Paul describes how the righteousness of Abraham was given to him by grace through faith.)

1 What then shall we say that Abraham our father has found according to the flesh? 2 For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. 3 For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness." 4 Now to him who works, the wages are not counted as grace but as debt. 5 But to him who does not work but believes on Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is accounted for righteousness, 6 just as David also describes the blessedness of the man to whom God imputes righteousness apart from works:

7 "Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered;

8 Blessed is the man to whom the Lord shall not impute sin."

13 For the promise that he would be the heir of the world was not to Abraham or to his seed through the law, but through the righteousness of faith. 14 For if those who are of the law are heirs, faith is made void and the promise made of no effect, 15 because the law brings about wrath; for where there is no law there is no transgression. 16 Therefore it is of faith that it might be according to grace, so that the promise might be sure to all the seed, not only to those who are of the law, but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all 17 (as it is written, "I have made you a father of many nations") in the presence of Him whom he believed—God, who gives life to the dead and calls those things which do not exist as though they did;

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

CHOIR

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

Stuart Townend

HOLY GOSPEL

John 3:1–17

(Jesus tells Nicodemus how to be born anew through water and the Spirit.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.

C Glory to You , O Lord.

1 There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. 2 This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him."

3 Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

4 Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second

time into his mother's womb and be born?"

5 Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' 8 The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit."

9 Nicodemus answered and said to Him, "How can these things be?"

10 Jesus answered and said to him, "Are you the teacher of Israel, and do not know these things? 11 Most assuredly, I say to you, We speak what We know and testify what We have seen, and you do not receive Our witness. 12 If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things? 13 No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, that is, the Son of Man who is in heaven. 14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 15 that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. 16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. 17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

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 *God Loved the World So That He Gave* **LSB 571**

SERMON *"God's Present and Eternal Truths Especially for You!"*
(John 3:16)

OFFERTORY *Chief of Sinners Though I Be* **LSB 611**

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 grace that we with Abraham hear and follow the call to faith and that God count such faith as righteousness, as once Abraham was commended to God, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For grace that, having received the new birth of water and the Spirit, we daily Manifest this new life and show forth the fruits of this new birth in word and in deed, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For grace that our government and those who lead us be equipped with wisdom and courage to do what is pleasing in God's sight, for peace among the nations, and for the protection of the unborn and the frail against threat and abuse, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For grace, that God relieve the suffering and heal the sick according to His will, that He give peace to the dying and comfort the grieving with the hope of the resurrection, [especially. . .], let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For grace that the forces of evil be hindered and for freedom that the Gospel be preached in every place and to every people, that they become with us sons and daughters of Abraham by faith, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For grace, that God grant His blessing to our Church; to [name], presiding in our Synod; [name], our District President; [name], our Circuit Visitor; [name(s)], our pastor(s); and to all of God's people as they fulfill their baptismal vocation, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For grace that we give thanks to God for all His gifts and blessings, for His mercies new every morning, and for generous hearts that we return to Him the tithes and offerings of money with our song of praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ.

C Lord, have mercy and grant us Your grace always. 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 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

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

LSB 702

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

C **Thanks be to God!**



Mid-Week Lenten Services Themes

5:00 p.m. Soup Supper
6:00 p.m. Worship Service

- ◆ **Ash Wednesday, Feb. 26: A Tree of Testing**
(Gen. 2:7-17); LSB 561
- ◆ **2nd Wednesday, Mar. 4: A Tree as Resting Place**
(Gen. 18:1-15; 23:1-20); LSB 798 vv. 1-4,6
- ◆ **3rd Wednesday, Mar. 11: A Tree of Reassurance**
(Judges 6:1-24); LSB 666
- ◆ **4th Wednesday, Mar. 18: A Family Tree Metaphor**
(Isaiah 11:1-5); LSB 359
- ◆ **5th Wednesday, Mar. 27: A Tree from Mustard Seed**
(Mark 4:30-32); LSB 595
- ◆ **6th Wednesday, April 1: A Tree is Known by Its Fruit**
(Matthew 7:15-23); LSB 698



Lenten and Easter Services

*Ash Wednesday
February 26th
5:00 p.m. Soup Supper
6:00 p.m. Worship Service*

Lenten Services

*Wednesdays, March 4th thru April 1st
5:00 p.m. Soup Supper
6:00 p.m. Worship Service*

Holy Week Services

*Sunday, April 5th, Palm Sunday Holy Communion Service
at 9:00 a.m.
April 9th, Holy (Maundy) Thursday Service at 7:00 p.m.
April 10th, Good Friday Service at 7:00 p.m.*

Easter Services

Sunday, April 12th

Sunrise Devotion

*6:45 a.m.
on the basketball court (weather permitting)
followed by Breakfast*

The Resurrection of Our Lord

***Worship Service
9:00 a.m.***



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

*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.*

Rev. Goetz is leading the Bible Study.

Youth Confirmation Classes

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

Introducing Our New Safety Coordinator - Gary Mitzel

He will be:

- Recruiting, planning, implementing and overseeing safety at Church services and other Church related functions.
- Monitoring church property during church services from the rear of the sanctuary; walk thru parking areas / halls / parish hall / playground / restrooms.
- Watching for potential medical and health risks / tripping / falling / fainting / fire / natural disasters / man made disasters.

May God bless his service.

LWML Rally

Sunday, March 29th

St. Paul in McAllen

2:30 p.m. (Registration begins)

3:00 p.m. Meeting begins

Guest Speaker: Gloria Ruppel

RIO GRANDE VALLEY LIVESTOCK SHOW

**The 81st Annual Rio Grande Valley
Livestock Show March 12-22**



**We're roping in volunteers to help give out tracts at the RioMAC
Exhibit Hall Booth!**

**To be sure to be included in upcoming mailings, email Obeth at
Immanuelmercedes@gmail.com!**



Wednesdays
at 4:15 p.m.

2/26/2020

Ash Wednesday Worship 60

Plate: \$ 238.00

Envelopes: \$ 123.00

Total: \$ 361.00

The eyes of all look to You, and You give them
their food at the proper time.
You open Your hand and satisfy the desires
of every living thing.
The LORD is righteous in all His ways
and faithful in all He does.
Psalm 145:15-17

Awe, Spring Time!

The birds are chirping, flowers blooming, trees with new growth, Lenten season, Livestock Show, Spring Break (be very watchful of children out and about), Spring arrives, officially, March 19th, and Easter Sunday in April.

What a Blessing

The Word of the Gospel Opens the Eyes of Faith and Fixes Them on Christ Jesus

The Lord called Abram (Abraham) to leave his home and go to a land that God would show him. He also promised to make of Abram “a great nation,” to bless him and make his name great as a blessing to “all the families of the earth” (Gen. 12:2-3). “Abram went, as the Lord had told him” (Gen. 12:4), and in Canaan “he built an altar to the Lord and called upon the name of the Lord” (Gen. 12:8). He “believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness” (Rom. 4:3). Here the grace of God is manifested, that He “justifies the ungodly” (Rom. 4:5), not by works of the Law, but through faith in His promises. He removes all of our sins and lawless deeds through Jesus Christ, the offspring of Abraham in whom all the Lord’s promises are realized. This forgiveness of sins is the Word of the Gospel, the voice of the Holy Spirit, which “gives life to the dead” (Rom. 4:17). It opens the eyes of faith to behold Christ Jesus, the Son of Man lifted up on the cross, “that whoever believes in him may have eternal life” (John 3:14-15).

3/1/2020	
Sunday Worship	78
Plate:	\$ 1,221.00
Envelopes:	\$ 1,338.00
Donation:	\$ 500.00
Total:	\$ 3,059.00
Bible Class:	30 \$ 51.00

Third Sunday in Lent ***Readings:***

Exodus 17:1-7

Psalms 95:1-9

Romans 5:1-8

John 4:5-26 (27-30, 39-42)

Bi-Weekly Church Activity Schedule

March Sunday Servants:

Elder:	Dan Wehling	
Altar Guild:	Donna Jackson & Lorri Marchant	
Music:	Bonny Winston	
This Week	Second Sunday in Lent	
Usher:	Ken & Bob Eilers	
Sunday:	Worship Service	9:00 am
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am
Next Week	Third Sunday in Lent	
Usher:	Don Vogel	
Sunday:	Holy Communion Worship Service	9:00 am
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am